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Energy Race in final week



Solar arrays on the roof of Sanders and Anthony are helping the university's green efforts.

The Energy Race is wrapping up, and heading into the final week of electricity conservation, Townhouse 7 and Mara 6 remain at the head of the pack among residential buildings while Percival and Miller are leading the way among academic sites.

The race is sponsored by the university's Sustainability Advisory Committee, Student Government Association and the Office of Housing and Residential Services.

After the first two weeks of the month-long contest - in which the university is measuring electricity use in February 2013 against the usage levels of February 2012 - several buildings had marked significant decreases in use, but a few spikes had yielded a campus-wide increase of 4 percent.

That trend is reversing this week, with the net increase reduced to 2.6 percent among residence halls and 1.3 percent among academic buildings.

Townhouse 7 has reduced its use by 15.7 percent, while Mara 6 has logged a reduction of 14.1 percent. Among academic buildings, Percival leads the way with a 19.6 percent reduction from this time last year, while Miller Hall has reduced use by 13.4 percent.

The goal of the contest is for the occupants of each campus building to reduce their electricity consumption during the month. The people from the residence hall and academic/administrative building with the greatest percent reduction will win themselves an ice cream party!

Over the last few years Fitchburg State has installed precise systems to monitor daily use of electricity and fossil fuels in almost every building. This monitoring effort was part of the

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university's ongoing effort to increase energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions as part of the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act and Executive Order 484. The contest will focus on electricity data because each of us can easily raise or lower energy use (we don't have as much individual control over the fossil fuels used in our buildings, so we won't make that part of the contest).

Follow the progress of the contest on Facebook and Twitter, where we will use the hashtag #fitchburggreen to post status updates.

Here are some strategies to win:

- SHUT OFF unneeded lights (esp. lobbies, classrooms, offices, bathrooms, closets, etc.)
- SHUT OFF projectors when not needed for lecture.
- UNPLUG battery packs to laptops, cell phones, etc. when not charging. (Those chargers draw current even when disconnected from a device.)
- UNPLUG anything that uses a remote control (TV, DVD, DVR, etc.). They consume a significant amount even in the "off" mode.
- TURN OFF your computer, printer, etc. at night
- TALK to coworkers and students to spread the word
- LOOK AROUND and use your head. For example, many lobby lights are a waste during the day, but are really handy after dark!

Center for Conflict Studies exploration of violence starts Tuesday

The Center for Conflict Studies at Fitchburg State launches a semester-long exploration of violence in society with a brown bag discussion **Tuesday, Feb. 26** at 12:30 p.m. in the Center for Teaching and Learning at the Gallucci-Cirio Library. The theme of the discussion is "Will Anything Change after Newtown?" Refreshments will be served.

A panel discussion will be held **Tuesday, April 2** and 3:30 p.m. (location to be determined) to explore the question of whether violence in the media leads to mass shootings. Panelists will include faculty members Laura Garafoli, Randall Grometstein, Joe Moser, Sam Tobin and Director of Counseling Services Robert Hynes.

On **Wednesday, April 17**, also at 3:30 p.m. (location to be determined), there will be a screening of the classic film *Straw Dogs* starring Dustin Hoffman, with a discussion to follow led by Prof. Robert Harris.

On **Wednesday, May 1**, David Hemenway from the Harvard School of Public Health will present "Reducing Gun Violence: The Public Health Approach" at 7 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall.

Graphic Design Lecture Series returns in March

The Communications Media Department will launch its second Graphic Design Lecture Series this spring with a photographer's look at "The Self and the Street."

Photographer Karl Baden will present "The Self and the Street" on



Photographer Karl Baden, who created this image, will speak on March 6.

Wednesday, March 6 at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. He will discuss his self-portrait series, in which he photographed himself every day for 26 years to highlight time as change in the medium. His talk will also explore his collection of book covers and will be showing some of the smart and funny photographs he's collected in a series called "Roadside Attractions."

The series continues with a discussion by Jan Kubasiewicz, director of the Dynamic Media Institute at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design on Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall. Kubasiewicz will present "Dynamic Media; The Future of Communication Design."

The series concludes in April with a presentation by Fritz Klaetke, design director of Visual Dialogue, titled "10 Rules (To Design and/or Live By)." That talk will be given Tuesday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall. Klaetke recently won a Grammy Award for best boxed or special limited edition package design for "Woody at 100," a centennial celebration of the music of Woody Guthrie produced for the Smithsonian Institution.

The lecture series is coordinated by Professor Stephen Goldstein with support from the university's Ruth Butler Grant.

Women's History Month celebrated in March

Fitchburg State University will observe Women's History Month in March with a celebration of the special contributions that Italian and Italian-American women have made to American cultural life.

The program begins Monday, March 4, with "Cooking with *Nonna*" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Falcon Hub in Hammond Hall. Come enjoy fabulous Italian cooking with some very special Italian *nonne* (grandmothers). We will be celebrating Women's History by sharing some Italian cooking secrets and having many different dishes to try. Everyone who attends must bring a favorite homemade Italian dish! Prizes will be awarded for the best offerings. Buon appetito! Sponsored by a grant from the Gallucci-Cirio Foundation.

On Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7, the Communications Media Department's theater program presents "Talking with ..." by Jane Martin and directed by Kelly Morgan from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Percival Auditorium. These extraordinary monologues include idiosyncratic characters that amuse, move and frighten, and always speaking from the depths of their souls. They include a baton twirler, a fundamentalist snake handler, an ex- rodeo rider and an actress willing to go to any length to get a job.



"Letters to Juliet" will screen March 26 as part of Women's History Month.

On Monday, March 18, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a panel discussion on "The Women of Italy" at Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. This interdisciplinary discussion about the diverse contributions of Italian women to modern culture will feature professors Rala Diakite , Joe Moser, Teresa Thomas, and Susan Williams.

On Wednesday, March 20, from 3:30 to p.m. there will be a Women's History Month Tea at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center. Celebrate Women's History Month with tea and dainties. Professor Susan Wadsworth will speak about "Italian Women Futurist Artists: Pioneering Modernism." Known for bucking tradition, these women were often aviators of merit, and abstracted aerial landscapes were some of their favorite subjects. Blending the flat planes of Cubism with color, movement, and sensuality, these artists may have foreseen some of the ideas that later led toward animation, as well as forms that reflected their own courageous pioneering of modernism. Come hear stories of their exploits - in the air, in the bedroom, and on canvas. The tea is sponsored by WITS and the university's Economics, History and Political Science Department.

The celebration concludes Tuesday, March 26, with a screening of the film "Letters to Juliet" at 7 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in Hammond Hall. This romantic movie is set in Verona, Italy, the place where Romeo and Juliet first met. Sophie is part of a group that responds to letters written to Juliet for love advice. By helping one special correspondent find the love of her life, Sophie will find herself in a sequence of love events as well. The screening is sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Office of International Education.

Black History Month observations

The Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness and Black Student Union at Fitchburg State University are each sponsoring events to commemorate Black History Month in February.

The Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness has already begun a month-long trivia contest dubbed "One Person Can Make a Difference." Each Monday this month, a set of five "Who Am I?" questions built around African-American achievers will be sent to every member of the campus community by email. Answers will be entered into a weekly drawing for prizes. The questions will get more difficult as the month goes on.



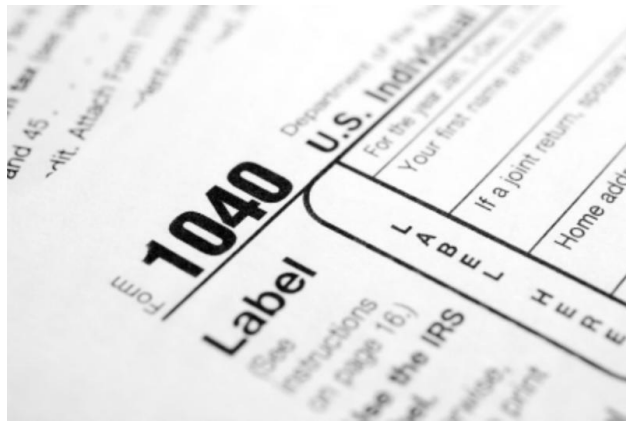
Remaining events in February include:

- Tuesday, Feb. 26, 4 to 5:30 p.m. - The Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness presents speaker Martha Pinello who will discuss "African-American Archaeology in Post-Revolutionary new Hampshire and Maine." The presentation will be in the main lounge of Hammond Hall. Free.
- Thursday, Feb. 28, 10 p.m. to 1 .m. - Black History Month Dance, main lounge, Hammond Hall. Free.

Accounting students offering free tax preparation

Student volunteers and interns from Fitchburg State University will offer free volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) to qualified taxpayers from Feb. 1 through April 22.

Assistant Professor Richard DesRoches, CPA, a member of the Fitchburg State business administration faculty and



advisor to the university's Accounting Society, said more than 15 students have completed IRS tax training to offer their services preparing and reviewing returns.

The Fitchburg State VITA site will be open by appointment only from 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Fridays in room B142 of the McKay Complex, 67 Rindge Road. Fitchburg State students will also be assisting at the VITA site at the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, 18 Fairmount St., Fitchburg.

The VITA program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations.

"The student volunteers have worked very hard over the past three months preparing for their involvement in the VITA program," DesRoches said. "It's a great opportunity for the university to offer a valuable service to the community and for the students to apply what they have learned. We look forward to a successful first year and beyond."

Appointments for the Fitchburg State site may be requested by phone or email. By phone, call (978) 665-3329 to leave your name and phone number and a volunteer will contact you within 48 hours. By email, send your name and phone number to taxwise@fitchburgstate.edu, and a volunteer will contact you within 48 hours.

Once scheduled, a volunteer will be in touch about what information to bring to the appointment. This includes:

- Picture ID
- Social Security cards for yourself and all other individuals on your return (spouse and all dependents)
- Your 2011 tax returns (federal and state) if available
- All income documents including W-2s, 1099s, and other tax documents including Massachusetts Form 1099-HC
- Documentation of higher education expenses including tuition paid and student loan interest paid
- Daycare expenses and the daycare provider's name, address and tax ID number
- Documentation to support itemized deductions if applicable. These items may include:
 - Mortgage loan interest paid
 - Charitable contributions
 - Property (excise) taxes paid (home and auto)
 - Medical expenses

In addition, you must complete the first three pages of [Form 13614-C](#) which can be retrieved at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f13614c.pdf>.

Visitors with appointments will also be provided with temporary parking passes.

Faces of FAVE

Be on the lookout across campus for the Faces of FAVE. Fitchburg Anti-Violence Education, or FAVE, has been educating members of the campus community about sexual assault and relationship violence for three years. All incoming students undergo FAVE training in a campus-wide effort to make Fitchburg State a safer community.

The Faces of FAVE posters and table tents will be appearing all spring, highlighting some members of the campus who have contributed to this effort. Brief testimonials about their involvement in the program are included, along with helpful information on resources available to the campus community.

More detail about FAVE is available online at www.fitchburgstate.edu/fave.



The University Project links campus to community



Fitchburg State has embarked on a two-year partnership with the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, putting the university's resources - in skills, enthusiasm and community spirit - into action to help an organization devoted to one of the city of Fitchburg's most diverse neighborhoods.

The University Project, run through Fitchburg State's Crocker Center for Civic Engagement, will be an ongoing effort to dedicate resources to strengthen not-for-profit organizations

in the Fitchburg-Leominster area, starting with the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center. The effort will help the university meet its mission of serving the community and providing opportunities for engaged scholarship for faculty and service learning for students. The project also provides an opportunity for staff to contribute to the mission of the university to enhance the quality of life for people in the region.

"We are very excited to partner with Fitchburg State through the University Project," said Joana Dos Santos, executive director of the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center. "This project is an incredible opportunity to give real life experience to students, engage faculty and staff in the broader community, and promote civic engagement and partnerships between Fitchburg State and other organizations in the city of Fitchburg. Through the University Project, the center is gaining valuable resources and continuing to build a strong foundation to work in our communities."

Several student organizations and campus offices have already gotten involved with the center, volunteering as tutors and mentors, and assisting in seasonal events run at the center's headquarters on Daniels Street. The effort is designed to span all sectors of the Fitchburg State community, with opportunities for Fitchburg State students, faculty or staff to contribute in areas such as:

- After school and youth programming
- Adult education classes, such as ESL, citizenship preparation, wellness and computer literacy classes
- Assistance with holiday celebrations, Get out the Vote programs, Black History

- Celebration, International Women's Day, May 1 march and Latino Heritage Celebration
- Public relations and social marketing assistance such as: production of a newsletter, development of a press release package, a social media plan, and the development of PSAs

For more information, or to discuss service opportunities, contact Crocker Center Director [John Chetro-Szivos](#).

Distinguished Speaker Series continues March 13 with Dr. Steven Layne



Dr. Steven L. 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.

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.

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.

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

International Studies speaker series resumes in April



Ambassador Adrian Basora

Fitchburg State University will welcome Ambassador Adrian A. Basora - national security strategic and scenario planner, scholar and business leader - to deliver the address at the International and Conflict Studies Keynote Speaker Series in April.

Basora will discuss "the challenges for post-communist democracies surviving a continued Euro-crisis." Basora is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute and director of its Project on Democratic Transitions. He served in diplomatic posts in the Czech Republic, Spain and France and was also a member of the National Security Council in Washington, D.C., where he shaped the U.S. response to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the first Gulf War.

Prof. Joshua Spero (Economics, History and Political Science), coordinator of the International Studies Minor Program, will introduce the ambassador and moderate the discussion.

Basora is a recognized expert on political, economic and social transitions of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union since the fall of communism. He is a trustee of the International Research and Exchanges Board and a director of the National Futures Exchange, and was also independent director of the Quaker Investment Trust and chairman of its audit committee.

Among his diplomatic posts, Basora served as the U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic from 1992 to 1995, where he received the Presidential Performance Award for his overall achievements in Prague and he was director of European Affairs for the National Security Council from 1989 to 1991.

His presentation, free and open to the public, is supported by the Office of Academic Affairs and sponsored and hosted by the university's International Studies Minor. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Economics, History and Political Science, the Center for Conflict Studies, the Office of International Education, the Office of Career Services, and the Office of Student Development.

The talk is tentatively scheduled for the second week in April at a campus location to be determined.

Music Lesson faculty receive grants

Seven music teachers in the Humanities Department/Foundation Music Lesson Program received Grants for Artist-Teacher Outreach (GATO) awards to give performances, workshops and master classes at local schools in spring 2013.

Cellist Ning Tien will be giving a cello workshop and presentation, part of the ongoing Cello Fest, at Bentley Commons in Keene, N.H., on Feb. 24 to 24 students ages 11-76. The event will be taped by the local TV station.

Soprano Maria Ferrante and pianist Michelle Kelley will give a master class and performance at Doherty Memorial High School in Worcester on Feb. 25, to a full class of music students, chorus members, and invited parents and friends.

Guitar, banjo, and harmonica player Paul Luria will be teaching a guitar class covering the blues, song form, and guitar technique to 15 Lunenburg High School students from February through May.

Clarinetist Monica Duncan will travel to Georgetown High School on April 8 and give a masterclass for clarinet/saxophone students, a performance, and will lead woodwind sectionals for the concert band directed by Anthony M. Messina.

Flutists April Showers and pianist Roy Imperio will be giving a performance and workshop with flute and piano students at Nashoba Regional High School on May 6. The director of music at Nashoba is Tom O'Toole, a graduate of the Fine Arts Director Program at Fitchburg State. Activities at the middle school are also being planned.

CenterStage and cultural events at Fitchburg State

In the Gallery at Sanders: "When the Wheels Fall Off" by David Preston Walls



A collection of bold images depicting a vivid equilibrium of color, composition and movement will be featured when Fitchburg State University unveils its latest gallery exhibition, "When the Wheels Fall Off" by New Hampshire artist David Preston Wells.

The exhibition opens Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. in the Gallery at Sanders, 300 Highland Ave. There will be a hallway talk with the artist at 4:30 p.m., also in the gallery, with a reception to follow. "When the Wheels Fall Off" will be featured in the gallery through April 9.

"It is not unlike how I experience my life," Wells writes of his work. "'When the Wheels Fall Off'-that time when events, often beyond one's control, just happen. Doors open and close, seemingly to govern our passage over time. As a life participant, observer, and artist, the process of assembling

visual snippets collected over time produces multiple frames of reference, abstract narratives both lyrical and somber, where ground meshes with the aerial. Images are multi-faceted, woven in and out of pictorial compositions. These juxtapositions of compositions create stereoscopic glimpses of inherited past/present narratives. The whole kit and caboodle is reflected in my eternal buoyancy."

On the Conlon Media Wall: "Out There!" by Adam Mikaelian



Current student Adam Mikaelian captures the world of extreme skiing in his images. "Out There!" will be featured on the media wall through Feb. 27.

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