Bragging Writes

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Susan Whitbourne, director of the Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA), is hosting a workshop for Massachusetts public colleges and universities about developing a... Read More

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Three women writers from the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa visited the Commonwealth Honors College on November 3, reading samples of their work and... Read More

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Dean Gretchen Gerzina has traveled to England and Texas, taught herself 18th century accounting, and encountered ghosts in the forests of Vermont—all for the sake of a good story... Read More

Character Counts, Community Matters
For Matthew Minafo ’16, one of his very first classes at UMass Amherst would help to shape the rest of his undergraduate career. As a participant in the Isenberg Honors RAP,... Read More

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Living and Learning Together
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Anne Pasternak, UMass Amherst alumna, has been named the new director of the Brooklyn Museum. Pasternak, who begins her new role on September 1, 2015, will be the first woman to... Read More

Carbone Receives Mentor Award
Elena Carbone, associate professor and graduate program director of nutrition, received the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award during the Graduate School Commencement on May 8,... Read More

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