



125TH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

VIRTUAL UNDERGRADUATE SPRING CEREMONY



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Fitchburg State University and our 125th commencement exercises. Although pandemic restrictions led us to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates virtually, we know the hard work and sacrifices made to get to this day were very real. To the graduates, this is your moment to shine!

Our graduates exemplify the university motto, *perseverantia*—perseverance. Commencement signals the successful completion of an important goal, as well as the beginning of new chapters and challenges. I encourage graduates to savor their accomplishments and their memories of life spent in this academic community. The graduates have not reached this milestone on their own. Let us also recognize the spouses, parents, partners, family members, friends and loved ones who have provided the support and encouragement that helped make the graduates' success possible. If you are one of these participants today, I hope these exceptional students are inspiring a great deal of joy and family pride.

Graduates, the diploma you earn today represents your completion of a course of study, as well as your commitment to pursuing your personal and career goals. This chapter of your story is just beginning and we are honored that Fitchburg State will forever stand as a key chapter.

In the years to come, I hope you will remain actively engaged with the university and help to shape the direction for future generations to come. As alumni, you are now part of our extended family worldwide. In times of crisis and times of triumph, we will find a way to be together, to be stronger despite any physical distances. Fitchburg State will always be your home.

Richard S. Lapidus
President

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Virtual Undergraduate Spring Ceremony

Fitchburg State University Chamber Choir

“America the Beautiful”

This song was composed by the Canadian-American Black composer R. Nathaniel Dett in 1918, during the midst of another pandemic.

Words by Katherine Lee Bates (1893); Conducted by Dr. Jonathan Harvey

Welcome to Convene the Ceremony

Dr. Alberto J.F. Cardelle

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Commencement Remarks

Dr. Richard S. Lapidus, President

Undergraduate Valedictorian

Mr. Joseph A. Bourgeois

Business Administration and Economics (Double Major)

Falcon Stories

Ms. Kelly K. Mansfield, English Studies

Ms. Yuleinny Salcedo, Biology

Congratulations from the Board of Trustees

Ms. C. Deborah Phillips, Chair

Acknowledgement of Degree Recipients

Dr. Franca Barricelli, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Nancy Murray, Dean, School of Business and School of Education

Dr. Margaret Hoey, Dean, School of Health and Natural Sciences

Congratulations and Well Wishes

Department and Program Chairs

Congratulations and Welcome to the Alumni Family

Mr. James Walsh, Class of 1975

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Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees

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2021 Honors Theses / Performances

Bailey Ann Breen
*Legalizing Psychedelics in Clinical Contexts:
The Trip America Needs to Take*

Larissa A. Hamamoto
Changes in Gene Expression in Chronic Opioid Users

Sabrina T. Nogueira
The Pathology of the Gut-Brain Axis in Parkinson's Disease

Lucinda Julianna Orne
*How Can Social Emotional Learning Support Pre-Service Teachers
During Their Practicum Experience*

Katryn M. Pellerin
*Comparing and Contrasting the Biomedical Model of Depression
with Depression in Social Contexts*

Brooke Meagan Pelletier
Crystal Hearts

Cody Robert Soderlund
*Implementation of the Need Principle:
Examining Need-to-Service Matching*

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

School of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

ENGLISH STUDIES

Ashley Renee Grant

✂ *History*

LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

◆★★ Brooke Meagan Pelletier

SALISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

★ Leisa Alliyah Leotta Howard

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Bachelor of Science

COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

★ Nyelah F. Aidoo

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Michael Thomas Archibald

NORTH CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Bria L. Arseneault

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Isabella Esperanza Berardi

NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Noah Nelson Binette

LEWISTON, MAINE

Brianna Marie Borey

✂ *Business Administration*

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Evan Michael Burns

WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Zachary Cacciolfi

WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Landon A. Callahan

NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

Samantha Annabell Casey

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Sophia A. Ciampaglia

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Declan Robey Coleman

CHARLESTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jeannette M. Colon

FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Trevor Bernard Cormier

BOXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Mark Davenport

NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Falin Kenadi Fagundes

DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Ronald Javaughn Fernandes

CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Serena Folding

TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS

Antonio Roberto Garcia

WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Brooklyn Lee Gardner

ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Evan Thomas Garrone

NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Jenniffer Depina Goncalves

LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Bryan Frederick David Grasso

DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Carter Sandilands Hanna

CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Evan A. Hanson

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Nina Michele Hoag

CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Perry J. Joubert

SEEKONK, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Elena J. Kehoe

STERLING, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Owen G. King

EASTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Emmanuella Nuamah Konadu

LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Aicha Benie Kone

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

★★ Sophia Lynn Laperle

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Mary Gayle Leufstedt

AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Kimberly Alison Lier

WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Sydney A. Lipsett

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Matthew Stephen Makris

FRANKLIN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jordan Nicole Malachi

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Amado Malec

LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Brendan James Manning

MEDFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Catherine Grace Maxwell

ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Melanie Rose Mazzarini

SAUGUS, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Shannon B. McCarthy

CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Curtis James Monahan

GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Deliciana Renee Montoya

LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Jared Arthur Moore

HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Matthew John Murdocca

WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Owen D. Napolitano

ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Fouad G. Nasr

STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Peter Anthony Nogueira

MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Casey Rose O'Brien

WHITMAN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Alexandra Denise O'Donnell

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Neve Elizabeth Palmieri

UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Matthew Cole Paolucci

HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Sam Samaras Pappas

STOW, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Matthew Joseph Parent

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Kimberly Ann Patterson

AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Kevin L. Perry

HULL, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Alexander Jay Pierre

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Ian James Poyant

ACTON, MAINE

★★ Megan Claire Ptak

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Lauren Nicole Riccardi

TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Brett M. Rochford

CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Isabel Neysa Rodriguez

METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Adam J. Rubinic

PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS

David Alexander Scrivani

MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Summa cum laude—3.8 or higher

★★ Magna cum laude—3.5 or higher

★ Cum laude—3.2 or higher

✂ Double major

◆ Commonwealth Scholar / Honors Program

● Sterilite Scholar

The list of candidates was prepared before final grades were reported and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not mean that the person will not be awarded a degree.

Jack Andrew Seaman
BERNARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Kevin R. Sim
WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Kelina Smith
PRINCETON, MASSACHUSETTS

Stephanie L. Tivnan
HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Kebelin Toloza
PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

★★ Jay Dallas Troy
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Brooke E. Vanbramer
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Katie Marie Williams
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Morgan Lynn Wynkoop
CUMBERLAND, RHODE ISLAND

★ Jonah C. Yanniss
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

★★ Benjamin Lincoln Ashton
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Nolan John Baird
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Shannon M. Burke
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Hailey Rae Carter
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

James Joseph Casale
WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Kyle C. Colon
HYDE PARK, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Ryan Thomas Costello
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Liam J. Coyne
NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

William C. Desilva Jr.
DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Dylan R. Farmer
HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Kaelan Barrett Farragher
UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ David John Fors
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Spencer Duncan Fuller
NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Brandyn J. Geldart
AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ John Carl Joseph Goldthrite
TEMPLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ James Patrick Grady
RUTLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

Donovan D. Gray
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Connor Davidson Guilbeault
DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Sofia Iodice
NEWTONVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Matthew Thomas Kaufman
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Summer Breeze LaFortune
ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Madison Diane LaRoche
TEMPLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Alydia Trinh Le
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Peter David Leuschner
HATFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Alex C. Lima
MONSON, MASSACHUSETTS

Connor F. E. Manghan
MONSON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Corrin Cynthia Marchetta
MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Toni-Ann Abigayle McIntosh
SOUTH YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Sarah Lynn Mello
SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Victor P. Monteiro Jr.
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Adam Stewart Nahabedian
NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dario Jevon Nieves
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Emily Martha O'Neill
ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

Ashley A. Osborne
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Troy J. Paradise
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Gilberto Perez Jr.
DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Drew S. Ridenour
MASHPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

Florencia Judith Rivas-Morales
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Allysa Janelle Rivera
CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

Jose Leonardo Rivera
LEICESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Chloe Jean Roberts
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

★★ Micaela Rodriguez-Bocchino Giorello
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Katyana M. Russin
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Taylor Anne Rutherford
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Frances Sanchez
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Kaitlin Schultz
BETHANY, CONNECTICUT

★★ Timothy Nelson Sheehy
WAKEFIELD, RHODE ISLAND

★★ Jacob D. Shepard
TEMPLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

◆★★★ Cody Robert Soderlund
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

Colin Joseph Thomas
NORTH FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Christian Alexandra Velasquez
WINTHROP, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Cassandra M. Wiinikainen
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Patricia R. Woodliff
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Casadie Ann Zeletsky
SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★★ Malisha Zhao
MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

ECONOMICS

★★ Nicholas David Fortin
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Christian Hill
STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Johnny T. Xiong
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

ENGLISH STUDIES

★★★ Jordan Renee Costa
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Patrick I. Doyle
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Brittany Lynn Eldridge
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Samantha Rose Flament
SAN JACINTO, CALIFORNIA

★ Emma Madison Friary
PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Christoph Alexander Knoll
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Makenzie Marie MacDonald
✂ *Business Administration*
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Kelly K. Mansfield
WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Kangsen Mpaco Masango
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

GAME DESIGN

Christopher S. Banks
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Jonathan Kordell Carlson
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Megan R. Clemens
LAPEER, MICHIGAN

★★★ Emily R. Cummings
MERCER, MAINE

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Devon Andrew Hawley
RUTLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Veronica Ann Hazen
OAKHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Makayla Rose Hicks
FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★ John W. Lynch
BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Rolinda Marcelino
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Vadim V. Mayorskiy
CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Brandon J. McKearney
ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Joshua Neal Mulligan
REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Kevin Thomas Ritz
ALBANY, NEW YORK

★★ Jakub Jaroslaw Sawczuk
RUTLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Zachary S. Simon
EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★★ Thomas James Spinelli
ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Nathan Michael Timbro
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Devin Tyler
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Kevin Joseph Ward
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Brittany Marie Whelihan
CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Sydney Jaye Willis
ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

HISTORY

★★ Joshua M. Blair
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Aarin Lipner-Riza
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Jonathan Malloy
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Ian Michael McGuirk
⌘ *Political Science*
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Jarrod Robert Moeckel
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Hannah Jane Sheldon
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Bob Allen Williams
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS

HUMAN SERVICES

Edgar J. Dedos
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Bridget M. Doherty
WESTWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Erin Elizabeth Downer
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Loreal K. Drayton
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Jordan Elizabeth Eck
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Charles Fordjour
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Mathew Lor
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Shelby Julia Michealsen
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Aubrey Juve Milligan
DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Claire J. Paris
MANSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Erin Nicole Reffitt
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Heather Tuttle
WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Nicole Elizabeth Airosus
WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Kasey Carney Babbitt
WAKEFIELD, RHODE ISLAND

★★ Kaelyn M. Bastarache
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Joshua A. Bettez
LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

Elliot Burshtein
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Chelsea Elizabeth Carey
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Jessica Jean Croft
WEST TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS

Justin S. Fournier
SOMERSET, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Heather Ann Girouard
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Kendra Lee Granberry
HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS

Ashley Mary Grout
WARE, MASSACHUSETTS

Charles A. Harvin Jr.
BRONX, NEW YORK

Madison Rand Laliberté
CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA

Kelley Mays
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Faith D. McDonald
HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Katie Ann Mclaughlin
READING, MASSACHUSETTS

Cathy HaiVi Nguyen
MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Danielle Bryanna Pratt
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Michael John Riley
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Devon Vega Rosado
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

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LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

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DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS

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BALDWINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Civia Rebecca Schneider
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

Asia N. Skerritt
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Rachael Lynne Skulsky
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jennifer Talbot
PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS

Kenia Liz Villa
NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

★★★ Samantha K. Beauchamp
MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Emily Catherine Beauvais-Doss
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Arno Be Bounphasaysonh
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Liam David Celuzza
LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Theresa S. Dzierwinski
LUDLOW, MASSACHUSETTS

Miranda Lee Monaghan
WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Alexander Ramos Jr.
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Sani S. Zuntu
REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS

SOCIOLOGY

Aislinn R. Dehorsey
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Randely E. Fernandez
CORONA, NEW YORK

Kameron David Jimenez-Fox
NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS

Megan Lynn Socha
⌘ *Psychological Science*
CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

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School of Business

Bachelor of Science

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Ross J. Adams
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Valerie R. Alejandro
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Michael Lawrence Amblo
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Johan Ricardo Asencio
CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Lynn Mary Ayers
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Stacey L. Bagaglio
DOUGLAS, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jennifer Allison Bombard
✂ *Economics*
WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Isaac B. Bonhomme
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Brianna Marie Borey
✂ *Communications Media*
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★★ Joseph A. Bourgeois
✂ *Economics*
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Beau Michael Brassard
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jesse Malik Brown
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT
- ★ Gabriela Sousa Chagas
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Thomas J. Consalvo
SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Lisa Marie Cooper
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Yannick Jardel Teixeira De Pina
DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Dean Martin Douyon
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Cynthia R. Doyle
ORANGE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Joseph Fabian
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Nicole A. Fancy
AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS
- Selina Teresa Fascioli
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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Connor Fitzsimons
RED BANK, NEW JERSEY

Khaliyah Foster
LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Adam Richard Goguen
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Joshua Talon Goliber
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS

Charles A. Gomez
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Christina Hantzis
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Scott James Harris Jr.
✂ *Economics*
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ James Tristan Huff
WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jerry Lee Johnson Jr.
✂ *Computer Information Systems*
SAUGUS, MASSACHUSETTS

Dana R. Jones
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Aaron M. Koepper
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Xhulja Kola
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Ryan William Landry
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Brandon Thomas Lefebvre
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Samuel K. Libby
WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Keiris Yajaira Lopez
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Peter C. Mamakos
MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Elizabeth Mary McNiff
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Lucas Anthony Millen
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Joseph Boomer Miller
MARLTON, NEW JERSEY

★★ Michael Joseph Misilo
STERLING, MASSACHUSETTS

Asante Jean-Tod Monteiro
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Mark Edward Morava
DANVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Derek W. Morris
GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Ludnerson Murat
EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Katelyn Elizabeth Musto
WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jeremy Robert Nash
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

Steve Nguyen
FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jarrod Tyler Oberg
AYER, MASSACHUSETTS

Janiel Pierre
NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Audra D. Pinkham
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Tremaine Romesh McDonald Pinnock
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Jacob A. Plante
PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Sahil Nileshkumar Prajapati
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jameson Wells Quirk
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Akash Ranjit
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Jodie Raye
PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Daniel T. Riley
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Megan Jean Rossetti
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Hayley M. Sahlberg
✂ *Psychological Sciences*
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS

Courtney Rae Schwartz
RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kade L. Shipley
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Brett Thomas Spano
HANSON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Patrick Sullivan
YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

★ Sean Veronesi
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Timothy M. Whalen Jr.
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Jillian Lee Woodward
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Nhia Xiong
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

School of Education

Bachelor of Science

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

- Allison Rose Bacchiocchi
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★ Alyssa Brianna Cappiello
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
- ★★ Kaelie A. Hosley
BARRE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Olivia R. Mullins
PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
- ★★ Ashley N. Perez
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Rachel E. Ravanis
PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Bachelor of Science in Education

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- *** Danielle Acevedo
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- Natalie Rose Bergeron
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Casey L. Breen
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
WEST TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS
- *** Caroline F. Collins
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
MANSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Molly Catherine Cote
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
- Julie A. Foster
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
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- ** Heather Holmes
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Adriana Teresa Joniaux
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Abigail C. MacKillop
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BALDWINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Tara Lynn Mickle
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- * Tyla Diane Morgante
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SAUGUS, MASSACHUSETTS
- ◆*** Katryn M. Pellerin
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- * McKenzie Rose Tenney
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FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- *** Jacqueline Noel Wall
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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

- * Samantha J. Bright
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Anna Lee DeLeo
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
WEST TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Leslie A. Fernandez
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Julia Elise Howard
SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Erin Ann McGinnis
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Kaitlin A. McGrath
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
MANSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Jillian T. Nowd
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
- ◆*** Lucinda Julianna Orne
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Emily Catherine Patella
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Brooke H. Phaneuf
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Logan I. Quinn
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
- *** Clancy Ann Ronan
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Sophia Lunae Sullivan
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
SOMERSET, MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- * Mikayla Jesse Allan
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
SAUGUS, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Alicia E. Ferrick
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Chloe Marie Therese Gladu
NORTH READING, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Madelyn Elizabeth Graves
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Jordan Denise Long
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- ** Deana Corinne Rita
✕ *Interdisciplinary Studies*
HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS

School of Health and Natural Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

BIOLOGY

- * Caroline D. Bryson
SWANSEA, MASSACHUSETTS
- ◆* Larissa A. Hamamoto
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Andrew Richard Pelzer
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS
- Eliezer Rivera
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- Tiana Alexis Roman
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Gabriella Alexis Rosario
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Yuleinny Salcedo
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

- ◆** Bailey Ann Breen
WEST TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS

Bachelor of Science

BIOLOGY

- Richmond Osei Antwi
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Jennifer Ann Belli
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LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Hannah R. Dufresne
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- *** Madison A. Marchese
ASHBY, MASSACHUSETTS
- Sarah Jean McNeil
HANSON, MASSACHUSETTS
- Marielyn Mora
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS
- * Peter Morales-Gomez
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- Stephanie Amerley Nartey
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
- Mikayla Hope Peabody
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Madison Bailie Russo
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Cameron Michel Smith
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COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Oliver Kojo Dogbe
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Guadalupe D. Dominguez
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Jayson Paul Dylingowski
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

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**Dylan Tyler Hague
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*Liam G. Harrington
WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Brittany Anne Kaldis
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*Gerald James Lane
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*Sean M. MacDonald
GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Seung Un Nam
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Melchior Saint Lynch
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Emma King
WEST TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS

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Mariah Alexandra Van Der Veer
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Zachary Alfred Zarrella
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EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

Brendan V. Byrne
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GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

*Krysta R. Grider
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Relinet Jaquez
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RUTHER GLEN, VIRGINIA

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LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

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Andrew Christopher Ptak
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Dawson M. Rego
TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND

Alexis F. Stitis
OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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Antionette D.B. Walley
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Colline D. Williams
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

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JEFFERSON, MASSACHUSETTS

Zachary Matthew Guarnaccia
WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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*Devin M. Hill
WOBBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

*John T. Hodge
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*Tristin Michael Lelievre
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*Tyler Emanuel Mentzer
DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS

Christina Patricia Moniak
CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Nicholas M. Monsalve
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

David J. Morales-Diaz
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Jose L. Nieves Jr.
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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Karen Lynn Jackson
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★★ Bradleigh Shea Shultz
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

NURSING

★ Alexis Nicole Ackermann
WEST HATFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Joshua Adjei Fordjour
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Seth Kwaku Agyei
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Meghan Elizabeth Hynes Barry
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

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WARE, MASSACHUSETTS

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THOMPSON, CONNECTICUT

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★★ Taylor Forbes Breveleri
BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Andrew William Bzdel
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Taryn Maureen Cahill
PEMBROKE, MASSACHUSETTS

Catherine M. Carden
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PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Emilie Patricia Center
CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Susan Marie Coleman
SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Alicia Marie Cournoyer
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Molly Olivia Cox
SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Brenna Marie Davies
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

★★ Jessica Day
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Erinbridget Daylor
LAKEVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Albertine Decossa
NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Malinda DeCoursey
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Amanda Diaz
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Donna Lynn Dusseault
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★ Jennifer M. Esteban
ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

Samantha Estrela
FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Jillian Michele Euvrard
ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS

Michaela Rose Farias
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★★ Emilia Santana Ferreira
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Kara Elizabeth Firestone
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Rhianon T. Fletcher
ROYALSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Sylvia Ngwikoooh Forku
GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Klarafina V. Foster
CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

Rene Clare Gagne
NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

Michelle A. Gaudreau
DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Hannah K. Gilrain
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Vanessa Ariana Githiomi
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Renee Marie Gladu
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Courtney Guthrie
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Alexis Hansen
HUNTINGTOWN, MARYLAND

Emily M. Harting
DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Kayla Marie Haverfield
MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★★★ Jody L. Holden
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Bright Uloma Ihesiene
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★★ Valerie Anne Ingman
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★ Melissa Anne Jordan
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★★ Danielle M. Jusseume
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

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QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

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MEDFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

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LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Aimee Joy Matson
NEW IPSWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Katelyn Beth McCarthy
BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Katherine E. McGahey
QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Cassidy Marie McGrath
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Grant Douglas McKinlay
SUTTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Natalie Pearl Miller
CORVALLIS, OREGON

★ Samantha P. Mitchell
GLENMONT, NEW YORK

★★ Julia Alexis Moran
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Caroline Elizabeth Moriarty
NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Sydney J. Morris
SEABROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Danielle Morrisette
BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Priscilla Namboozee
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jenifer Nancy Kambe Ndungu
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Amelia F. Norton
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Valerie E. O'Brien
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Ruby Isioma Okechukwu
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Caleigh Elizabeth O'Riordan
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

Nicole I. Pena
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Allison Kaitlin Phelps
SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS

Jessica Pierre
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

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FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Madalyn A. Rafus
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★ Daniella Ramirez
EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

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FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Catherine J. Roy
DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Johnna Lynn Roy
ASHBURNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Michael Birashirwa Ruhamya
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Pamela D. Saulnier
WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Morgan Leigh Sbardella
DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Elizabeth A. Schatia
TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS

Emily Shanley
BERLIN, MASSACHUSETTS

Phylicia Louise Shippy
WINCHENDON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Samantha L. Shurick
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Haleigh M. Silva
SEEKONK, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Susan C. Thompson
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Marlaina Tremblay
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Dana Cezarine Tribandis
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Brenda Marie Vandal
SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Karyn D. Van Guilder
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Julianna Vara
HOPKINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Igor Watanabe
KENILWORTH, NEW JERSEY

★★★ Alicia A. Worster
OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

OCCUPATIONAL / VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

★★ Kelly Ann Medina
SOMERSET, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Robert Edward Mello
BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Mario F. Sousa
AYER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Patricia Lynn Zediana
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Cesar Acosta
LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Victoria Marie Boucher
BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Meghan Carole Callahan
NORTH BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

Austin Lawrence Coffey-Moore
PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

★★★ Daniel Joseph Collins
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

★ Teagan K. Cybulski
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★ Jesse M. Deveau
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★★ Melaina Lyn Duval
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Calvin C. Wong
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Miranda Lynn Zeidler
FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

★★ Richard Zeng
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VALEDICTORIAN OF THE CLASS OF 2021

Joseph A. Bourgeois **Business Administration and Economics**

Joseph Bourgeois distinguished himself as a driven student during his years at Fitchburg State, balancing the demands of working on- and off-campus with a commitment to excelling in the classroom.

Bourgeois came to Fitchburg State in the fall of 2017 to pursue a degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting, as well as a degree in economics. In each of his eligible semesters he was named to the President's List in recognition of his outstanding academic performance.

Bourgeois was also inducted into Sigma Beta Delta (the business honor society) in 2019, and this spring received the Alex Donker Award for Excellence in Economics and the Outstanding Senior in Accounting Award.

Beyond the classroom, Bourgeois was a valued member of the university's Financial Services team, where he was a student worker since May 2019. In that role, he executed accounting functions as well as provided office support. In addition, he supported his fellow students as a tutor in his junior and senior years. Bourgeois also maintained an off-campus job as a tech sales associate.

With his degree now complete, Bourgeois is looking for a full-time position in accounting. He lives in Gardner.

2020 FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dr. Vincent J. Mara Award for Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Paul I. Weizer

Dr. Weizer of the Department of Economics, History and Political Science received the Vincent J. Mara Excellence in Teaching Award, established in 1989 to honor former university president, Mara (1976-1995). He founded Fitchburg State's

Moot Court program that enables students to compete in regional and national Moot Court competitions where they consistently place at the top alongside students from some of the country's most prominent universities. Weizer has held many senior administrative roles, too, including interim provost, dean, department chair, and graduate program chair.

Contributions to the Graduate Program Award



Dr. Daneen Deptula

Dr. Deptula is a professor in the Psychological Science Department and chair of the Graduate Counseling Program in the Behavioral Sciences Department. Her numerous contributions to the graduate program include curriculum

development, such as developing an accelerated program of study, and the introduction of hybrid courses and certificates. She advises students and teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Her research in the newly-emerging field of cyber aggression involves collaborations with both undergraduate and graduate students.

Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship



Dr. Catherine Buell

Dr. Buell is a professor in the Mathematics Department. Her research interests stretch from orbit decompositions of matrix groups, a sub-field of algebraic group theory, to visual stylometry, which integrates mathematics, philosophy,

computer science, and art to classify artwork. Other interdisciplinary projects she initiated include creating a statistics course for social justice and writing a computer program to assist her science colleagues and their students studying silver-nanoparticles and their impact on plants. Her newest research thread studies ethics in math, a controversial new topic in her field.

Faculty Award for Service



Dr. jenn berg

Dr. berg is a professor and former chair of the Mathematics Department. A large investment of her volunteer time has gone to her faculty colleagues, state and national educational administrators, parents and students (at all academic levels) to establish

institutional learning goals and assessing their effectiveness. She also developed “Team Accountability” sessions to help faculty discuss, gather and compose their reappointment materials and continued making herself available over time as a resource and confidant. berg has held many faculty union positions, too, both on boards and as a member of the bargaining team.

(Her preference is for lower case letters. She is currently on a leave of absence.)

Dr. Vincent J. Mara Excellence in Teaching Award

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019	Randy P. Howe
2018	Elizabeth (Beth) R. Walsh
2017	Kelly C. Morgan
2016	Meledath Govindan
2015	Benjamin A. Railton
2014	Sean C. Goodlett
2013	Joshua B. Spero
2012	George F. Bohrer
2011	Howard H. Thomas
2010	Jane A. Fiske
2009	Christine Cosgrove
2008	Peter Laytin
2007	John J. Paul
2006	Eric N. Budd
2005	Gerald M. Higdon
2004	Louis J. Zivic
2003	Barbara S. Cammuso
2002	Thomas Battinelli
2001	Maria M. Jaramillo
2000	Andrea J. Wallen
1999	Edmund B. Thomas
1998	Lee N. Cunningham
1997	Robert F. Champlin
1996	Colin E. Bourn
1995	Pasquale E. Micciche
1994	Rosemarie S. Giovino
1993	Helen O'Flaherty
1992	Caroline A. Murphy
1991	Donald J. Schmidt

Faculty Award for Service

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019	Eric N. Budd
2018	Megan M. Krell
2017	Elizabeth S. Gordon

Contributions to the Graduate Program Award

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019	Joseph E. McAloon (awarded posthumously)
2018	John M. Hancock
2017	Chola Chisunka
2016	Nancy L. Murray
2015	Harry Semerjian
2014	Anne M. Howard
2013	Richard J. Spencer
2012	Elaine E. Francis
2011	Michele M. Zide
2010	Rosemarie S. Giovino

Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019	Kisha G. Tracy
2018	Katherine R. Jewell
2017	Teresa Fava Thomas
2016	Eric N. Budd
2015	Jeffrey E. Warmouth
2014	Benjamin A. Railton
2013	Michael B. Hoberman
2012	Susan R. Williams
2011	Joshua B. Spero
2010	Jannette M. McMenamy
2009	Susan M. Wadsworth
2008	Maria M. Jaramillo
2007	Christopher K. Cratsley
2006	Robert J. Wellman
2005	Benjamin D. Lieberman
2004	Paul I. Weizer
2003	Robin D. Dinda
2002	Cynthia Crosson
2001	Nan Wiegersma
2000	Howard H. Thomas

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 COLLAR

At formal academic occasions, the president of Fitchburg State University also wears the Presidential Collar. The links in the collar are engraved with the names of Fitchburg State's eleven presidents and years of service. The Presidential Medal, which incorporates the university seal, is suspended from the collar.

Principals / Presidents

2015–Present	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

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.

The hood tells the most about the wearer. The length of the hood and width of the binding vary according to degree. The hood is lined with the official colors of the college (Fitchburg State University's colors are white, gold, and green). The color of the hood's binding indicates the area of study in which the degree was granted.

ARTS & SCIENCES

- Communications Media – White
- Criminal Justice – White
- Economics – Copper
- English Studies – White
- Game Design – White
- History – White
- Human Services – White
- Interdisciplinary Studies – White
- Political Science – Light Gold
- Sociology – White

BUSINESS

- Business Administration – Drab

EDUCATION

- Education – Light Blue

HEALTH & NATURAL SCIENCES

- Biology – Golden Yellow
- Chemistry – Golden Yellow
- Earth Systems Science – Golden Yellow
- Exercise & Sports Science – Golden Yellow
- Geographic Science & Technology – Golden Yellow
- Mathematics – Golden Yellow
- Nursing – Apricot
- Psychological Science – Golden Yellow
- Computer Information Systems – Golden Yellow
- Computer Science – Golden Yellow
- Industrial Technology – Golden Yellow
- Occupational/Vocational Education – Light Blue
- Technology Education – Light Blue

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 consists of nearly 8000 students between undergraduate and graduate populations. 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.



