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# Women's HERstory Month: "The Hills They've Climbed"



The university's celebration of <u>Women's HERstory Month</u>, including programs organized around the theme "The Hills They've Climbed," concludes this week.

Today at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., we will screen the Academy

Award-winning movie *Encanto* in Ellis White Lecture Hall. The film tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift, that is everyone but their daughter, Mirabel. But when she discovers that the magic surrounding Encanto is in danger, Mirabel decides that she, the ordinary Madrigal, might just be her exceptional family's last hope. Remember "We Don't Talk About (Tio) Bruno!"

**This Thursday at 7 p.m.**, we will present "The Gayest Showman," our 15th annual Gay Straight Alliance Benefit Drag Show at the Athletics and Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Coming back for her 15th Annual Mistress of Ceremony, fan favorite Raquel Blake and her entourage will entertain, amaze, and may place you in the center ring of their performances. Tickets may be purchased <u>online</u>.

Women's HERstory Month

#### Career Services hosting job and internship fair Tuesday

The Career Services and Advising Center will host a job and internship fair from 1 to 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Athletics and Recreation Center.

More than 70 employers have registered to take part. Students interested in attending are advised to <u>register</u> in advance.



73 Employers Registered - Scan the code to see full list All class years encouraged to attend Bring copies of your resume!

# Tell Us Your Story: New Tool Now Collecting Submissions

Earlier this month, the



Marketing and Integrated Communications team launched a new <u>digital form</u> to collect submissions our campus community that will help us tell our institutional story to prospective students, parents, alumni, and each other.

Several projects are now in the works thanks to the initial submissions, but we will welcome additional input to keep our varied storytelling

tools well-populated.

Tell Us Your Story

## Graduate Education celebrations coming next week

The <u>School of Graduate</u>, <u>Online and</u> <u>Continuing Education</u> will host a pair of events next week highlighting the value and opportunities of post-baccalaureate studies.

The programs begin with the Graduate Education Celebration starting at **9 a.m. Monday, April 4** in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. The program will feature virtual remarks from Council of Graduate Schools President Suzanne Ortega, and



will include the presentation of the inaugural Graduate Adjunct Faculty Award and a panel discussion on the value of graduate education.

The university will host a <u>graduate education fair</u> from **12:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 6** for prospective students to learn about the offerings at nearly a dozen regional public and private institutions.

The fair will be held in the main lounge at Hammond Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. The day's events will include a workshop by our Career Services staff on choosing a graduate program, which will run from from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Hammond Hall room S08.

In addition to Fitchburg State, participating graduate schools include (in alphabetical order) Assumption University, Bridgewater State University, Clark University, Framingham State University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Northeastern University, Salem State University, Suffolk University, UMass Lowell, and Worcester State University.

Additional information, including links to questions students should be prepared to ask of prospective graduate schools, can be found on the university <u>website</u>.

## Pulitzer-winning journalist to present Community Read keynote

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist Sam Roe will deliver the keynote address of our year-long <u>Community Read</u> at **6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5**. The virtual event is free and those wishing to view online may register Nomadland

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#### **Sustainability Snapshot**

# at <u>http://tiny.cc/Investigate\_April5</u>.

Roe will discuss the journalistic process of creating compelling narratives that document the struggles and triumphs of real people through investigation of social, economic, and political landscapes. His talk is entitled "Investigate: How Journalists Shed Light on Life and Society, and Influence Public Policy."

Throughout the academic year, the Community Read has explored Jessica Bruder's acclaimed book *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century*, which was adapted into the Oscar-winning film of the same name. Programming has included book club talks, film screenings and social media discussions based around themes in the book, which explores the precarious financial state of older Americans who take to the roads to support themselves.

Learn more about the series and other upcoming programs at <u>fitchburgcommunityread.com</u>.



clean paper, bottles and cans. They should NOT contain any bags, food waste, paper towels, or Styrofoam. See our <u>single stream recycling guide</u> for more information.

#### Professional Clothing Closet opens for students



The Office of Student Development has opened its Professional Clothing Closet to assist students who may need help with obtaining professional clothing for internships, interviews, or their first job. Items such as skirts, dress shirts (mens/ladies), dress slacks, suit jackets, ties, belts, and small purses are being accepted in all sizes.

Here's another snapshot from our Sustainability Advisory Committee: Trash is heavy! Recycle instead. Recycling saves energy and money because trash is three times more expensive to haul away. It is estimated that one ton of recycled plastic saves 5,774 Kwh of energy in the United States.

On campus, every room should have a blue recycle bin next to the trash can. If not, please contact the building maintainers. The blue recycle bins should only receive Slightly new and freshly cleaned/pressed items are now being accepted at Student Development in Hammond G-15 (the closet itself is located at Hammond G-23).

Other means of supporting students include the Swipe It Forward Program and the Falcon Bazaar Food and Necessities pantry. <u>Nominations</u> for Swipe It Forward may be made <u>online</u>, and items for the Falcon Bazaar may be purchased through its continually updated online Amazon <u>shopping list</u>.

The Falcon Bazaar and the Professional Clothing Closet are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"In my 21-year tenure at Fitchburg State, I have never seen a program or service be embraced as these programs have been," said **Associate Director of Student Development Shane Franzen**. "Everyone from the Board of Trustees through our students have stepped up and have poured their hearts and souls into assisting our students who may be struggling. This is truly what *perseverantia* stands for. We will help our students persevere through the tough times and we'll do it as a Fitchburg State family."

#### Keep up with Campus Life at The Burg Blog

If you haven't checked it out lately, be sure to visit the reimagined <u>Burg Blog</u>, and get caught up on what's been going on around campus.

Recent posts feature news and photos from the <u>opening</u> <u>reception</u> for ARTeries, the season's first <u>Future Falcon</u> <u>Day</u>, and classroom scenes from <u>Engineering Technology</u> and <u>Game Design</u>.



The Burg Blog

#### CenterStage and cultural events



#### In the Gallery at Hammond: ARTeries

ARTeries, the juried exhibition of student artwork, is on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery through **Friday**, **April 22**.

ARTeries showcases the strongest original student work in drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed-media art. ARTeries provides an opportunity for the university community to celebrate the

artistic talents of Fitchburg State students. As a juried show, ARTeries is competitive; a faculty panel selects artworks for the exhibition from a pool of submissions.

## **Staff Notes**

**Dean of Students Hank Parkinson** (Student Affairs) has been elected state director of the National Association of Student



Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

Parkinson said he hopes to scale to the state level the work on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging that he has already begun on our campus.

# **Faculty Notes**

Associate Professor Danette Day (Education) and Associate Professor Kisha Tracy (English Studies) are among the featured interview subjects in the Fitchburg Historical Society's recent video special on the new Abolitionist Park in Fitchburg. The special, called "I Remember When," can be viewed online via Fitchburg Access Television ondemand.



The interviews, conducted by Fitchburg Historical Society Executive Director Susan Navarre, discuss the process of developing the park and the integral role of students and community members played in its creation.

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