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## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Theater project draws statewide interest

Dozens of federal, state and local leaders gathered downtown on Jan. 30 for a [discussion and tour](#) of the university's transformative performing arts center that is being proposed in the heart of Main Street.

"Public universities have an important role to play in the

communities that host them," President Lapidus told the assembled guests, including representatives from more than 15 legislative districts, in addition to Congressional staff members and other state and local cultural and business leaders.

"We've seen other towns in the region enhance their communities and economies by investing in the arts and I'm so pleased to see this initiative happening now in Fitchburg," said Massachusetts House Speaker Pro Tempore Kate Hogan.

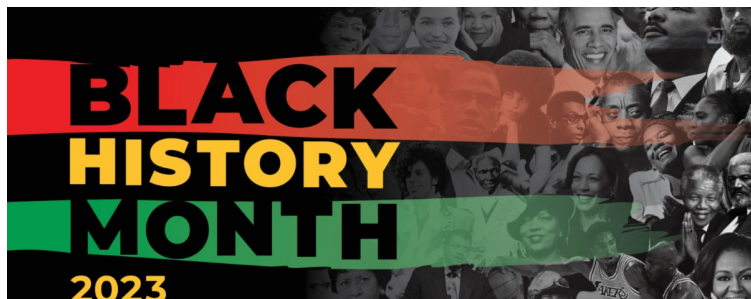
"I'm excited for the future when downtown Fitchburg is a destination for people all over Massachusetts and beyond to enjoy live entertainment and theater alongside city residents," said Mass Cultural Council Executive Director Michael J. Bobbitt. "The rehabilitation of Main Street started with a vision to use arts and culture to rebuild and rebrand, but what stands out to me most is the incredible collaboration amongst state and local leaders, the business community, the arts community, the university, and private citizens to make it happen. This is a model to be replicated across the state."

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### Black History Month continues

Fitchburg State's annual celebration of [Black History Month](#) continues this week with [events](#) organized around the theme "Black Excellence: Limitless, Boundless and Selfless."



This week's events include the [Black Table Talk](#) "What's Love Got to Do with It" at 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday**, and the [Valentine's Dinner](#) hosted by the African Student Association at 7 p.m. **Thursday**, both in the Hammond Main Lounge.

[Learn more](#)

## Benefit luncheon today to support student emergency fund

A Valentine's Day benefit luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Proceeds will support the student emergency fund. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff.



## Police program students invited to work paid traffic details in city

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest J. Martineau recently addressed police program students, saluting their commitment to joining a vital profession. And he offered them a chance to make some money along the way.

Chief Martineau invited the students to apply for his department's new civilian traffic control specialist positions, which will pay \$53 an hour to staff road details.

"I think a police officer or aspiring peace officer brings a lot to the table," Chief Martineau told the students. "What you're going to learn as future police officers is endless. You're going to learn about crisis intervention, and you're going to learn how to de-escalate a situation. Those are skills you can't put a dollar value on. You're going to be learning these skills before you put on the uniform."

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## Updated branding guidelines posted online

The [Marketing and Integrated Communications Department](#) has published new website content that describes the [identity guidelines for the university](#).

The department also offers forms for campus use when [requesting website content edits, requests for publicity, and marketing requests](#), including social media, photography, and videography requests.

[Read the guidelines](#)

## Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

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

Recent articles and slideshows include scenes from the [alumni hockey game](#), the opening



of the CenterStage gallery show [CHROMA](#) by New England Wax, and the latest visit by [therapy dogs](#) to the Hammond lounge, as well as academic scenes including Professor Sean Rollins' [medical microbiology lab](#), Professor Kelly Morgan's [advanced stage movement](#), and Professor Hong Yu's [micro embedded systems](#).

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## CenterStage and cultural events

### 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** as part of the Fitchburg State University CenterStage arts and culture series. 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](#)

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## Faculty Notes

Professor Emeritus James G. Colbert (Humanities) reports that his translation of two short works Étienne Gilson, *Mass Society and its Culture*, and Henri Gouhier, *Three Essays concerning Étienne Gilson on Bergson, Christian Philosophy, and Art*, has appeared in one volume. Gouhier was Gilson's first doctoral student, and the three essays are a mommage written after Gilson's death.

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