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Convocation, Undergraduate Research Conference make for day-long celebration of academic achievement

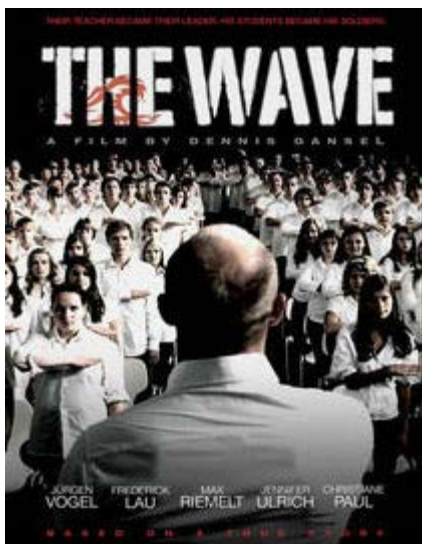


The university devoted last Thursday to a celebration of academic achievement, first with the morning's third [Undergraduate Conference on Research and Creative Practice](#).

The conference, relocated this year to McKay because of construction on the main campus, brought together hundreds of students, their family members, faculty and staff members. Oral presentations, performances, film screenings and poster sessions contributed to an informative and entertaining day.

The celebration continued Thursday afternoon with the 35th annual Honors Convocation at Weston Auditorium (pictured above). Nearly 200 awards were presented to students and President Antonucci also paid tribute to faculty members who are retiring and recognized those who had been granted tenure and promoted.

Center for Conflict Studies presents "The Wave" today at 3:30



The Center for Conflict Studies wraps up the academic year with a screening of the German film "The Wave" at 3:30 p.m. today (April 30) in Ellis White Lecture Hall.

The acclaimed 2008 film tells the story of a high school teacher who, when his students say that fascism could never return to Germany, develops a class experiment which calls that optimism into question.

Fitchburg State, Fitchburg Art Museum concoct "Tales from a Test Tube"

Fitchburg State students are part of the [Fitchburg Art Museum](#) Community Engagement Program's exhibition connecting art, science, and the natural world. "Tales from a Test Tube" opened last week at the [Warner Babcock Institute of Green Chemistry](#) at 100 Research Drive in Wilmington.

The university and the art museum collaborated with Fitchburg the Warner Babcock Institute and [Beyond Benign](#), a green chemistry education non-profit organization, to concoct the innovative exhibition that will explore the chemistry between art and science.

"Tales from a Test Tube" runs through July 27 at the Warner Babcock Institute.

This ground-breaking exhibition is curated by Jerry Beck in collaboration with a class of Fitchburg State University students led by Professor Robert Carr (communications media). The concept is for students, artists, scientists, and the public to come together to learn how art and science combine to create a more environmentally safe and sustainable world.



"Oil Spill" by Tim Legros.

Participating artists include: Merrill Comeau, Jay Critchley, Bob Harmon Jr., Alexa Kleinbard, Tim Legros, Charles Mayer, Peter McLean, Alison Nesbitt McTyre, Kate Gilbert, Karen Moss, Ian Murray, Stephanie Nichols, Patrick Pierce, Michael Rivera, Collette A. Shumate Smith, Tom Stanford, Ilene Sunshine, Steve Syverson, and Michal Truelsen.

The artists offer an exquisite assortment of drawings, paintings, glassworks, ceramics, mixed media, sculpture, photography, film, and video. Each work of art is a footprint for crossing the

previously black and white boundary between science and art.

"This exhibition promotes some important artists and how their work responds to the preservation of the natural world as a unifying life force and the key to our ultimate survival," said Fitchburg Art Museum Marketing and Community Engagement Director Jerry Beck.

One of the features of this special exhibition draws an eclectic audience of teachers, students, scientists, and business leaders from around the world. The Institute, founded by Dr. Warner, is taking expansive steps in the field of chemistry towards making the world a less toxic environment. This means using non-toxic chemicals (such as replacing petroleum-based materials with ecofriendly substances such as plants, water, and carbon dioxide), producing less waste, and designing techniques that minimize energy requirements and use renewable materials.

"It is not a philosophy. It is not a social movement. It's a science," said Dr. Warner. "Today, we need the arts and sciences to come together in new and unprecedented ways. They both need creativity that can lead to critical ecological changes that will sustain us and the world we live in."

Nursing students to hold health screening May 2



The Student Nurses Association will host a health screening and promotion clinic on Wednesday, May 2, outside the Hammond Campus Center. The event, running from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will include more than 20 nursing students offering information about healthier lifestyles. The event is open to the public.

"The health screening and promotion clinic is a way for nursing students to really put their knowledge and skills to practice," said Michael Mielniczek, vice president of the Student Nurses Association. "We nursing

students love to learn, but we love to help even more."

There will be tables set up for screenings, information, healthy food options and items for attendees to take home and help them live healthier lives.

"Nursing students have a duty to promote and teach healthier lifestyles to the population around us," Mielniczek said. College students deal with sleep, stress, and other health problems, and the association is looking to promote safe and healthy choices for students and faculty.

Speakers Series wraps up May 7 with talk on Cape Town, South Africa

The final presentation in the university's Speakers Series for 2011-2012 will be held on Monday May 7 from 12:30-1:45 p.m. with a talk by professor of sociology G.L. Mazard Wallace who will discuss "Disability, Organization and Embodiment in Cape Town, South Africa."

The talk will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the library.

Faculty and staff members interested in presenting a talk in 2012-13 should contact [Eric Budd](#).

Aubuchon Hall reunion builds bridges on campus



Aubuchon Hall resident assistant Nicole Pacenka recently reunited four years' worth of past and present fourth-floor residents for a fun night of tie-dying and community building. "The fun thing that I noticed was how spread out around campus my past residents had gotten and I liked seeing how connected people were without knowing it," Pacenka said. "It honestly was just to show my residents how small this campus is and show that it's really up to them to make it the experience that they want it to be!"

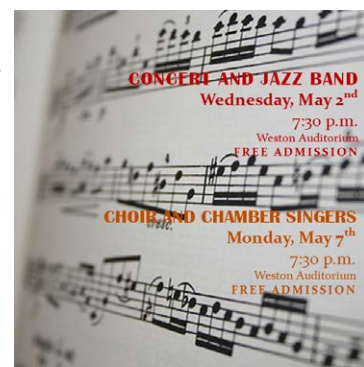
Cultural events mark end of semester

The Fitchburg State University Jazz Band and Concert Band will present their Spring Ensemble Concert on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. Admission is free. The ensemble will present an array of instrumental music, including jazz, Broadway classics and hit marches.

The Spring Choral Concert will be held Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m., also at Weston Auditorium. Admission is free. The choir and chamber singers will be directed by Bridgit Wilson and Maria Ferrante, respectively, and the student group Harmonic Velocity will perform under the direction of Jillian Bailey.

Asian Culture Show May 9

The Asian Culture Society at Fitchburg State University will celebrate the diverse talents of its students during its first Asian Culture Show on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. Live music, martial arts demonstrations and traditional dancing will be among the featured performances.



Spring Concert Series

MAY 2nd will feature Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Concert Band in an evening of eclectic guitar music, jazz and Broadway classics, and hit marches.
MAY 7th will feature Wilson Ness as accompanist to FSU's Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Bridgit Wilson and Maria Ferrante, respectively. Student group Harmonic Velocity, directed by Jillian Bailey, will also perform.

Asian Culture Society
 ACS presents

May 9th, 2012
ASIAN CULTURE SHOW
 7:00 P.M.
 WESTON AUDITORIUM,
 FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Featuring live performances:

- Matrix Ping Pong and performance by New England Piano Trio
- Martial arts demonstration by the FSU Martial Arts Club *The Asia Foundation*
- Chinese traditional dancing and Skungdog Millionaire's Jai Ho
- Traditional Asian music sung in Japanese, Hmong, and Chinese
- Music from Final Fantasy VII, Hayao Miyazaki, Old Boy, and more!!!
- Korean pop dance with music from 2NE1, Wondergirls, and After School
- Performances of great orchestral pieces by Hisashi, Yiruma, and Uematsu
- Performances by world class musicians: Paul Luria, and MerryCarol Yumi Bruso

In collaboration with Martial Arts club, Union, members of the Dance Team, Ballroom Dancing Club and Harmonic Velocity

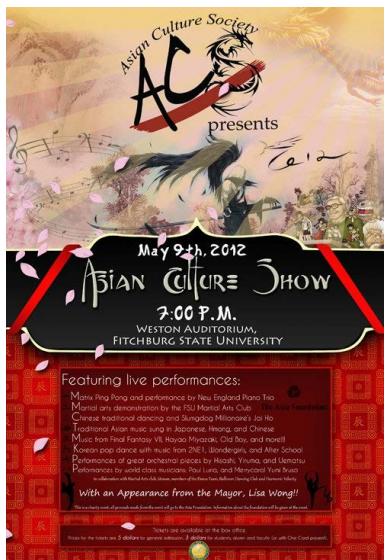
With an Appearance from the Mayor, Lisa Wong!!

This is a charity event, all proceeds made from the event will go to the Asia Foundation. Information about the foundation will be given at the event.

Tickets are available at the box office.
 Prices for the tickets are \$5 dollars for general admission, \$3 dollars for students, alumni and faculty (or with One Card present).

The show will feature students from the Fitchburg State orchestra as well as ballroom dancing club and the martial arts club. There will be traditional Asian music as well as modern and classical instrumental pieces from world famous Asian composers including Joe Hisashi, Yiruma, and Nobuo Uematsu, and modern musical renditions of Pokemon.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, alumni and faculty with a Fitchburg State OneCard. All of the proceeds will go to the Asia Foundation and charity based in California.



FAB presents rapper Mac Miller on May 3



The university's Fitchburg Activities Board welcomes fast-rising rapper Mac Miller to campus on Thursday, May 3, at the Recreation Center.

Tickets for Mac Miller are \$25 for the public and Fitchburg State faculty, and alumni, and \$15 for Fitchburg State students. Doors open at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3. Tickets are available at the Hammond Campus Center information desk and are not available over the phone. Bags will not be allowed inside the venue for the show.

Mac Miller was signed to a record deal soon after graduating from high school in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he developed a following for his freestyle hip-hop skills. His debut album with Rostrum Records, "K.I.D.S.," took the Internet and music industry by storm. His EP "On and On and Beyond" sold over 60,000 digital copies in 2011, and he sold a million singles with little to no radio airplay. His debut full-length record, "Blue Slide Park," was #3 on iTunes albums chart from pre-orders alone.

The Cool Kids will take the stage before Mac Miller on May 3.

Learn how to maximize your social media presence

Attention campus departments: Are you interested in advertising your services on social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter, but don't know a "tweet" from a "poke?" The Information Desk is ready to help.




Social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter are powerful tools to get your message out, or to share news and events. But getting started can be difficult, and what to do with the page once it's up and running can also be hard to navigate. That's where the Information Desk comes in.



Information Desk Manager Mary Panico and her staff have already worked with several campus departments on building and expanding their social media presence.

"My main goal is for my staff and me to be extra helping hands to those departments around campus who feel they would like their services available on the social media outlets used by our student body daily," Panico said.

Panico, a student herself, noted the Information Desk's own Facebook page has become a resource for students, posting items about faculty absences, upcoming events and other important deadlines. Contact her at infodesk@fitchburgstate.edu and learn how to get your social media presence started, or how to maximize its effectiveness.



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