Bragging Writes

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

Working for Peace and Justice
On Monday, April 13, peace activist and pacifist Frances Crowe will present the lecture “50 Years of Working for Justice and Peace in the Valley” at 4:00 p.m. in the Commonwealth... Read More

Hannah Weinronk Wins National Award
University of Massachusetts Amherst and Commonwealth Honors College senior Hannah Weinronk of Lexington, Mass., a public health sciences major with a concentration in food... Read More

The Rush for "Himalayan Gold"
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Doomsday in Popular Culture
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... Read More

Taking Responsibility for Vietnam Legacy
H. Patricia (Pat) Hynes, director of the Traprock Center for Peace and Justice and a retired professor of environmental health at Boston University, delivered her talk “Agent... Read More
Students Meet the Law
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Gretchen Gerzina Named CHC Dean
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... Read More

Black History: More than a Month
“We talk about what will be needed to do more than to survive, but to win,” John Higginson, professor of history, said at the Commonwealth Honors College’s inaugural Black History... Read More

In Front of the Class
UMass Amherst Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy loves to teach. A seasoned physics professor and researcher who calls teaching “the center of UMass,” he has been out of the classroom... Read More

Vietnam: An Unfinished War
Pat Hynes will present the lecture: "Vietnam: An Unfinished War“ on March 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the CHC Events Hall as part of the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series on Social... Read More

UMass a Top Fulbright Producer
With 13 students receiving Fulbright scholarships this year, UMass Amherst joined the short list of “Top Producing Institutions” for the prestigious global scholarship program. A... Read More

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

Ready to Respond
It was the UMass Homecoming game. The football stadium was filled with students, alumni, and family alike. Suddenly, a lurching sound was followed quickly by a crash. Oil spurted... Read More

Recognizing Rising Researchers
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Hear. See. Taste. Touch. Smell. A full sensory teaching approach is employed in Annaliese Bischoff’s classroom; where she intuitively bends the boundaries of a traditional... Read More

Dining Etiquette Made Simple
On Sunday afternoon, November 23, etiquette expert Merrilyn Lewis visited Commonwealth Honors College to share her tips on dining etiquette. This waitlisted event was part of the... Read More

Stop the Stigma
A group of students gather around a tree, tying strips of paper to its branches. On each strip are handwritten words of encouragement or personal experience. Together, the... Read More
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...