

To the Board:

I want to thank you for the privilege of serving UMass Boston as interim chancellor. It is an honor to be at this prestigious institution, with so much greatness behind us and so much brightness ahead.

While many may look to the past or the future, UMass Boston's present is also worth celebrating. The challenges we face are real, but they pale next to the amazing achievements of our students, faculty, staff, and community members. The stories in this report are proof that our mission and our commitment to students endure always.

Our academic program is stronger than ever. UMass Boston continues to attract important accolades, again earning the coveted Best in the Northeast designation from Princeton Review. (page 2) Three professors and three recent graduates received Fulbright awards to study and teach abroad, and two doctoral students are traveling to Africa to learn understudied languages. (page 7)

We have also made great progress in our efforts to create the type of physical campus our students deserve. Just weeks ago, we raised the final beam for our first-ever residence hall, and we remain on track for a fall 2018 opening. Our new University Hall has been certified as a LEED Gold building, reflecting our commitment to sustainability. (page 5) Several other campus projects, including a parking garage and a much-needed utility modernization, are nearing completion.

I invite you to take a look at this report and join me in celebrating these important accomplishments.

-Interim Chancellor Barry Mills



The final steel beam is lifted into place above UMass Boston's first residence hall.

Final Beam Raised on UMass Boston's First Residence Hall

UMass Boston marked a milestone in the construction phase of its first residence hall with a topping-off ceremony in August.

Local 7 Ironworkers raised the final steel beam for the \$120 million, 260,000-square-foot residence hall, which will achieve a long-held goal of providing UMass Boston students with an on-campus residential option. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university signed their names to the beam, and many who could not attend the ceremony participated in a digital signing through a dedicated website.

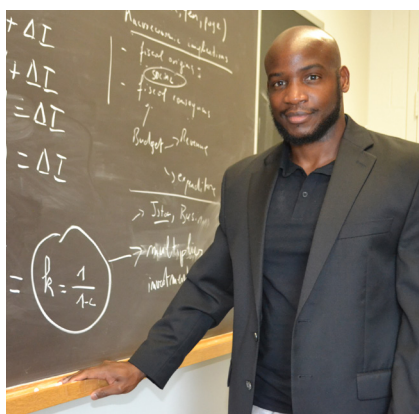
The 1,077-bed residence hall — the first-ever student housing on campus — will be located at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Street and University Drive West. It will be available to first-year UMass Boston students, and is expected to open for the fall 2018 semester.

UMass Boston is building the residence hall using a public-private partnership, an innovative development model that is the first of its kind for the UMass system. A third-party, nonprofit entity will lease the land and own, operate and maintain the facility for UMass Boston, which will supervise the students who live there.

POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE

UMass Boston “Best in the Northeast” For a Third Consecutive Time

The Princeton Review has selected UMass Boston for its “2018 Best Colleges: Region by Region” list. This is the third year in a row that the university has been one of The Princeton Review’s “Best in the Northeast,” and the fourth time overall that the university has made the list. A total of 658 colleges are on the overall list, with 229 northeastern schools featured.

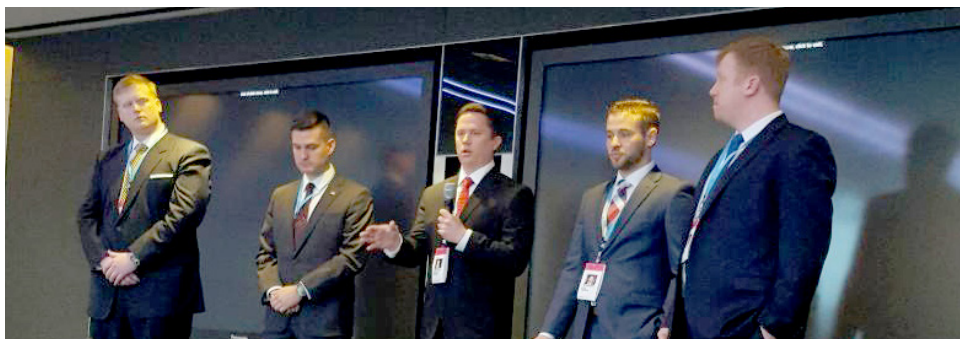


Assistant Professor of Economics Guy Numa is organizing a session for the American Economic Association’s annual conference.

UMass Boston Professor Organizes National Conference Session on Economist Jean Baptiste-Say

Assistant Professor of Economics Guy Numa, who holds a joint appointment in the Honors College, is organizing a session on 19th-century French economist Jean-Baptiste Say for the American Economic Association’s annual conference, the largest gathering of economists in the world.

Numa and two other scholars will present their papers on Say during a session sponsored by the History of Economics Society. More than 13,000 academic and professional economists attend the conference, which will be held in Philadelphia in January.



(From left) Nicholas Moses, Enrique Ibarra, Ross Kreiger, Stephen Matson, and John Horrigan won the national Bloomberg Trading Challenge.

College of Management Team Wins National Bloomberg Trading Challenge

Five students in the College of Management teamed up in the spring to win the national Bloomberg Trading Challenge. Professors Arindam Bandopadhyaya and Atreya Chakraborty served as faculty sponsors and guided the team.

The competition attracted 266 teams from 81 colleges and universities across the United States, including Ivy League schools such as Princeton, Cornell, and Penn.

Each team gave a presentation about their investment strategy and participated in a question-and-answer session with Bloomberg executives. UMass Boston’s victory was the culmination of eight weeks of real-time trading by the students.

UMass Boston Alumna Lisa Duffy Earns Raves for First Novel

Lisa Duffy, a two-time UMass Boston graduate, has authored her first book *The Salt House*, which is now available from Touchstone. Duffy wrote the first scenes of *The Salt House* in an undergraduate creative writing class, as part of an exercise on establishing place—an origin that helps explain the novel’s vivid midcoast Maine setting.

UMass Boston Institute for Early Education Leadership and Innovation Awarded \$100K Grant

UMass Boston’s Institute for Early Education Leadership and Innovation has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Boston Foundation.

With this award, the institute will launch its first-in-the-nation innovation accelerator for early educators. They will also be able to reach more child-care business owners and early educators with entrepreneurial leadership training, and equip them to lead transformative change to improve early learning opportunities for young children in our city.

The institute launched in September 2016. Over 100 institute alumni have already formed a powerful leadership corps, leveraging their practical experience and leadership training to improve early childhood education quality and children’s learning, and mentoring the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.



UMass Boston’s Institute for Early Education Leadership and Innovation was awarded a \$100,000 grant to launch its innovation accelerator.

RENEW THE FACULTY



Assistant Professor Rafael Jaen (center) recently received the 2017 Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

Performing Arts Professor Rafael Jaen Wins Manning Prize

Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Rafael Jaen was recently honored as one of five UMass faculty to receive the 2017 Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching. The faculty members—one from each UMass campus—will receive \$10,000 awards in recognition of their commitment to exemplary teaching and dedication to students.

Jaen, a practicing costume designer and technician, joined UMass Boston in 2013. The Manning Prize recognizes his work in creating an entirely new program in costume design and technology in UMass Boston's Performing Arts Department, training students in the best practices of the profession. He also assumed a leading role in the development of state-of-the-art costume studio spaces in University Hall.

Three UMass Boston Faculty Members Honored with Fulbright Awards

Three UMass Boston faculty members have received awards from the Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program for 2017-2018: David Timmons, assistant professor of economics, Emilio Sauri, associate professor of English, and Robert Brock, adjunct faculty in the School for the Environment.

Timmons will be researching renewable energy and sustainable development on the island nation of Mauritius starting this summer. Sauri will be teaching and doing research in São Paulo, Brazil from March to July 2018. Brock will work at the Portuguese Institute of Air and Water in Lisbon, Portugal — the Portuguese equivalent of NOAA — to help collect data on its underwater mountains.

Nursing Professor Haeok Lee to Provide Cervical Cancer Testing in Malawi

Professor of Nursing Haeok Lee is returning to Malawi to help implement cervical cancer screening and treatment programs for women in rural areas. Lee will travel to the east African nation thanks to support from the Fulbright Specialist Program, which sends U.S. faculty and professionals to academic institutions for 2-6 weeks to serve as expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development, and institutional planning.

Professor Trent Buskirk Named as Fellow of American Statistical Association

Professor Trent Buskirk, director of the Center for Survey Research and Big Data, was recently named a fellow of the American Statistical Association, the world's largest community of statisticians, along with 61 of his peers from 25 states, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, and Mexico. The American Statistical Association recognizes statisticians for their tremendous impact on the way we understand data and interpret the world around us.

Professor Ivanona Receives Professional Appointments

Associate Professor Maria Ivanova, director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability in the McCormack Graduate School, earned three recent professional appointments. She is now a member of the Sustainability Advisory Council at Yale University, a steering committee member of the Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Governance Initiative, and a board member of the Millennium Institute, an NGO in Washington, D.C. with operations in countries around the world.

INCREASE ENDOWMENT

Just Imagine Campaign Tallies \$80.9 Million

UMass Boston's *Just Imagine* campaign is 80 percent of the way to reaching its \$100 million goal, having raised \$80.9 million as of June. As the largest campaign in the university's history, *Just Imagine* aims to support key areas of the university's strategic plan, including student success, building the research enterprise, enhancing the campus, and annual support.

Motley Scholarship Supports Students

At a summer event honoring former Chancellor J. Keith Motley's service, more than \$115,000 was raised to support the J. Keith Motley Scholarship. Additionally, the UMass Boston Alumni Association pledged \$100,000 toward the endowment. The Motley Scholarship supports undergraduate students who have participated in a UMass Boston pre-collegiate program and overcome challenges as they pursue their educational and life goals. These funds will enable the university to award an additional two scholarships, for a total of four annual scholarships.

Mid-Career Nurse Clinicians Advance Careers

Goddard House, a Brookline-based nonprofit that serves the needs of older adults, has pledged an additional \$170,000 to support the Goddard House-Doane Scholarship program through fiscal 2019. The scholarship supports experienced nursing clinicians who are continuing their education at UMass Boston with the goal of serving the City of Boston. The nonprofit has committed \$340,000 to the scholarship program since 2015.

DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

McCormack Grad School Cohosts Live Conversations with Mayoral Candidates

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and challenger Tito Jackson, a Boston city councilor, participated in hour-long conversations in July before a live audience in UMass Boston's Healey Library media room. The conversations were broadcast live on WBUR radio, 90.9 FM.

The conversations served as a kick-off to the campaign season, introducing the leading candidates for mayor and exploring issues important to the city's future. The show's host, Meghna Chakrabarti, was joined as co-host by Meghan Irons, City Hall reporter at the *Boston Globe*.

UMass Boston, Community Partners Team Up on New Mural at Dorchester Middle School

A new mural at the John W. McCormack Middle School depicting life on Columbia Point and throughout Dorchester is the result of a collaboration between UMass Boston professor Joan Arches's civic engagement students and the Harbor Point Outreach Partnership, an after-school tutoring and youth enrichment program at the Walter Denney Youth Center.

Students in Arches's fall 2015 class submitted a proposal to Love Your Block, a program that offers mini-grants for improvement projects in the Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan neighborhoods, for the creation of a mural that would bring community pride to the street.

McCormack Dean and Professor Provide Testimony at State House

McCormack Graduate School Dean David Cash recently joined collaborators from other universities to brief the Massachusetts House and Senate on a comprehensive offshore wind initiative designed to launch Massachusetts to the forefront of the national and global offshore wind sector. He also testified before the Massachusetts Legislature Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy in support of policies that would establish carbon pricing.

Separately, Center for Social Policy affiliate and Professor of Economics Randy Albelda provided testimony at the State House on legislation that will create a commission to help shape an economic mobility and financial stability program.

Gerontology Institute Prepares Report for Tufts Health Plan Foundation

The Tufts Health Plan Foundation has released a new report prepared by Gerontology Institute researchers that provides a comprehensive look at current activities and resources in place to support Massachusetts's over-65 populations, as well as those living with dementia and their caregivers. Researchers led by Associate Professor of Gerontology Elizabeth Dugan prepared the "Report on Demographics, Programs, and Services for an Age- and Dementia-Friendly Commonwealth: What We Have and What We Need."

IMPROVE DELIVERY OF ADMINISTRATION AND IT SERVICES



Linda Thompson (left), and Joseph Berger (right)

UMass Boston Welcomes New Nursing and Education Deans

The university will start the fall semester with two new college deans. Following a national search, Linda Thompson was appointed to serve as dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She has published more than 100 articles, books, chapters, and abstracts, and secured more than \$30 million in sponsored grants and contracts and more than \$6 million in a university capital campaign. She comes to UMass Boston from West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

Joseph Berger was named as the new dean of the College of Education and Human Development. He comes to UMass Boston from UMass Amherst, where he spent 15 years in academic leadership, most recently as senior associate dean of the College of Education and director of the Center for International Education.

Division of Student Affairs Names Two New Key Positions

The Division of Student Affairs has hired a new dean of students and associate dean of residence life. John Silveria began in the position of associate vice chancellor/dean of students in June. Silveria, who has more than 25 years of student affairs experience, comes to UMass Boston from Suffolk University, where he served as senior assistant dean of students.

In early August, Student Affairs announced that Nick Sweeton was selected as associate dean for housing and residence life. Sweeton brings with him 15 plus years of professional student affairs experience at public institutions across the country.

DEVELOP FIRST-RATE INFRASTRUCTURE

UMass Asks Developers for Ideas for Bayside Site

The UMass Building Authority issued a Request for Information in August, seeking ideas for the best use of the former Bayside Expo Center site with an eye toward transforming the 20-acre site into a mixed-use development through a public-private redevelopment. Interested developers have until October 6 to file their responses to the building authority.

University Hall Earns LEED Gold Status

UMass Boston is now home to two LEED Gold-certified buildings. University Hall has joined the Integrated Sciences Complex in receiving high marks for environmental responsibility.

The U.S. Green Building Council rates buildings according to LEED criteria (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a variety of environmental responsibility measures including use of energy-efficient building design and materials, renewable energy sources and technologies, and recyclable and locally available materials. LEED-certified buildings use less water and energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

CONTINUE A POSITIVE FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE



Joiner Institute panelists included (from left) Beena Sarwar, Dahlma Llanos Figueroa, Fatmata Jah, and Boyah Farah.

Race, Immigration Among Topics at Joiner Institute's 30th Annual Writers' Workshop

UMass Boston's William Joiner Institute for the Study of War and Social Consequences hosted its 30th annual Writers' Workshop in June, offering an opportunity to study with and learn from award-winning poets and writers.

Participants could take part in readings and master classes in poetry, nonfiction, and drama. There were also roundtable discussions on the legacy of the Vietnam War, modern wars, race and refugees. Author Dahlma Llanos Figueroa, journalist Beena Sarwar, Bunker Hill Community College professor Boyah Farah, and Fatmata Jah, an academic advisor in UMass Boston's University Advising Center, took part in a roundtable discussion.

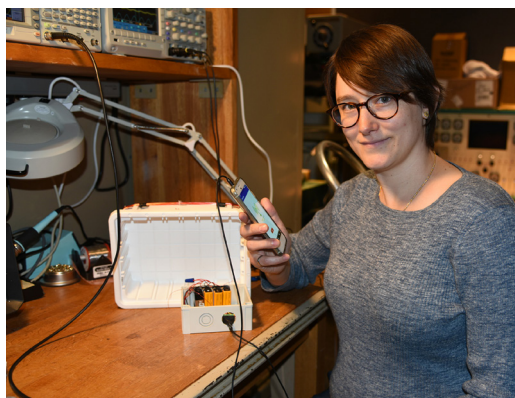
Professor Hosts Educational Justice Event

Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Mark Warren organized and hosted the second convening of "Building an Educational Justice Movement" at the McCormack Graduate School. The conference brought together 40 community organizers, parent and youth leaders, educators, school officials, foundation representatives, and other stakeholders.

STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE

University Receives \$4.6 Million for STEM Training

UMass Boston received a grant of \$4.6 million from the National Science Foundation in support of its urban Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. It is a five-year grant and will be used to augment our efforts to promote minority and low-income students pursuing studies in STEM fields.



Assistant Professor of Engineering KC Kerby-Patel is shown with an EclipseMob monitoring kit.

UMass Boston Professor Used the Sky as Her Lab During Solar Eclipse

Assistant Professor of Engineering KC Kerby-Patel had big plans for last month's solar eclipse. She led a group of citizen scientists from across the country who used the sky as a laboratory.

Kerby-Patel and her collaborators, professors Jill Nelson and Laura Lukes of George Mason University, organized a crowdsourced experiment called EclipseMob, which used inputs from observers across the country to monitor changes in the ionosphere—a layer of the earth's atmosphere that is able to refract radio waves. The data will help scientists understand how radio waves behave during ionospheric disturbances.

The EclipseMob team shipped 150 student-designed monitoring kits to citizen scientists in 31 states and two countries. Undergraduate students from UMass Boston's engineering and computer science departments helped design the radio receivers that these citizen scientists will use.

Management Professor Releases Report on Women Entrepreneurs in Boston

Professor of Management Banu Ozkazanc-Pan led a group of researchers from UMass Boston, University of Pennsylvania, and University of North Carolina Asheville over the last year studying the regional entrepreneurial ecosystems in St. Louis, Missouri, and Boston, Massachusetts, focused on understanding the opportunities and challenges for women entrepreneurs in those metro areas.

They found that while women have made gains in business ownership, they face barriers related to funding and accessing growth capital. Researchers interviewed close to 190 individuals, who included entrepreneurs, investors, and leadership at various incubators, accelerators, networking groups, and educational platforms.

UMass Boston and LeadingAge Establish New Research Center

LeadingAge has joined with the UMass Boston Gerontology Institute to create a new research center called the LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston. The new center is the first in the country to combine the expertise of applied and academic researchers with the unique perspectives of providers and consumers of long-term services and supports (LTSS).

The center will conduct research aimed at transforming the way LTSS are financed, delivered, and experienced by older adults and their families. The combined center will have offices in Washington, D.C., and Boston. Researchers will work together to study a variety of issues affecting the LTSS field, including workforce challenges, housing plus services strategies, nursing home quality, and LTSS financing.

ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans Gives Leadership Advice to Honors College Junior Colloquium

Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans was one of many leaders from the public and private sectors to speak to Honors College students in the Becoming a Leader class during the spring semester. Guest lecturers included Boston City Council President Michelle Wu, City Year CEO Michael Brown, and YouthBuild USA, Inc. founder Dorothy Stoneman.

The Becoming a Leader class was first offered in spring 2016. Michael Metzger, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, co-taught the course with Ira Jackson.



Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans speaks to students in UMass Boston's Becoming a Leader class.

ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

UMass Boston Alumni Selected for Fulbright Awards

Three recent UMass Boston graduates have represented the university abroad this summer as Fulbright recipients.

Tim Brady '17, who received an undergraduate degree in classics, has received a research/study fellowship in England. Theresa Dietrich '17, who graduated with a master's degree in English, will teach a writing workshop in Norway. Abrar Ahmed '16, who has been teaching English at a Fulbright-associated university in Turkey since graduating last May, will be teaching English in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Two McCormack PhD Students Earn Boren Fellowships to Study Languages Abroad

Polly Cegielski and Linda Holcombe, both PhD students in the McCormack Graduate School's Global Governance and Human Security Program, have received Boren Fellowships to study languages abroad.

Cegielski is going to Tajikistan to study Pashto and Holcombe is going to Uganda to study Swahili. The students' work is supported by the National Security Education Program, which funds U.S. college students who wish to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in studies abroad.

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY



Students walk to class outside the new University Hall.

Enrollment Management Offers “No Test Option” Admission Policy

Enrollment Management has employed many new strategies to meet its new student enrollment goals for fall 2017. Undergraduate Admissions introduced a ‘Test Optional’ admissions policy this year to recognize students with strong academic credentials who either did not take a standardized test or whose standardized test scores were not reflective of their ability to succeed in a college setting.

As of August, 602 students were admitted via the ‘Test Optional’ admissions option, and 162 of these admitted students enrolled at UMass Boston — 27 percent. Nearly 70 percent were in-state students, 18 percent were international, and 12 percent were out-of-state. This pool of high quality students proved to be quite diverse. The average GPA for this group was a 3.67, well above the overall average for the admitted freshman class.

CWPPP Gets Internship Grants from Cummings Foundation

The Cummings Foundation awarded the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the McCormack Graduate School a \$100,000 grant to support 10 paid internships for Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy certificate students per academic year for the next three years.

Department of Public Safety Awards Scholarships to Students

In May, the Department of Public Safety awarded 32 scholarships to students interested in careers in public service — the highest number of scholarships in the program's history. Funding for these scholarships comes from money collected from parking tickets. For fiscal 2017, the fines and fees collected amounted to more than \$90,000.