Bragging Writes

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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

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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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Serena Pang was selected as this year's student speaker for the Celebration of Excellence. Pang has completed two majors: the first in the neuroscience track of psychology, and... Read More

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The Commonwealth Honors College Residential Complex at the University of Massachusetts Amherst has been awarded a 2016 American Institute of Architects Housing Award. Originally... Read More
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Commonwealth Honors College senior Kevin Harrington has helped discover eight new galaxies that are among the brightest in the universe. Harrington is the lead author of the paper... Read More

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