

Fitchburg State University Today

University observes Black History Month

Fitchburg State's annual celebration of [Black History Month](#) in February includes celebrations and [events](#) organized around the theme "Black Excellence: Limitless, Boundless and Selfless."



The theme acknowledges that the history of the African diaspora in the United States is not solely confined to conventional forms of success, and is boundless. It emphasizes communal care, achievement despite significant barriers, and the endless potential of Black and African-American people in the United States.

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Grant will support students experiencing food insecurity

Fitchburg State University has been awarded a grant for nearly \$55,000 through the state's Hunger Free Campus Initiative program to support students experiencing food insecurity. The funding will help raise awareness of the support services available to students on campus and in the

community, in addition to providing direct assistance to students.

Food and housing insecurity is an issue for students in Massachusetts and nationwide. According to the state's Hunger Free Campus Coalition, 37% of public university students in Massachusetts are food insecure, and only 20% of them utilize the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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White Coat Ceremony recognizes milestone for nursing students

Sophomore nursing students enjoyed the ceremonial launch of their clinical experiences at the second annual White Coat

Professor Tara Mariolis, chair of the [Nursing Department](#), said the ceremony signifies a pivotal transition in the lives of the students.

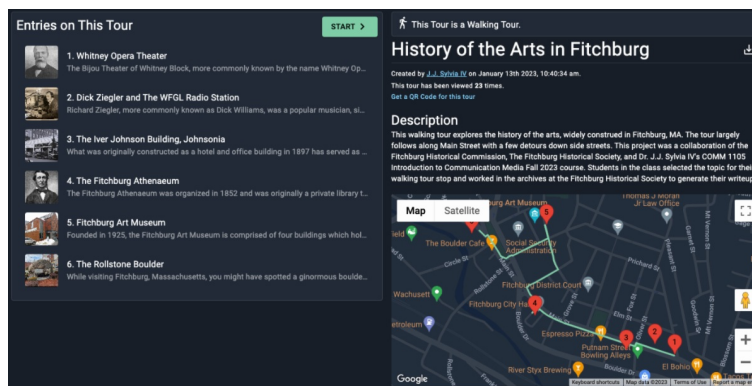
“Students, today you will take an oath to compassionate patient care,” Mariolis said.

“You join a long line of nurses who have made the commitment to put the patient first as they provide holistic,

humanistic and patient-centered care. It also signifies the nursing faculty’s commitment to support and mentor each of you as you embark on this next phase of your education.”



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Students help create virtual tour of city's arts history

A newly launched [virtual walking tour](#) created by Fitchburg State students in collaboration with the Fitchburg Historical Society and Fitchburg Historical Commission is shining a spotlight on the

city's arts history.

Students in **Assistant Professor J.J. Sylvia IV's** Communications Media classes worked with Fitchburg Historical Society Executive Director Susan Navarre to create the interactive tour, wherein visitors to Main Street may locate directions to significant buildings using their phone and be enlightened by voice or text about their history.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Speaker Series continues Feb. 6

The Faculty Speaker Series continues at **12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6** with **Professor Jeff Warmouth** (Communications Media) delivering the talk, “Fast Food and (Fake) Sculpture, the Art of Jeffu Warmouth.” Join the virtual presentation [online](#).

Reminder: Innovation Fund proposals for 2023-24 due Feb. 10

Requests for proposals for the 2023-24 Innovation Fund are still being collected. Proposals will be reviewed for two separate funds, each totaling \$250,000, to support new or continuing projects.

- The [Academic Innovation Fund](#) supports faculty and librarians in developing or expanding innovative curricula and/or pedagogy that stimulates enrollment growth and supports student academic success within a framework of equity and inclusion. All full-time faculty and librarians are eligible to apply, as are full- or part-time faculty teaching in the School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education.
- The [University Innovation Fund](#) supports our staff in developing or expanding

innovative practices, programs, or services that stimulate enrollment growth, support student retention, and/or promote financial sustainability within a framework of equity and inclusion.

Proposals, due **Friday, Feb. 10**, should be submitted through the dynamic forms shared with the campus.

Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

Follow the [Burg Blog](#) for timely updates of campus life.

Recent articles and slideshows feature scenes of our [snowy campus](#), the Student Development's [Rock the Lounge](#) fair in Hammond Hall, students enjoying [National Popcorn Day](#), as well as academic scenes including Professor Donald Tarallo's [introduction to graphic design](#) class.



CenterStage and cultural events

The [CenterStage](#) arts and culture series presents “[Chroma](#),” a gallery exhibit by New England Wax, through March 3 in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery.

There will be an artist talk and reception at **3:30 p.m. Wednesday** at the gallery featuring New England Wax members Trina

Abbott and Pamela Dorris DeJong. Admission is free and open to the public.

New England Wax is a lively and growing professional organization connecting artists in the six New England states who work with encaustic and other wax-based mediums.

Save the Date: Artrageous coming in April

The high-energy, interactive performance troupe Artrageous will perform at Weston Auditorium at **7 p.m. Friday, April 28**. Tickets are [available online](#).

Artrageous includes multi-talented performance artists, world class singers and recording artists, highly trained dancers and audience motivators, and veteran musicians hailing from the high desert of New Mexico. Their high energy performance is a combination of all arts on one stage combined with humor and interaction in a frenzy of movement and color.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Professor Charles Sides (Communications Media) was featured by Sage Publications as one of three international journal editors for the webinar “How to Get Published,” a mentoring session for new scholars to develop articles and books from their dissertations. Dr. Sides has been Executive Editor of the Journal of Technical Writing and

Communication (28 years), the Baywood Technical Communication Book Series (20 years), the Routledge Series, Studies in Technical Communication, Rhetoric, and Culture (four years), and the SUNY Series, Studies in Technical Communication (four years). The webinar was viewed live by more than 4,000 participants worldwide and is available through Sage Author Events.

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