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Hockey game to benefit Wounded Warrior Project



Fitchburg State University and the Fitchburg Police Relief Association are joining forces to support the Wounded Warrior Project, organizing a benefit hockey game at the Wallace Civic Center on **Saturday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from members of the Relief Association, at the Civic Center or online at <https://support.fitchburgstate.edu/warrior>.

The Fitchburg State Falcons will face off against the UMass Dartmouth Corsairs in the regular season game. The teams already enjoy a strong rivalry and organizers are hopeful the chance to contribute to the Wounded Warrior Project will make a strong event even greater.

"The benefit on February 1 marks a great opportunity for the community to show support for the men and women who have already given so much to protect our country," said President Antonucci. "We're honored to be part of such a meaningful collaboration."

"The Fitchburg Police Relief Association has supported the Wounded Warrior Project since 2011, donating all proceeds from our annual Community 5K to this worthy organization," said Association President and Fitchburg Police Officer Jude Chabot. "We're excited to build on that foundation with another event."

Fitchburg State hockey coach Dean Fuller approached the Wounded Warrior Project with the idea of a benefit hockey game several months ago and said he was happy to receive a warm response.

"I'm excited about this partnership," Coach Fuller said.

Robin Connors, founder of the charitable organization Robin

Connors Angels, has been a volunteer fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior project for the past seven years and has worked with the Fitchburg Police Relief Association on numerous other projects. Service to returning veterans is a personal cause that Connors holds dear.

The Wounded Warrior Project's mission is to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history. The WWP seeks to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; to help injured service members aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs, and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

For more information, contact Robin Connors at robinconnorsangels@gmail.com or 978-846-8665.

Montuori awarded President's Medal at special ceremony



Michael Montuori, right, accepted the President's Medal from President Antonucci.

President Antonucci recently presented local businessman and philanthropist Michael E. Montuori with the President's Medal.

Montuori, owner of Montuori Oil Delivery and several other local businesses, was presented the honor in a surprise ceremony at his Boulder Drive office.

The President's Medal is among the highest honors bestowed by Fitchburg State University. It is traditionally presented during the university's commencement ceremony. In presenting the award, President Antonucci saluted Montuori's remarkable generosity to the

Fitchburg State University Foundation, which supports student scholarships and other university endeavors.

"Mike Montuori's significant contributions to Fitchburg State have played a tangible role in helping students achieve their goals, allowing them to overcome the financial obstacles placed in their way," Antonucci said. "He has supported countless other university initiatives, giving of his time and resources. More than most, his actions reflect a commitment to the greater good with no want of recognition for himself."

Montuori Oil Delivery has been serving North Central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire since 1926.

Montuori and his wife, Janet, a Fitchburg State alumna, live in Lunenburg.

Moot Court tournament returns to campus Nov. 22-23

The 2013 American Collegiate Moot Court eastern regional tournament was held on campus Nov. 22-23 and marked another very successful weekend for Fitchburg State.

Of the 64 teams that competed on campus, 13



earned automatic bids to the national tournament to be held at the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University in January. Three of those 13 will represent Fitchburg State.

Angela Szymcik and Shylah Maloney finished third overall. After gaining the top seed after day one, they lost to the eventual champion in a semi-final round. This will be the third national appearance for Szymcik and the first for Maloney.

Also representing Fitchburg State will be the teams of Sam Gonyea and Andrew Coleman (who placed fifth overall) as well as Patience Morrow and Shawna Paul (who placed ninth overall).

Students Angela Szymcik, left, and Shylah Maloney will represent Fitchburg State at the national moot court tournament in January.

the tournament for years.

"With only 80 teams in the country advancing to nationals, having three from any school is impressive," said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Weizer, who has organized

"Having three from a school our size is especially impressive."

Weizer congratulated Eric Boehme, Shane Martin, and Keith Grenier on their work preparing Fitchburg State students for this year's competition.

In addition to Fitchburg State, competing institutions included University of Connecticut, Duke University, Western Connecticut University, Suffolk University, Elms College, State University of New York (SUNY) Albany, Williams College, the College of New Jersey, Bentley University, Merrimack College, Holy Cross, Patrick Henry College, SUNY Brockport and Hunter College.

Fitchburg State's Moot Court team has a history of strong showings at the regional event, advancing to the national moot court competition 12 consecutive times. The university remains the only school in the competition to win national honors at every tournament.

Speaker Series continues today

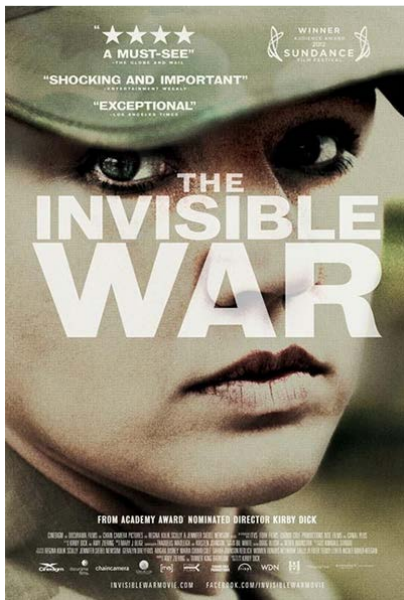
The Fitchburg State Speaker Series continues today (Monday, Dec. 2) from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Gallucci-Cirio Library with a talk by David Svolba (Humanities) on "Frankfurt's Account of Moral Responsibility: Two Alleged Counterexamples."

Center for Conflict Studies hosts film screening, discussion Monday, Dec. 2

The Center for Conflict Studies will present a screening of "The Invisible War," about the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military, at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. Admission is free.

"The Invisible War" is a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of our country's most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within our armed forces.

Today, a female soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy



fire with the number of assaults in the last decade alone in the hundreds of thousands.

Focusing on the powerfully emotional stories of several young women, the film reveals the systemic cover up of the crimes against them and follows their struggles to rebuild their lives and fight for justice. "The Invisible War" features hard-hitting interviews with high-ranking military

officials and members of Congress that reveal the perfect storm conditions that exist for rape in the military, its history of cover-up, and what can be done to bring about much needed change.

Lighting of the Campus on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 4:30 p.m.

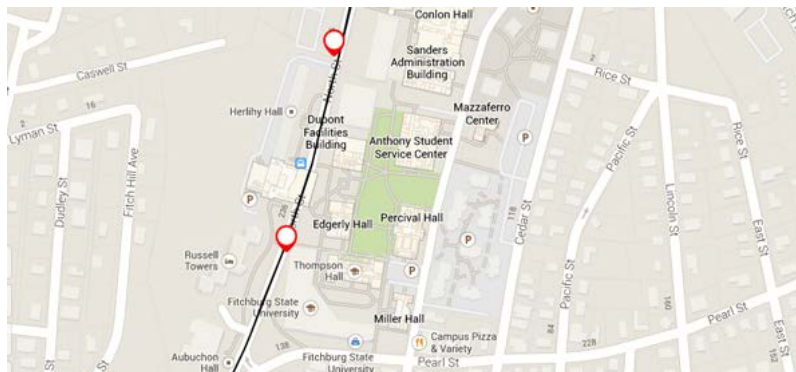
The campus community is invited to take part in the annual Lighting of the Campus at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Highland Plaza. Refreshments will be served and there will be horse and carriage rides.

The festivities will also include musical performances by Harmonic Velocity and Dave Binder.

The Lighting of the Campus is sponsored by the President's Office, the Office of Student Development, the Student Government Association, Housing and Residential Services, Chartwells, Capital Planning and Maintenance, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness.



Mobile website offers real-time shuttle bus tracking



Visitors to campus, and resident students, can now track in real time the location of the shuttle buses that traverse the streets around Fitchburg State University each day.

The shuttle tracking is a feature of the university's mobile web site, visible at <http://m.fitchburgstate.edu>.

Visitors to the mobile site

can select "Shuttles" from the menu and will be taken to a real-time feed of the buses' whereabouts on and around campus.

About half of Fitchburg State's undergraduate students commute to campus each day, parking in lots adjacent to campus and at the Wallace Civic Center. The Massachusetts Regional Transit Authority (MART) contracts with the university to provide shuttle service along North Street between the Civic Center, main campus and the intermodal garage on Main Street.

The mobile website was developed for Fitchburg State by Modo Labs of Cambridge, and in partnership with MART.

Fitchburg State's mobile website also features modules allowing visitors to take a virtual tour of the campus, check out course offerings, watch videos, and learn about campus and athletic events.

Third Thursday film series continues

The Third Thursday film series - bridging the Fitchburg State University campus and the city - continues this fall. The community is invited to join Fitchburg State faculty and staff members for free monthly film screenings and discussions at the [Fitchburg Public Library](#), 610 Main St.

Each film is presented in the library auditorium, introduced by a member of the university's faculty or staff. The films touch on issues or events that will resonate with today's audiences. A discussion follows each screening.

The final fall semester offering is:

Dec. 19, 4 p.m. - Joseph Moser (English Studies) presents *The Shop Around the Corner* (1940). A holiday treat, this film is the story of two employees at a gift shop who can barely stand one another, without realizing that they're falling in love through the post as each other's anonymous pen pal. This holiday treat stars Jimmy Stewart and Margaret Sullavan.

The series will resume in January.



"The Shop around the Corner" screens on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

CenterStage and cultural events

A little girl goes to sleep and her dreams transform to nightmares in *Dorme*, performed by the LaCapra Ballerina Puppet Theatre of Italy and presented Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. as part of the CenterStage at Fitchburg State arts and culture series and sponsored by the university's Center for Italian Culture.

Dorme (Italian for "she sleeps") will be performed at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door. The piece is appropriate for adults and older children.

The main character's dream journey, unfolding like



a slow dance, goes through beauty and fear, flying with fish with human faces, discovering light and shadows, meeting her own death and awakening to realize it was just a dream. Dorme asks us what happens when our rational mind goes to sleep and how deeply our dreams interfere with our daily life once daylight breaks.

The puppetry theater piece is accompanied by an electronic musical score by Stefano Zazzera and uses the special wrist puppet technique developed by Vladimir Zakharov.

Holiday Concerts

The Fitchburg State University Humanities Department will ring in the holiday season with a series of free concerts in December on the university campus.

The festivities begin with a choral concert at 7:30 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 9** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The concert will feature a variety of choral literature and vocal arrangements. The Fitchburg State University Choir, directed by faculty member Marjorie Ness and accompanied by William Ness will perform, as well as the Fitchburg State Chamber Singers, also conducted by Marjorie Ness. Harmonic Velocity, a student-run a cappella vocal group, will perform under the direction of Jillian Bailey with assistance by Theo Demosthenes.

The music continues at 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 10** at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St., when the Community Chamber Orchestra performs, conducted by faculty member Hildy Schilling. The concert will include a variety of seasonal music as well as selections like "Clocks" by Coldplay, "Hallelujah" from Shrek, the "James Bond" theme, holiday tunes, and "Gabriel's Oboe" featuring oboist Joy Yang.

The Fitchburg State University Band and Ensembles perform at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 11** at Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. The jazz and concert bands will present an evening of jazz classics, marches and hits. The jazz band, under the direction of faculty member Michele Caniato, will perform music by Wayne Shorter, Charles Mingus and John Coltrane, along with an original composition by bassist Jake Fletcher. The concert band, under the direction of Michael LaCava, will perform a variety of classics and new works. Selections will include music from the "Nutcracker Suite," music from the Broadway hit "Wicked," new pieces called "Above the Clouds" and "Pursuit," and a finale featuring Leroy Anderson's classic "Sleigh Ride."

CenterStage presents a Holiday Extravangza on Saturday, Dec. 14

The CenterStage at
Fitchburg State
University arts and
culture series invites you

Holiday Extravaganza!

December 14

at 7:30 p.m.

Here's a sample of the evening's music:

Many Moods of Christmas
 Christmas Day Selections from *The Messiah*
 Around the World at Christmas Time
 Fantasia on Greensleeves
 Waltz of Flowers
 and many more...

Thayer Symphony Orchestra
 directed by Toshimasa Francis Wada

Greater Gardner Community Choir
 directed by Diane Cushing

Fitchburg State University Chamber Singers
 directed by Marjorie Ness

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
 CENTERSTAGE

We hope to see you on **December 14 at 7:30 pm!**

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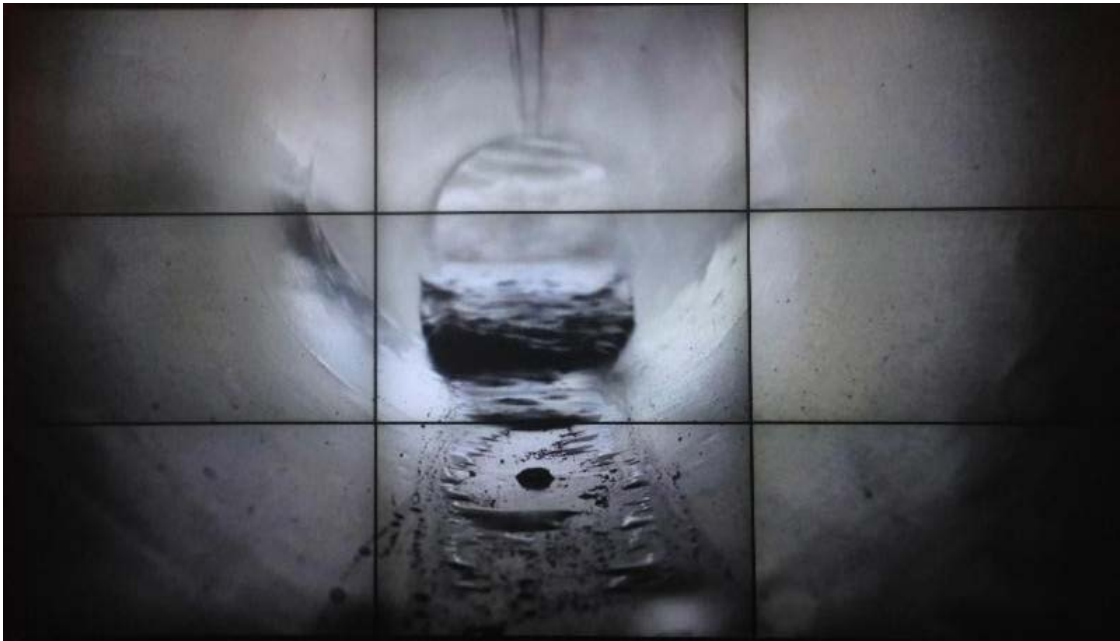
to ring in the season with a holiday extravaganza featuring the Thayer Symphony Orchestra, the Greater Gardner Community Choir and Fitchburg State Chamber Singers on **Saturday, Dec. 14** at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium.

December and the holidays: the smell of balsam and snow, the sounds of bells and music. Whether it's Handel's "Messiah" or Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" that say "the season has arrived," this concert is tailor-made for you. Two local ensembles gather for one glorious performance as Weston Auditorium resonates with the sounds of Thayer Symphony Orchestra and the Greater Gardner Community Choir-joined by Fitchburg State choral arts students. This concert is filled with orchestral and vocal holiday chestnuts ... and sells out quickly.

This performance is sponsored by Workers Credit Union with additional support from Aubuchon Hardware and is presented with media partner WPKZ AM-1280. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors and \$7 for children and Fitchburg State students.

The Weston Box Office, located inside Weston Auditorium at 353 North St., is open 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.fitchburgstate.edu/cultural.

On the Conlon Media Wall: "Arroyo" by Denise Marika



"Arroyo" is a video landscape by Denise Marika, created by the use of a 10-foot sculptural lens through which the natural phasing of light, water and the horizon line are reflected and recorded. Amplified natural and sonic frequencies were composed as an electronic call and response between the organic and synthesized soundscapes. Music by Tom Fahey and Corey Thompson of *This is Life*.

Marika's work has been presented at MASS MoCa, the Boston Cyber Arts Festival and the ICA. The piece will be displayed on the Conlon Media Wall inside the Conlon Hall, 316 Highland Ave., through Jan. 14, 2014.

There will be a "Meet the Artist" talk at **3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3** in front of the media wall.

In the Gallery at Sanders: "Trees" by Nancy McCarthy

In the Gallery at Sanders, inside the Sanders Administration Building at 300 Highland Ave., the work of artist Nancy McCarthy will be on display through Wednesday, Dec. 18.

For more information, visit www.fitchburgstate.edu/cultural.

Faculty Notes

Eric Budd (Economics, History and Political Science) attended the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association in Philadelphia from Nov. 14-16. Budd was part of the Presidents' Roundtable Discussion of the Obama Presidency, was the chair and discussant for a panel on conflict resolution, and attended the Association's business meetings as a former president of the Association.

Michael Greenwood (Business Administration) recently designed and led a two-stage strategic planning retreat for the board of directors for the United Way of North Central Massachusetts. Board members visited Hammond Hall on Oct. 2 and convened again on Nov. 18 for a follow-up at United Way headquarters in Fitchburg. Greenwood designed the planning effort methodology and execution that provided the foundation for the United Way to revisit core values and to ensure strategic alignment with its vision and mission.



"The retreat positioned us to be able to chart a future that takes into account the societal trends and challenges most likely to influence our direction," said United Way of North Central Massachusetts President Phil Grzewinski. "This, coupled with a solid new strategic planning process introduced by Dr. Greenwood, will further assist us in our preparedness to meet the requirements and expectations of the communities we serve."

From left, faculty member Michael Greenwood, President Antonucci, United Way of North Central Massachusetts outgoing chairman Bob Chauvin, United Way President Phil Grzewinski and United Way board member David Baer.

Greenwood said he was excited to be an integral part of the experience and looks forward to supporting the board as part of his own personal and professional commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Charles Sides (Communications Media), series editor of the Baywood Publishing Company's Technical Communications Series, announced the publication of three new volumes: "How the Brain Processes Multimodal Technical Instructions" by Dirk Remley; "Exploding Technical Communication: Workplace Literacy Hierarchies and Their Implications for Literacy Sponsorship," also by Dirk Remley; and "The Other Kind of Funnies: Comics in Technical Communication," by Han Yu.

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