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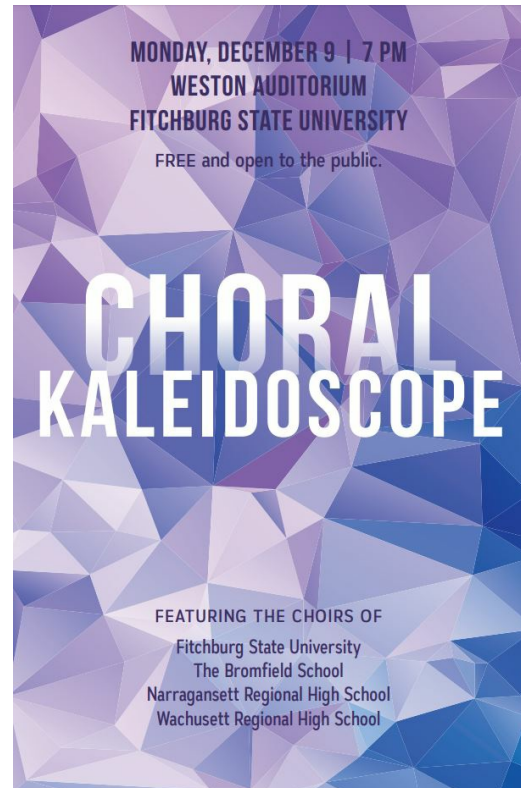
125th anniversary events continue

Our 125th anniversary celebration continues this week with events highlighting the creative talents of our campus community.

The university's Concert Band and Community Orchestra will present their winter concert **tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.** at Weston Auditorium. And the university's Concert and Chamber Choirs will be joined by voices from area high schools for a Choral Kaleidoscope concert at **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9** in Weston Auditorium. Admission to the concerts is free and open to the public.

Spring semester programming is taking shape and the online calendar of events will be updated soon.

[125th Events](#)



Center for Faculty Scholarship panel looks at course loads

The Center for Faculty Scholarship will host a panel discussion **today at 3:30 p.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall entitled "If I Knew Then What I Know Now: Balancing a 4/4 Course Load with an Active Research Agenda."

The panel will include **Professors Jane Huang** (Earth and Geographic Sciences); **Ronald Krieser** (Biology), **Ben Railton** (English Studies), and **Jeffrey Warmouth** (Communications Media).

University bound again for Moot Court national tourney

Fitchburg State will once again be represented at the American Moot Court Association's [national tournament](#) after the team's success at the regional competition.

The campus welcomed 60 teams of students for the [regional tournament](#) on Nov. 22 and 23.

The tournament pits teams of students on opposing sides of constitutional issues making

arguments to panels of judges in a simulated federal appellate court. The winners of the regional tournament will proceed to the national competition being held in January at the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, La.

Fitchburg State seniors Matthew Murphy and Matthew Badagliacca earned spots in the national tournament through their showing at the regional event. The university may have additional representation depending on the outcome of the remaining regional qualifiers.

"I am very proud of the Fitchburg State students," said **Professor Paul Weizer**, who coaches the university's moot court teams. "All three of our teams advanced to the second day of the event and performed very well. These students worked exceptionally hard all year and it is gratifying to see that hard work pay off."

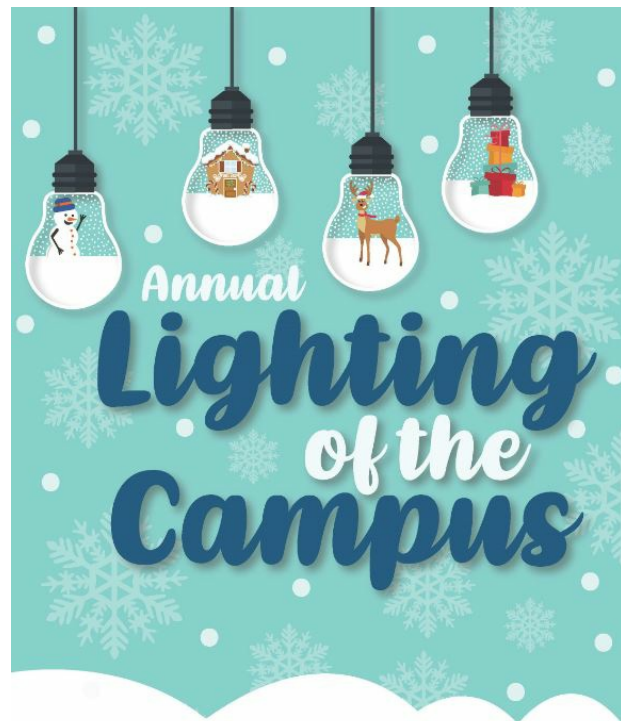
Weizer said January will mark the university's 20th consecutive appearance at the national tournament, a feat matched by only two other institutions.



Holiday season kicks off with Lighting of the Campus

The campus community is invited to gather **tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.** at Highland Plaza for the annual Lighting of the Campus. The celebration will be followed by more festivities and appetizers served by faculty and staff in the Holmes Dining Commons.

Staff members interested in volunteering to serve at Holmes should contact Jamie Cochran at jcochran@fitchburgstate.edu or at extension 3701 by tomorrow.



DECEMBER 5TH, 2019

4:30 PM / HIGHLAND PLAZA

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER FOR FESTIVITIES AND APPETIZERS
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CenterStage and cultural events

Forge Theater Company presents *Chasing the Ghost* this month

The Forge Theater Lab presents *Chasing the Ghost*, an original work about toxic masculinity and #MeToo movement written by Fitchburg State University alumna Ashley Lauren Rogers '06.

Chasing the Ghost will be performed at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; and 8

p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 14** in the Wallace Theatre for the Performing Arts in the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road.

The play features Kurt, a vlogger in the early days of YouTube who used to scream about video games, who is married to Patty, a struggling vampire romance author. While Kurt has left that life behind him, anger and all, their relationship will be put to the test when one night he is visited by a shadow person ... who won't stop tickling his feet.

[Learn more](#)

Celebrate Christmas with the Celts on Sunday, Dec. 15

Fitchburg State University CenterStage invites you to ring in the holiday season with [Christmas with the Celts](#) at 6 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 15** at Weston Auditorium.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for Fitchburg State alumni, seniors and staff, and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Weston Box Office at the auditorium by calling 978-665-3347 or by ordering [online](#).

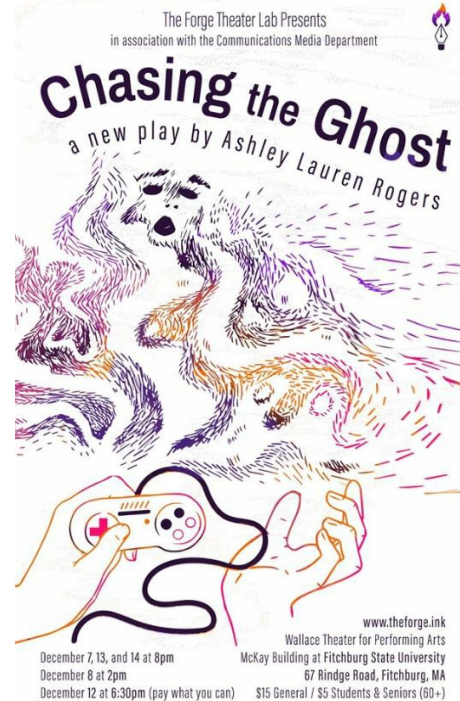
The Celts, famous staples of PBS Television's pledge drives, mix lively traditional Irish music and instrumentation with American pop music and their own originals. Complete with an array of top-flight musicians on uilleann pipes, Irish whistles, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, five-string bass, drums and of course, the crowd pleasing Irish dancers.

[Learn more](#)

In the Galleries

The sculpture of artist [Pamela Blum](#) will be featured as part of the [CenterStage](#) arts and culture series this fall. "Dolls & Other Things" will be on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through **Friday, Dec. 27**.

At the Conlon Hall Media Wall, "The Paper Hat Game" by Torry Bend is on display through December.



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