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125th anniversary events continue

Our [quasiquicentennial](#) celebration continues this semester, with events starting this week.

- Martin Luther King Day Program: Perseverance with Service will be held at **7:30 a.m. Thursday** in the Hammond Main Lounge, where we celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with guest speakers introducing a series of volunteer opportunities that will be available during the course of the semester. A continental breakfast will be served.
- At **11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28**, "Rock the Hall" in the G-Lobby when university clubs and organizations showcase the diversity of campus life.
- The [Fitchburg Art Museum](#) will feature an exhibition of faculty work in their community gallery. The show opens **Wednesday, Jan. 29** and runs through Sunday, Feb. 23.
- Celebrate Asian New Year at **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30** in the Hammond Main Lounge. This program, featuring Asian food and performances, is sponsored by the Office of International Education, World Integrated Nations, the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness, and Flock to the Weekend.

PERSEVERANCE with service



Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,
**what are
you doing
for others?**

January 23 | 7:30 – 8:30 AM
HAMMOND MAIN LOUNGE
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.

*This event is hosted by the
Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness,
Black Student Union, and the Volunteer Center.*

Development Day focuses on assessment

Faculty returned to campus last week for Development Day programming that focused on assessment.

The keynote address was by Dr. Natasha Jankowski, director of the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment. Her talk, entitled "Examining Prismatic Learning: Exploring Intersections of Assessment, Equity, and

Culturally Responsive Practices," sought to reframe assessment as a means of supporting students and faculty, instead of a compliance reporting exercise.

Development Day also included breakout sessions led by faculty and administrators on topics like assessments related to accreditation; developing written program assessment plans; mapping course learning outcomes to assessment; and assessing the new liberal arts and sciences curriculum.



Dr. Natasha Jankowski delivered the keynote address on Development Day.

Winter Commencement ceremony breaks records

More than 600 undergraduate and graduate degrees were conferred at our 123rd commencement exercises, winter ceremony, on Friday, Dec. 20. It was the largest winter ceremony (by attendance) in university history.

Attending graduates, including those who had completed their studies online and never before set foot on the university's physical campus, hailed from Massachusetts as well as Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin and the Northern Mariana Islands. The university has seen huge growth in its online accelerated degree programs.



Visit the university's [Facebook page](#) to see an online photo gallery from the celebration.

"Glenn's Game" will raise funds for ALS research

The Fitchburg State [Falcons](#) will take the ice against Worcester State for the Glenn Roberts Memorial Hockey Game at 4 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 1** to raise funds for the ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter and the Glenn Roberts Memorial Scholarship at Fitchburg High School

GLENN ROBERTS
Memorial Hockey Game

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
4:00 PM — Fitchburg State vs. Worcester State
6:30 PM — Fitchburg High vs. North Middlesex High
WALLACE CIVIC CENTER • FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Presented by
GLENN'S FRIENDS
to support **ALS**
ASSOCIATION
Massachusetts Chapter

and **THE GLENN ROBERTS**
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
at Fitchburg High School

\$10 PER TICKET
Tickets sold at the door.
For advance tickets, contact:
Dean Fuller at 508-631-5860.
FREE for Fitchburg State students with your OneCard

Fitchburg High School. "Glenn's Game" will be played at the Wallace Civic Center.

"Glenn's Friends" will also host a free open skate from **7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31** at the Wallace Civic Center, sponsored by Fidelity Bank. Donations will be accepted at the event.

Glenn Roberts died in 2013 at age 49 after a brave fight against ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Roberts, who worked at Mount Wachusett Community College for more than 20 years, completed a master's degree in counseling psychology at Fitchburg State in 1992. His wife, Debra Roberts, a triple Falcon, completed degrees here in 1990, 1994 and 2003.

[Learn more](#)

CenterStage and cultural events

Coming in February: B.B. King Blues Band performs Feb. 8

[Fitchburg State](#)

[CenterStage](#) welcomes

The B.B. King Blues band featuring Michael Lee and Claudette King at **8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8** in Weston Auditorium. For over half

a century, B.B. King and B.B. King's Band defined the blues to the world, averaging over 250 sold out concerts per year, with classics like "The Thrill Is Gone," "Every Day I Have The Blues," "How Blues Can You Get," and "Why I Sing The Blues." Members of the original band have gotten together to continue touring in the remembrance of B.B. King, now joined by Michael Lee, a contestant from the 2018 season of *The Voice* on NBC.



Tickets are \$28 for adults; \$25 for alumni and seniors; and \$5 for students. Learn more and buy tickets [online](#).

Faculty Notes

Professor Joshua B. Spero's (Economics, History and Political Science) opinion piece on the current U.S.-Iranian conflict was published in the *Sentinel & Enterprise* and *Lowell Sun*. The piece offers some historical perspective and raises issues to be considered moving forward.

Read it [here](#).

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