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Fitchburg State's Moot Court streak continues

Two teams will represent Fitchburg State University at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's annual tournament in January as a result of their performance at the qualifying tournament held on campus last Friday and Saturday.

The teams - Matthew Costello and Haley Schilling, and Angela Szymcik and Robert Sivazlian - will represent Fitchburg State at Regent University Law School in Virginia Beach.

The regional tournament, which brought 48 teams from 15 colleges and universities to Fitchburg State, was won by Michelle Freeman and Jacob Gomez of the California State University at Fullerton, who defeated Gianni Cramer and William Manning of Bentley University in the final round on Saturday.

The tournament in January will mark Costello's fourth national event. It is rare for freshmen to compete in the tournament but Costello, also president of the Student Government Association, has competed in all four years at Fitchburg State and earned national distinction in each of them. Szymcik will be making her second trip to the national tournament. Schilling daughter of Fitchburg State faculty members -and Sivazlian will be making their first appearance there in January.

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 has consistently advanced to the second day of national competition since 2000 and remains the only school in the nation to make the break in every national tournament.

Center for Conflict Studies talk to explore LGBT rights

The campaign to achieve recognition of gay marriage and the broader campaign to win full rights for the LGBT community



Arline Isaacson

will be the focus of discussion when the Center for Conflict Studies at Fitchburg State University presents Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at Percival Auditorium, 254 Highland Ave., Fitchburg.

"Over the course of the past decade, gay marriage has gone from being an issue that was not even a topic of discussion, to being legal in a growing number of states, thanks to activists like Arline Isaacson and others," said Eric Budd, a professor in the university's department of economics, history and political science. "During the talk she will discuss the challenges she faced, how those obstacles were overcome, and her thoughts on the future prospects for marriage equality nationwide."

Admission is free and the talk is open to the public.

Register now for GCE winter/spring sessions

Online registration has begun for [Graduate and Continuing Education's](#) [winter](#) and [spring](#) sessions, and registration by mail/phone/walk-in has begun.

The winter session, which will be run entirely online, runs from Dec. 27 to Jan. 13, 2013.

The spring session runs from Jan. 15 to May 15, 2013.

Business Society co-sponsors "The Millionaire Business Owner" on Dec. 4

What are the factors that distinguish the average business owner from those who make millions? That question will be the focus of a discussion Tuesday, Dec. 4 co-sponsored Fitchburg State University's Business Society, the Career Center and the firm My Virtual CFO.

"The Millionaire Business Owner" talk will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the auditorium at the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road, Fitchburg.

The goal of the program is to educate and inspire current and future business owners to see the bigger picture and develop a vision of what their business could become. The university's internship program will also be discussed and there will be a networking opportunity for students and business owners alike.

For more information, contact Dan Paine at dpaine3@student.fitchburgstate.edu.

Rotaract coat drive runs through Dec. 5

The Rotaract Club, working in collaboration with the Volunteer Center, are collecting clean, reusable coats that will be donated to the Hope Center in Fitchburg. The mission of the Hope Center is to respond to the needs of the people in the Central Massachusetts region, through direct assistance support services, advocacy in education to individuals and groups. They are committed to the journey of hope and wholeness, through grief and loss counseling, forgiveness therapy, economic empowerment, mentoring, recovery and more.

There are boxes for donated coats in the Hammond Hall lobby and the McKay Complex. Coats donations will be accepted until Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Distinguished Speaker Series continues March 13 with Dr. Steven Layne

The self-described "reading arsonist" Dr. Steven L. Layne will address educators on the topic of igniting a passion for reading when he takes the microphone at Fitchburg State University's [Distinguished Speaker Series](#) on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

With his trademark combination of humor and heart, Layne tackles one of the most significant issues in reading instruction today: how to engage reluctant readers. Teaching the skill of reading is viewed by many educators as a major objective; teaching the will of reading is too often an afterthought. Layne's charismatic blend of anecdotes and practical suggestions for the classroom are sure to fan the flame of literacy into a raging inferno inspiring teachers as well as their students to keep the bedside lamp on just a little bit later into the night.



Dr. Steven L. Layne

Educators will leave the workshop with

- Increased knowledge of literacy
- Practical strategies to engage reluctant readers
- Efficient real-world suggestions to dramatically impact school culture

Layne serves as full-time professor of literacy education at Judson University in Elgin, Ill. His vast array of experience working at multiple grade levels in the public schools allows him a unique camaraderie with teachers and librarians and his award-winning books for children and young adults add another appealing element to his dynamic presentations. Layne is a frequent keynote speaker at large conferences and gatherings of educators and librarians throughout the world. In addition, Layne continues to do school appearances each year as a guest author and provides in-service for schools throughout the nation.

"Steven Layne is one of the most dynamic keynote speakers I have had the pleasure to listen to," said Fitchburg State University Dean of Education Dr. Pamela Hill. "His warmth, humor, and love of teaching resonate. He made us laugh and made us cry-but most of all, he inspired us."

The Distinguished Speaker Series is designed for superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, curriculum directors, special education directors, teachers, graduate students, higher education faculty, and other interested school administrators and educators. Books by Layne will be available for purchase, and checks, credit cards and cash will be accepted.

The registration fee of \$150 includes the workshop, luncheon and continuing education units. This program offers four PDPs for educators. Payment is by check, credit card or purchase order. Teams of three or more within the same school district pay \$125 per person and must register by purchase order. Print the invoice or registration form online to complete and mail or fax in per instructions. Payment is by check, credit card or purchase order. Registration has begun and is open until March 1, 2013. Registrations received by Jan. 31, 2013 will be entered into a raffle for free admission.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices/academic-offices/gce/distinguished-speaker>.

CenterStage and cultural events at Fitchburg State

Harlem Gospel Choir performs Saturday, Dec. 1

A joyful noise will fill Weston

Auditorium at Fitchburg State University when the acclaimed [Harlem Gospel Choir](#) performs Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. as part of the CenterStage arts and culture series.



The Harlem Gospel Choir was founded in 1986 with the finest singers and musicians from the black churches in Harlem and New York City area. Its improvised, embellished melodies and bold, tight harmonies burst forth in songs of love, hope and inspiration that will touch the depths

of your soul, lift your spirit and take your breath away! Joining the world-famous choir with its signature gospel sound will be the Greater Gardner Community Choir. Together the two choirs fill the stage with gospels and glorious songs of the holiday season.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$7 for students. The Weston Box Office, inside Weston Auditorium at 353 North St., is open Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and can be reached at 978-665-3347. Tickets can also be ordered [online](#).

The Harlem Gospel Choir has traveled the world for 26 years, sharing its joy of faith and raising funds for children's charities. The theme of every performance is "bringing people and nations together and giving something back." The choir has performed for royalty, President Obama, Nelson Mandela, Elton John, two Popes and at the memorial for Michael Jackson. They have performed alongside superstars including Andre Rieu, Diana Ross, Bono, The Chieftains, Simple Minds, Live, Sinéad O'Connor, Kim Wilde, Lyle Lovett, Josh Groban, Lisa Marie Presley & the Gorillaz.

The performance is co-sponsored by Rollstone Bank & Trust and the Sentinel & Enterprise, with media partner WPKZ and additional support from WITS.

On the Conlon Media Wall: "Nine Gestures" by Jeffu Warmouth

JEFFU WARMOUTH

NINE GESTURES

CONLON MEDIA WALL, NOV 8 - DEC 20, 2012



Professor Jeff Warmouth (Communications Media) created a new video artwork specifically for the Conlon Media Wall. The display runs through Dec. 20.

In the Gallery at Sanders: "Astronaut" by Scott Listfield

The [CenterStage](#) at Fitchburg State University arts and culture series invites you to take an outsider's look at the pop culture world around you with artist Scott Listfield's otherworldly gallery exhibit "Astronaut."

Listfield's paintings feature a lone exploratory astronaut lost in a landscape cluttered with pop-culture icons, corporate logos, and tongue-in-cheek science-fiction references. Raised on cartoons, movies, and comic books, Listfield expected he'd be living on the moon with his robot best friend by now. But the future he grew up into wasn't the one he envisioned. So the artist has sent an astronaut from the fictional 21st century of his youth to explore our present world—a place that's stranger than one might think.

"Astronaut" will be featured in the art gallery in the Sanders Administration Building, 300 Highland Ave., through Nov. 27.



"Coke Machine" by Scott Listfield.

Listfield will present an artist's talk at 10 a.m. Nov. 27 as the exhibit is prepared for removal. All are welcome to discuss the work.

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