Bragging Writes

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Dean Gerzina Awarded Honorary Degree
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... Read More

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A Fond Farewell
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"Find what motivates you. Find your “why.” What gets you out of bed in the morning? What will get you through those all-nighters during finals week? As high-achieving honors... Read More

CHC Welcomes New Students
Commonwealth Honors College Commonwealth Honors College welcomed new first-year and transfer students at the Honors Induction Ceremony on September 1. Students, family, friends... Read More

Madalina Akli Named Director of ONSA
Dr. Madalina Akli, has been selected to be director of the Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA) and lecturer of International Studies. The appointment, effective July... Read More

Katherine Stolerman ’17 Shares Her Perspective on Power
“Power is the courage to move just one person to safety, or progress, or hope.” This was the defining statement of Katherine Stolerman ’17, legal studies major and sociology minor... Read More
2017 Celebration of Excellence
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What does it mean to be “sustainable”? In this year’s Daffodil Lecture, Professor Paul Barten summarizes how the definition of the word has changed over time and how his own... Read More

Achievement & Generosity: CHC Scholarship Awards Ceremony
On the morning of Saturday, April 29, CHC students, along with their proud families, gathered in the Commonwealth Honors College Events Hall for the Commonwealth Honors College... Read More

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The University of Massachusetts Amherst will honor the exemplary achievement, initiative and leadership of some of its most talented and accomplished graduating seniors during... Read More
**Phi Kappa Phi Inducts New Members**
On April 9, seventy-five students were inducted into the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Welcomed by Provost Katherine S. Newman, Chapter President Donald W. Katzner, and other... Read More

**Rising Senior Sarah Coomey Wins Beinecke Scholarship**
Rising senior and Commonwealth Honors College student Sarah Coomey '18 has recently been awarded the nationally competitive Beinecke Scholarship. The political science and French... Read More

**Journalism & Japan: CHC Scholar Wins National Reporting Award**
People have started saying that journalism is a dying art — or, in fact, already dead. UMass Amherst rising senior and journalism major Stephanie Murray proves that that is not... Read More

**Remedies & Research: Pizza & Prof with Wilmore C. Webley**
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Dean Gretchen Gerzina Elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences
Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, dean of the Commonwealth Honors College and the Paul Murray Kendall Chair in Biography at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, is among 228... Read More

Linguistics Scholar Speaks at MIT
“Oh, so you study languages?” is a question that CHC junior Jack Duff frequently receives upon telling people that one of his majors is linguistics. The answer is, not really.... Read More

Numbers & Accolades: Honors Professor Wins Prestigious Grant
Professor Joonkoo Park of the Psychological and Brain Studies Department, and joint faculty of the Honors College, recently won a five-year, $751,000 faculty early career... Read More

More than Tang – The Ongoing Impact of the Space Program
The 66 CHC students enrolled in Honors 390EH: How the 1960s Changed America enjoyed some star power at their class meeting on March 30 in the CHC Events Hall East. Col. Cady... Read More
Alumni and Students Chat at Meet the Law
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