

Fitchburg State University Today



Welcome Back

Students and faculty returned to campus last week to a new operational model designed to protect the health and safety of the community while honoring our commitment to students' educational objectives.

"This will be a very different semester for our campus community, but the accommodations will serve our students as they pursue their degrees and assist with public health," President Lapidus said. "Our faculty, who shifted gears so rapidly this spring to accommodate a remote semester, have taken advantage of training and resources to begin the fall strong. And our student support services stand ready to assist by in-person and remote avenues."

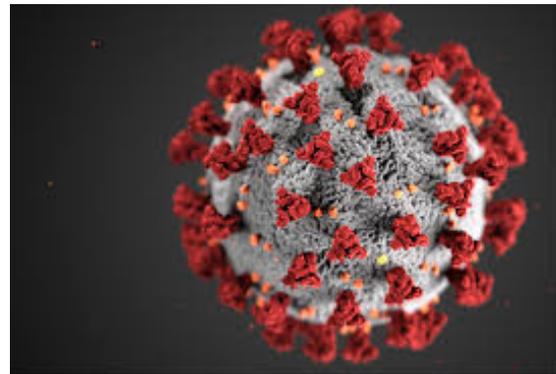
[Learn more](#)

COVID-19 Updates posted online

This week, the university begins weekly, randomized COVID-19 surveillance testing, supplementing the testing that was done at the start of the semester. Check your university email for notification. If you are invited to participate, click the link in your email to sign up for a time slot and follow the directions.

Our [coronavirus information page](#) also includes links to resources including a [dashboard](#) of test results to date, updated [hours of operation](#) for campus offices, as well as frequently asked questions about the university's transition in student [health services](#).

[COVID-19 Information](#)



Virtual career and internship fair to be held Wednesday, Sept. 30

The Career Services & Advising Center will hold a virtual career and internship fair from 1 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL CAREER &
INTERNSHIP FAIR

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
1:00-4:00

For more info:

Students: bit.ly/FallFairStudent
Employers: bit.ly/FSUFallFair2020
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Wednesday, Sept. 30, creating opportunities for students and area employers to learn about one another.

The program, to be run on the virtual platform Handshake, will let students meet with employers to discuss their career interests and goals. The program will let students explore internship, full-time, and part-time opportunities that meet their career goals through video chats, break-out rooms and opportunities for one-on-one interviews.

[Learn more](#)

A Community of Scholars

Each year, Fitchburg State publishes "A Community of Scholars," honoring the creative, community and scholarly work of our faculty and librarians. The booklet offers an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the intellectual and creative achievements of our faculty and librarians. These activities both spring from and feed our central teaching mission. Reflected in these pages is the dedicated work of a community of scholars.

[Learn More](#)



TRIO SSS grant renewed

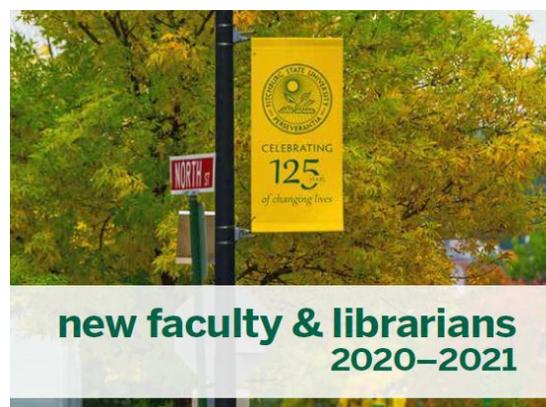
The university recently received a federal grant for \$293,000 to continue its [TRIO Student Support Services program](#), which for over 20 years has helped first-generation, lower-income and high needs students excel in their collegiate studies.

[Learn more](#)

Meet new faculty and librarians

The university welcomed nine new members of its faculty and librarians, spanning eight departments. They will be serving students in the following departments: Behavioral Sciences, Business Administration, Computer Science, Education, Biology and Chemistry, Earth and Geographic Sciences, Nursing, and the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library..

[New Faculty and Librarians](#)





Contact magazine celebrates response to COVID-19 challenge

The Summer 2020 edition of *Contact* magazine featured the Fitchburg State community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Read their stories online.

[Read more](#)

Campus gearing up for NECHE accreditation self-study

The university is gearing up for its 10-year accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education ([NECHE](#)). This comprehensive evaluation will include our self-study report, an on-site evaluation in spring 2022 by a group of peers and finally a review and decision on our accreditation status by the Commission.

A [website](#) has been created to provide an overview of the process that will be regularly updated with documents and information allowing the university community and public to understand and fully participate in the accreditation process.

The accreditation process is being co-chaired by **Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Cathy Canney** and **Professor Daneen Deptula**.

[NECHE 2020-2022](#)

CenterStage and cultural events



In the Gallery at the Sanders Administration Building, the CenterStage arts and culture series is featuring the work of alumnus and cinematographer Nathan McGarigal.

The exhibit displays his worldwide travels.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to view the exhibit in person, while members of the public may check out the [virtual gallery](#). Photos in McGarigal's exhibit are available for sale for \$130, with proceeds benefiting the Gunther Hoos Scholarship Fund at Fitchburg State. Email eventmanagement@fitchburgstate.edu for more information.

Faculty Notes

Professor Charles H. Sides (Communications Media) recently published a poem, "Black Lives Matter," in the poetry journal *New Verse News*.

Professor Walter Jeffko (Humanities) was recognized for 50 years of service to the university community at President Lapidus' welcome back address last week.

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