Bragging Writes

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Sustaining Food and Families
One day, when CHC senior Leigh-Ellen Figueroa was in the community garden, she met a child who picked a blueberry, wondering what the fruit was. The child revealed to her, "I’ve... Read More

Saving Suicidal Muscles
Joanne Johnson, an honors biology student, received an Honors Research Grant to fund her Honors Thesis titled, "Saving Suicidal Muscles." She then presented her findings at the... Read More

Music for the People
It’s the day before a holiday break and the Roots Café is nearly empty - except for a man with a guitar and a woman with a violin. Soon, the room is filled with music. Miguel... Read More
Music and Movement
Allison Dancewicz, a dance and management honors student, received an Honors Research Grant to fund her Honors Thesis entitle "Creative Movement & Character Development... Read More

Undergrads Convene for State Conference
Now in its 21st year, the Annual Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference will be held on Friday, April 24. From 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Campus Center... Read More

Leatherman Presents Pizza & Prof
Dr. Tom Leatherman, professor and chair of anthropology, discussed nutrition and health in the Andes, and tourism and social change in the Yucatan. His research, based on the... Read More

Sut Jhally Asks Hard Questions
“We have to understand the scale of the problem if we’re going to do anything about it. Ask those hard questions,” Sut Jhally, professor of communication, said at his March 24... Read More
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

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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

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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

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