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Hammond renovations celebrated



The campus community gathered to celebrate the renovations to Hammond Hall during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 16 attended by hundreds of students, faculty, staff and invited guests.

President Antonucci described the symbolic value of the glass tower and renovations that now mark the community's entrance to the university.

"It's very welcoming," he said. "It's part of a strategy that began many years ago. This is a beautiful, small New England campus."

The renovations include many more gathering spaces for students, which was also an important element of the plans, the president said.

"It's all about the students," he said, stressing that quality facilities are important to the campus, even though it is the work done by faculty in the classrooms that make the university shine. The university can back up its boasts about academic quality with data, he said, and the improvements to the campus are another physical manifestation of what he described as a university "on the move."

"It's about time that public universities got the same consideration for facilities that private universities do," the president added.



Trustee Chairman Carol T. Vittorioso said the building was quickly a hit with students.

"It's great the students are already taking full advantage of the building," she said.

Vittorioso also noted the contributions of her predecessors Peter Alcock and Gregg Lisciotti, both of whom attended the ribbon-cutting.

Student Government Association President Matthew Costello described a strong, positive student reaction to the new facility.

"I would like to thank the student body for their investments and confidence placed in this building," Costello said. "I am happy to see students reaping the vast benefits of the Hammond campus center firsthand, whether it's lounging in the new Falcon Hub, holding meetings in a new glass tower room, or merely accessing the quad from the new main staircase. This has been an investment that has truly achieved its purpose of complementing and enhancing the experience of a Fitchburg State University student."

Fitchburg Mayor Lisa Wong said the building, and its welcoming façade toward the city, is important.

The original building "really was shutting the city out," the mayor said. "To see the glass, that is a whole different approach to the city."

State Rep. Stephen L. DiNatale noted the numerous construction projects undertaken during President Antonucci's administration.

"The last time there was this much construction going on in one place was probably the Great Pyramids," he said. "These are your tax dollars put to really good use."



Rep. Niki Tsongas, left, and challenger Jon Golink.

and Republican rival Jon Golnik brought crowds to campus last week when the two debated at Kent Recital Hall. The spirited forum, moderated by President Antonucci, was co-sponsored by the university and the Sentinel & Enterprise newspaper.

The candidates in next month's election faced questions on local and national issues from a panel

including Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Weizer, Student Government Association President Matthew Costello and representatives from the Sentinel & Enterprise and The Gardner News.

Prior to the debate, Professor Luis Rosero (Economics, History and Political Science) presented a [Regional Economic Development Institute](#)-backed report on the state of the local economy. Rosero also took questions from local media outlets as well as audience members gathered for the debate.



Prof. Luis Rosero

This Thursday, incumbent state Rep. Dennis Rosa, D-Leominster, will face Republican challenger Justin Brooks in a debate for the 4th Worcester District at Leominster City Hall's Tata Auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25.

President Antonucci is scheduled to moderate that debate as well.

The candidates are expected to answer questions from a panel but also engage in back and forth discussion with each other.

Fitchburg State puts focus on training advanced manufacturing work force



President Antonucci, far right, with Mount Wachusett Community College President Daniel Asquino, center, and Angelo Sabatalo, Corporate Director of Training and Organizational Development for Nypro in Clinton, signing one of the agreements.

Fitchburg State University, Mount Wachusett Community College and Quinsigamond Community College have signed articulation agreements that will allow for seamless training and educational opportunities for members of the state's advanced manufacturing workforce.

Officials from the Patrick-Murray Administration recently joined U.S. Rep. James McGovern, state legislators and officials from Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership joined representatives from the institutions of higher education to announce the agreements.

President Daniel M. Asquino and Quinsigamond Community College President Gail Carberry

Fitchburg State University President Robert V. Antonucci, Mount Wachusett Community College President Gail Carberry

signed the agreements during a ceremony at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center on the Fitchburg State campus.

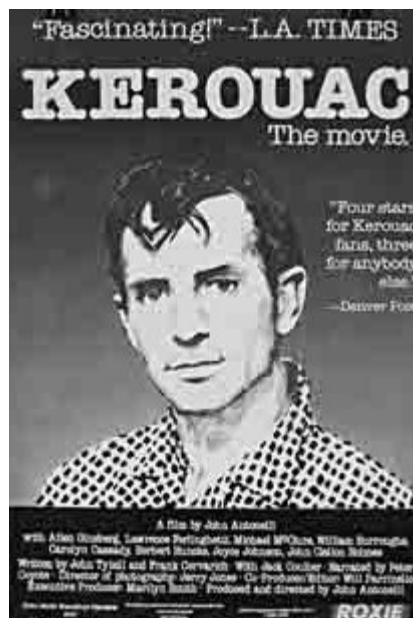
"We believe in collaboration," President Antonucci told the assembled crowd, describing the institutions of public higher education in Central Massachusetts, including Fitchburg State, Mount Wachusett, Quinsigamond and Worcester State University. "Workforce development is a key component of the four institutions of higher education. We know what the community needs because we are the community."

Filmmaker Antonelli to screen "Kerouac" Monday at 3:30 p.m.

Fitchburg State will welcome back former student John Antonelli for a screening and discussion of his award-winning documentary "Kerouac" on Monday, Oct. 22, at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall in the Hammond Hall campus center. The screening is free and open to the public.

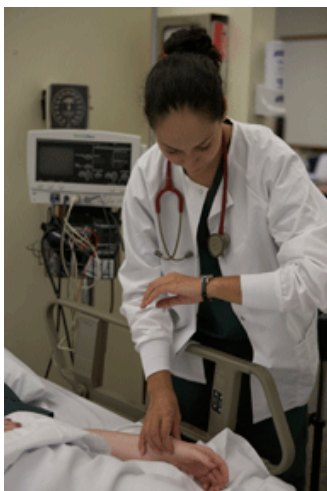
"Kerouac" tells the story of Lowell-born novelist and poet Jack Kerouac, a pioneer of the Beat Generation best known for the book "On the Road." In the film, Kerouac's legacy and influence are explained via interviews with Kerouac's friends and contemporaries such as William S. Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg, Herbert Huncke, and Edie Parker. Narrator Peter Coyote reads sections of Kerouac's (mostly autobiographical) books as an actor recreates scenes from Kerouac's life.

Antonelli is himself a storied figure in Fitchburg State History. In 1969, Antonelli - then-editor of the student newspaper, The Cycle - was the lead plaintiff in a federal free speech lawsuit filed against the college administration and then-President James Hammond Jr.



The case of Antonelli v. Hammond ended in victory for the upstart student journalists. Antonelli and several of his classmates returned to campus in 2011 for a panel discussion on the case and the turbulent era in which it took place.

Information session for LPN to BSN bridge program to be held Oct. 22



Fitchburg State's new bridge program for licensed practical nurses seeking their bachelor of science in nursing will be the topic of a free information session on Monday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. in Thompson Hall, Room 312.

The bridge program is designed to transition the licensed practical nurse (LPN) to the role of a baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse. Graduates of this program are prepared to meet societal healthcare needs in a variety of settings. Respect for diversity, social responsibility, and a commitment to excellence in nursing care are emphasized.

Register for the free information session online by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/cgqx384>.

Biology and Chemistry Club present "From Fitchburg State to Physician" on Oct. 24

The Biology and Chemistry Club will present "From Fitchburg State to Physician: The Road to Getting There" with Fitchburg State alumna Dr. Sarah Leonard at 3:30 p.m. in Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center.

Dr. Leonard, who studied biology at Fitchburg State, works as a family medicine physician at Heywood Primary Care in Gardner. Dr. Leonard will discuss her experiences in medical school and as a physician, and how her time at Fitchburg State prepared her for it. Refreshments will be served before the presentation.



Film "Marion Stoddart: The Work of 1,000" explores Nashua River cleanup, Oct. 25



The Nashua River in its polluted past.

Fitchburg State's Center for Conflict Studies and International Studies Minor will present a screening and discussion of the award-winning film "Marion Stoddart: The Work of 1000" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Ellis White Lecture Hall in the Hammond Hall campus center. Admission is free.

The film depicts Stoddart's role in cleaning up the Nashua River, once one of the 10 most polluted in the U.S. (as shown in the accompanying photo). Following the 30-minute film there will be a question and answer session with Stoddart, whose story shows that one person truly can make a difference.

For more about Stoddart's efforts, visit <http://www.workof1000.org>.

5K Road Race to benefit Fire Department, Women's Basketball team on Oct. 27

The 5th annual Firefighter Verne E. Roy Memorial 5K Road Race will be held Saturday, Oct. 27.

The walk starts 10 a.m. (arrive by 9 a.m.) and runners start at 11 a.m. (arrive by 9:30 a.m.) The race will begin at Fitchburg Fire headquarters, 33 North St. Proceeds will benefit the Fitchburg Fire Department and the Fitchburg State University Women's Basketball team. Costumes are optional!

Visit <http://www.fitchburgfire5k.com> for more information.

ALFA Food for Thought Lecture continues Oct. 30

Fitchburg State University's [ALFA](#) (Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area) fall lecture series continues Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m., at Weston Auditorium, with "Horror Within Us." Fitchburg State Professor Kelly Morgan from the communications media department will take listeners on an adventure for the Halloween season. Hear of the occult, ghost story-telling, and the nature of fear, and experience the joy of being scared!

For more information, visit <http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/offices/community-outreach/alfa/alfa-food-for-thought-lecture-series/>.

Halloween Spooktacular to be held Oct. 28

Continuing a campus and community tradition, Fitchburg State University's Greek Council will hold its annual "Halloween Spooktacular" for children on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Thompson Hall.

The free event will feature face painting, an egg toss, mummy wrap, donuts on a string, musical chairs, treats and more.

The basement of Thompson Hall will be transformed into the Haunted Catacombs, featuring a mad man's laboratory, the Caged Beast, and other spine-tingling motifs.



The Halloween party is sponsored by Fitchburg State's Greek organizations: Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity; Phi Sigma Sigma sorority; Sigma Pi fraternity; Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority; and Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

For more information, call the Office of Student Development at 978-665-3164.

REDI forum Nov. 5 to explore broadband Internet access



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REDI—REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The [Regional Economic Development Institute](#) (REDI) at Fitchburg State University will hold a public research forum Monday, Nov. 5 on the state of broadband internet access to North Central Massachusetts. The discussion, featuring the REDI researchers behind the report, will be held at Presidents' Hall in the Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave. Admission is free.

The report was completed by REDI faculty researchers Jane Zhang (Geo/Physical Sciences) and Beverly Hollingsworth (Business Administration) and builds on earlier work conducted at the institute.

"This REDI study shows that the availability of broadband to the targeted areas of North Central Massachusetts is significant to the region's economic sectors, especially for potentially aiding employment, improving business growth, and advancing economic development," said Joshua Spero, REDI director and a member of the university's Economics, History and Political Science faculty.

The complete report can be found [online](#).

Reading on Nov. 7 to raise funds for military nurses memorial

Fitchburg State's Communications Media Department's Theater Program will be presenting a one-hour reading of "A Piece of My Heart," by Shirley Lauro and directed by Fitchburg State Professor Kelly Morgan on at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library to assist in raising additional funds for the Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial.

The suggested donation for admission is \$5. Refreshments will be served and a brief post-reading discussion will take place.

The characters in Lauro's play are based upon interviews with real-life veterans, many of which

are profiled in a book "A Piece of My Heart" by Keith Walker. Lauro uses fast-moving vignettes to tell the larger story of American women serving as nurses in Vietnam. The six women characters represent varied backgrounds, roles and attitudes. These characters range from stalwart Martha to sweet young Sissy to flower child Leeann. There's the aristocratic Red Cross "donut dolly" Whitney.

There's the hard-nosed intelligence officer Steele and the playful, soulful USO trouper MaryJo. Whether sewing sutures, spreading cheer or performing on stage, they are angels of mercy for soldiers trapped in a hellish nightmare.

The women cope with laughter, tears, alcohol and smoking joints. Some build "the wall." Others play around. When their service is over, they return home as forgotten as the soldiers they nursed, wanting to put the war behind them but finding they cannot.



Clara Barton

About the Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial

The Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial was dedicated on Sept. 16. The event is to help raise the additional \$1,200 needed to add a new stone and plaque to explain the relocation of the Clara Barton memorial. The Clara Barton stone and plaque was originally placed in front of a tree planted in her honor at the former Academy Street School in 1924. When the city of Fitchburg sold the property in 2011, Stephen Twining recovered the monument from the purchaser and got permission to move it to Monument Park and plant a new tree. Its purpose has been expanded to include a memorial to all military nurses.

Commemorative bricks to honor those who serve or have served in our military as nurses are being sold for \$30 apiece and will be placed along the walkway in front of the Memorial. Forms to order the engraved bricks are available in the mayor's office, from the Veterans' Service Agent in the Senior Center and at the Public Library.

CenterStage and cultural events at Fitchburg State



"Coke Machine" 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., from Oct. 24 through Nov. 27. The show opens with an artist talk Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Condiike Science

Lecture Hall adjacent to the gallery.

Discussion: *Canti e Cantici*

On Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m., Professor

Rala Diakite will set the stage for *Canti e Cantici: Songs on Timeless Italian Poetry* performance on Nov. 15. This presentation explores the literary and socio-historical perspective on the Italian authors, texts and themes that inspired Professor Michele Caniato's musical composition.

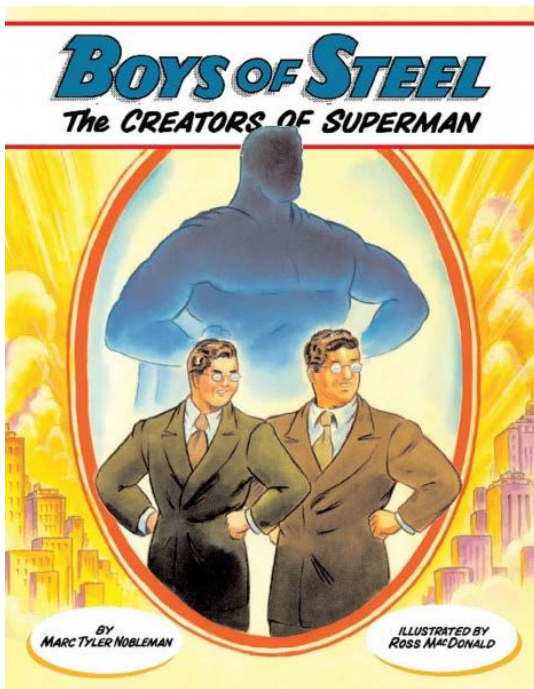
The faculty talk will be held at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. The faculty talk is free and open to the public.

The piece will be performed Thursday, Nov. 15 at Kent Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m., with a pre-concert panel discussion at 6:30 p.m. featuring the composer and performer.

The concert features exquisite songs about love, wonder, and the universal plight of existence, sung in Italian by celebrated soprano Maria Ferrante. *Canti e Cantici*, a new work for voice and chamber ensemble, is composed by Professor Michele Caniato. The talk and performance on Nov. 15 are free and open to the public.

The talks and performance are sponsored by the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State University.

Robert Cormier Lecture: Heroes With and Without Capes" on Nov. 7



Author Marc Tyler Nobleman will present the Robert Cormier Lecture "Heroes With and Without Capes" on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St.

Nobleman turned a childhood passion for superheroes into an adult passion for superheroes, then turned that into two critically-acclaimed nonfiction picture books about superhero creators (*Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman* and *Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman*). That turned into a lively presentation revealing the stories (at once inspirational and heartbreaking) behind these books. But as listeners will hear, Nobleman is interested in more than just fictional heroes. Tickets for the lecture are \$7 for the public and \$5 for students and will be available at the door. Admission is free with a CenterStage membership card.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Leominster Champion. Nobleman's classroom visits will be supported by the Roberta Fitzmaurice Connors Endowment of Fitchburg State University, with additional support from Unitil.

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FACULTY LECTURE
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