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## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Winter Commencement Ceremony this Friday



We will welcome hundreds of graduates and guests for the in-person winter ceremony of our 125th [Commencement](#) Exercises at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Athletics and Recreation Center.

The ceremony will also be streamed live at [fatv.org](http://fatv.org).

Graduates have been advised that because of the high number of graduates registered to attend, there will be a limit of three tickets per

graduate. Information on how to reserve tickets has already been communicated to graduating students.

In addition to remarks from President Lapidus, the ceremony will include addresses by Graduate Student Leadership Award winner Yvonne Gittelson, pictured above, at left, and undergraduate valedictorian Rebecca Valcanas, right.

Learn more about our honorees on the commencement [website](#).

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### Nursing students receive white coats at new ceremony

The Nursing Department launched a new tradition last week with the inaugural White Coat Ceremony, wherein students about to begin their clinical rotations were presented with the symbolic garments.

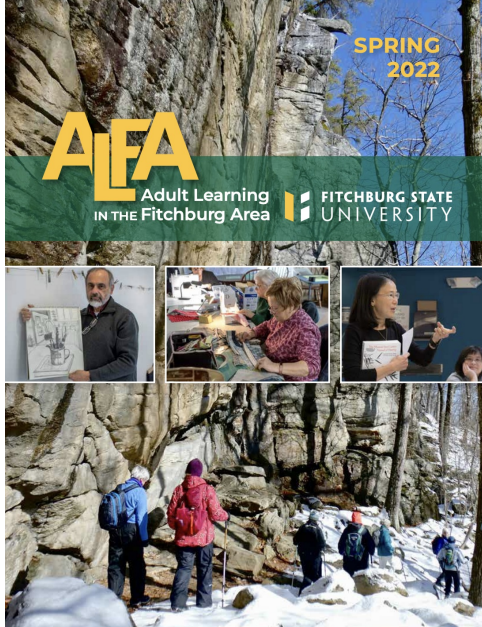


The event was streamed live and can be [viewed](#) on the university's [YouTube page](#).

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### Registration now open for ALFA's Spring 2022 offerings

Registration is now open for Fitchburg State's Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area ([ALFA](#)) spring courses, with offerings ranging from creative garden design and an exploration of Greek mythology to classes on the history of



blues music and a look at classic film adaptations. The spring programs include wellness offerings like yoga and breath-body-mind techniques to reduce stress and anxiety, as well as courses on science, literature, drawing, and an exploration of Italian history. See the complete course listing and register online at [marketplace.fitchburgstate.edu/alfa](https://marketplace.fitchburgstate.edu/alfa).

[Learn more](#)

## Check out our winter instrumental and choral concerts

The university's instrumental and choral ensembles performed their winter concerts this month at Weston Auditorium. The shows were streamed live and are now posted on our [YouTube page](#). Watch the concerts by clicking the links below:

- [Concert Band and Orchestra](#)
- [Modern and Jazz Band](#)
- [Concert Choir and Chamber Choir](#)



## CenterStage at Fitchburg State



The Fitchburg State University [CenterStage](#) arts and culture series is bringing the circus to town this winter. The Diamond Circus will perform their show "Epic!" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St.

Aerialists, acrobats, jugglers, clowns, and more are a delight for all ages in this Greek mythology-inspired circus arts show, featuring the [Diamond Circus](#) and its extended professional performance family from across North America. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and

under, and \$5 for Fitchburg State students.

Tickets may be purchased [online](#).

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## Faculty Notes

**Associate Professor Katherine Jewell** (Economics, History and Political Science) served as the external “opponent” for a dissertation defense at the University of Turku in Finland. She posed questions to the candidate on their dissertation on "Rock, Freedom, and Ideologies of 'Americanness:' U.S. Culture War Debates of the Late Twentieth Century.”

**Assistant Professor J.J. Sylvia IV** (Communications Media) has published a chapter in a new edited collection being published on Dec. 15. The book is titled *Pedagogies of Post-Truth* and the chapter is "Civic Engagement and Dialogic Approaches to Post-Truth in the Classroom."

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