Bragging Writes

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Make your questions worthy! That's what student speaker D'Andre Quinerly encouraged his fellow graduates to do when he addressed the Honors College class of 2015 at the... Read More

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Campus and community members gathered in celebration of the Priscilla M. Clarkson Plaza at Commonwealth Honors College and the Priscilla M. Clarkson Kinesiology Graduate Endowment... Read More

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One day, when CHC senior Leigh-Ellen Figueroa was in the community garden, she met a child who picked a blueberry, wondering what the fruit was. The child revealed to her, “I’ve... Read More

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Joanne Johnson, an honors biology student, received an Honors Research Grant to fund her Honors Thesis titled, "Saving Suicidal Muscles." She then presented her findings at the... Read More

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Allison Dancewicz, a dance and management honors student, received an Honors Research Grant to fund her Honors Thesis entitled "Creative Movement & Character Development... Read More
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Dr. Tom Leatherman, professor and chair of anthropology, discussed nutrition and health in the Andes, and tourism and social change in the Yucatan. His research, based on the...  Read More

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“We have to understand the scale of the problem if we’re going to do anything about it. Ask those hard questions,” Sut Jhally, professor of communication, said at his March 24...  Read More

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Hannah Weinronk Wins National Award
University of Massachusetts Amherst and Commonwealth Honors College senior Hannah Weinronk of Lexington, Mass., a public health sciences major with a concentration in food...  Read More

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