
Fitchburg State University Today

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

[Homecoming](#), our annual celebration that brings our entire Falcon community together for an amazing fall weekend on our beautiful campus, will be celebrated **Friday, Oct. 21** through **Sunday, Oct. 23**.

The events will kick off at **6 p.m. Friday** with a pep rally, bonfire and carnival in the Ross Street parking lot. Gather to enjoy rides, games, food and more.



In addition to a full slate of athletic events, there will be a casino night and "dress your decade" dance in the Athletics and Recreation Center at **7 p.m. Saturday**. [Register online](#).

[See all the Homecoming events](#)



Recruitment season is underway

The recruitment season for the next academic year has begun in earnest. On Saturday, the campus welcomed hundreds of prospective students and guests for the first of our two fall open houses.

The [next open house](#) will be held **Saturday, Oct. 29**.

Updated Falcon Bazaar and clothing closet to be dedicated today

There will be a dedication and

ribbon-cutting today at 12:15 p.m. for the [Falcon Community Outreach Center](#), including the [Falcon Bazaar](#) food and necessities pantry and the professional clothing closet.

Members of the campus community are invited to join the event at the center, located at Hammond G-23.



STEM Week observed

The campus is [observing](#) the 5th annual

Massachusetts STEM Week this week, when members of the K-12, higher education, industry, and community partners collaborate to provide opportunities for students to explore STEM careers.

The theme of STEM Week, "See Yourself in STEM," focuses on the power of mentoring and efforts to broaden STEM participation.

Among the week's events is a [climate forum](#) at 6 p.m. **Wednesday** in Kent Recital Hall with panelists to include U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan and Alliance for Business Leadership President Jen Benson.

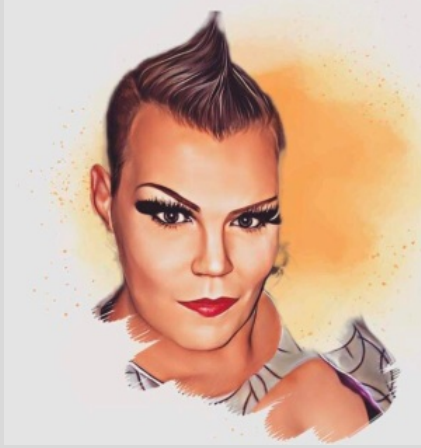
The events began over the weekend, including a climb of Mount Monadnock by members of the university's Outdoor Adventure Club (pictured).

The university's [programs](#) will celebrate scholastic partnerships, connections to informal education centers, and opportunities for current and future Fitchburg State students to network with professionals and learn more about interdisciplinary connections related to global problems and issues, policy, and education.

[STEM Week Events](#)

LGBTQ+ History Month continues

The campus celebration of [LGBTQ+ History Month](#) continues this week with events and social media campaigns. Among this week's highlights:



GSA and the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness will celebrate Pronoun Day by giving out pronoun pins from **10 am. to 3 p.m. Wednesday** in the G-Lobby of Hammond Hall. The pins will be a way to celebrate yourself and educate the university community on how to use one's pronouns.

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library will host Drag Queen Story Hour at **4 p.m. Wednesday**. Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is a children's event that was begun in 2015 by author and activist Michelle Tea in San Francisco with the goal to "inspire a love of reading, while teaching

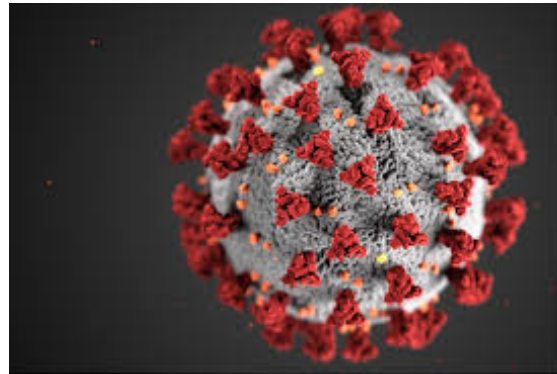
deeper lessons on diversity, self-love and an appreciation of others." Nikita LaFemme (pictured) will host the campus' inaugural event.

Nikita LaFemme will also preside over LGBTQ+ History Month Drag BINGO at **7 p.m. Wednesday** in the Falcon Hub. Prizes will be awarded.

[See more events](#)

COVID booster and flu clinics this week

Fitchburg State and Hannaford Pharmacy are pleased to offer a series of flu vaccination and COVID booster vaccination [clinics](#). These clinics will occur on campus and are open to any university community member aged 18 or older. No one under the age of 18 is eligible to participate.



These clinics will take place in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center at the following dates and times:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to noon**
- **Thursday, Oct. 20, 2 to 5 p.m.**

[Register online](#) to take part in the clinic. Be sure to click the final link at the end to reserve your time.

Criminal Justice guest lecture Friday features Boston judges

Three Boston Municipal Court judges will present at a guest lecture on criminal justice at **9:30 a.m. Friday** in room 133 of the Antonucci Science Center.

Associate Justice David J. Breen, Associate Justice Lisa Ann Grant and Associate Justice Myong J. Joun (who was recently nominated to the federal bench by the Biden Administration) will discuss their wide-ranging criminal justice experiences including civil rights cases, their work in the district attorney's office and in public defense. The program will also stream online at <https://fitchburgstate.zoom.us/j/89402823983> (Meeting ID: 894 0282 3983).

The talk is hosted by **Assistant Professor Eileen Kirk** and **Assistant Professor Lilian Bobea** of the Behavioral Sciences Department.

Updates from Leading for Change for 2022-23

[Leading for Change](#), the university-level diversity, equity, and inclusion team, consists of a core group, and then five active sub-committees whose work this coming year will center on:

- Actions inspired by what we learned from the Pride Index
- “We are All Educators” programming series
- Expanding policy audits with a DEI lens across campus
- Disseminating information about the Fall 2022 climate survey
- Inclusive employee hiring initiative

Additional detail can be found on the Leading for Change [website](#), and there is also a dedicated [email address](#) that is regularly monitored.

In addition, we are continuing the Identity-based Programming Fund through which members of our community can [apply](#) for support.

The Bias Incident Response Team ([BIRT](#)) ensures students, faculty, and staff affected by bias or a bias-related incident have access to appropriate resources and assists the university in its response to situations that may impact the overall campus climate around diversity and inclusion.

[Learn more](#)



Save the date: Open forums Nov. 2

President Lapidus invites faculty, librarians, staff and administrators to gather for open forums at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 in Kent Recital Hall.

The sessions will include updates about university operations, with opportunities for members to ask questions.

Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

The [Burg Blog](#) continues to offer timely updates of campus life.

Recent articles and slideshows include a crime scene [fingerprinting lab](#), a look at [digital cinema production](#), [faculty research](#) lightning talks and presentations, the LGBTQ+ History Month and Latinx/a/o Heritage Month [Rainbow Reception](#) and art exhibit, and the Career Services and Advising Center's [internship fair](#).





CenterStage and cultural events

Fitchburg State's instrumental and choral ensembles will perform a joint "Music Mega Mix" concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Weston Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The concert program will be a showcase of "bite-sized" performances by the university's choirs, bands and orchestra. Performers will include Fitchburg State students as well as faculty members.

Instrumental selections include Santana's "Smooth," the "James Bond" theme, and "Jupiter" from "The Planets," while the choirs will perform works by Bill Withers and a Kenyan piece.

Next, members of the [Humanities Department](#) faculty will perform a free recital at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 in

Weston Auditorium.

"The recital will be an opportunity for the community to experience Fitchburg State's new, nine-foot Steinway Model D concert grand piano - an incredible instrument, especially for the luscious French Romantic piano music on the program," said **Assistant Professor Jonathan Harvey**, who will be among the performers at the recital.

In addition to Harvey, **Professor Jane Fiske** and **Assistant Professor Amy McGlothlin** will perform, joined by guests Alanna Rantala, Kris Layton and Triage Woodwinds to perform music by the French composers Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, and Francis Poulenc; little-known Romantic composer Johanna Kinkel; and contemporary composers Chelsea Williamson, Kincaid Rabb, and Stephen Lias.

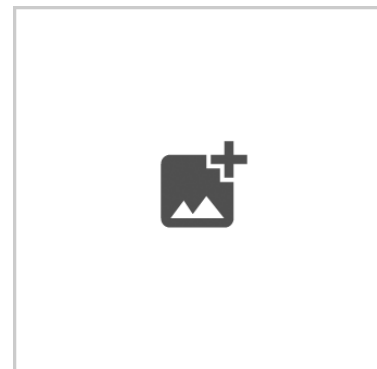
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