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A new year begins

The fall semester begins Thursday with a diverse group of students prepared to immerse themselves in learning.

First-year students hail from 234 high schools in Massachusetts and 60 high schools from beyond Massachusetts, including students from Nevada and Texas. The university will welcome 60 international students from 26 countries this fall.

Among the new programs starting this semester is a concentration in [cybersecurity](#) within the Computer Science Department. Students in the program will develop knowledge and skills in analysis and design of business systems, database development, software development and networking.

The university will also launch a new minor in American Sign Language as well as minors in film studies and Latin.

This fall, 1,700 Fitchburg State students will live on campus, representing about 50 percent of the undergraduate day population. The university will start the year at full capacity for housing, including 145 students residing in apartment suites at Simonds Hall, which is now managed by Fitchburg State.



Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon - Homecoming Sept. 22-24

Enjoy food, football and fireworks when Fitchburg State holds its 2017 Homecoming Weekend, **Friday, Sept. 22** through **Sunday, Sept. 24**. The weekend's events will inspire visitors to embrace their Falcon pride, reconnect with old friends and make new memories at what will always be their university.

The roster of events includes a performance by platinum-selling pop star [Jesse McCartney](#), a Homecoming barbecue, bonfire and spirit rally, and the must-see Falcons football game where local food trucks will be stationed and

adult beverages will be available.

The university will also pay tribute to the Class of 1967 on the occasion of their 50th anniversary reunion.

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HOMECOMING CONCERT:
Jesse McCartney

SATURDAY
Sept. 23
at 8 PM

(DOORS OPEN 7 PM)
Recreation Center

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Ages 17+

TICKET PURCHASE INFO:
eventbrite.com
Students \$10 / Student Guest \$20
Alumni & Campus Community \$25
Meet / Photo with Jesse \$40

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Jesse McCartney performs Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Athletics and Recreation Center.

Share your feedback on the new issue of *Contact*

The latest issue of *Contact*, the Fitchburg State University magazine, is now available. We are eager to hear [reader feedback](#) on the redesigned publication, which focuses on the evolving healthcare field and how Fitchburg State students, faculty and alumni make a difference and lead the way.

Among the notable alumni featured are Mary Pat Couig '79, program manager in the Office of Nursing Services at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (who delivered the commencement address this May) and Patrick Jordan '85, the chief operating officer of Lahey Hospital and Medical Center.

The issue also describes the innovative student-faculty collaborative research that began this summer on the health of the Fitchburg community and the conditions in the Nashua River.

[Check out the magazine](#) and take a few moments to [complete the reader survey](#).



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Rock the Block on Sept. 12

Students can learn about the many [clubs and organizations](#) available to them during the annual "Rock the Block" celebration at **3:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, Sept. 12 on Highland Avenue and the main quad.

Beyond learning about extracurricular offerings, [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) staff members will also be available to provide undergraduate students with information about accelerating or supplementing their academics with winter and summer courses.



Kappa Delta Pi chapter to be recognized in October

The international education honor society Kappa Delta Pi has recognized the Fitchburg State chapter, its faculty advisor and student president for overall excellence through 2016-2017.

The Xi Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi will be recognized at the society's convocation this October in Pennsylvania.



Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), International Honor Society in Education, was founded in 1911 to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. The society now has more than 1.2 million members.

Professor Nancy Murray, a member of the Education Department faculty, will be recognized as the 2016-17 Northeast Regional Chapter Counselor Award. Murray was cited for representing the mission and ideals of KDP, modeling leadership, motivating and communicating with chapter members, impacting the careers of chapter officers and members, involvement in chapter programs and activities, and exemplifying the mission and ideals of the society.

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