
Fitchburg State University Today



Listening sessions scheduled for presidential search

The [presidential search](#) process continues this week with listening sessions for members of the campus community to offer input to representatives from the search firm.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

- APA: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Kent Recital Hall
- AFSCME: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Kent Recital Hall
- Non-Unit Professionals: 11 a.m. to noon, Kent Recital Hall
- Open general session: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Ellis White Lecture Hall
- MSCA: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Ellis White Lecture Hall
- Student session: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Ellis White Lecture Hall/hybrid
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ipq-epgd-tvt>
 - Or dial: (US) +1 352-453-0784 PIN: 185 801 499#

Thursday, Dec. 7

- Board of Trustees: 8:15 to 9:45 a.m., Presidents' Hall
- Presidential Search Committee Meeting: 10 a.m. to noon, Presidents' Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- Open general session: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., fully remote
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ozw-tnfi-znk>
 - Or dial: (US) +1 318-565-6320 PIN: 802 216 302#

[Presidential Search website](#)

Speakers Series continues today

The university's Speakers Series continues today at 12:30 p.m. with a talk by Professor Sam Tobin (Game Design) entitled "Tabled: A Materialist Examination of the `Table' in Tabletop Wargames."

Join the virtual presentation [online](#).



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA presents

It's a
**Wonderful
Life**
A LIVE RADIO PLAY

by Joe Landry
Director Kelly Morgan
Associate Director Allison Thompson

December 5-9, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
December 9 & 10, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

**Free
admission**

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

Original Music and Musical Arrangements by Kevin Connors

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" debuts Tuesday

Relive a classic holiday tale like never before when Fitchburg State University's Communications Media Department presents "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" **this week.**

Written by Joe Landry and directed by **Professor Kelly Morgan** and student Allison Thompson, the classic movie is retold as a charming 1940s-themed radio show, including a live foley operator for sound effects. Experience the impressive vocal range of the actors as they play multiple characters "over the air."

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" will be performed at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday** through **Saturday**, with matinees at **2 p.m. Saturday** and **Sunday** in the Wallace Theater for the Performing Arts at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Visitors are asked to use Entrance B to access the space. Admission is free and open to the

public.

[Read more](#)

EXSS students to present posters about internship experiences on Dec. 11

The [Exercise and Sports Science Department](#) will host its end-of-semester gathering on **Monday, Dec. 11**, including a poster session where students will discuss their internship experiences.

The event will be held in the EXSS Building at 155

North St. with the poster session from 1 to 3 p.m.

The campus community is invited to view the posters and ask students about their experiences.

Please Join Us!
EXSS Student Internship
Presentations & End of
the Semester Gathering



Monday, December 11, 2023

Please join us in the EXSS Building at 555 North Street, Fitchburg, MA
Food will be served buffet style beginning at 12:30 PM.

EXSS Internship Students will be set up throughout the building with their internship posters on display from 1-3 PM. Please visit with these students and ask them any questions about their internship experience that you may have!



Don't miss this! Learn about situational awareness and how to handle a confrontation both physically and mentally. Practice realistic self-defense tactics. Have fun, learn some skills, and feel empowered!
Please dress in comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

5 PM – 7 PM | Recreation Center

ADMISSION IS FREE. Space is limited, so register today. Scan the QR code to register. ▶

FOR FEMALES



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reminder: UPD hosting self-defense workshop in February

The Fitchburg State University Police Department will be partnering with the [Vanessa T. Marcotte Foundation](#) and the [Worcester County District Attorney's Office](#) to host a two-hour self-defense workshop from **5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024** at the Athletics and Recreation Center. Admission is free but space is limited. Women who wish to participate may [register online](#). This event is open to Fitchburg State students, faculty and staff.

Learn about situational awareness and how to handle a confrontation both physically and mentally. Practice realistic self-defense tactics. Have fun, learn some skills, and feel empowered!

Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

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

Among the recent articles and slideshows, see scenes from the annual holiday [tree lighting](#), the Honors Seminar [literature fair](#) on the topic of Afro/Africanfuturism, an ALFA [ukulele class](#), and a behind-the-scenes view of [building sets](#) for this week's production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." Academic scenes include Assistant Professor Amy McGlothlin's [introduction to music technology](#) class, [chemistry seminar](#) students making their capstone presentations, and nursing students in a [pediatric healthcare](#) simulation.

[Burg Blog](#)





CenterStage and Cultural Events

This December, Fitchburg State's instrumental and vocal groups will join the North Worcester County Symphony Orchestra and other regional ensembles for A Symphonic Christmas Carol. The concert, featuring 350 musicians, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9 at Weston Auditorium.

The orchestra will perform with Fitchburg State's Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Concert Band, and the concert will also include the Nashoba Valley Chorus, the Westford Chorus, the Greater Gardner Community Choir, and Perfect Alibi.

Tickets are free for Fitchburg State staff and students, and may be requested online by contacting info@nwcsorchestra.org. If you're looking to buy tickets for non-university guests, tickets are \$15 to \$30 and may be ordered online. To reserve your complimentary university ticket alongside paying guests, please contact

info@nwcsorchestra.org and indicate the number and pricing tier you wish to purchase:

- VIP Seating: \$30
- Senior Seating: \$20
- Student (non-Fitchburg State) Seating: \$15
- Adult Seating: \$25

Learn more about Fitchburg State's offerings at fitchburgstate.edu/music.

Choral Kaleidoscope on Dec. 5 features university, high school singers

The university choirs will be joined by voices from local high school groups when the campus presents its "Choral Kaleidoscope" concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Weston Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

"The Choral Kaleidoscope is a beautiful annual event where we invite area high school choirs to collaborate here on the Fitchburg State campus," said **Associate Professor Jonathan Harvey** (Humanities), who conducts the Fitchburg State choral program.

For this concert, the university choirs will be joined by the choirs of Fitchburg High School, Leominster High School, and Murdock High School, performing a variety of music from different global traditions.

Fitchbyrds perform on Dec. 6

The Fitchbyrds, Fitchburg State University's modern jazz band, will present its fall concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Kent Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Directed by **Assistant Professor Amy McGlothlin**, the concert will feature students Joseph Ditavi, Joshua Leaffer, Christian Surette, Emjay Hanson, Jack Dancause, Tommy Adler-Mandile, Ronan Cords, Owen Thayer, and Christopher Shaddock, with faculty members Joseph Wachtel, Rala Diakite, Paul Luria and Paula Luria.

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: Faculty Show

The annual [Faculty Show](#) is on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through Dec. 15, featuring work by faculty members **Sarah Bromberg, Petri Flint, Jason Flynn, Robert**

Harris, Jon Krasner, Hanna Melnyczuk, Sally Moore, Andrea Olmstead, Jessica Robey, Britt Snyder, Donald Tarallo, and Jeff Warmouth. The film screening will include work by faculty members Rachelle Dermer, Robert Harris and Kevin McCarthy.

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