



129TH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

UNDERGRADUATE SPRING CEREMONY

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Fitchburg State University and to this joyous occasion—the undergraduate ceremony of our 129th commencement exercises. We come together today to celebrate an extraordinary milestone: the culmination of hard work, perseverance, and academic excellence in pursuit of a college degree. Graduation is not only a testament to the remarkable achievements of our students, but a reflection of the strength and support they each receive from this incredible community.

I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. Since my arrival last year, I have had the privilege of experiencing firsthand the warmth, dedication, and agility that define Fitchburg State. I have been inspired by the stories of resilience and determination shared by so many of you, and I am deeply honored to stand with you on this momentous day.

To our graduates, this ceremony is a celebration of your dedication and achievement. Each of you has embarked on a journey marked by intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and an unwavering commitment to your goals. You have embraced challenges, explored diverse perspectives, and developed skills that will empower you to make a meaningful impact on the world. Today's ceremony is a reflection of your hard work, and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished.

This celebration is also for the many others who have been part of your journey. To the families and loved ones who have encouraged, supported, and cheered you on, thank you for being the foundation that has helped these graduates succeed. To our dedicated faculty, librarians, and staff, your passion for teaching, commitment to your disciplines, willingness to mentor and support our Fitchburg State students has made today possible. Today, we celebrate all of you as well.

Graduates, as you prepare to begin the next chapter of your lives, know that your education will be a foundation for endless possibilities. It is not merely a culmination but a beginning—a powerful tool to help you navigate myriad opportunities and challenges ahead. You leave Fitchburg State equipped to innovate, problem-solve, and lead. Embrace this next adventure with courage and confidence, and know that the lessons you've learned here will remain with you as you shape a future for yourself, for your families, and for your communities.

On behalf of the entire university, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. May your future be filled with success, happiness, and fulfillment. As you go forth, always remember that Fitchburg State will remain a home for you, a place that celebrates your achievements and supports your dreams.

With warmest wishes and deepest pride,



Donna Hodge
President



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Undergraduate Spring Ceremony

Presiding

Dr. Donna Hodge, President of the University

Prelude Music

Innovata Brass

“Fanfare from La Peri,” composed by Paul A. Dukas

Master of Ceremonies for the Processional

Dr. Charles H. Sides

Professor of Communications Media

Processional

Innovata Brass

“Pomp and Circumstance,” composed by Edward W. Elgar

Presentation of University Mace and Faculty Gonfalon

Dr. DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld

Professor of English Studies

2024 recipient of the Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship

Dr. Laura Garofoli

Professor of Psychological Science

2024 recipient of the Faculty Award for Service

Dr. Monica Maldari

Professor of Exercise and Sports Science

2024 recipient of the Vincent J. Mara Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Robert Shapiro

Professor of Education

2024 recipient of the Contributions to the Graduate Program Award

Call to Order

Dr. Patricia A. Marshall

Provost and Executive Vice President

The Star-Spangled Banner

Fitchburg State University Chamber Choir

“The Star-Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key

Fitchburg State University Student Veterans

Greetings from the Fitchburg Chapter of the MSCA

Ms. Linda LeBlanc

Senior Librarian and Library Program Area Chair

Reflections from the President & Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Dr. Donna Hodge

Commencement Address

Peter H. Reynolds '83

Robert V. & Jeanne S. Antonucci Student Leadership Award

Alexia Perez-Lucas

Musical Interlude

Innovata Brass "Variations on a Theme of Haydn," by Johannes Brahms

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Donna Hodge

Dr. Michael Fiorentino Jr., Chair,
Board of Trustees

Dr. Franca R. Barricelli
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Degree Name Readers

Dr. Laura M. Garofoli, Professor of Psychological Science

Dr. Erin M. Rehrig, Professor of Biology

Dr. Daniel Sarefield, Professor of History

Dr. David Weiss, Professor of Criminal Justice

Greetings from Alumni

Mr. John Garten, Class of 1989
President, Alumni Association

Alma Mater

Fitchburg State University Chamber Choir

"In Old Wachusett's Shadow"

composed by Ms. Priscilla (Taylor) McLean, Class of 1963

Induction

Dr. Donna Hodge

Recessional

Innovata Brass

"Allegro Maestoso," composed by George Frideric Handel

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Commencement reception on the Hammond Plaza following the recessional. Those who are able are asked to stand for the processional, national anthem, alma mater, and recessional, and to remain in place until the faculty have recessed.

Student Government Association Seniors

Mr. Matthew Gill, Student Trustee
 Mr. Michael Burns, SGA President
 Mr. Christian Dedier, SGA Vice President
 Mr. Elliot Olynciw-Olkuski, SGA Treasurer
 Ms. Aline Salles, SGA Secretary
 Ms. Selma Martey, Senior Committee Chair

2025 Commonwealth Honors Scholars' Thesis Projects

Maryam Ashraf, *Endurance in an Emergency: A Nurse's Role in a Disaster Event*
 Jarrod D. Bowser, *The Business of Being an Influencer on YouTube*
 Macey J. Bridge, *Nurse-led Triage in the Emergency Department- Challenges and Improvements: A Literature Review*
 Dana E. Cisowski, *A Systematic Review of Interventions to Promote Intercollegiate Student-Athlete Mental Health and Well-Being*
 Oliver S. Cookson, *Allotstake: Private Investment for All*
 Cristal D. Crespo, *Women as Executives: How Deep is the Underrepresentation?*
 Luke J. Donabedian, *Head in the Clouds*
 Emily B. Dwyer, *The Effects of Parent Training on Children's Use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Systems*
 Carolina E. Dykes, *Appellate Brief: 5th Amendment & 1st Amendment Rights*
 Oliver K. Eason, *Evolution of Film Lighting*
 Autumn D. Garceau, *Effects of Competition Order in Elite Gymnastics*
 Avyah M. Gooding, *The Absence of Racial Diversity in Leadership Roles in U.S. Hospitals*
 Joshua D. Iacoboni, *Email Filter Powered by a Local Large Language Model*
 Emily F. Klein, *The Effects of Climate Change-Induced Wildfires on Soil*
 Isabel E. Lemek, *Making Waves: Glass Cullet as a Sand Alternative for Beach Renourishment*
 Tonia M. Magras, *do you remember me?*
 Matthew K. Messina, *Quiet Hours*
 Jayd N. Moreau, *Economic Recessions and the Accounting Profession: How Financial Reporting Contributes to Economic Downturns*
 Caitlin E. Moriarty, *Speaking Up: How Educators Prepare for and Respond to Censorship*
 Jessica G. Patel, *Grit Interventions: A Question of General Effectiveness and Cultural Relevance*
 Jonah David Charles Pishkin, *Meanwhile, In Downtown Vermont*
 Taylor E. Senecal, *The Impact of Athletic Season on Academic Performance: A Comparison of In-Season and Off-Season Academic Performance in Division III Collegiate Student-Athletes*
 Nicholas Valdez Bojorquez, *Hispanic Immigrant Households and Bicultural Identity in Second-Generation Americans*

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

ENGLISH STUDIES

◆★ Nicholas Valdez-Bojorquez
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

HISTORY

★★ Kadriana Aliyah Colon
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Bachelor of Science

COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

★★ Jeremy Nathan Allik
NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS

Dave Appolon
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Roy M. Benson
MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Rebecca Lynn Biederman
NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★★ Catherine A. Bosse
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ McKenzie Elizabeth Calvao
SOUTH DENNIS, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Nicholas Anthony Castillo
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Aidan John Cattelan
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Henry David Christiansen
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Amber Nicole Dalicandro
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Raffael A. DeFeo
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Joseph Matthew DiCrosta
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Maurice Galen Dingle
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

◆★★ Luke J. Donabedian
METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

◆★★★ Oliver Kenneth Eason II
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Rick S. Edwards
STERLING, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Christopher J. Emslie
NORTH YORK, ONTARIO

★ Molly Jane Flanagan
HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Adam Lorenzo Fournier
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Tyler J. Garten
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Morgan Gilbert-Koff
MARSTONS MILLS, MASSACHUSETTS

Riley Francis Gonynor
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Colby James Hairston
MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Emjay Hanson
GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Desmond Antonio Hart
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jonathan Wesley Kamal
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★★★ Victoria M Kioldbasa
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Kyle J. Lindfors
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Ania Catherine MacIndewar
MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

Emily Claire Maestri
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

◆★★★ Tonia Monique Magras
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Esther Maia
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Isaiah A. Manuel
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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SALISBURY, MARYLAND

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HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS

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WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Emily E. Phillips
MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Seth Ellis Rigby
CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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WARE, MASSACHUSETTS

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GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

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Jullys Souza Jr.
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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

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★★★ Derek Michael Tirrell
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★★ Jiovanni N. Walker
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- ◆★★★★ Crista D'Salome Crespo
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★★★ Jordan Joanne Gaj
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- ★★ Israa Majeed
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- Tony Manu
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- Patricia Rose Marabello
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Ella Catherine Marshall
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- ★ Isabella Rene Mathis
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NEW WINDSOR, NEW YORK
- ★ Cameron Joseph May
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- Collin James McKenzie
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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Derek John Milliken
SOUTH EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Samantha G. Mirra
BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Mick Edward Mitrano
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Cameron J. Monette
WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Dennise Montejo
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ◆★★★ Jayd N. Moreau
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Bruno Moreira
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Brendan Floyd Morrison
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- Dillon Robert Murphy
MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
- Michael Nazzaro
STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ An Nguyen
ORANGE, MASSACHUSETTS

- ★★ Dayanara A. Ordonez
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Paridhi Pariwala
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Maxwell O. Parvey
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- Ericko Vitch Paul
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Kendra A. Peretzman
RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Samantha Allison Peters
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- Katherine Ramirez Oller
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS
- Dennis Junior Regis
STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Yessenia Carmen Rosa
NORTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Eric Jay Rosado
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Emily L. Sandberg
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- ★★★ Gabriel Amner Santiago
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Joeliza Santos
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
- Tyler Sar
ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Frederick K. Siayor
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Daniel Siwik
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jack Alexander Smethurst
GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Meng Song
PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA
- ★★ Hannah E. Stewart
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Benjamin Grant Stormwind
LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Javon Taylor
SAUGUS, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Julia Nicole Theriault
LITCHFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
- Kristen J. Wark
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Connor James Williams
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Logan A. Wilson
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jacob Zamorano
LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- ★ Ethan C. Amadon
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Todd Luis Armstrong
BALDWINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Miranda Isabel Champion
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ William Walter Paul Gerlach
AYER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Liam M. Goldstein
CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
- ◆★★ Joshua D. Iacoboni
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jurgen Kola
TIRANE, ALBANIA
- ★★ Robert B. Ovalle
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ William Joseph Raymond
ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Michael Alexander Rene
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Joshua Atemkeng
PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS
- Kenneth A. Campbell
SOUTH DENNIS, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Glenda Iris Franco
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Joseph P. Hartnett
NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Casey Anthony LaCombe
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Nathan T. Malicki
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- ★★ Robin Elizabeth Morris
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Michael Christopher Omeara
HARWICH PORT, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Masrur Ahmed Sami
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- Morrilyn Blessed Savice
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Luke Y. Speers
◆ *Mathematics*
COLLEGEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
- ★★★ Miles A. Sullivan
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CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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NORTH BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

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Jacob C. Moody
BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Ali Ouedraogo
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ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

★ Ginneta Abaidoo
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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Rashad J. Kidd
DORCHESTER CENTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Ricky Le
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★★ Eridon Mehmeti
SHKODER, ALBANIA

★★★ Bhim Prasad Mishra
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

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OCCUPATIONAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Heather Lynn Gray
ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ David Robert Marriott
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★★ Rafael Rodriguez
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★★★ Gabriel Laudalino Teixeira
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★★★ Matthew James Theodore
MASHPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Frances M. Williams
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Julie Anne Woods
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

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EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Sydney Rose Alto
CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Vivienne Joy Charpentier
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Olivia R. Hood
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Catherine L. Ireland
TROY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★★ Bobbie Jo LeBlanc
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Devin Lora
CANTON, GEORGIA

★★★ Chemlah M. MacNeil
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Abigail Rakip
SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Emmalee Elizabeth Warren
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Bachelor of Science in Education

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Patricia Lorraine Cudmore
NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Kayla V. Dwyer
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★ Leah M. Faria
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Paige Genevieve Gengler
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

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★★ Allison N. Hamel
OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Shianne U. Harewood
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Caileen Corrine Hurley
WHITMAN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Taylor Jolynn Kerins
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★★ Mackenzie E. Leveille
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WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Shania Rodriguez Acevedo
WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Sydney Theresa Sartell
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★★★ Arabella May Sauer
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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Abigail L. Floyd
PHILLIPSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Natalie Gisselle Garcia
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Morgan M. Genness
BELGRADE, MAINE
- ★★ Mallory Kay Judkins
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Alexa Wray Marchand
HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Neyalee M. Natal
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Stalyn Quinones Jr.
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- ★★ Lucianna Yasmeen Rawlinson
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Alyssa Rebecca St. Cyr
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- ★★ Amber R. Camp
PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS
- ◆★★★ Emily B. Dwyer
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Abigail B. Hampson
JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
- ★★ Sarah Ann LeBlanc
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Kelley N. McNamara
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

School of Health & Natural Sciences

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BIOLOGY

- ★ Tiffany Abirafie Agyepong
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- Olivia M. DeLuco
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Fernandez-Scherington
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GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT
- Haylee Sue Girouard
DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS
- Rachel May Herskovitz
TEMPLETON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Catherine A. Jean
SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

- ★★ Marina Odette Kamayou
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- ★ Sydney L. Kelly
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- Isabella Kayser King
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- Nobaleigh Laraba
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★ Carlos Pineda
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Mason Primrose
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

Kaya Tatyana Scarela
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Jocelyn Tiara Sok
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Brandt Lee St. Gelais
MELROSE, NEW YORK

ENVIRONMENTAL AND

EARTH SCIENCE

- ★ Selena Nicole Bode
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Kyle M. Godek
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
- ◆★★★ Emily Frances Klein
CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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- Alyssa Lee Beaulieu
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GERMANTOWN, NEW YORK
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GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Peter David Sheppard
ASHLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

MATHEMATICS

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FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Tyrian Hobbs
HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Luke Y. Speers
❖ *Computer Science*
COLLEGEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

NURSING

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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Tasmine Serwah
Konadu Agyepong
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Cynthia Amoabeng
DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Georgina Amoah-Dankwah
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★★ Samantha Elizabeth Arruda
FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Stephanie Arruda
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★ Pratima Basnet
MARSTONS MILLS, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Sarah Elizabeth Blanchette
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★★ Rachel Karen Capone
QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

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★ Ashley Morgan Girouard
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BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Daysi Tamara Gonzales
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★★★ Suzanne L. Hart
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★★★ Lisa Marie Hedges
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★★ Erick W. Inyanga
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★★ Rosemary Ireni
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Sarah Eve James
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GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

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WARE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Alanna Reese MacMillan
BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Cassandra Tani Martell
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★★ Addo Mensah-Frimpong
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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EAST DUMMERSTON, VERMONT

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DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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★ Lissette Adriana Ortega
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★★ Tori Elizabeth Palmerino
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★★★ Patrick Kwesi Pecku
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Alyssa Rose Pimentel
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★★ Jennifer L. Rivera
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★ Tiana Rodriguez
EAST WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Nana Achiaa Sam
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TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Hana Marie Valikangas
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Kaylyn Nicole Violette
AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Rafaela Lapenda Pires Ward
NOKOMIS, FLORIDA
- *** Rym Zebar
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PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

- Madison Elizabeth Araujo
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- Micayla Winter Bilsbury
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- * Hannah Moon Burns
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- ** Ariana Lee Butler
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Kaitlyn Byington
AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS
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- Aria Nicole DiCato
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- Alyssa Ellsworth
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- ** Alexandra Granchelli
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- ** Calvin Carvalho Guillaume
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Rylie Jules Harlow
HANSON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Sophiana Hem
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
- *** Elizabeth Ann Herget
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- *** Brianna M. Hernandez
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- Kimberly Jean-Louis
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- ** Skyler N. Lafrennie
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- *** Dylan G. LeBlanc
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ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Julianna Leigh Palmer
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- ◆*** Jessica Ganpat Patel
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GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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WAYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
- Nicole Salacinski
CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Zipporah Anim Sampomaa
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Neisa Cassandra Santos
KINGSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jacob S. Scholefield
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- ** Henry Roger Spero
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Nashani K. Swain
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LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Ketty Guillaumette
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Agnes Imbrah
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
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- Bianca Christie Litus
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Selma Maria Martey
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- ** Rita J. Pires
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- * Freda S. Sarfo
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- Victoria L. Ta
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Peter H. Reynolds '83 **Author / Illustrator**

Peter H. Reynolds '83 is a beloved *New York Times* #1 bestselling author/illustrator with over eighty titles to his name, including *The Dot*, *Our Table*, *The Word Collector*, *Happy Dreamer*, *Be You*, *Going Places*, *I Am Peace*, and *Love You By Heart*. He is also the illustrator of the Judy Moody & Stink series.

Reynolds graduated from Fitchburg State with a degree in graphic design and joined the start-up educational software development firm, Tom Snyder Productions, in Cambridge, Mass., as an artist, illustrator, storyteller, and VP/Creative Director.

After helping grow the firm into a multi-million dollar enterprise, TSP was acquired, and Reynolds used his share of proceeds to found Boston-based educational media and interactive developer FableVision Studios. The digital media/interactive design agency has been creating positive media, storytelling, and tech-powered learning tools for clients such as PBS Kids, Smithsonian Institution, Sesame Workshop, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Jim Henson Company, Maryland Public Television, Scholastic, and National Geographic.

His non-profit Reynolds Center for Teaching, Learning, and Creativity provides creativity programs to teachers and students, and also oversees International Dot Day—a global celebration of creativity, which has attracted over 31 million in 190+ countries.

In 2007, Reynolds received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Fitchburg State University, in recognition of his "substantial contributions to education and the arts."

Reynolds was a recipient of the Visionary Award by the Association of American Publishers Learning Group, which celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments of the learning resource industry, and the ongoing mission of helping every child receive a world class education.

Reynolds also founded the independent bookshop The Blue Bunny nearly two decades ago in his hometown of Dedham, Mass., where he is often found sipping coffee and signing books.



ANTONUCCI STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Alexia Perez-Lucas **B.A. in Political Science**

Alexia Perez-Lucas is graduating with a degree in political science, with minors in international studies and criminal justice. Throughout her undergraduate career, Perez-Lucas has engaged with rigorous coursework, including legal research and writing, international relations, comparative politics, global

issues, moot court, and American foreign policy.

Beyond her academic pursuits, she actively seeks opportunities to apply her skills and contribute to her community. She currently serves as a shelter support worker at Making Opportunities Count in Westminster, where she plays a vital role in ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for residents. This experience underscores her commitment to service and her ability to handle sensitive situations with empathy and discretion.

Her commitment to education extends beyond her university studies. As a teacher's assistant at Frances Drake Elementary School in Leominster, she supported a classroom of 23 students by maintaining a clean and organized environment, distributing learning materials, and assisting the lead teacher with supervision and rule enforcement. This early experience demonstrates her dedication to fostering a positive and productive learning atmosphere.

Further enriching her understanding of the legal field, she completed an internship at the Worcester County District Attorney's Office in Fitchburg. This immersive experience provided her with firsthand exposure to the day-to-day operations of the criminal justice system in Massachusetts. She actively participated in case preparation, conducted legal research, and engaged with legal professionals, gaining invaluable insights and building important connections.

Her dedication to academic excellence and leadership is evident through her numerous awards and honors, including the Outstanding Student in Political Science Award this academic year, along with repeat appearances on the university's Dean's List.

With her robust academic background, practical experiences, and dedication to making a meaningful impact, Alexia Perez-Lucas is poised to make significant contributions in her future endeavors. She plans to continue her education at the graduate level in the future.

2024 FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS



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2023	Jannette M. McMenemy	2020	Paul I. Weizer	2017	Kelly C. Morgan
2022	Kisha G. Tracy	2019	Randy P. Howe	2016	Meledath Govindan
2021	Elizabeth S. Gordon	2018	Beth Walsh	2015	Benjamin A. Railton



**Faculty Award
for Research and Scholarship**

Recipients are faculty with a meritorious record of academic research, creative activity, scholarship, and mastery of subject matter. The awardees characterize the essence of teacher scholars who draw on the research and scholarship to uniform and improve student learning through shared study, experimentation and analysis.

**Dr. DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld, 2024 Recipient
Professor, English Studies**

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2023	Adem Y. Elveren	2020	Catherine Buell	2017	Teresa Fava Thomas
2022	Samuel F. Tobin	2019	Kisha G. Tracy	2016	Eric N. Budd
2021	Michael J. Hove	2018	Katherine Rye Jewell	2015	Jeffrey E. Warmouth



Contributions to the Graduate Program Award

The award recognizes graduate faculty who have a sustained record of teaching, mentoring and advising graduate students. These faculty awardees have demonstrated a remarkable generosity and commitment to fostering the intellectual, creative, scholarly and professional growth of students who are pursuing the university's highest academic degrees, and nurture a community of intellectual engagement in which they thrive.

Dr. Robert Shapiro, 2024 Recipient
Associate Professor, Education

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2023	Daniel C. Sarefield	2020	Daneen P. Deptula	2017	Chola Chisunka
2022	Xuzhou "Brady" Chen	2019	Joseph E. McAloon	2016	Nancy L. Murray
2021	James P. Alicata	2018	John M. Hancock	2015	Harry Semerjian



Faculty Award for Service

The award honors faculty who have demonstrated superior service to the academy, the university, and our broad community. Recipients have a distinguished and prolonged level of involvement and are exemplary university citizens who have applied their role as good stewards of place to improve student learning and the quality of life for both our campus and our wide-ranging community.

Dr. Laura Garofoli, 2024 Recipient
Professor, Psychological Science

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2023	Danielle Wigmore	2020	jenn berg	2018	Megan M. Krell
2022	Sean C. Goodlett	2019	Eric N. Budd	2017	Elizabeth S. Gordon
2021	Meledath Govindan				

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES

Our thanks to all our alumni who are participating.

Greetings

1989	John Garten
	President of the Alumni Association

Alumni Gonfaloniere

2018	Seferine A. Baez
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Alumni Representatives

1953	Daniel G. O'Connor
1971, 1985	David A Iannaccone
1983	Francine Meigs
1988	Darlene M. Vittori-Marsell
1990	Suzanne Garten
1990	Dawn M. Morton
1992, 2002	Paula J. Stefanakos
1994	Amy E.M. Burgraff
1995, 2021	Anthony A. Crowley
1995	Michael S. O'Brien
1995, 2002	Sherisa M. Sterling
2002	Coelynn E. McNinch
2011	Eric A. Gregoire
2011	Nicholas D. Smith
2011, 2020	Jasmine L. Yang
2022	Erin M. Flayhan
2024	Juliette F. Laford
2024	Tess H. Mason-DiBurgo

REGALIA

The origins of academic dress lie uncertainly in 13th-century England, when Edward III granted a charter to the University of Oxford. A close connection between the university and the church (the chancellor was the bishop's representative) may explain why illustrations depict the members of Oxford wearing gowns resembling clerical cassocks—closed in front and reaching the ground all around. Like the more lavishly trimmed ecclesiastical vestments, costume for advanced degrees was more elaborate.

A more practical reason than religious concurrence may have also prompted the adoption of long gowns. The buildings frequented by medieval scholars were cold and often damp, and so robes (particularly with hoods to protect tonsured heads) may have been worn more for warmth than fashion. The distinctive gown nevertheless set the student apart from his fellow citizens. As late as the Civil War, students at American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. Whatever the origin, academic regalia grew in diversity and splendor, with scholars displaying distinctive costumes for different occasions and achievements. The result was a bewildering variety of designs.

An intercollegiate commission met at Columbia University in 1894 to establish a standard academic costume code, and over the years it has been revised by an official committee of the American Council on Education. The committee's prescriptions, while regulating, still allow for great pageantry at formal academic events.

From the cap, gown and hood it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer was graduated, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of the degree—bachelor, master, or doctoral.

The distinguishing feature of the black mortarboard cap, standard at most colleges and universities in the United States, is the color of the tassel—black for the holder of a bachelor's or master's degree, gold for a doctor's degree or the governing officers of educational institutions. A few institutions have soft velvet tams instead.

The gown is normally black, and the gown's cut and trim indicate the level of the degree held. The bachelor's has long, pointed sleeves, while the master's has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, with the front part cut in an arc. The doctor's sleeves are bell-shaped, with three bars of velvet, and the gown is trimmed with velvet down the front as well.

UNIVERSITY SYMBOLS

The university's colors are white, gold and green. White and gold were formally adopted in June 1900, and green was added in 1979. They signify wisdom, inspiration, purity and perfection. The school motto, also adopted in 1900, is Perseverantia. This Latin word was freely translated to mean "achievements brought about by quiet will."



The university flower, the saxifrage, exemplifies the motto. The saxifrage, a small white flower with a golden center, was often found growing through cracks of rocks in early spring. Tiny as the flower is, it appeared to be so strong it could break rocks, through its gentle perseverance, its ability to overcome difficulties in its growth from seed to fruition, from lower to higher, from darkness to light. These triumphs parallel each individual's growth through education.

In 1900, the saxifrage was adopted as the original college seal. Its white flower petals were surrounded by a golden wreath of saxifrage leaves.

The seal has evolved along with the institution, most recently in 2010 with the attainment of university status. The saxifrage and the motto remain prominent in the design, though they are depicted with a clean, elegant, contemporary look. The current academic logo incorporates a multitude of visual symbols: a shield, a book, an abstract set of wings, and, finally, a subtle "F" in the negative space.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion is a symbol of authority and responsibility vested in the office of the president by the Board of Trustees. It is engraved with the names and terms of service of all the past presidents of Fitchburg State University, embodying the legacy of those who have shaped our university into the esteemed institution it is today. The sitting president's nameplate is placed closest to the medallion, signifying their role in carrying forward this legacy of leadership. The medallion is worn by the president at formal academic occasions, representing the president's pledge to preserve and advance the mission of our 130-year-old institution.

Principals / Presidents

2024 – Present	Donna Hodge
2015–2024	Richard S. Lapidus
2003–2015	Robert V. Antonucci
2002–2003	Michael T. Rivard (Interim)
1995–2002	Michael P. Riccards
1975–1995	Vincent J. Mara
1963–1975	James J. Hammond
1953–1963	Ralph F. Weston
1950–1953	Ellis F. White
1945–1950	William J. Sanders
1927–1945	Charles M. Herlihy
1920–1927	William J. Parkinson
1895–1920	John G. Thompson

HISTORY

Established in 1894 by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature, the State Normal School in Fitchburg opened in temporary quarters in the old high school building on Academy Street. Principal John G. Thompson, aided by a teaching staff of three, implemented a two-year

teacher training program for women that had forty-six participants. In December 1896, the school expanded into a new building, known as Thompson Hall, and set up the State Schools of Observation and Practice in city buildings on Day Street and Highland Avenue.

In the next decade the school was a trendsetter for programs in Education. The Edgerly School opened, originally as an eighth-grade model and practice school, and then in 1910, it became one of the first junior high schools in the United States. The following year the school initiated the first practical arts teacher training course in the country for men.

In 1930, the State Normal School was authorized to offer a bachelor's degree in practical arts, and in 1932, when it became the State Teachers College at Fitchburg, four-year degrees were offered in all areas of education.

Under the auspices of the State Division of University Extension, summer courses were first offered in 1915, marking the beginning of the college's commitment to Continuing Education programs. In 1935, the college was also authorized to establish graduate programs and in 1954 the first evening courses were offered.

In 1960, the college changed its name and expanded its mission. The State College at Fitchburg diversified its programs to include degrees in disciplines other than education. In 1965, its name was officially changed to Fitchburg State College, which today offers forty-nine undergraduate degree programs in eighteen academic departments, twenty Masters Degree programs, five Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study programs, and seven Graduate Certificate programs. Enrollment is up to 3,100 full-time and 4,000 part-time students, which include 1,100 matriculated graduate students. The campus has expanded from a single structure on High Street to thirty-two buildings on ninety acres, becoming the educational center for the Montachusett region. The college proudly offers traditional and nontraditional programs to serve the educational needs of its students as undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students.

On July 28, 2010, Gov. Deval L. Patrick signed legislation establishing a State University system in Massachusetts, and the institution's current name—Fitchburg State University—was enacted.



IN OLD WACHUSETT'S SHADOW

Words and music by Priscilla (Taylor) McLean, Class of 1963

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

In Old Wa-chu - sett's Sha - dow our Al - ma Ma - ter stands.
Her proud New Eng - land_ ban - ner___ she holds a - loft to all the land.
Hail to Al - ma Ma - ter! Oh raise her name!
Al - ways may her sons and daugh - ters just - i - fy her fame.



Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

We want to hear from graduates—as well as current students and families—how Fitchburg State changed their lives. Please let us know by visiting fitchburgstate.edu/tell-us-your-story.



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