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Antonucci Science Complex dedicated



President Antonucci addressed the crowd.

The Robert V. & Jeanne S. Antonucci Science Complex was dedicated Thursday, May 7 at a ceremony attended by students, faculty, staff and guests including elected leaders and members of the Antonucci family.

The emotional ceremony capped an afternoon of celebration that began earlier with a barbecue on the main quadrangle, where the campus community gathered to pay tribute to President Antonucci as he prepares to end his 12-year tenure at Fitchburg State.

The Board of Trustees voted earlier this spring to name the complex for President and Mrs. Antonucci.

"No student who goes to a public university should have second-rate facilities," President Antonucci said to thunderous applause. "When I say we're the number one state university, I mean it."

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Jeanne Antonucci

Jeanne Antonucci described their journey from being a young married couple in the 1960s, just after graduating from Fitchburg State, to returning to the campus in 2003.

"We were embraced by everyone on this campus," she said, pledging the campus community would remain in their hearts forever.

The dedication ceremony, presided over by Board of Trustees Chairman Martin F. Connors Jr., included welcoming remarks by U.S. Rep. James McGovern and reflections from U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, each of whom described the commitment and leadership demonstrated by President and Mrs. Antonucci.

"I've watched in awe as this institution has grown over the years," said Rep. McGovern, who noted many of his constituents have attended Fitchburg State. "This building is a critical investment in our future. (Antonucci's) commitment to educational excellence is clear."

Rep. Tsongas described the importance of the sciences to the region, and paid tribute to the use of university resources to better the community.

"The university and the city are indelibly intertwined," she said.

State Rep. Stephen DiNatale, an alumnus of Fitchburg State, described the era of construction that began with Antonucci's arrival in 2003, likening the president to the pharaoh Rameses.

Fitchburg Mayor Lisa A. Wong also saluted the relationship between the campus and the host city.

"I have never met a harder worker than Bob Antonucci," she said. "The secret to his hard work is having someone like Jeanne Antonucci by his side."

Leominster Mayor Dean J. Mazzarella cited the Antonuccis' roots in Leominster and their long commitment to the region. "We're very proud of what you've done as a team," he said.

Interim Dean of Health and Natural Sciences Meg Hoey described her enthusiasm for the building, noting the complex

was the result of many hours of hard work fueled by collaboration across disciplines.

Associate Professor Christopher Picone described "the Age of Antonucci" in his remarks as a golden era for the sciences at Fitchburg State. The number of full-time science faculty rose 70 percent during the past 12 years, he said, while the number of majors in the sciences rose by more than 3.5 times.

"This building sends a message about our values at Fitchburg State," Picone said. "We are going to offer an Ivy League education whether or not you can afford one."

Student Robert Pijewski described how the new facilities have enhanced his experiences studying biology and psychology. The science complex is outfitted with equipment that exceeds that found at other institutions, he said.

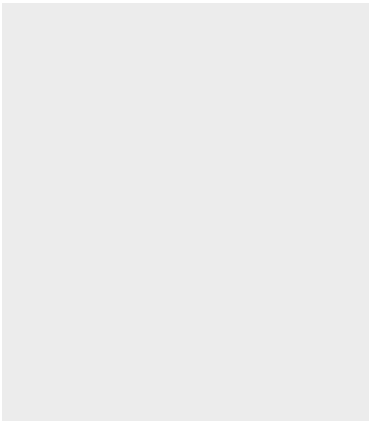
"I know that when I graduate, I will have skills that other students from other universities won't have," he said. "I know that these facilities are going to foster more involvement from the student body in research or pursuing science degrees.

"President Antonucci has had a great impact on this institution," Pijewski continued. "Without him, we wouldn't have the beautiful campus center or the renovated and updated classrooms across Fitchburg State. This science complex is a true testament to 12 years of devotion and hard work by President Antonucci, and is a new beginning for students who will study science at Fitchburg State for generations to come. I can't imagine spending the last six years of my life anywhere else than this close-knit community. The faculty, staff, administrators, students, and now the Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci Science Complex, goes to show us why Fitchburg State is, as the president says and will continue to say, the number one state university."

Trustee Carol Vittorioso introduced the Antonuccis by recounting the warmth and friendship that has been a hallmark of their tenure on the campus. That spirit is echoed in their creation of the Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci Student Leadership Award, as well as the Antonucci Family Scholarship, launched to help a first-generation student from North Central Massachusetts attend college.

"They consider people skills as important as leadership skills," Vittorioso said.

A [gallery of photos](#) from the celebration can be found on the university's Facebook page.



Click [here](#) to watch a video chronicling the construction of the Antonucci Science Complex. This video was shown at the start of the ceremony on May 7.

Graduate Commencement ceremony Thursday to feature community awards

This week the university will hold its 119th Commencement Exercises. The Graduate Commencement will be held at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, May 14** at the Athletics and Recreation Center. During that ceremony, the President's Medal will be presented to Marc Dohan, and the Contributions to the Graduate Program Award will be presented to Harry Semerjian. Robert Gosselin will be given the Graduate Student Leadership Award.

President's Medal: Marc Dohan

Marc Dohan has been executive director of the Twin Cities Community Development Corporation since 2002, where he has focused the agency on working with multiple partners to help fulfill its vision of developing healthy neighborhoods for residents to live, work and invest in.

During his tenure, the corporation has taken on projects that can't be completed by the private sector or by government alone. These projects have provided many tenants with safe and affordable apartments, helped residents achieve the American dream of homeownership, and served as a platform to improve the area by helping to reduce crime and blight, start more small businesses, and engage neighbors in leading the change in their communities. The agency has tripled the number of apartments it owns by developing projects in the Cleghorn and North of Main neighborhoods in Fitchburg and in the French Hill neighborhood of Leominster.



Marc Dohan

A key to this success has been Dohan's ability to bring multiple partners together to address complex issues. Recognizing this success, the agency just adopted a five-year strategic plan that will expand the Twin Cities CDC's reach to include all of North Central Massachusetts. Prior to working at the Twin Cities CDC, Dohan worked in the public law department for Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston and Neighbor to Neighbor in San Francisco, Calif.

He received his bachelor's degree from Yale University and completed a law degree and a master's degree in urban planning from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dohan's professional accolades include the MassINC Gateway City Innovation Award. He has worked on various state wide issues, and was most recently a member of Governor Baker's transition team to create Safer Stronger Communities.

Dohan lives with his family in Arlington.

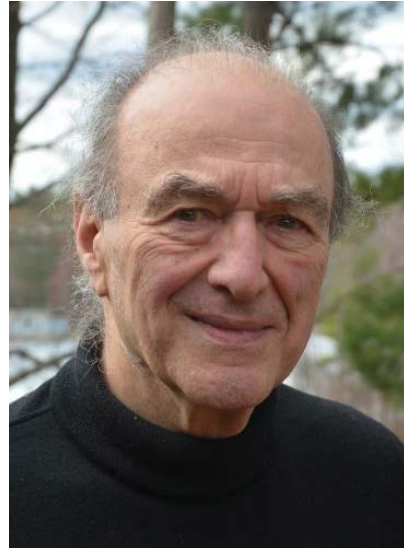
Contributions to the Graduate Program Award: Harry Semerjian

Harry Semerjian, professor emeritus of music, joined the Fitchburg State community as an instructor in 1960, launching a storied career that continues today. He has been the catalyst for innovative and valuable graduate arts education programs at Fitchburg State for over 30 years, and his contributions have benefited the university and the community of educators and learners it serves.

Semerjian was promoted to assistant professor in 1967, associate professor in 1976 and then full professor in 1979. Named professor emeritus following his retirement in 1997, Semerjian has remained a fixture on the campus.

He founded the university's Fine Arts Director Summer Institute program 30 years ago, the first program of its type in the state. It is designed for those who supervise fine arts programs or teachers moving into such responsibilities.

Semerjian has led the way on curriculum development and until recently, instructed one of its core courses, Creative Arts Research. He has advised and mentored hundreds of institute students.



Harry Semerjian

Semerjian also founded the Master of Education in Arts Education program at Fitchburg State. The program is designed to provide creative experiences in the arts for teachers and community workers, and enables students to transfer the creative process to their professional duties. He has adapted the program to meet evolving state requirements and his courses continue to attract graduate students from across Massachusetts.

He was also instrumental in the development of Fitchburg State's Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Interdisciplinary Studies program, designed to meet the career needs of professionals who wish to attain greater competency in a combination of areas of study.

Semerjian completed his bachelor's degree in music and a master of arts in history at Boston University. He completed his doctorate in education at the Center for the Study of Aesthetics in Education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His dissertation, "The Arts Education Primer," was later published as a book.

In addition to his work at Fitchburg State, Semerjian has held numerous leadership positions in professional music and arts organizations including the Worcester Center for Professional Crafts, the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education, the Massachusetts Music Educators Association and, more recently, Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area (ALFA).

He lives with his wife, Helena, in Lunenburg.

Graduate Student Leadership Award: Robert Gosselin

Robert Gosselin, who completed undergraduate and graduate studies at Fitchburg State University, is characterized by his professors as a sophisticated scholar and "a sparkling individual with a passion for learning."

Gosselin worked as a graduate assistant in the English Studies Department from 2012 to 2014, where faculty members lauded him as an invaluable addition to the program, assisting in faculty research and group discussions. As a student, he was described as quietly conscientious and attentive to material, raising thought-provoking but respectful points in class discussions.



Robert Gosselin

Since joining the English graduate program in 2012, Gosselin exhibited his desire to pursue further studies and his love of the field, embracing learning at all levels and disciplines. A motivated and passionate thinker, he is eager to increase his knowledge and exposure to all manner of texts. He is described as incapable of producing mediocre work because of a refusal to settle for less than the highest level of intellectual inquiry.

During his time at Fitchburg State Gosselin also served as the resident editor of the university's graduate journal *The Falconer*. In that role he was instrumental in conceptualizing each edition he helped create, from soliciting entries through physical production. He also helped lead a reconsideration of the entire submission process.

Gosselin's work on *The Falconer* included an essay on author James Fenimore Cooper's use of ancillary characters and his invocation of the English and American folk song traditions. The work built out of an earlier course in Gosselin's studies on painting and literature of antebellum America and helped lead to his master's thesis on Cooper, which will include the essay and also engage the historical circumstances that influenced the celebrated author's work.

Gosselin's undergraduate acknowledgements included the Dean's Graduate Scholarship, the English Department Prize and the Distinguished Scholar Award. This year he worked as a professional writing tutor in the Expanding Horizons Program.

He is currently working on his first novel and plans to continue his education as a writer by attending a Master of Fine Arts program this fall.

Honorary degree and faculty awards to be presented at Undergraduate Commencement

The Undergraduate Commencement ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. **Saturday, May 16** on the main quadrangle. As previously announced, President Antonucci will deliver the commencement address. He will also be presented the President Emeritus Award in recognition of his service to Fitchburg State University.

The ceremony Saturday will include the presentation of an honorary degree to Carol T. Vittorioso, as well as the presentation of the Vincent J. Mara Award for Excellence in Teaching to Benjamin Railton and the Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship to Jeffrey Warmouth. Nathan Gregoire will receive the Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci Student Leadership Award.

Honorary Degree: Carol Vittorioso

Carol T. Vittorioso recently completed an eventful four-year term as chairman of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees, on which she has served for nine years.

During her tenure a wide variety of major capital projects were completed, including the Antonucci Science Complex

and the Hammond Hall renovation. The ongoing reconstruction of the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library was also launched during her tenure. In addition, the university's long-term strategic plan was developed and approved. She played a key leadership role on the Presidential Search Committee that selected Dr. Richard S. Lapidus as the university's next president and also provided guidance on other high-level administrative hires.

Vittorioso has been partner and owner of the Vittorioso & Taylor general practice law firm in Leominster since 1993. Before that she worked as an associate in the law offices of Gregory J. Angelini. She also worked as a bar advocate panel attorney, representing indigent and juvenile clients from 1992 to 2002.



Carol Vittorioso

Vittorioso completed her law degree from the New England School of Law in 1991 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the College of the Holy Cross in 1987. She has been a member of the Leominster Planning Board since 1994 and an incorporator of Avidia Bank since 2006. She has also been a member of the Bolton Schools Donations Board of Directors since 2011 and its school council since 2014. In addition, she has been involved with the RFK Children's Action Corps Human Rights Committee in Lancaster since 2014.

In April, Gov. Charlie Baker appointed Vittorioso to serve as vice-chair of the new statewide Judicial Nominating Commission. The non-political commission will screen applications for judges and clerk-magistrate positions.

Vittorioso lives with her husband, Sean J. Gallagher, a Worcester attorney, and daughter, Grace, in Bolton.

Vincent J. Mara Award: Dr. Benjamin Railton

Dr. Benjamin Railton, associate professor in the English Studies Department, has taught at Fitchburg State University since 2005.

His colleagues are unanimous in their praise of his abilities, describing him as a model instructor who commands respect from his students by providing it first, and as a professor who values a conducive and enabling learning environment. Railton is a versatile educator, having taught over 25 different American literature courses during his decade at Fitchburg State University, as well as developing new ones, such as Introduction to Science Fiction and Fantasy, Ethnic American Literature, American Literature and Culture in the Guided Age, and World in Motion.

Railton gives equal attention to his duties as an academic advisor. Not only do his peers say that he is a warm, perceptive, and revered individual, but that he "tends to his advising responsibilities with the same focused attention he brings to all his other professional activities."



Benjamin Railton

During advising periods, it's been said that Railton goes beyond the requirements of his duties to

ensure his students get all the support and advisement they require, whether it's a meeting in his office, via email, or over the phone.

Students share the same level of praise, stating that Railton is passionate about teaching, and that his enthusiasm for course material is contagious. He doesn't simply offer a productive learning environment for the class at large, but is committed to the academic success and growth of each student. This is done in a variety of ways, from detailed feedback on coursework, or through lengthy discussions both in class and after, if necessary. A former student of his said, "It would be hard for me to think of another professor during my time at Fitchburg State University who was more invested in their job."

Railton received his Ph.D. in American literature from Temple University and his bachelor's degree in history and literature from Harvard University. His research interests include American historical literature, American ethnic literature, American studies, American identity, public scholarship, the Gilded Age, modernism, and contemporary literature.

He writes the daily American Studies blog (<http://americanstudier.blogspot.com>) and has created a new website, the Hall of American Inspiration (<http://hallofinspiration.org>) where members of the public are encouraged to nominate figures for inclusion.

The Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship: Jeffrey Warmouth

Jeffrey Warmouth, professor in the Communications Media Department, has taught at Fitchburg State University since 1997.

Warmouth doesn't work in a single medium, he utilizes elements of video, sculpture, performance, and printing/publishing-whatever helps him to convey his specific ideas. His body of work has been met with acclaim in the forms of media he has explored, and his desire to investigate the human condition in changing times has informed the rest of his career, from education to client collaboration. In 2014, his solo exhibition, Jeffu Warmouth: NO MORE FUNNY STUFF, was featured at the Fitchburg Art Museum. A mid-career retrospective examining the monotony and absurdity of our media savvy society, this multimedia exhibition compiled work completed during his tenure at Fitchburg State, and was hailed by the Boston Globe as "a significant show."



Jeffrey Warmouth

His first exhibition while at Fitchburg State was in 1997-1998, called Kitchen Craze. Using a variety of household items and settings, Warmouth juxtaposed the mundane environments of modern domestication against the art world's long-existing ideals of postmodernism, conceptualism, and minimalism. He revisited these themes for 2001's SuperJEFFUMarket, an elaborate mock supermarket installation stocked entirely with satirical products. Critics lauded the show for "startlingly subverting packaging's usual upbeat sales patter with something messier and more like life."

Between 2011 and 2013, Warmouth made a series of video-based artworks called Marginalia. In each, multiple moving instances of the artist were projected onto physical structures as a means of exploring daily repetition in human issues such as time, determinism, work, and freedom. In 2012, one of these video installations, Marginalia: Drop, was awarded first place in the New Media Competition at the University Film & Video Association conference at Columbia College in Chicago, as well as taking first prize in the 119 Gallery Members' Exhibition in Lowell. Warmouth received his MFA in Studio Art from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts University and his BA in Arts & Ideas in the Humanities from the University of Michigan. His research interests include interactive and installation art, film, video, and photography, games & play, DADA and its legacies (Surrealism, Fluxus, Conceptual Art), and comedy (along with its

opposite: gravity).

His work and research has been extensively cataloged on his website, jeffu.tv, and Warmouth promises that he will continue to experiment, produce, exhibit, and be recognized throughout his academic career.

Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci Student Leadership Award: Nathan Gregoire

The Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci Student Leadership Award will be presented during the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony on Saturday to Nathan Gregoire.

Nathan Gregoire has embraced diverse opportunities for service and engagement since he first set foot on the Fitchburg State University campus, and has represented his fellow students with distinction at the local and state level.

As a sophomore, Gregoire was elected by his fellow students to represent them on the university's Board of Trustees. He was called upon to assume leadership of the Student Government Association during his term as trustee, and balanced both roles for several months. As Student Government Association president, he helped set goals and action steps for the organization and met regularly with the university president to discuss the student body's concerns.



Nathan Gregoire

Gregoire's service expanded beyond the campus in 2014 when he was named to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to represent students from all 29 public campuses in the Commonwealth. He had full voting powers on the board, tasked with carrying the interests of all students as the body decided issues affecting colleges and universities across the state.

In addition to his advocacy for fellow students, Gregoire also helped lead an Alternative Spring Break trip to build houses for Habitat for Humanity in Mississippi. The days spent on-site were preceded by months of fundraising to make the trip a reality. He also helped lead the university's orientation program, helping train students to usher in new classes of first-year students.

Pursuing a career in criminal justice, Gregoire is one of the first student interns to be placed in the Fitchburg State University Police Department, and he also completed a 21-week training program through the Municipal Police Training Committee after which he was certified as a reserve officer. He also interned at the city of Fitchburg Police Department and worked as an office assistant at the university's Office of Alumni and Development.

Valdez to be recognized as one of 29 Who Shine on May 14

Fitchburg State University senior Alexandra Valdez will represent her institution as an outstanding graduating student when Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education recognizes "29 Who Shine" on **Thursday, May 14** at noon at the Statehouse.

"I want to congratulate Alexandra Valdez and all 29 of the outstanding Class of 2015 graduates for the recognition they have received and thank them for their substantial contributions to their local communities," said Gov. Baker. "Each of the 29 Who Shine honorees, in addition to being an accomplished student, is civically engaged in ways that improve the quality of life in Massachusetts."

"Each one of our 29 honorees is from Massachusetts and



Alexandra Valdez

planning to remain in Massachusetts," noted Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner of Higher Education. "Through their dedicated scholarship and deep engagement in their local communities, these students are making good on the taxpayers' investment in their education."

The state has recognized a student from each of the 29 public higher education campuses since 2011.

Alexandra Valdez has been an engaged student leader since arriving at the Fitchburg State campus as a transfer student in 2013. A first-generation college student born in the Dominican Republic, Valdez is passionate about increasing opportunities for higher education. Her experience working as the Latino liaison for Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley has inspired an ongoing commitment to civic engagement in her community.

At Fitchburg State, Valdez helped resuscitate the campus' Political Science Club and opened dialogue with city officials to empower students to be contributing members of the university's host community. She is a member of the Student Government Senate, chair of its Senior Committee, and works as an orientation leader and peer mentor on campus, as well as serving as an officer in her sorority.

Valdez will spend the summer in the nation's capital as an intern at the Washington Center. This fall she plans to return to Boston to continue her work as a Latino liaison.

The 29 Who Shine campaign asks each honoree to select a faculty or staff mentor to accompany them to the celebration in Boston. Valdez named Professor **Joshua B. Spero**, a member of the Economics, History and Political Science faculty.

"Prof. Spero has been a mentor throughout my time at Fitchburg State, teaching me the importance of persistence," Valdez said. "He inspires students to push themselves to the fullest and to believe that everything is possible. I thank him every day for everything he has taught me in the classroom and beyond."

University, Fitchburg Art Museum cement their relationship

Cementing a productive collaboration that has yielded dividends for both institutions, leaders of Fitchburg State University and the [Fitchburg Art Museum](#) signed a formal memorandum of agreement Wednesday, April 29.

Museum Director Nick Capasso



Fitchburg Art Museum Director Nick Capasso, left, and President Antonucci sign the agreement.

noted the agreement grew out of a successful collaboration in which the museum hosted a mid-career exhibition of artist and Fitchburg State faculty member Jeffrey Warmouth. The exhibition was designed and branded by Fitchburg State students, and the institutions collaborated to install and support it.

The model has since been replicated several times at the museum, including the ongoing Naturetech exhibit, for which students have produced an array of physical and digital collateral.

"Students have been able to work on real-world projects with a real-world, demanding client," said Capasso, who estimated the students have created the equivalent of \$30,000 worth of deliverables since the partnership began. "What the students get in return is deep, real-world experience. The quality of this student-produced work has been superb."

"It's all about the students," said President Antonucci, adding the agreement builds upon years of effective collaboration. "We've always had a partnership and it has grown tremendously."

The productive relationship between the art museum and the university will benefit the entire city, President Antonucci said, adding the institutions strengthen the community by working together.

The opportunity for student enrichment created through the partnership continues through collaborations that produce exhibition catalogs, promotional videos and social media campaigns.

The agreement provides free admission to the museum for all Fitchburg State University students, faculty and staff; makes the museum staff, exhibitions and collections available to university students, faculty, and adult learning programs; and formalizes a relationship with the McKay Arts Academy on the university campus. The pact also spells out collaboration between the institutions and other partners on community development programs, cultural festivals, creative economy initiatives, and broad-based education initiatives. These include the Upper Common Cultural District, the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance, the redevelopment of the B.F. Brown building and adjoining properties, the Main Street Arts Project, the Big Read, and the annual Blacksmith Art and Music Festival, among others.

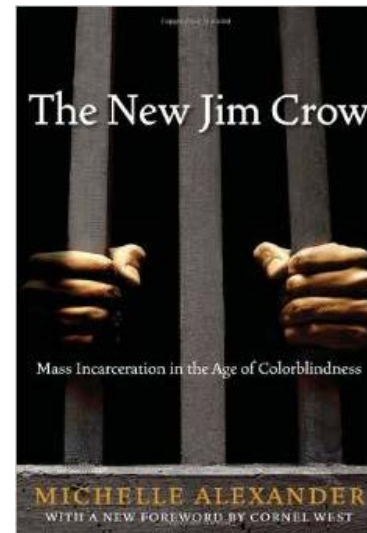
For the university's part, the agreement guarantees that museum personnel will have access to occasional administrative, development and information technology support; faculty and professional staff consultation on exhibition and program management; professional development for museum staff; and guaranteed university representation on the museum's board of trustees. The university also agrees to engage in collaborative programming, public relations and marketing with the museum.

Community Read concludes with film screening on May 21

Fitchburg State's year-long [Community Read](#) of legal scholar Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* concludes with a Third Thursday screening of the acclaimed film *The Defiant*

Ones at the [Fitchburg Public Library](#) on **Thursday, May 21** at 4 p.m. Faculty member Joseph Moser will introduce the tale of two escaped convicts chained together, one white and one black, who must learn to get along in order to elude capture.

Throughout the Community Read, Fitchburg State faculty and staff will join with experts and artists from this region and beyond to explore the issues raised in the book. The public is invited to add their voices to the conversation as the university seeks to create community through communication. The series is sponsored by the Carl T. Witherell '32 fund.



Campus to host New England Psychological Association and Northeast Conference for Teachers of Psychology in October

The [New England Psychological Association](#) (NEPA) and the Northeast Conference for Teachers of Psychology (NECTOP) will hold their combined 2015 annual meeting at Fitchburg State on Oct. 9 and 10.

The NEPA conference will feature an impressive variety of nationally recognized speakers. These specific presentations will be open and available to all Fitchburg State students, faculty and staff at no cost. In addition, Fitchburg State students and faculty will be able to register for the entire conference at no cost.

Invited speakers and likely topics include:

- Loretto Prieto of Iowa State University, a leading researcher into Latino/a issues. He is interested in the Latino/a experience in higher education and the provision of mental health services to this population.
- Laura Flashman of Dartmouth University who specializes in the neuropsychology of schizophrenia.
- Eric Landrum of Boise State who is a leader in psychology undergraduate education.
- Marissa Harrison from Penn State who will speak on the evolutionary origins of sexuality.
- Kathy Pasek of Temple University who will address early language development.

The submission and registration portals can be found at NEPA's new website, NewEnglandPsychological.org.

Enrollment opens for summer music lessons

Enrollment is now open for the Fitchburg State University Foundation Music Lesson program's five-week summer sessions.

Instrumental and voice lessons are available at all age and skill levels. The five-week summer sessions are a great opportunity to try out a new instrument or brush up on a skill you haven't practiced. Five-week blocks are \$150.

Summer Session I begins the week of May 26 with an enrollment deadline of Friday, May 22. Summer session II begins the week of July 6.

For additional information, contact lesson coordinator Monica Duncan at mduncan3@fitchburgstate.edu or visit fitchburgstate.edu/music.

Sigma Pi members raise awareness for organ donation

Students from the university's Sigma Pi chapter recently rallied in Leominster to help raise awareness about organ donation.

Read about their effort in the Sentinel & Enterprise by clicking [here](#).

Faculty Notes

Anne Howard (Education) will receive the [Martha H. Ziegler Founders Award](#) from the [Federation for Children With Special Needs](#) on May 15. Howard coordinates the undergraduate and graduate programs in severe disabilities, and provides consultation to families and school systems to facilitate inclusion and optimal educational programs for students with disabilities. As described by the Federation, Howard's "gift of teaching provides parents and professionals with the ability to understand and become active participants in improving the quality of education for all children, even those with the most complex needs." The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. The group is committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.

Newsletter will return this fall

This will be the final edition of the Fitchburg State University Today newsletter for the academic year. The newsletter will return in the fall. Stay up to date on campus news and events by visiting the university's website at fitchburgstate.edu.

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