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UMass Women into Leadership (UWiL) will welcome eleven Commonwealth Honors College students among its Class of 2018 Fellows. UWiL is a professional development and leadership... Read More

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Commonwealth Honors College Dean Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina was awarded an honorary degree from Marlboro College at Commencement 2017. In a speech at the ceremony, Dean Gerzina...
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Commonwealth Honors College celebrated the honor distinction of 871 members of the University of Massachusetts Amherst class of 2017 during the Celebration of Excellence on Friday... Read More
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