Bragging Writes

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On Friday, May 12, Commonwealth Honors College hosts its Celebration of Excellence for senior honors scholars and their families. The processional starts at 1:15 p.m. for a 1:30 p.m. Read More

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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

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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
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Linguistics Scholar Speaks at MIT
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Congratulations to CHC alumna Danielle O'Connor Dean, Class of 2010! Danielle was recently selected by the UMass Amherst Alumni Association for their 2017 Distinguished Young... Read More

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