Bragging Writes

We take pride in the things that Commonwealth Honors College students, faculty, and staff are doing. Read all about these things here!

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Pizza & Prof: Doomsday in Popular Culture On March 10, Professor Chris Couch hosted a Pizza & Prof discussion on "Doomsday in Popular Culture." This lecture was unique...
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Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina has been selected to serve as the next dean of Commonwealth Honors College, beginning July 15. An internationally renowned scholar and author, she is...
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Black History: More than a Month
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In Front of the Class
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Dancing with Strangers
Dancing with Strangers “Imagine if a ballroom dancing couple met only ten minutes before a competition. Now imagine that one of those partners cannot even speak to discuss their... Read More

The Struggle for Black Humanity
“I want to talk about this mess we’re in,” Chris Tinson said during his lecture “Black (im)Possibility: Ferguson and the Persistent Indictment of American Society” on Feb. 11. “We... Read More

Alumna Receives WEST Award
Julia Curran is this year's recipient of the WEST Giving Back Award, awarded to women in the science and technology fields who have made a profound impact on society. WEST, which... Read More
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Stop the Stigma
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Lifting Up Low-Wage Work
“Even in the good times, we have had 25 to 33 percent of workers earning poverty level wages,” began Stephanie Luce during the third installment of the Distinguished Lecture... Read More

Meet the Law
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Honors Alumna A Real Life 'Wonder Woman'
“If it means interfering in an ensconced, outdated system, to help just one woman, man or child... I’m willing to accept the consequences.” - Wonder Woman  Cheryl Garrity, a... Read More

'Well-Rounded' with Michael King '09
Michael King, a CHC alumnus who graduated in 2009, returned to UMass to speak with Honors students about the importance of being well-rounded. As a student who worked as a CHC... Read More

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