Bragging Writes

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

Artavanis Presents Pizza & Prof
Dr. Nikolaos Artavanis, assistant professor of finance and CHC professor, discussed the causes and effects of financial crises on a national and international scale as part of his... Read More

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The Commonwealth Honors College Residential Complex at the University of Massachusetts Amherst has been awarded LEED Silver certification, a level within the green building rating... Read More

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Commonwealth Honors College Dean Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, along with some of the Valley’s leading scholars, will be participating in The Great River Redux at the Porter-Phelps... Read More

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Dean Gerzina shares experience of “writing lives”
Dean Gretchen Gerzina has traveled to England and Texas, taught herself 18th century accounting, and encountered ghosts in the forests of Vermont—all for the sake of a good story... Read More

Character Counts, Community Matters
For Matthew Minano ‘16, one of his very first classes at UMass Amherst would help to shape the rest of his undergraduate career. As a participant in the Isenberg Honors RAP,... Read More

Advising: Your Honors College GPS
“We are more than just academic advisors tasked with answering questions,” said Sarah Madison, a CHC academic advisor who has worked at UMass since 1980. She added, “Advisors are... Read More

Living and Learning Together
It is 2:00 a.m. A first-year student is awake diligently preparing for an exam the next day. Making her way back from the bathroom, sleepily yawning, she notices a light and... Read More
BDIC Alumna Selected as Brooklyn Museum Director
Anne Pasternak, UMass Amherst alumna, has been named the new director of the Brooklyn Museum. Pasternak, who begins her new role on September 1, 2015, will be the first woman to... Read More

Carbone Receives Mentor Award
Elena Carbone, associate professor and graduate program director of nutrition, received the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award during the Graduate School Commencement on May 8,... Read More

Cause for Celebration
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Make Your Questions Worthy
Make your questions worthy! That's what student speaker D'Andre Quinerly encouraged his fellow graduates to do when he addressed the Honors College class of 2015 at the... Read More
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**Milk Money**

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Sustaining Food and Families

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