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University designated a Military Friendly school

Fitchburg State University has been designated a [Military Friendly School](#) by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds.

Now in its seventh year, the Military Friendly Schools designation and list by Victory Media is the premier, trusted resource for post-military success. Military Friendly provides service members transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities. The Military Friendly Schools designation is awarded to the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.



"We are honored to earn this designation in recognition of our ongoing institutional efforts to serve this most deserving population," President Lapidus said.

The methodology used for making the Military Friendly Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past six years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

The Victory Media evaluation captures over 50 leading practices in supporting military students and is available free of charge to the more than 8,000 schools approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding. For more information about Fitchburg State's commitment to attracting and supporting military students, visit Fitchburg State's [website](#). Information about the veterans programs available at Fitchburg State can be found at fitchburgstate.edu/veterans.

Earlier this fall Fitchburg State opened its Veterans Center in Thompson Hall, providing a dedicated space for student veterans to gather, collaborate and learn. The dedication ceremony included an address by Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Francisco A. Ureña.

The university is also launching a bridge program for military-trained LPNs to receive their

Bachelor of Science degrees in nursing. Graduates of this program will be prepared to meet the societal healthcare needs in a variety of settings. Respect for diversity, social responsibility, and a commitment to excellence in nursing care are emphasized. More information on the bridge program can be found at fitchburgstate.edu/militarylpn.

International Month observances continue

The university observes International Month in November with food, films, poetry and discussions over the next several weeks.

Faculty member Aruna Krishnamurthy will present "Mahabharata in the Western Imagination" at 3:30 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 16** at Miller Oval.

On **Thursday, Nov. 19**, Yuki Komine will present "New England, Japanese Style" from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Hammond Hall, room 214. Following that there will be an Indian Film Festival with Aruna Krishnamurthy from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Randall Lecture Hall in the Antonucci Science Complex.



"Gathering the Stories of Female Entrepreneurs: A Study of Women from Five Cultures" with faculty members John Chetro-Szivos and Renee Scapparone will be held **Monday, Nov. 23** at 3:30 p.m. at the Center for Teaching and Learning.

The events conclude with the third annual International Poetry Slam and Potluck, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 23** in Miller Oval. Visitors are invited to bring a poem or short piece of writing from another culture or nation that they will read, along with a dish from anywhere.

Earlier events during the month included an evening of Spanish cuisine at the Holmes Dining Commons and a concert sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture on the theme of *Canti E Cantici: Cent'Anni di Musica e Cultura Italiana* (A Hundred Years of Italian Culture) at Kent Recital Hall. Also, a talk on "How American Rock is Cognizant of World Cultures" was given by Alan Pearlmutter at the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Political Science Club celebrates campus, city partnership

The university's Political Science Club will spotlight the partnership between Fitchburg State and its host city on **Thursday, Nov. 19** at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall.

Presenters will include President Lapidus, Director of Annual Giving and Ward 4 City Councilor Michael Kushmerck and State Rep. and Mayor-Elect Stephen L. DiNatale.

Admission is free.

Our New University-City Partnership

Rich Lapidus
President
Fitchburg State University

Mike Kushmerek
City Councilor of Ward 4
Fitchburg, MA

Stephen DiNatale
Mayor Elect
Fitchburg, MA

Join the Political Science Club!

When: November 19, 2015
Where: Ellis White
Time: 3:30 p.m.

 Approved By: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Second annual Science Symposium coming Nov. 19

Members of the university's science faculty will share their research at the second annual Science Symposium being held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 19** in the Lisciotti Pavilion of the Antonucci Science Complex. Faculty members from the departments of Biology and Chemistry, Earth and Geographic Sciences and Mathematics are participating in the program.

Students can win prizes by answering trivia questions based on material covered in the faculty posters.

Refreshments will be served.

"Noises Off" on the main stage through Saturday

The manic slapstick of the acclaimed farce "Noises Off" continues its run on the main stage this week.

How many things can go wrong backstage during a performance of a sex farce? Chaos ensues when a cast's off stage love interests wreak havoc with the performing of a bedroom comedy. Michael Frayn's play, a farce within a farce, has been called the funniest comedy to play on both sides of the Atlantic in decades.

"The most dexterously realized comedy every about putting on a comedy," raved The New York Times. "A spectacularly funny, peerless backstage farce. This dizzy, well-known romp is a festival of delirium."

The production is directed by Professor Richard McElvain and includes cast members Charlie Barbera, Shaun Downey, Shani Farrel, Hannah Guselli, Coty Markee, Sara Prygocki, Angela Renzi, Tyler Rost, Samantha Wheatley and Charles Baxter. The technical crew includes students Jason Cook, Jen Goldstein, Marissa Mallas, Gregory Mason, Nick Robinette, Brian Paradis, Zach Picard, Kaitlyn Ramsey, Stephen Hogue and Lisa Nguyen.

"Noises Off" will be performed at the Wallace Theater for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road, Fitchburg. Remaining performances will be at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 19; 7:30 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 20** and **Saturday, Nov. 21;** and 2 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 21.** Admission is free but donations to the theater program will be accepted at the door.



Learn the Nuts and Bolts of starting a business on Dec. 1

The Business Society is hosting an informational seminar at 5:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall for anyone interested in starting a new business.

The "Nuts & Bolts" forum will feature four guest speakers who will present on topics such as how to structure your company, financing and marketing. Speakers will provide snapshots of what is needed to get started and will include time for questions from the audience.

Admission is free.

Education honor society draws plaudits in Florida

The university's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society, recently went to Orlando, Fla., to represent Fitchburg State at the international convocation. While there, Fitchburg State chapter received its sixth consecutive ACE (Achieving Chapter Excellence) Award.

The award is given to chapters that demonstrate outstanding programming in support of the society's mission and strategic goals. Eleven alumni and three undergraduate students attended the convocation, accompanied by faculty members Nancy Murray and Will Cortezia.

Chapter members participated in numerous workshops, education talks, poster sessions and gained valuable information from guest speakers. Nine individuals presented approved workshop proposals, receiving excellent feedback from all who attended. Topics included: Engaging Students through Interactive Math, Introducing STEM into the Elementary Classroom, Students with Anxiety: Managing Their Behaviors, The Trials, Tribulations, and Rewards of Being a New Teacher, P.I.M.P. Your Portfolio (Professional, Interactive, Multimedia, Portfolio), and Writing for Success: Strategies for Helping ELLs in Writing.



"I am thrilled to say that we will be offering these workshop sessions for all education majors in the month of February, so keep your eye out for specific dates," Murray said. "Our Xi Psi Chapter did an outstanding job representing Fitchburg State University's quality educators."

New bridge program offered for military-trained LPNs seeking bachelor's degrees in nursing

Fitchburg State now offers a bridge program for licensed practical nurses who completed their training in the military and are seeking their bachelor of science degrees in nursing.

Interested students are encouraged to attend the next Graduate and Continuing Education [information session](#) on **Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hammond Hall.



The Military LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is designed to transition the military-trained Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to the role of a baccalaureate prepared Registered Nurse.

Graduates of this program will be prepared to meet the societal healthcare needs in a variety of settings. Respect for diversity, social responsibility, and a commitment to excellence in nursing care are emphasized.

The program represents another element of Fitchburg State's commitment to serving the needs of returning veterans.

For more information, visit fitchburgstate.edu/militarylpn.

Click [here](#) to sign up for the GCE information session.

Students compete at intercollegiate sales competition

Fitchburg State students Stephanie Bernstein, Brandon Brideau, Laura Castro, Tyler Miller, Smit Patel, Kyle Higgins, Jiaqian Dai and Eli Torres, accompanied by Business Professor Renee Scapparone, competed at the recent Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition held at Bryant University. In addition to the competition, the students attended sales training seminars and met with recruiters from more than 25 companies from numerous industries.



Internship scholarships available

The university has once again received funding designed to increase internship opportunities for our students. [Scholarships](#) are now available for the upcoming academic year. The deadline to apply for the spring is **Friday, Nov. 27** and for the summer is **Friday, April 8**, 2016.

The State University Internship Incentive Program (SUIIP), operated through the university's financial aid office, is funded by the Fitchburg State University Foundation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The scholarship is available to current full-time day undergraduate students who are Massachusetts residents, have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 and have a valid 2015-2016 FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office.

All majors will be considered but priority will be given to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and business/finance majors. Scholarships are available for 3-12 credit internships and amounts will range from \$500-\$5,000.

For more information and a link to the application, visit www.fitchburgstate.edu/scholarintern.

Dyslexia specialist program offered through GCE

Fitchburg State is offering a new guided studies program for dyslexia specialists, preparing students with skills for a variety of careers in disciplines including literacy coaching or special education.

The [Guided Studies-Dyslexia Specialist](#) program is run through the university's Office of Graduate and Continuing Education and is a concentration within its Master of Education in Special Education degree. It is designed to meet the needs of individuals seeking a master's degree as well as Wilson Language Training Level I and Level II certification.

For more information, visit fitchburgstate.edu/dyslexia. To learn more about this and other Fitchburg State GCE options, visit fitchburgstate.edu/gce/infosession.

GCE details winter, spring offerings

The Office of Graduate and Continuing Education has posted its winter and spring schedules. All the course offerings can be viewed on the seats list through the Registrar's office.

The GCE [winter session](#), run completely online, runs from Monday, Dec. 28 through Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016.

The GCE [spring semester](#) runs from Wednesday, Jan. 20 through Monday, May 16. Course registration began on Nov. 2.

GCE students may also use [this link](#) to contact their advisors; undergraduate day students should contact their regularly assigned advisors.

CenterStage at Fitchburg State

A Holiday Performance: Alpin Hong takes the stage in December

Music is in the air for the Fitchburg State University CenterStage holiday performance featuring acclaimed pianist Alpin Hong on **Saturday, Dec. 12** at 7 p.m. in Weston Auditorium, 353 North St.

He's been called "Victor Borge, Horowitz and Billy Joel all in one" thanks to his unique combination of stunning technique, emotional range and amazing sense of humor.



Alpin Hong performs Saturday, Dec. 12.

Hong is a pianist for all ages, a spectacular showman who captivates with ease. Join us on this most merry of nights for a festive mix of traditional holiday tunes and classical selections that will bring audiences young and old to their feet.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors, Fitchburg State alumni and staff; and \$5 for students. The Weston Box Office, located at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St., is open Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets can also be ordered [online](#).

In the Galleries

The Conlon Hall Media Wall inside 316 Highland Ave. will feature an exhibition of old and new work by faculty member Sally B. Moore.

Vulnerability: situations sitting on edges, beings pushed to the brink of non-being, architecture falling through in search of a more possible place. Assistant Professor Sally Moore uses her work to sort through obstacles and anxieties in her own life and, by extension, situations in the world.

Moore will present a wall talk on her work on **Wednesday, Dec. 9** at 3:30 p.m. in Conlon Hall.

Faculty Show

Art and Communications Media faculty have been creating new works in photography, sculpture, design, painting, drawing, film, video and mixed media. The biennial exhibition highlighting some of their best and recent works will run Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. There will be an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 18** at the gallery.



"Remember" by Sally Moore

Faculty Notes

Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science) brought 12 students (and two student observers) to Northeastern University for a Model Arab league. The students represented Palestine and dealt with such issues as terrorism, extremism, climate change and refugees.

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