Bragging Writes

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When first-year Honors student Abby Armstrong arrived at UMass, she knew W.E.B. Du Bois as the namesake behind the university’s iconic 26-story library. Now, since thoroughly... Read More

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Sharing the realities of a legal career, alumni met with current students in the Commonwealth Honors College Events Hall last Thursday at "Meet the Law." A the event, set up speed... [Read More]
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Student Embarks on a "Culinary Crusade" Spaghetti, quesadillas, and microwavable meals had been the standard dinner menu for Rachel Oestreicher ’16. When she first moved into her apartment in CHCRC, meals were limited... Read More

Discussing Du Bois Today Whitney Battle-Baptiste, an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Director of the W. E. B. Du Bois Center at UMass Amherst, spoke to a crowded room of honors... Read More
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Students planted 500 daffodil bulbs throughout the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community on Saturday, Oct. 15. For the participants, the weekend gardening project... [Read More]

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