



Fitchburg State University Today

Police program graduates 6th recruit class

The 11 members of Fitchburg State's 6th Recruit Officer Course [graduated](#) Friday, Sept. 15, completing their certification to work in municipal police departments in Massachusetts and other states.

All 11 members of the group have already been hired by municipal and collegiate police departments.



Graduate Jonathan Revil of Bridgewater gave the class address, in which he recounted how the members of the 6th ROC became a team.

"We have been challenged physically, mentally and academically," Revil said. "I can proudly say I would go to any call with any of the 10 brothers and sisters sitting before me today."

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Latinx/a/o Heritage Month celebration continues

The university's celebration of [LatinX/A/O Heritage Month](#) continues this week, creating opportunities for community members to enjoy themselves and learn something new in the process.

Among the upcoming events:

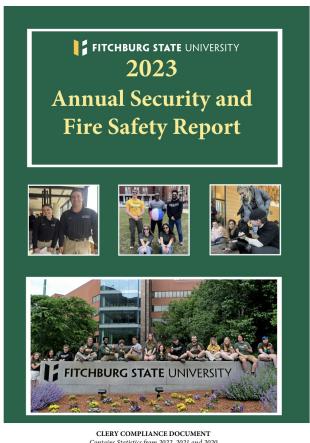
- Bomba de Acquí Afro-Puerto Rican Sound and Traditions Workshop, 6 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 26**, Hammond Main Lounge. Bomba de Acquí is a dance and music company that performs and teaches Afro-Puerto Rican traditions. The workshop will be both a teaching and performance experience about Afro-Puerto Rican music and arts.
- LatinX/A/O Heritage Month Mariachi Band and Singer, 6:30 p.m.

address, entitled “It’s On All Of Us! What WE Can Do To Support Our LGBTQ+ Community Members,” at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 4**, in the main lounge of Hammond Hall.

[LGBTQ+ History Month](#)

Speakers Series launches Oct. 2

The university's Speakers Series will begin at 12:30 p.m. **Monday, Oct. 2** with a talk by **Assistant Professor Kenneth Mackie** (Economics, History and Political Science) on “The Affect Magnetism Heuristic: Belief Formation in Asymmetric Information Environments.” The talk will be given [online](#).



Annual Security and Fire safety report posted

The university has completed the [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#) for 2023 and the complete document is now available for public view.

The report, compiled in accordance with federal law, is available to view [online](#) on the University Police Department's website (along with other information and [resources](#) about [campus safety](#)).

Global delegation visits police program

For the second time [this year](#), the university [welcomed](#) an international delegation to learn more about its groundbreaking [police program](#) and its mission to respond to evolving community needs in the profession.



The university this week hosted several public safety and education professionals from the [Srpska Republic](#) in Eastern Europe. The visit to Fitchburg was part of a tour of several police agencies organized for the delegation by [PH International](#) and included retired Fitchburg Police Chief Edward Cronin, who has long worked with the international agency.

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CIC's "Nuovo Mondo" series keynote address on Oct. 19

The [Center for Italian Culture](#) (CIC) will explore the Italian immigrant experience, past and present, with a series of programs called “[Nuovo Mondo: A Century of Migrations from and to Italy](#).”

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Through lectures, film series, food events, discussions, workshops, and more, the CIC will examine the impact and legacy of the emigration of Italians to the United States and contemporary migration into Italy.

The series continues with the Dr. Joseph Luzzi Residency Keynote Address: Italian Immigration to America at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19, in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Dr. Luzzi, the child of Italian immigrants and an award-winning scholar of Italian literature, is Asher B. Edelman Professor of Literature at Bard College. In his address, he will discuss the subject of Italian immigration to America, with special reference to his 2014 memoir, *My Two Italies: A Personal and Cultural History*. Admission is free and open to the public.

University draws high scores in U.S. News & World Report

Fitchburg State earned [high marks](#) in U.S. News & World Report's latest collegiate [rankings](#), released last week.

The magazine's 2024 Best Colleges rankings listed Fitchburg State among the top Regional Universities in the North; among the top public schools in Regional Universities in the North; and a best value in Regional Universities in the North. The publication, which this year updated its [ranking methodology](#), has been rating institutions of higher education for nearly 40 years.

"We are proud of our continued recognition as among the top choices for students for both quality and value in our region," President Lapidus said. "The latest rankings reflect our ongoing commitment to offering high-quality programs with a strong return on investment."

Keep up with campus happenings on the Burg Blog

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

Among the recent articles and slideshows, see scenes from the [Rock the Block XXV](#), students an in [intro to film/video](#) course, Chartwells' "Joy-Ful" student [welcome event](#), our recent [Industrial Arts alumni](#) reunion, and the first in a series of commuter [Drive and Thrive](#) events sponsored by Commuter Affairs and the Fitchburg Activities Board.





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CenterStage and Cultural Events

Platinum hit-makers Orleans, now celebrating 50 years of live performances, will [perform](#) at Weston Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

[Tickets](#) are \$20 for adults; \$15 for senior citizens, Fitchburg State alumni and university employees; and \$5 for Fitchburg State students. Tickets on sale now, [online](#) or by calling 800.657.8774.

Coming Soon: Mark O'Connor Duo on Friday, Oct. 20

The Grammy Award-winning Mark O'Connor Duo [performs](#) at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 at Weston Auditorium. Mark and Maggie O'Connor concerts feature both instrumental and vocal music, and performed on string instruments—violin, guitar and mandolin. Their performances include solo violin compositions from Mark, violin duos arrangements with Mark and Maggie, Mark's solo guitar performances, duets featuring Maggie's violin and Mark's mandolin, new original vocal songs, and a few vocal classics.

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In the Hammond Hall Art Gallery: "Don't Close Your Eyes" by Hanna Melnyczuk

Powerful drawings inspired by the war in Ukraine are on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery in artist Hanna Melnyczuk's [exhibit](#) "Don't Close Your Eyes." The exhibit is on display through Oct. 15.

Melnyczuk began creating these drawings upon Russia's invasion of Ukraine in an attempt to show her personal attempts to process what is happening to the country her parents left in 1944. Influenced by her work on children's books, the images in this collection show her struggle to understand the unfathomable acts of war that fill her mind.

Melnyczuk held a gallery talk last week; see [photos](#) from the event on the Burg Blog.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty Notes

Daniel Welsh (Biology/Chemistry), John Ludlam (Biology/Chemistry), Emma Downs (Biology/Chemistry), Elizabeth Gordon (Earth, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences), Elyse Clark (Earth, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences), Benjamin Levy (Mathematics), Jane Huang (Earth, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences), and Aisling O'Connor (Biology/Chemistry) had [their paper](#) "Stream fish community structure across an urban gradient in a northeastern US watershed" appear in print in *Environmental Biology of Fishes*. The paper was a result of a multi-year grant funded project that incorporated 25 undergraduate students in research projects examining the health of the Nashua River watershed.

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