Bragging Writes

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Professor Emerita Bonnie Strickland received the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in Psychology in the Public Interest from the American Psychological Association (APA). The... Read More

Gordon, Deschamps to Lead CHC
History Professor Daniel Gordon has been reappointed as interim dean of Commonwealth Honors College (CHC), effective September 1, 2014. Gordon served as the director of the... Read More

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Greenbaum Spaces Dedicated
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Success on a Global Stage
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Learning by Doing
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Searching for Stars
The Large Millimeter Telescope has been fifteen years in the making. Kevin Harrington ’16, a UMass Amherst astronomy and psychology honors student, was the first undergraduate to... Read More

Porell Receives Furcolo Award
Ellen Porell ’14, resource economics and finance, received the Kathryn F. Furcolo Award for Outstanding Internships during a May 5 ceremony. Porell is a Fitchburg resident and... Read More

Graduating Student Leaders Honored
At its 2014 Commencement Ceremony, the University of Massachusetts Amherst honored twelve students who represent some of the most accomplished seniors graduating from UMass. Ten... Read More

Two Leaders in the Making
Two CHC students received the “Leaders in the Making” award at the annual UMass Amherst Alumni Association Distinguished Awards Luncheon in the flag room at the State House. With... Read More
Schultz One of 29 Who Shine
Kurt Schultz ’14 was recognized as one of 29 who shine in this year’s Boston.com feature, which highlights one student from each of the 29 public college and university campuses... Read More

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“How can we contribute to society and remain free as individuals?” asked Kurt Schultz ’14, a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Northborough, Mass., as he began his... Read More

A Celebration for Excellent Students
Commonwealth Honors College congratulated 560 members of the UMass Amherst class of 2014 during the Celebration of Excellence on May 9. The ceremony, held in the Mullins Center,... Read More

Miller Receives Critical Language Scholarship
Katherine Miller '14, an anthropology and Middle Eastern studies student was recently awarded a Critical Language Scholarship by the U.S. Department of State to study arabic this... Read More

Celebrating Achievement
Students, families, and Commonwealth Honors College faculty and staff gathered on Friday, April 25 to celebrate this year’s CHC Scholarship Award recipients. Over thirty different... Read More

Howard Classroom Wings Dedicated
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colleges and universities presented at the 20th Annual Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate... Read More

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Khanna Fights For Change in D.C.
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