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## Fitchburg State University Today

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### Open House season begins

The 2022 recruitment cycle is in full swing. On Saturday the campus welcomed hundreds of visitors for its first in-person [open house](#) of the fall.

Guests visited with academic departments and campus offices at Hammond Hall before attending information sessions at Weston Auditorium, including a panel talk with students who described their experiences at Fitchburg State. Visitors then went to additional information sessions across campus, followed by lunch and campus tours.



Additional open houses are scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 30** and **Saturday, Nov. 13**. Learn more at the Admissions [visit page](#).

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### LGBTQ+ History Month observances continue

Fitchburg State's celebration of [LGBTQ+ History Month](#), a series of gatherings, film screenings and participatory events developed around the theme "We Are Here," continues this week.

**Tonight at 7 p.m.** there will be a screening of the film *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. In 1993, after teenage Cameron is caught in the backseat of a car with the prom queen, she is sent away to a treatment center in a remote area called God's Promise. While she is being subjected to questionable gay conversion therapies, she bonds with some fellow residents as they pretend to go along with the process while waiting to be released.

The events continue from **10 a.m. to 2**

# We Are Everywhere!

## Homecoming 2021: Rainbow Reception LGBTQ+ & ALLY ALUMNI EVENT

October 1 | 4 - 6 PM | Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
\$10 Alumni / FREE Students, Faculty & Staff  
Join us for an evening of networking and story telling with current and former Fitchburg Students, Faculty and Staff. This event kicks off the month with a parade of flags that represent the different communities that make up the LGBTQ+ world. Those 21+ will be more than welcome to enjoy their favorite drink at the bar. **Seating is required.** Fitchburg State is a fully inclusive institution. Sponsored by OFFICE OF ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT



**Monday Movie: Moonlight**  
October 4 | 7 PM  
Hammond Hall, Ellis White Lecture Hall  
Based on the unpublished play in Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue by Tarell Alvin McCraney, this film tells the story of a young black man coming to grips with his homosexual feelings. It was the first film with an entirely African American cast and the first with a homosexual main character to win the Academy Award for Best Picture.

## National Lesbian Day

October 8 | Celebrate on social media!  
Instagram: @fhs\_gsa / Facebook: fhsuga

## National Coming Out Day

October 11 | Celebrate on social media!  
Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ). This year we will mark the 32nd anniversary of National Coming Out Day through social media posts with heartfelt stories of coming out.



**Monday Movie: Saturday Church**  
October 11 | 7 PM  
Hammond Hall, Ellis White Lecture Hall  
Damon Cardak features the debut Saturday Church is a fictionalized depiction of the "batroom" scene in New York, and how it operates as a safety net in a cruel and indifferent world. In the opening scenes a family is distraught and daunted with grief as their patriarch was killed in combat.

## LGBTQ+ History BINGO

October 13 | 7 PM  
Hammond Hall, Falcon Hub  
Join us for Gay Straight Alliance and the Fitchburg Activities Board as we learn about LGBTQ+ History while having a chance to win some great prizes! Those 21+ are welcome to enjoy their favorite drink at the bar. Sponsored by GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE & FITCHBURG ACTIVITIES BOARD



**Monday Movie: The Miseducation of Cameron Post**  
October 18 | 7 PM  
Hammond Hall, Ellis White Lecture Hall  
In 2003 after teenage Cameron is caught in the backseat of a car with the prom queen, she is sent away to a treatment center in a remote area called Sky's Promise. While she is being subjected to questionable gay conversion therapies, she bonds with some fellow residents as they pretend to go along with the process while waiting to be released.

## International Pronouns Day

October 20 | 10 AM - 2 PM  
Hammond Hall, G-Lobby Table Area  
International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. All are encouraged to pick up your pronoun pin as a way to support the usage of proper pronouns on campus and everyday. Sponsored by CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS & GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE



## Outside the XY: Queer, Black & Brown Masculinity

October 21 | 3:30 PM | Virtual Event  
Scan QR to enter Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 873 822 1957 / One tap mobile: 1007995200, 8738221957 US (Washington DC)  
Join us as we commemorate LGBTQ+ History Month with Bklyn Boihood's Outside the XY: Queer, Black and Brown Masculinity. The session will cover the anthology of more than 50 stories, memories, poems, ideas, essays and letters--all meaning what it looks like, feels like, and is like to inhabit masculinity outside of cisgendered manhood as people of color.  
Sponsored by CENTER FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS



**Monday Movie: Paris is Burning**  
October 25 | 7 PM  
Hammond Hall, Ellis White Lecture Hall  
Paris is Burning is a 1990 American documentary film directed by James Longten. Filmed in the mid to late 1980s, it chronicles the ball culture of New York City and the African-American, Latino, gay, and transgender communities involved within it.

## A Night of Voguing

October 27 | 7 PM | Weston Auditorium  
Join us for a night of Voguing: The House of Escada, from HBO Max's Legendary, will have you gagging with their Grand March followed by a workshop that will teach the audience the five elements of Voguing/ Ball Culture: Face, Runway, Duck Walk, Hands, and the famous Drop and Spin. A second Grand March between the House of Escada and Fitchburg State will culminate the evening with trophies being given and crowning the reigning House.  
Sponsored by LEADING FOR CHANGE & GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE



**Second Chance Dance: Your True Colors**  
October 30 | 7 PM | Hammond Hall, Main Lounge  
A second chance dance is a do-over dance for those who didn't get a chance to attend their high school prom as their true authentic selves, to attend with who they wanted to, or who fell as though they weren't allowed. The goal is to allow everyone to present the way they want in a safe place with a masquerade theme and have fun. Dress in your favorite color that expresses who you are! Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and local GSA's are invited to attend.  
Sponsored by GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE & STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## Other happenings this month ...

- Crane Art Display / Hammond Hall Grand Staircase
- Social Media Campaign: What's that Flag? Instagram: @fhs\_gsa / Facebook: fhsuga



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p.m. Wednesday with our observation of International Pronouns Day, which seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. All are encouraged to pick up your pronoun pin as a way to support the usage of proper pronouns on campus and everyday. This event is sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness and Gay Straight Alliance.

The programs move [online](#) at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with a discussion of Bklyn Boihood's "Outside the XY Queer, Black and Brown Masculinity." The session will cover Outside the XY, an anthology of more than 50 stories, memories, poems, ideas, essays and letters--all examining what it looks like, feels like, and is like to inhabit masculinity outside of cisgendered manhood as people of color in the world. This event is sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness.

[See the month's events](#)

## NECHE self-study draft posted and ready for review

The [draft narrative](#) for the university's New England Commission of Higher Education ([NECHE](#)) self-study has been [posted](#) for campus review.

The narrative was drafted by the seven standard committees with additional work and review by the Steering Committee and the self-study editor. These standard committees were populated with 90 campus representatives of staff, faculty and students. In addition, NECHE co-chairs and committees reached out to other campus colleagues for specific information and input. All standard committees held information sessions in April that were open to the campus community. For a full list of committee members, visit the [NECHE 2022 website](#).

The final self-study will be sent to NECHE in January and the visiting team will be on campus **March 20-23, 2022**.

Members of the campus community can provide feedback on the draft narrative by **Monday, Nov. 1** by emailing [NECHE2022@fitchburgstate.edu](mailto:NECHE2022@fitchburgstate.edu) or by contacting NECHE Self-Study Co-Chairs [Cathy Canney](#) and [Daneen Deptula](#) or by directly emailing Standard Committee co-chairs.



## NECHE Self-Study Draft Narrative

October 4, 2021

## Information sessions for study abroad set



Students can learn more about upcoming study abroad opportunities and information sessions this week.

- An [information session](#) about Professor Eric Budd's planned Spring Break trip to [Ireland](#) will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday.
- There will be an information session for Professor Chris Picone's planned trip to Costa Rica in Summer 2022 at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. The session will be held

in SCI 217 and will also be [streamed online](#).

Students should also be advised that scholarship support is available for faculty-led study abroad trips through [Academic Works](#). The deadline to apply is **this Friday**. Questions can also be directed to the [Office of International Education](#).

## Falcons Supporting Falcons initiative returns this fall

Once again, the university will run its Falcons Supporting Falcons initiative to check-in with first-year students and direct them to any resources they may need.

Volunteers from the staff and faculty will be asked to contact first-year students and will be presented with scripts and frequently asked questions to help guide the conversations, along with information about referring students to university services.



Those interested in volunteering are asked to fill out [this form](#) by **this Friday**.

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## Resources available to create accessible outreach to students

The [Disability Services Office](#) has created a [web page](#) about creating accessible outreach to students. From newsletters to emails and social media posts, it's important that content is created that will comply with accessibility requirements. The new page contains valuable information and links on how to make content that will serve all users.

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## Center for Italian Culture film series continues this week

The [Center for Italian Culture](#) at Fitchburg State, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2021, continues its Italian film festival this week.

The film *Noi eravamo* (2017) will screen at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday** in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building.

Set in Italy's Veneto region during the last months of the

First World War, *Noi eravamo* (“We were”) recounts the stories of the sons and daughters of Italian emigrants who returned to volunteer as pilots and nurses in Italy’s struggle against the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

This film was inspired by Fiorello La Guardia, the son of Italian emigrants, who was among the volunteers who came to fight in Europe, and who later became one of the most famous mayors of New York City.

The *Festival del cinema italiano* is sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture with the generous support of the Italian Consulate General in Boston.

[Learn more](#)



## University supports ongoing downtown redevelopment



President Lapidus represented the university when the new proprietors of the Moran Square Diner in downtown Fitchburg celebrated their grand opening last week.

The diner has been a local landmark for decades. Chef Andy Willoughby said he hopes to bring a farm-to-table sensibility to traditional diner fare.

The renaissance of the diner was supported by a host of state and local organizations, including [ReImagine North of Main](#), which is based in the ideaLab within the Theater Block.

## CenterStage and cultural events

In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: "Terrestrial Magnetism" by Jenn Houle

The Fitchburg State CenterStage arts and culture series features "Terrestrial Magnetism," an exhibit of the work of artist [Jenn Houle](#), through Dec. 10 in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery.

Houle will present an artist talk at the gallery at 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3.**

Houle is a visual artist with a studio based on her property in Merrimac surrounded by her pollinator gardens. She has held artist residencies in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Vermont Studio Center, and the Plumbing Museum. Houle is a grant recipient from the Puffin Foundation, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Cornell Council for the Arts, Einaudi Foundation, and John Hartell Graduate Award for Art and Architecture.



Houle currently teaches at Fitchburg State, UMass Lowell and Montserrat College of Art. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art and a Master of Fine Arts from Cornell University.

### **Coming Soon: In the Holiday Mood with The Glenn Miller Orchestra**

The Fitchburg State CenterStage series invites you to get “In the Holiday Mood” with the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra at **7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5** at Weston Auditorium.

Tickets are \$28 for adults; \$25 for Fitchburg State alumni, seniors and staff; and \$5 for students, and may be purchased [online](https://fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage) at [fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage](https://fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage) or by calling the Weston Box Office at 978.665.3347. The box office, located at Weston Auditorium, is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

## **Faculty Notes**

Professor Sanjay Kaul (Engineering Technology) will speak as part of the department's new Visionaries in Engineering & Technology speakers series. Professor Kaul will present "[Management, Sustainability, and Green Economy](#)" at **2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9** in Presidents' Hall.



**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
*Visionaries in Engineering & Technology: Speaker Series*  
**Management, Sustainability, and Green Economy**



Presenter: Professor Sanjay Kaul, PhD

Prof. Kaul has degrees in Energy Engineering and Energy Management & Policy from IIT, India and University of Pennsylvania, USA. His areas of interest include Renewable Energy Systems, Sustainable Mobility, Sustainable Development and Appropriate Technology, Energy Politics in Developing Countries, Energy Management Problems, Environmental Energy Systems, Distance Learning.

He is a Professor in the Department of Engineering Technology. His focus is on crucial issues in renewable energy and global energy decisions and as Fulbright senior specialist, he developed a program on renewable and sustainable development for the European Union. He has lectured on various topics of Energy in Portugal, Japan, China, Germany, Nepal, & India. Dr. Kaul has authored two books on energy technology and policy.

**Tuesday, November 9th, 2021**  
**2:00PM - 3:00 PM**  
**Presidents' Hall, Mazzaferro Center**

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