

Fitchburg State University Today



Homecoming Weekend a crowdpleaser

The university's Homecoming and Reunion weekend festivities Oct. 21-23 were a hit with students, families and alumni. See images from the festivities on the Burg Blog:

- [Bonfire, pep rally and carnival](#)
- [Gold Key Ceremony](#)
- [Football game and senior day](#)
- [Casino Night and "Dress Your Decade" dance](#)
- [Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony](#)

Reminder: Open Forums on Wednesday

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

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

There will be ASL interpreters at both sessions.

Campus, city police renew agreement

University Police and the City of Fitchburg Police Department renewed a memorandum of understanding on Thursday, Oct. 20, furthering the interdepartmental collaboration that has benefited public safety on- and off-campus.



The memorandum was signed by **President Lapidus, University Police Chief Michael Cloutier, Fitchburg Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale, and Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau.**

"The relationship between the university and the city is perhaps the strongest it has ever been," President Lapidus said. "At this time where departments everywhere face shortages, it's great to have backup."

The agreement's stated purpose is to establish, promote, and maintain a continued, harmonious working relationship and cooperative effort between both agencies.

[Learn more](#)



MADE IN ITALY

An Olive Oil Dinner with GIUSEPPE TAIBI

Throughout the 2022-23 academic year, the Center for Italian Culture will present a series of programs developed around the theme "Made in Italy." From fashion to sports cars to fine cuisine, the programs will spotlight the enduring impact and global reach of Italian-made products. The "Made in Italy" series will begin with an olive oil tasting and four-course dinner.

Featuring Olio Taibi olive oils and a selection of wines from Italy, the event will be hosted by Giuseppe Taibi, a 4th-generation olive oil producer whose family and olive oils hail from Sicily.

Thursday, Nov. 10 | 6 PM
FALCON HUB, HAMMOND HALL
Tickets: \$45 per person

SCAN FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS
OR VISIT: fitchburgstate.edu/made-in-italy

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Celebrating what's "Made in Italy"

The [Center for Italian Culture](#) will launch its "Made in Italy" [series](#) with an olive oil tasting and four-course dinner at 6 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 10** in the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

The event, featuring Olio Taibi olive oils and a selection of wines from Italy, will be hosted by Giuseppe Taibo of Olio Taibi.

Tickets are \$45 and must be [purchased](#) in advance (by Friday, Nov. 4).

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Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/made-in-italy.

Community Engagement Work Group hosting meet and greet

The university's Corporate and Community Engagement Work Group will host a meet and greet for members of the campus community at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 9** in Hammond 314.

The gathering will give visitors an opportunity to learn how this group of Fitchburg State deans, faculty, and staff, help to foster connections to - and with - our local communities (businesses, municipalities, non-profits).

Discover how the university-sponsored CCE committee can support our students, staff and faculty, deepen our connections to other place-based organizations, and increase our commitment to offering real-world learning experiences for our Fitchburg State students.



Alumnus and filmmaker hosts film screening Nov. 17

Filmmaker Graham Suorsa '02 will return to campus for a screening and discussion of his documentary film "The Fastest Woman on Earth" at 3:30 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 17** in Kent Recital Hall.

The film (see the [trailer here](#)) tells the story of Jessi Combs' perseverance in the face of adversity, while trying to set the women's land speed record.

Suorsa, the film's director and co-producer, will introduce the screening and host a Q&A and informal "pizza with Graham" chat session afterward to connect with Falcons past and present.

Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

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

Recent articles and slideshows highlight scenes from Professor Yasser Derwiche Djazaerly's [Harrod Lecture](#), Career Services and Advising's recent taco-themed [career fair](#), a [criminal justice guest lecture](#) featuring Boston Municipal Court judges, a first-year experience [seed dispersal lab](#), and the LGBTQ+ History Month's [Drag Queen Story Hour](#) at the library.



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

The Communications Media Department is proud to present...

A Raisin in the Sun

Written by Lorraine Hansberry
Directed by Kelly Morgan
Free Admission

Evenings- 6:30 PM
November 15th, 16th, 17th,
18th and 19th

Matinees- 2PM
November 19th and 20th

McKay Theater | 67 Rindge Road | Fitchburg, MA 01420 | Entrance B

Main Stage Theater Production: *A Raisin in the Sun*

The Communications Media Department will present its production of Lorraine Hansberry's celebrated play *A Raisin in the Sun* this November.

The play tells the story of a lower-class black family's struggle to gain middle-class acceptance.

The university's production is directed by **Professor Kelly Morgan**.

"It is brutally upsetting that issues presented in this play still resonate with us as a society," Morgan said.

A Raisin in the Sun will be performed in the Wallace Theater for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15; Wednesday, Nov. 16; Thursday, Nov. 17; and Friday, Nov. 18; 2 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.**

CenterStage and cultural events

The combined choirs of Fitchburg State University and Christ Church will present a joint concert at **4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6**, featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*.

The concert will again be performed at Christ Church, located at 569 Main St., Fitchburg.

Admission is free but suggested \$10 donations will be accepted at the door.

The performance will be conducted by **Assistant Professor Jonathan Harvey**, accompanied by Robert Potterton III on organ, **Professor Hildy Schilling** on violin, and Lishan Tan on the harp.

[Learn more](#)

The Pharos Quartet performs Monday, Nov. 7

The Pharos Quartet will begin their 2022-23 concert season with a concert at **7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7** at Weston Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The [Pharos Quartet](#), composed of saxophone players including **Assistant Professor Amy McGlothlin** and **Jennifer Bill**, will present modern compositions by composers Eugene Bozza, Stephen Beck, David Masklanka, Erika Svanoë, John Wallace, and Zack Browning.

[Learn more](#)

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Earth Foundation

CenterStage features "Earth Foundation," a visual exhibit by photographer and geologist [Jonathon Wells](#), through Dec. 17.

Wells has created scientifically accurate photo-geologic composites with both surface and subsurface views since 2002. He continues to build the existing Location, Environmental, and Extraction series at sites around the world where he identifies a thought-provoking intersection of land use and underlying geology.

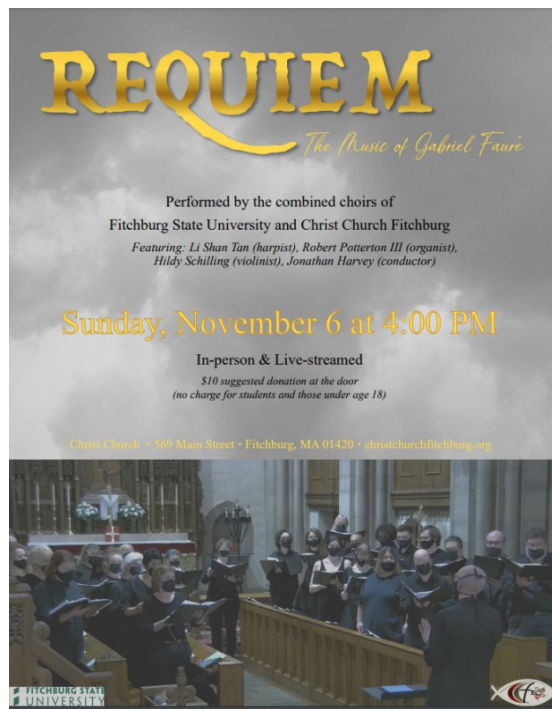
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Staff Notes

Junior Pena (Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness) will serve as a lunch keynote and workshop facilitator for the College of William and Mary's 7th Annual Diversity Symposium on **Thursday, Nov. 3**. He will present "Slow Motion is Better than no Motion: Transitioning from Well-Intended Thoughts to Tangible Action," and facilitate a training workshop on "What's the Word? Exploring Hispanic, LatinX, and Everything in Between."

Faculty Notes

Professor Teresa Fava Thomas (Economics, History and Political Science) offered an Italian Heritage Month presentation on "Italian Immigration to Massachusetts: The Reluctant Migrants: Migration from the Italian Veneto to Central Massachusetts" at the Boxford Town Library on Saturday, Oct. 1.



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