

Fitchburg State University Today

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University recognized for supporting black students

A new national study places Fitchburg State in the top 10 public institutions in the nation for serving black students.

The report card from the University of Southern California's Race and Equity Center weighed a series of benchmarks to determine individual institutional scores, including representation, gender, completion, and student-faculty ratios.

President Lapidus said the recognition comes as the university continues its intentional campaign to increase diversity among the student body. Efforts like targeted student recruitment to investment in programs to support students and foster an inclusive campus climate is succeeding. "We are definitely moving in the right direction," he said.

[Read the report](#)

INSTITUTIONS WITH HIGHEST AND LOWEST EQUITY INDEX SCORES

HIGHEST SCORES

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	EQUITY INDEX SCORE
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	3.50
University of California-San Diego	3.50
University of Louisville	3.50
University of Minnesota-Morris	3.25
Pennsylvania State University-Greater Allegheny	3.25
University of Vermont	3.25
University of Utah	3.25
University of Washington-Bothell Campus	3.25
Fitchburg State University	3.25
Framingham State University	3.25
Portland State University	3.25
University of West Alabama	3.25
University of Washington-Seattle Campus	3.25
Chicago State University	3.25
Rutgers University-Newark	3.25
University of Massachusetts-Boston	3.25
CUNY City College	3.25

Speaker Series resumes today

The university Speaker Series continues **today at 12:30 p.m.** with a talk by Professor Kelly Morgan (Communications Media) on American Sign Language across campus and beyond. The talk will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library. Refreshments will be served.



Learn about student voting trends at registration event today

The Crocker Center for Civic Engagement presents a talk by professors Paul Weizer and Shane Martin about current and historical voting data and trends

for Fitchburg State students. The presentation will be held at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall **today at 3:30 p.m.** There will also be a voter registration drive at the event.

Pizza will be served following the presentations.

FITCHBURG STATE STUDENTS HEAD TO THE POLLS – 2018

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Discuss historical and current voting data and trends of our own students

Upcoming Elections: **2018**

****REGISTER TO VOTE!****

ELLIS WHITE LECTURE HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Pizza will be provided after presentations made by professors Shane Martin and Paul Weizer

PRESENTED BY THE CROCKER CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Annual security and fire safety report issued

The university has published the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report for 2018 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 website. All campus crime statistics required by the Clery Act are provided, including, for certain categories, the number of persons referred for campus disciplinary action. Information about crime prevention and safety awareness programs is also provided.

[Read the report](#)

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Annual Security and Fire Safety Report for 2018

CLERY COMPLIANCE DOCUMENT
Contains Statistics from 2017

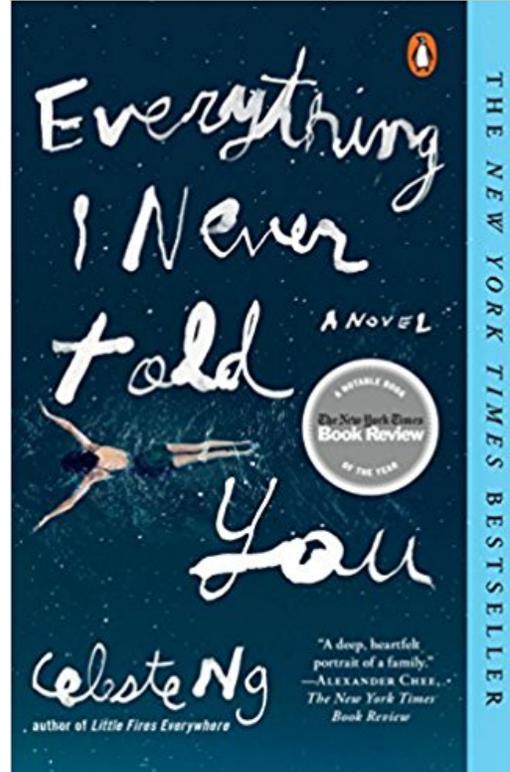
Community Read continues Tuesday

Fitchburg State University's [Community Read](#) of 2018-19 - Celeste Ng's acclaimed novel *Everything I Never Told You* - continues with round table discussions led by English Honors Society students.

The discussions will be held **3:30 to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow** at the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall.

In Ng's novel, *Everything I Never Told You*, a family's secrets are closely tied to themes of immigration and ethnic identity.

[Community Read Events](#)



Workshops kick off National Novel Writing Month

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library invites all to be part of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), which is a worldwide writing event in which participants challenge themselves to write a 50,000 word novel during the month of November.



National Novel Writing Month

Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel.

To prepare for NaNoWriMo, the library will be hosting a series of noveling workshops in October to help participants reach their 50,000-word goal. The first workshop will be held at **11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3** in the library archives. The event is open to all.

To sign up, visit the event's [Facebook page](#) or email [Sherry Packard](#) to be added to the mailing list of upcoming events.

"Flights of Imagination" public art mural on display in library

The Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library is now home to a public art project that emerged in collaboration between the university and the [Fitchburg Art Museum](#). "Flights of Imagination: Juliet, Kate, and Ophelia" is a three-story mural lining the stairwell of the library, with representations of tumbling books.



Artist KK Kozik with her mural in the library.

Artist [KK Kozik](#)'s painted representation depicts 650 books tumbling down three floors of the library with a color scheme inspired by Shakespearean heroines Juliet (from *Romeo and Juliet*), Kate (from *The Taming of*

On the Conlon Hall Media Wall: *Icarian Dreams*

"Icarian Dreams" is a series of images collected by local drone pilots and displayed on the media wall in the Conlon Hall lobby. The exhibit is on display through Wednesday, Oct. 31, and there will be a wall talk and reception in the Conlon lobby at 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 24.**



Della Mae performs Oct. 20.

Welcome new employees

Please welcome the following new members of the Fitchburg State community:

Cody Cleveland, maintainer in the Capital Planning & Maintenance Office, can be reached at x4226 or via email at clevela@fitchburgstate.edu.

Timothy Jones, maintainer in the Capital Planning & Maintenance Office, can be reached at x4249 or via email at tjones18@fitchburgstate.edu.

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Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Holland, maintainer in the Capital Planning & Maintenance Office, can be reached at x3067 or via email at mholla15@fitchburgstate.edu.

Brian Borneman, Risk and Emergency Manager in the Environmental Health & Safety Office, can be reached at x4801 or via email at bbornem1@fitchburgstate.edu.

Maria Morales Gomez, Receiving Teller II in the Student Accounts Office, can be reached at x3184 or via email at mmorale6@fitchburgstate.edu.

Staff notes

Amber Deschenes and **Marylyn Gainan** (Graduate and Continuing Education) will be presenting at the upcoming UPCEA 2018 New England Region [Conference](#). Their presentation, entitled "Why Webinars? Because They Work!: The Evolution of Fitchburg State University's Webinar Program," will describe Fitchburg State's use of webinars as marketing tools. [UPCEA](#) is the leading association for professional, continuing and online education.

Faculty notes

Professor Michael Greenwood (Business Administration) has been asked to make the opening address, and to act as the Master of Ceremonies, for this year's HUB WEEK Open Doors Conference, to be held on Tuesday Oct. 9, at the Thomas P. O'Neil, Federal Building in Boston. The event is a collaboration between the U.S. Small Business Administration, MIT, Boston Globe, Harvard University, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Professor Susan Wadsworth (Humanities) will have her pastel and ink works on view in three different locations in October. She is one of several in the Women's Caucus for Art, the Northern

Massachusetts branch, which will have works at the Sitka Gallery at 454 Main Street in Fitchburg. The theme of that show is Bearing Witness, and one work will be her children at the exhibition of Christo's Gates in New York City. She will also have at least one work in the Southern Vermont Artists member show in Manchester, Vt. And her studio in the Monadnock area of southern New Hampshire is one of many



Fall Kanji Landscape (2017) by Susan Wadsworth

that will be open **Oct. 6-8** as part of the 11th Annual Fall Foliage Art Studio Tour. Her new work shows an experimentation with Asian ink atop colorfully blended pastels, evoking Japanese and Chinese line and calligraphy. [Click here](#) for more information.

Save the dates!

- The campus will host three Open Houses for prospective students. This fall's events will be **Saturday, Oct. 13, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10**.
- President Lapidus will host panel discussions for faculty and staff at **10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7** at Kent Recital Hall.
- The holiday tree lighting will be held at **4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29**.

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