



# Report to the Board of Trustees

from the University of Massachusetts Boston

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## To the Board:

Our students, faculty, and staff at the University of Massachusetts Boston never cease to impress me. This spring was marked with some incredible accomplishments across our community, giving us cause to rally, applaud, and be grateful.

At our 48th commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 26, we celebrated more than 1,330 students who earned a doctorate, master's, or graduate certificate from our university at the Clark Athletic Center. Then on Friday, May 27, our 2,900 undergraduate students had their time to shine at the TD Garden.

In these pages, you'll learn more about the students we celebrated at our annual Faculty Research Celebration, who demonstrate the power of our Beacons Student Success Fellowship Program, and the faculty mentors who opened their eyes to new discoveries in their respective disciplines (p. 4).

You'll also read about some of our impressive student athletes who made Beacon athletics history this year. Our hockey teams represented us proudly in the Division III NCAA tournament (p. 10), while Hulerie McGuffie, our eight-time All-American track star, scored a national title in the 400 meter dash!

Our university notched additional victories in terms of our rising graduate program rankings (p. 9) and our options for supporting environmentally friendly commuting to campus (p. 10).

As we turn our calendars to the summer months, I could not be more proud of our students, faculty, and staff, or more excited about what lies ahead.

—Chancellor J. Keith Motley



*UMass Boston baseball clinched its first regular season title in the Little East Conference at its new home field, Monan Park. Moments later, Chancellor J. Keith Motley, Vice Chancellor Charlie Titus, and the UMass Boston community joined Boston College High School for the park's official dedication with its namesake, Fr. J. Donald Monan, SJ, who was president of Boston College for 24 years. The field was completed through a public-private partnership between the neighboring institutions and the Yawkey Foundation. The Beacons' first season playing at Monan Park culminated with the team's second-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.*

## UMass Boston Earns Prestigious Simon Award for Internationalization

UMass Boston was one of four institutions nationwide to earn the prestigious 2016 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, given by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The award recognizes colleges and universities that are making significant, wellplanned, well-executed, and well-documented progress toward comprehensive internationalization, especially those using innovative and creative approaches.

“This recognition is of utmost importance to us. It distinguishes us as having achieved strategic goals outlined in our internationalization agenda, and it also inspires us to do more in our pursuit of becoming the most cosmopolitan public research university,” said Provost and Vice Chancellor for

Academic Affairs Winston E. Langley.

Nearly 2,100 international students (12 percent of the total student population) are enrolled at UMass Boston, considered to be the most diverse in New England. Students represent more than 150 countries and speak more than 90 languages, while faculty members lead innovative study-abroad programs and connect students to different people, cultures, and environments. Student participation in these programs has increased six-fold in the past five years while the number of international exchange students is up by 60 percent. UMass Boston also hosts Fulbright training programs, Fulbright Gateway Programs, Erasmus+ programs, and a highly successful International Visiting Scholar Academy, among others.

## ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### Leaders Serve as Teachers for Honors College Students

A new Honors College course titled “Becoming A Leader,” offered by Ira Jackson, vice provost for economic planning/resources and special projects, and Michael Metzger, assistant dean for the Honors College, gave eleven students the opportunity to gain leadership lessons from an impressive roster of CEOs, politicians, nonprofit leaders, and entrepreneurs, including former governors Deval Patrick and Michael Dukakis, YouthBuild founder and CEO Dorothy Stoneman, and Joyce Linehan, chief policy advisor to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. Students also were able to observe leaders at work during tours of the State House and the Suffolk County House of Corrections. Each student spent 10 hours shadowing a leader, such as Cambridge College President Deborah Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash, and MassPort CEO Thomas Glynn. The course culminated with final presentations on May 16 at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

### Sustainable Solutions Lab Hosts Paris Climate Agreement Architect

A UMass Boston cross-disciplinary collaborative, the Sustainable Solutions Lab, hosted a public lecture by Executive Secretary of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change Christiana Figueres on “Lifting the Billions: The Intersection of Climate and Development Policy.” As part of its Climate at a Crossroads Lecture Series, the April 6 event was held at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate and drew more than 300 guests. In addition, on April 20, the Sustainable Solutions Lab brought together area leaders across disciplines and institutions to focus on the differing definitions of “resilience” – both physical and social – as they apply to at least two neighborhoods in Boston.

## MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

### New Donor Alliances Support Beacon Voyages for Service

A new program will encourage current leadership donors to “adopt a voyager” with a gift of \$2,000 or more. The Beacon Voyages for Service program offers students the opportunity to perform service projects domestically and internationally during semester breaks. Donors will have opportunities to become acquainted with their voyager and learn about the educational transformation engendered by service learning.



*Bill Campbell; Mary Creedon O'Brien '82, '07, vice president of global marketing at Saucony; Krystle Campbell Scholarship winners Charmagne Loyola and Eva Leibbrandt; and Chancellor J. Keith Motley.*

### Continuing a Legacy Through the Krystle Campbell Scholarship

Chancellor J. Keith Motley presented UMass Boston student Eva Leibbrandt with a \$5,000 Krystle Campbell Scholarship at a campus event in April celebrating the Boston Marathon and honoring Campbell, a former UMass Boston student who was a victim of the 2013 marathon bombings. The Krystle Campbell Scholarship is presented to students pursuing business degrees. This year's Run for Krystle Boston Marathon team generated an additional \$70,000 for the endowment. UMass Dartmouth student Charmagne Loyola also received a scholarship.

### UMass Boston Signs MOU with AIM for “Next Century” Leaders

Chancellor J. Keith Motley and Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Gina Cappello signed a memorandum of understanding with Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) President and CEO Richard Lord in May, recognizing AIM's decision to make annual contributions of \$25,000 to the university in support of the “next century of business leaders in Massachusetts.” A portion of AIM's contribution will establish the “AIM Next Century Scholarship,” covering 50 to 75 percent of the cost of tuition, fees, and books for up to two full-time undergraduate students in the College of Management during their junior or senior year of study. The students must live in Massachusetts and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

### David Matz Fellowship Supports Conflict Resolution Study

The Department of Conflict Resolution launched the new David Matz Fellowship to coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of its program. The fellowship honors the founding director for his remarkable contributions in building the program. The fellowship will engage students and alumni through continuing education and career workshops, and will provide student scholarships. Thanks to a generous alumni donor, each gift will be matched with an equal-sized gift, up to \$30,000.



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 ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED FROM P. 2)
 

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### Peace Prize Winner, Congressman Address Class of 2016

UMass Boston celebrated its 48th commencement on May 26 in Clark Athletic Center for graduate students, and on May 27 at the TD Garden for undergraduates. More than 4,200 students received diplomas and heard from impressive principal speakers. Graduate students heard from Nobel Peace Prize winner Gerard “Jerry” Bolton White, a human rights activist who spearheaded efforts to promote a mine-free Middle East following his own brush with death from an old land mine in Israel. Undergraduate students heard from Congressman Seth Moulton, a Massachusetts native and Marine veteran who served four tours in Iraq, including two as special assistant to General David Petraeus.

### Set Sail for Success Program Celebrated with Panel

Eric Schultz, president and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, joined Chancellor J. Keith Motley and members of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at a campus event to celebrate the Set Sail for Success program, a collaboration that pairs freshman nursing students with staff advisors and sophomore mentors to support their transition into college. The program began in 2014 with the HMO’s pledge of \$500,000 in funding over five years. Thirty students are enrolled in the current cohort and receive mentoring from four sophomores who participated in the program as freshmen last year. Organizers hope to enroll 60 new students next fall and to increase the number of mentors.

Schultz moderated a panel discussion on the present and future of health care, featuring State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry; Paulette Shaw Querner ’87, vice president and corporate vice president of community health centers at Harbor Health Services, Inc.; and Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, president and CEO of the Dimock Center, a Roxbury-based community health center.

### Ethics and Politics Discussion Features Congressman

U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano joined author and Yale philosophy professor Jason Stanley for a conversation about ethics, elections, and the future of democracy at UMass Boston in April. The event was sponsored by UMass Boston Ethics, the Department of Philosophy, and the College of Liberal Arts. The congressman, now in his ninth term, reminded faculty, students, and community members to spend less time on cynicism, and more time engaging with the political process. Stanley, the author of *How Propaganda Works*, said that while this election cycle is in many ways frustrating, he wanted to refocus on hope for the future of our democracy.



*While in session at UMass Boston, a three-member judicial panel heard two criminal cases and three civil cases.*

### Appeals Court Gives Students Insight into Judicial Process

In March, UMass Boston criminal justice, sociology, and political science students had the opportunity to experience the judicial process without leaving campus and to network with members of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, staff, and alumni who work for the court system. As part of its own educational mission, the Massachusetts Appeals Court holds about a half dozen sessions outside of the John Adams Courthouse in Boston each year. At UMass Boston, a three-member judicial panel heard two criminal cases and three civil cases ranging from a stop-and-frisk case to a dispute over the presence of affordable housing and a failed deal for a children’s book series. This is the third time in four years the court has visited campus.

## STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE



Joel DeMelo worked with Associate Professor Pacey Foster to track down and reissue a long-lost 1990s hip hop single on vinyl.

### Annual Faculty Research Celebration Focuses on Research and Mentorship

The 2016 Faculty Research Celebration, titled “The Teaching Soul: Research and Mentoring,” showcased faculty members who work with students supported by the Beacons Student Success Fellowship Program. UMass Boston Professors Pacey Foster, Jill Macoska, and Alan Stoskopf shared the stage with their undergraduate students, each speaking about a high-impact research project on which they collaborated as mentor or mentee. American studies student Joel DeMelo worked with Foster to index the first set of tapes and prepare a database for the Massachusetts Hip Hop Archive, which Foster launched with University Archives and Special Collections in 2014. Through the mentorship of Macoska and others in her lab, biology major Diego Almanza went from working as a lab manager ordering supplies and cleaning glassware to sequencing and analyzing RNA, presenting his work at conferences, and earning honors. Stoskopf brought students Michelle Chouinard and Sarah Bolden on a trip to lay the foundation for an international community of inquiry with Autónoma and Deusto universities in Spain.

### President Meehan Honors Professors with Tech Development Awards

This spring President Marty Meehan announced that eight UMass technology projects — two of them based at UMass Boston — would receive a total of \$215,000 in Tech Development Fund awards. The two UMass Boston awardees, engineering professor Matthew Bell and physics professor Alexey Tonyushkin, will use the awards to assist themselves in the development and commercialization of promising new technologies. Bell’s award of \$25,000 will help him develop a prototype based on his research into low-noise amplifiers for quantum computers. Tonyushkin’s award of \$5,000 will help him investigate commercial markets for a promising new medical imaging device.

### Clinical Psychology Graduate Students Awarded Prestigious Fellowships

Shirley Poyau was awarded a predoctoral fellowship in mental health and substance abuse services by the American Psychological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program. Poyau’s research goals are to develop culturally and developmentally appropriate outreach and intervention program interventions for children exposed to trauma. Poyau joins current Minority Fellowship Program recipients Chuck Liu and Fanny Ng and several other previous recipients among program alumni.

Jen Martinez was awarded a predoctoral fellowship from the Ford Foundation aimed at increasing the diversity of the nation’s college and university faculties. Martinez’s research goals are to improve the quality of life among people of color despite the presence of race-related stress, and to disseminate treatment strategies that help individuals cope with racism and thrive in the face of it.

### Researchers Discover New Spawning Ground

Researchers from UMass Boston and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration published a paper announcing the discovery of a new Atlantic bluefin tuna spawning ground in the Atlantic Ocean. It is located in a broad area of the open ocean called the Slope Sea, south of New England and east of the Mid-Atlantic states. Prior to their work, most scientists thought Atlantic bluefin tuna spawn exclusively in the Gulf of Mexico and the Mediterranean Sea. The new study, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, reveals Atlantic bluefin tuna in the western Atlantic are less vulnerable to fishing and other stressors than was previously assumed.

### Preschoolers Memorize Rhymes Better than Adults

UMass Boston researchers, along with collaborators at Eötvös Loránd University and Central European University in Hungary, have discovered that preschool children are gifted at memorizing rhyming text; when pitted against adults, kids remembered up to twice the words in a rhyming story. Researchers asked thirteen parents in Budapest, Hungary, to read a rhyming story from a picture book every night to their four-year-old children for ten nights. Two different groups of young adults listened to a recording of the same story. When all groups were asked to recite the story from memory (while looking at the pictures in the book), people from all three groups could remember the gist of the story equally well, while the four-year-olds could recall an average of 117 of 167 words in the poem correctly. The new research was published in the journal *Developmental Science*.



## STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE (CONTINUED FROM P. 4)

### Notable Awards

- Changmeng Cai, Biology, was awarded a \$77,400 grant by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for "Clinical Implications of Retinoblastoma Protein Mediated Androgen Receptor." The National Cancer Institute is the prime sponsor.
- Jennifer Hefele, Gerontology, was awarded a \$121,479 grant by the Donaghue Foundation for the project "Chasing Medicare."
- Valerie Karr, Global Inclusion and Social Development, and Sheila Fesko, Institute for Community Inclusion, were awarded a \$157,732 grant by Crowns Agent Limited for "National Strategy for Autism and Neuro Disorders, Bangladesh."
- Kyungmin Kim, Gerontology, was awarded a \$147,538 grant by the National Institute of Aging for "Generational Family Patterns and Well Being."
- McCormack Graduate School Dean David W. Cash, in collaboration with the Brattle Group and Boston University's Institute for Sustainable Energy, received a \$80,000 grant from the Barr Foundation to create a white paper on Massachusetts energy and climate data and policy that can be utilized to inform energy legislation development.
- Mark Warren, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, received a \$200,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for his research on organizing and movement-building against the school-to-prison pipeline.

## CONTINUE A FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND POSITIVE CLIMATE



*Accepted students attended a scholarship breakfast in University Hall before Welcome Day in April.*

### Spring Welcome Days Attract Hundreds of Students

This spring, UMass Boston students, faculty, and staff greeted hundreds of prospective students who have been accepted to UMass Boston as freshmen or transfer students and attended Welcome Days or Transfer Open House to learn more about the university. This year, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions received 14,000 applications from all 50 states, two US territories, and 98 other countries. The university also welcomed 140 scholarship winners and their guests at a special Scholarship Awards Breakfast prior to Spring Welcome Day.

### National Iranian American Council President Gives Slomoff Lecture

The annual Sylvia and Benjamin Slomoff Lectureship, sponsored by UMass Boston conflict resolution alumnus Ben Slomoff, brings together leading scholars and practitioners advancing the field of conflict resolution. Trita Parsi, founder and president of the National Iranian American Council and an expert on US-Iranian relations, Iranian foreign politics, and the geopolitics of the Middle East, delivered the 2016 lecture, "Iran after the Nuclear Deal: Implications for the Region." Parsi was the 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order and the silver medal winner of the 2008 Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

### UMass Boston Celebrates International Women's Day

Several UMass Boston sponsors, including the McCormack Graduate School's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP); Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs; and Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance, hosted a March 8 guest lecture by feminist economist Diane Elson (University of Essex, UK) to celebrate International Women's Day. The CWPPP also co-sponsored the Boston International Women's Day breakfast held at Simmons College and participated with more than 100 other lobbyists in the Equity Pay Lobby Day at the Massachusetts State House, organized by the Pay Equity Coalition, of which CWPPP is a member.

## CONTINUE A FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND POSITIVE CLIMATE (CONTINUED FROM P. 5)

### College of Education and Human Development Host Youth Programs

The Talented and Gifted Latino Program at the College of Education and Human Development held a pilot STEM academy for 18 female Latino students. It included workshops at UMass Boston and visits to General Electric, EMC2, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

Project ALERTA at the College of Education and Human Development also hosted 16 Boston Public Schools elementary students for its annual Spring Academy Program. The students learned about wild weather, took a harbor cruise on the *M/V Columbia Point*, and interacted with college students on campus.

### UMass Boston Hosts First Relay For Life

UMass Boston hosted its first Relay For Life event in the Clark Athletic Center in April, sponsored by Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy Director Jill Macoska. Relay For Life, the signature event of the American Cancer Society, is an informative experience designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer. The students, faculty, and staff who took laps around Clark Athletic Center gymnasium or supported walkers raised \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society.

### Society for Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science Gather at UMass Boston

In April, UMass Boston hosted the Society for Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science for its third New England Regional Conference. More than 110 participants from 18 different institutions (colleges, universities, and government organizations) gathered at the Integrated Sciences Complex to celebrate science, community, and culture. The conference included scientific speakers who spoke on topics ranging from health disparities to climate change to molecular and cellular biology. A number of professional development workshops also addressed such subjects as grant writing, applying to graduate school, and mentoring relationships.

## RENEW THE FACULTY

### Faculty Members Recognized for Excellence

Four UMass Boston faculty members were recently recognized for their outstanding contributions.

- Emily Jones, nursing, received the prestigious and competitive Eastern Nursing Research Society's Rising Star Research Award, which recognizes a junior investigator who has conducted post-doctoral research, published research, and showed promise in establishing a program of health and/or nursing research.
- *The Peacemaker*, a documentary featuring the life and work of Padraig O'Malley, John Joseph Moakley Chair for Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School, made its New England premiere at the Independent Film Festival Boston 2016 in April.
- Mary Lu Love, co-developer of UMass Boston's Early Childhood Program, received the Boston Association for the Education of Young Children's Abigail Eliot Award for making a difference in the field of early education and care. Abigail Adams Eliot helped to establish the nursery school movement in America.
- Rafael Jaen, assistant professor of costume design, received Salem State University's Lifetime Achievement Award, given to individuals who have made significant contributions to their artistic field and also are educators and advocates for the next generation of artists.

## DEVELOP FIRST-RATE INFRASTRUCTURE

### Upgrades Underway in Bloomberg Lab

The Bloomberg/New Technology Lab within the College of Management is being renovated with four additional monitors and a ticker screen. The four monitors will be used to display the Graduate Student Managed Fund (GMSF) and the undergraduate Student Managed Fund portfolio holdings and performance. Additionally, a new high-definition monitor has been placed at the top of the stairs on the third floor of the Healey Library to provide an introduction and some information about the Bloomberg Lab and the GMSF class, which gives UMass Boston graduate students the chance to gain experience managing an investment pool, including security selection, portfolio management, and fund operations. The final steps in the Bloomberg Lab renovation process will be the installation of a big flat-screen monitor to be used for presentations and lectures and a large white board.

### New Utility Corridor Connects to University Hall

The Utility Corridor and Roadway Relocation project at UMass Boston will connect campus facilities via a utility loop around the campus. Most recently, the new corridor began supplying utilities to University Hall. The utility installation continues mainly on the waterfront side of the Calf Pasture Pumping Station between Lot D and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute. This utility work precedes the creation of a new University Drive North, which will extend from the end of Mt. Vernon Street to the Kennedy Institute and the Massachusetts Archives. Upcoming work on the closed University Drive South will install additional utilities, curbs, and trees, with a target of opening that roadway this fall. Additional roadway work and closures, particularly on University Drive West and Mt. Vernon Street, will take place later this year.

The utility and roadway work is being performed in keeping with Environmental Health and Safety and Department of Environmental Protection monitoring plans.

## INCREASE ENDOWMENT

### Alumna's \$1 Million Gift Strengthens Italian Studies

A bequest by Teachers College alumna Catherine Frisone Scott '38, '39 will keep Italian culture and learning alive in the College of Liberal Arts. The Catherine Frisone Scott Italian Cultural Studies Fund in memory of John B. Frisone was established by the 96-year-old with an initial gift of \$100,000 and will be completed through a bequest.

### Make Your Mark Campaign Continues

The Just Imagine campaign's Make Your Mark initiative has attracted the support of more than 200 alumni and friends, including many first-time donors, who have designated seats in University Hall's new, 500-seat auditorium and raised more than \$65,000. Many plaques purchased for the seats honor loved ones and faculty members, and celebrate the transformative power of public education.

### Promoting Student and Young Alumni Philanthropy

UMass Boston's second annual commencement "Shout Out" program is cultivating a culture of philanthropy early in the lives of the university's newest alumni and attracting a large group of new donors. Class of 2016 graduates had the opportunity to make a \$15 gift to the Just Imagine fund in exchange for a 15-second spot in a video to be played at the commencement ceremonies. Many students used the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and to thank those who helped them succeed.

## IMPROVE DELIVERY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND IT SERVICES

### Information Technology Reviewing Campus Wireless Service

Information Technology is in the process of reviewing wireless services across campus and re-engineering the services with the aim of ensuring access to wireless service in all campus indoor spaces, excluding stairwells and restrooms. In addition to full indoor coverage, the service will be re-engineered to support the number of wireless users expected in each space. For example, high-demand areas such as the Campus Center, Clark Athletic Center, and classrooms will be strengthened to support this higher density of wireless users.

In addition, IT will be working to discontinue the use of rogue wireless devices across campus. Rogue devices, deployed by individuals and departments, are not approved by IT, and IT does not control encryption or authentication of those devices. In some cases, constituents unknowingly link to these rogue services thinking that they are connected to university IT wireless, putting themselves at risk of data theft. In addition, rogue wireless systems directly cause radio frequency interference with IT wireless service, resulting in an unstable wireless offering.

IT will be deploying the re-engineered wireless service over the summer and into the fall. It will focus first on locations where student use of wireless is most in demand.

### More Printing, Scanning Stations On The Way for Students

Information Technology currently supports 23 student printers across the campus, and students print over 200,000 pages per month during a semester. In preparation for fall 2016, IT will be upgrading all printers for improved reliability and including two-sided printing to save paper. IT also will be adding three additional print stations in the Integrated Science Complex, University Hall, and Healey Library.

IT also plans to increase public scanning stations from the current three stations to five, with additional scanning capability in University Hall and Healey Library.

## DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE



*Boston Chief Resilience Officer, S. Atyia Martin, talks with UMass Boston community members.*

### Boston's Chief Resilience Officer Seeks UMass Boston Input

Boston Chief Resilience Officer, S. Atyia Martin, received input from UMass Boston faculty, staff, and students about ways to make the city more equitable as she develops a resiliency strategy for the city. The Rockefeller Foundation is funding Martin's position, and others like it in 99 other cities worldwide, for two years. Since August, she has met with stakeholders at meetings, workshops, presentations, and events to understand the challenges and opportunities in Boston as she develops a resiliency strategy to be implemented this summer. At UMass Boston, Martin gave a presentation and met with faculty, staff, and students at a roundtable where participants talked about their own work, posed questions, and offered ideas.



## DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE (CONTINUED FROM P. 7)

### Center for Social Policy Holds “Cliff Effect” Panel at Fed

More than 150 people attended the Center for Social Policy and Children's HealthWatch's special event on “Understanding and Generating Solutions to the Cliff Effect” at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The interactive seminar, moderated by center director Susan Crandall, is the first in a series and focused on the “cliff effect” phenomenon many families in Massachusetts face when an increase in work earnings results in a reduction of subsidies for food, housing, childcare, and other essential benefits, leaving them worse off financially. The event allowed participants to identify major issues, consequences, and policies, and to start brainstorming potential solutions.

### Gerontology Activities Shed Light on Aging

The Department of Gerontology has partnered with the Massachusetts Assisted Living Facilities Association to offer scholarships to eligible Mass ALFA employees enrolled in the Management of Aging Services program. The department also released an April 2016 special issue of *Research on Aging*, which focused on the social and economic demography of aging and health among Hispanic populations in the United States and in Latin America; held a Speaker's Series event on “More Than a Meal: Research Documenting the Impact of Home-Delivered Meals Programs” with Brown University Research Health Science Specialist Kali S. Thomas; and hosted a guest lecture on “The Missing Link: The Critical Role of Respite in Dementia Care” with Steven H. Zarit, distinguished professor, of human development and family studies, Pennsylvania State University, who shared his research on dementia care.

### Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy Launches Fellowship Program

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP) recently announced the launch of its new Fellowship Program for Distinguished Public Service Leaders. Through a rigorous nomination and selection process, CWPPP chose the inaugural cohort of the program, which includes outgoing Wheelock College president Jackie Jenkins-Scott; Maria Elena Letona '97, an advocate, organizer, and executive director of Neighbor to Neighbor; Dolores Mitchell, who served seven governors and as executive director of the Group Insurance Commission; and former State Senator Patricia McGovern, who served six senate terms and was the first woman to chair the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. They will be in residence at the center for two years.



*Attorney General Maura Healey speaks with middle schoolers during the All-Star Youth Violence Summit at Clark Athletic Center.*

### All-Star Youth Violence Summit Held at UMass Boston

In April, more than 65 area middle school students and their families visited UMass Boston to discuss issues of violence in their community with Attorney General Maura Healey. The group participated in a basketball tournament and toured the university campus. The All-Star Youth Violence Summit was a culminating event and a collaboration among the Office of the Attorney General, the 3Point Foundation, Boston Public Schools, UMass Boston's Division of Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects and Programs, and UMass Boston's College of Public and Community Service. There, students and volunteers led an anti-violence dialogue with the youth and presented recommendations to the attorney general on ways in which her office can help prevent gun violence.



*The winners of the Community Leadership Award-- Nancy Blanchard, Laura Piscopo, and Sarada Kalpee--pose with Chancellor J. Keith Motley, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, State Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Francisco Urena, and Boston Commissioner of Veterans' Services Giselle Sterling at the Veterans' Welcome Home Breakfast.*



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 DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE (CONTINUED FROM P. 8)
 

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**Massachusetts STEM Advisory Council Hosts Polito, Kennedy, Lecture Series on Campus**

The Massachusetts STEM Advisory Council and about 75 stakeholders from Massachusetts schools, academies, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and tech companies convened at the Integrated Sciences Complex at UMass Boston for a film screening and panel discussion about inspiring more women and minorities to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Among the speakers were council co-chairs Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III,

and Jeffrey Leiden, the chairman, president, and CEO of Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Secretary of Education Jim Peyser also participated in the STEM Advisory Council Lecture Series, which centered on a screening of the documentary *Code: Debugging the Gender Gap*. Chancellor J. Keith Motley welcomed attendees by highlighting UMass Boston's College of Science and Mathematics, which has a student population that is 44 percent women and 62 percent people of color.

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 POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE
 

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**Graduate Programs Rise in U.S. News & World Report Rankings**

*U.S. News & World Report* has listed six UMass Boston graduate programs among the top 100 in their respective categories. The highest-ranked UMass Boston program on the 2017 Best Graduate Schools list is the rehabilitation counseling program, again ranked No. 24.

Five other programs appeared on the list:

- Master of nursing – No. 52
- Doctor of nursing practice – No. 58
- Graduate programs in education – No. 71
- Master's programs in public affairs – No. 77
- Doctor of clinical psychology – No. 87

The education programs have risen five spots since their last ranking in 2015; the public affairs program has gained 10 spots since it was last evaluated in 2012. The doctor of nursing practice program is appearing on a *U.S. News* list for the first time.



*Tariana V. Little*

tasked with connecting Boston millennials to the local government. As an entrepreneur, since 2013 she has been running the digital content marketing company EmVision Productions with her husband, Jonas Meyers '14, a fellow UMass Boston graduate. After earning her bachelor's degree in psychology from UMass Boston in 2012, Little came back to UMass Boston when the master's program in transnational, cultural, and community studies launched, receiving the Julie Rodick Scholarship to support her studies.

**Grad Student Named to El Planeta's Power Under 30 List**

El Planeta Media named UMass Boston graduate student Tariana V. Little to its Power Under 30 List. *El Planeta*, the largest Spanish-language newspaper in New England, counted her as one of the most influential young leaders for the Latino community in Massachusetts. She is a board member of BeVisible, the first national social networking and career community for and by Latinas, and co-founder of its recently launched Boston chapter. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh also appointed her to the Mayor's ONEin3 Council, a group of Bostonians between the ages of 20-34 who are



*Joel Colon*

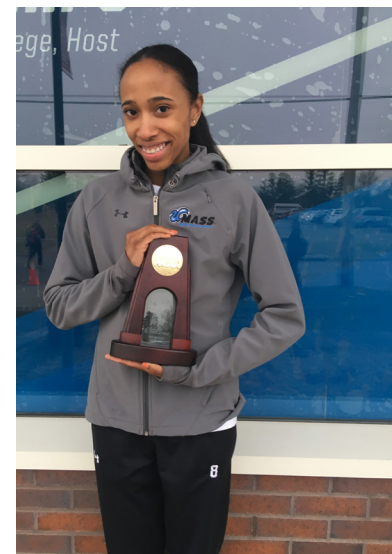
**Sophomore Named One of Top Student Leaders in the Country**

Sophomore Joel Colon, a program assistant in the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement (OSCLE), was chosen as one of 218 student leaders nationwide to receive the Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award, which honors inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. In OSCLE, the psychology major and biology minor is charged with organizing two annual days of service, including the Spring Day of Service held on April 30. Colon is the second UMass Boston student to receive this award in the last two years.

## POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE (CONTINUED FROM P. 8)



*Above left: The women's and men's ice hockey teams each won their respective New England Hockey Conference Tournament titles on the same day and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in each program's history.*



*Above right: Eight-time All-American Hulerie McGuffie won UMass Boston's first national title in more than 30 years after finishing the 400-meter dash in 55.8 seconds.*

### Athletics Programs Make History

For the first time in university history, the UMass Boston's men's and women's hockey programs won their respective New England Hockey Conference tournament titles. After winning their championships on the same day, both teams earned their first-ever NCAA tournament automatic bids. The women's team lost to Middlebury College 4-0 in the first round of the tournament, while the men's team defeated 2015 National Champions Trinity College, and the top team in the east region, Hobart College, qualifying them for the Beacons' first-ever NCAA tournament semi-final appearance. There, the Beacons overcame a four-goal deficit in the Frozen Four to tie the game at 7-7 against the Green Knights of St. Norbert College, but eventually fell in double overtime by the final score of 8-7. Head coach Peter Belisle was named the Co-National Coach of the Year for the impressive season.

The women's track and field program also celebrated a major victory, as senior All-American Hulerie McGuffie won UMass Boston's first national title in more than 30 years. The top sprinter in the 400-meter dash, McGuffie crushed her competition to claim her first national crown. The now eight-time All-American finished the event with a time of 55.8 seconds.

### College of Management Makes Rankings, Joins Council

The College of Management was recently ranked as a Tier One business school in *CEO Magazine's* 2016 Global MBA Rankings. The rankings examine the program's learning environment, class sizes, tuition fees, faculty, delivery methods, international diversity, gender make up, and more. Meanwhile, the College of Management's online Analytics Certificate also was recently ranked among the "50 Top Resources for Getting the Most out of Your Analytics," by NGDATA, an online resource for companies in data-driven industries.

The College of Management also was accepted as a member of the Latin American Council of Management Schools, an important network of business schools all over the world. The international organization provides cooperation among affiliated business schools and maintains reciprocal membership with the main academic networks in the world.

### UMass Boston Earns Awards for Green Commuter Options

UMass Boston won a Spotlight Award for Leadership in Commuter Options at the sixth annual Excellence in Commuter Options (ECO) Awards, sponsored by MassRIDES, MassCommute, and MassDOT. The university won the only award for walking for its master plan, which emphasizes a walking campus and will eventually include five-and-a-half miles of sidewalks and walkways, along with the HarborWalk encircling Columbia Point. UMass Boston also hosted 26 tabling events last year with MassRIDES to encourage faculty, staff, and new hires to use green modes of transportation, such as walking.

The university also won a Leader Award, which requires winners to have a designated employer transportation coordinator, and student participation in a ride sharing program, and do three of the following activities: provide bicycle and pedestrian safety information, offer an emergency ride home program, offer flexible work schedules, conduct one or more transportation events, provide commuter information, promote statewide challenges, and market commuter options.