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## Fitchburg State University Today

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### University's Early College High School partnerships touted

Fitchburg State student Tremaine Pinnock got a head start on his university education by enrolling in an early college program that showed him what it would take to complete a post-secondary degree.

"It's something I know I can do," Pinnock said Friday at a daylong summit about the new North Central Massachusetts Early College Academy. Pinnock is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration at Fitchburg State. "I feel more confident in my dreams. I can definitely achieve what I've always wanted to."



Tremaine Pinnock, with microphone, discusses how his exposure to early college brought his ambitions into focus.

Early college programs are proven to make real progress in closing achievement gaps, Board of Higher Education Chairman Chris Gabrieli and Commissioner of Higher Education Carlos Santiago said at the summit, which brought together representatives from Fitchburg State, Mount Wachusett Community College and high schools in Fitchburg, Gardner and Leominster, along with students and business leaders.

The North Central Massachusetts Early College Academy, which was officially [designated](#) this summer, will build upon early college programs already in existence at the member schools, creating an overarching model that incorporates their best practices and expands the number of students who can be accommodated. The program is designed to serve students who are first-generation, low-income and otherwise under-represented in higher education.

[Learn more](#)

### Homecoming Week is here

[Homecoming](#), the annual celebration that brings our entire Falcon community together for an memorable fall weekend on our beautiful campus, will be held **Friday, Oct. 25** through **Sunday, Oct. 27**.

From the traditional football game to milestone reunion gatherings and campus tours, Homecoming highlights what it means to be a #ForeverFalcon.

This year's festivities include a bonfire and pep rally in the Ross Street lot starting at **5 p.m.**

**Friday.** The party moves to Elliot Field for a corn hole tournament and other activities starting at **11 a.m.** **Saturday** before the big football game at **2 p.m.**

**Saturday's** events conclude with a carnival in the Ross Street lot that will feature rides and attractions for all ages from **7 to 11 p.m.**

Check out the full schedule of Homecoming 2019 [here](#).



### Annual Bonfire and Pep Rally

FRIDAY | 5 - 8 PM | ROSS STREET LOT

Dinner, DJ, inflatables, lawn games, novelties, and more! Cheering and Dance Teams will lead us in celebration, as President Lapidus lights the bonfire.

### Corn Hole Tournament

SATURDAY | 11 AM | ELLIOT (PRACTICE) FIELD

Grab a partner and sign up for your chance to win \$1,000 worth of prizes! Register online.

### Pre-game Activities

SATURDAY | 1 PM | ELLIOT FIELD

Food, dessert, Homecoming t-shirts, and more! Enter half-time contest for a chance to win \$500 toward tuition.



### Football Game and Half-time Contest

SATURDAY | 2 PM | ELLIOT FIELD

### Homecoming Carnival

SATURDAY | 7 - 11 PM

ROSS STREET LOT

Real carnival rides on campus

— Round Up, Scrambler, Ferris Wheel, Cliff Hanger, and Bumper Cars. Games,

fried dough, cotton candy, popcorn, and candy apples!



# OCT 25-27

# HOMECOMING

fitchburgstate.edu/homecoming



Check our website for a complete list of Homecoming events!  
Bring your OneCard for FREE admittance

## 125th anniversary events continue

The university's [125th anniversary](#) celebration continues this week with The sixth annual Science Symposium that will be held from **3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday** in the Lisciotti Pavilion of the Antonucci Science Complex. This poster session will highlight research performed by members of the university's science faculty. Students are encouraged to come and learn about research opportunities within the science departments on campus. Light refreshments will be served.

Other events this week include the premiere of an original composition heralding the 125th anniversary university's music faculty recital at **7:30 p.m. Thursday** in Kent Recital Hall. The performance will include selections from faculty members Robin Dinda (composer), Jane Fiske (piano), Jonathan Harvey (baritone) and Amy McGlothlin (saxophone). The professors are members of the university's Humanities Department. Following individual selections by the faculty performers, together they will present the premiere of "Quasquicentennial" by Professor Dinda, along with two other original compositions making their debut at the concert.

Other upcoming anniversary events include:

- The [Community Read](#) of Art Spiegelman's *Maus* continues with a workshop at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday** in the library instruction lab of the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library. (Mis)Appropriation of the Middle Ages - Confronting Misuses of History in the Age of

the Meme will include an analysis of artifacts that represent the misuse of history by the KKK, Nazis and other groups to articulate their messages

- In this anniversary year for the institution, another milestone is being observed: the 50th anniversary of the founding of Fitchburg State's Xi Upsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. There will be a reception at **3:30 p.m. Thursday** in Hammond 314 welcoming [Dr. Clayton J. Drees](#), President of Phi Alpha Theta, as well as alumni and current history students from the chapter. This observance highlights the university's enduring commitment to academic excellence by the faculty and students of the Fitchburg State History Program.

### [125th Events](#)

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
**Music Faculty  
Recital**  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

OCTOBER 24 | 7:30 PM  
KENT RECITAL HALL

FEATURING  
Robin Dinda  
Jane Fiske  
Jonathan Harvey  
Amy McGlothlin

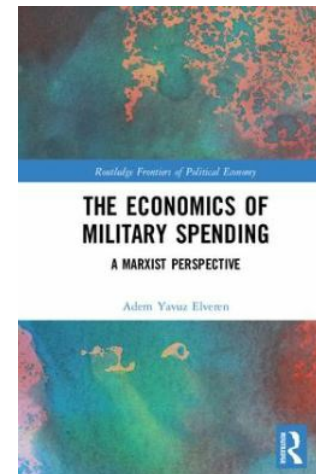
AND SPECIAL GUESTS  
Roy Imperio  
Alanna Rantala

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS of changing lives

## Center for Faculty Scholarship hosts talk today

The Center for Faculty Scholarship and Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library invites the campus community to gather in celebration of **Professor Adem Elveren's** (Economics, History and Political Science) two recently published books **today at 3:30 p.m.** in the University Archives (S03-Hammond Hall). Light refreshments will be served.

Elveren will discuss his two recently published books, [Brain Drain and Gender Inequality in Turkey](#) (Palgrave Pivot, 2018) and [The Economics of Military Spending: A Marxist Perspective](#) (Routledge, 2019).



## Campus hosting screening of "Intelligent Lives" on Nov. 7

The Douglas & Isabelle Crocker Center for Civic Engagement and the non-profit WORK Inc. that supports individuals with disabilities will present a screening of the film "Intelligent Lives" at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The film stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities - Micah, Naieer and Naomie - who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce.

The screening and discussion is designed for students, educators, administrators, teachers, and those interested in learning more about disabilities. Following the movie there will be hosting a live panel discussing their disabilities and some of the following:

- What disabilities look like in our current society?
- How this personal perspective from people with disabilities benefit you?
- Tips for future educators/nursing/law enforcement officers regarding supporting individuals with disabilities.

[Register here](#)

JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF **intelligent lives**  
a film by dan habib



INTELLIGENT LIVES stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities—Micah, Naieer, and Naomie—who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce.

@intelligencedoc | /intelligentlives | intelligentlives.org | @danhbabfilms

OPENING DOORS

### INTELLIGENT LIVES *FITCHBURG* - SCREENING & PANEL

Fitchburg State University  
Hammond Building, Ellis White  
Nov 7th 2019 • 3:30pm-5:30pm

**FREE**

Suggested Registration at <https://ilmtruthtalks.eventbrite.com>

Screening sponsored by: WORK, Inc., Fitchburg State University, & Douglas and Isabelle Crocker Center for Civic Engagement



## Reminder: Google apps intros coming this week

Faculty and staff are moving to Gmail in November. Information Technology will be hosting introductory sessions to show highlights of some of the powerful apps within the Google Enterprise Edition that will soon be available.

There will be two sessions **today**, from **9:30 to 10 a.m.** in Kent Recital Hall and **2 to 2:30 p.m.** in Ellis White Lecture Hall. There will also be sessions on **Thursday**, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall and **3:30 to 4 p.m.** in Kent Recital Hall.

## Reminder: GCE Graduate Fair on Wednesday

Fitchburg State hosts its third [Graduate Fair](#) from **1 to 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday**, giving local

students the opportunity to meet with representatives from various schools and learn about graduate program opportunities across the region.

Thinking about  
Graduate School?

**GRADUATE EDUCATION FAIR**

Oct. 23 / 1-4 PM / Hammond Main Lounge

Popcorn and raffle prizes with merchandise from each of the 10 attending schools will be given away. For more information and to view the list of schools attending, [click here](#).

## Liberal Arts & Sciences program topic of forum on Oct. 29

The Office of Academic Affairs will host an open discussion on a variety of initiatives including implementation of the new liberal arts and sciences curriculum at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29** in Kent Recital Hall.

## ALFA talk discusses bats of New England

[ALFA](#) will host a free talk on "Bats of New England" at **2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29** in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Mass Wildlife's Bat Conservation Program Coordinator Jennifer Longsdorf will share her knowledge and experience regarding the most under-appreciated

and misunderstood mammal on Earth.

During her seven years with Mass Wildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, Longsdorf has been involved with a variety of conservation and restoration projects aiding red-bellied cooters, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, coastal water birds, salamanders, and more recently, bats. Bats are fascinating and unique creatures that play a critical role in many environments around the world. However, dramatic population declines have put bats in the spotlight. Discover how human activity and White-nose Syndrome have decimated bat populations. Learn the general facts and help dispel common myths and fears about these shy, gentle, and intelligent creatures. Learn tips on how to help conserve and protect these ecosystem superheroes.

## Ethics of online "catfishing" explored in talk on Nov. 7

The ethics of online "catfishing" will be the topic of discussion at a forum hosted by Fitchburg State University students at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7** at Strong Style Coffee on Boulder Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

"Catfishing" refers to luring someone into a relationship by means of a fictional online persona, as on a dating app or social media. This public discussion will examine the ethics and effects of conversing with a misleading or fake personality online.

**Professor J.J. Sylvia IV** and **Professor Kyle Moody** from Fitchburg State's Communications Media Department will help facilitate the discussion that will be led by students in Sylvia's course in communications law and ethics.

The event is supported by the Society of Philosophers in America, the Douglas and Isabelle Crocker Center for Civic Engagement at Fitchburg State University, and Strong Style Coffee.

[Learn more](#)

## Reminder: flu clinics this month

[Health Services](#) will hold their annual flu clinics this month. The clinics will be held from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29** and **Wednesday, Oct. 30** in the Main Lounge at Hammond Hall. There will also be a clinic from **3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30** at the Athletics and Recreation Center.

Most insurances are accepted so visitors are asked to bring their insurance cards. Those not covered by insurance can pay \$32 in cash for flu vaccine.



## Reminder: symposium looks at sexual violence

The university will host a symposium from **5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday** about what colleges are doing to create a safe and respectful culture, what students can do to promote safety for themselves and others, and legislation (both existing and proposed) that supports the goal of reducing and compassionately managing sexual assaults.

The will include an interactive, scenario-driven workshop followed by a panel discussion on the laws that govern campus violence, including State Rep. Natalie Higgins; Maggie Smith, Staff Attorney at the Victim Rights Law Center; Kristin Murphy, Fitchburg State's Title IX Coordinator; Marienelly Vazquez, Campus Advocate; and representatives of University Police and Student Life, to talk about existing and proposed legislation, reporting, victim rights, and any other questions you may have about violence prevention and response on college campuses.

Register online by clicking [here](#).

## University offers free financial aid assistance

Fitchburg State University will join more than 20 other institutions offering free help on the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) for college-bound students on FAFSA Day Massachusetts.



Fitchburg State's financial aid professionals will offer assistance starting at **1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3** at the Antonucci Science Complex, 333 North St.

Every high school senior, college student, and adult-student who will be attending college during the 2020-2021 academic year needs to complete the FAFSA in order to apply for federal, state and institutional financial aid. FAFSA Day Massachusetts, a College Goal Sunday program, provides free help statewide to students and families looking to complete the FAFSA.

FAFSA Day Massachusetts is being held Sunday, Nov. 3 at over 20 locations, with additional locations available on different dates and times.

Families are encouraged to visit <https://www.masfaa.org/fafsa-day-register/> to register, and to view locations, dates and times. The services are free and available to anyone entering college in 2020; low-income, first-generation students are especially encouraged to attend. Many locations will have services available in various languages.

FAFSA Day is staffed by volunteer financial aid and higher education experts available to provide families one-on-one assistance. FAFSA Day is a non-profit program sponsored by Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, MEFA, and American Student Assistance.

To register at Fitchburg State, visit <https://www.masfaa.org/fafsa-day-register/>. For more information on FAFSA Day at Fitchburg State, contact [Alcira Zadroga](mailto:Alcira.Zadroga@fitchburgstate.edu) by email or by phone at 978-665-3556. For additional information, call 877-424-7627 or e-mail [fafsaday@gmail.com](mailto:fafsaday@gmail.com).

## CenterStage and cultural events

### University ensembles present "Musical Mega-Mix" tonight

Fitchburg State's instrumental and choral ensembles will present a joint concert **tonight at 7 p.m** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The "Music Mega-Mix" will showcase the Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. Admission to the show is free and open to the public. University students interested in joining any of the ensembles for the spring semester can see all the groups in action.

More than 100 musicians from the university community will be taking part in this program, featuring short sets from all five of Fitchburg State's curricular music ensembles.

### 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 from **Tuesday, Oct. 29** through **Friday, Dec. 27**.

There will be an artist talk and demonstration at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30** in the gallery. Blum's semi-figurative "Dolls" are aluminum mesh armatures plumped up with plaster bandages, papier maché and layers of wax, to create sculptures with nearly human, feminine personalities.

The poster for the Music Mega-Mix concert features a dark background with silhouettes of musicians performing on stage. Bright blue and white stage lights create a dynamic atmosphere. The title 'MUSIC MEGA-MIX' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, it says 'A SHOWCASE OF FITCHBURG STATE'S MUSIC ENSEMBLES'. The featured ensembles are listed: Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. The date and time are 'Monday, October 21 7:00 PM' and the location is 'Weston Auditorium'. The Fitchburg State University Humanities Department logo is at the bottom.

**MUSIC  
MEGA-MIX**

**A SHOWCASE OF FITCHBURG STATE'S  
MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

**FEATURING**  
Concert Band  
Symphony Orchestra  
Jazz Band  
Concert Choir  
Chamber Choir

**Monday, October 21  
7:00 PM**  
Weston Auditorium

**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

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

## Faculty Notes

**Professor Jenn Berg** (Mathematics) was announced as the winner of the [North East Section of the Mathematics Association of America's](#) Distinguished Teacher Award. She will give the distinguished teacher's lecture at the association's Fall 2019 [meeting](#) next month. At the meeting she will also give the Section NExT [talk](#) for junior faculty about making group work meaningful.

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