Bragging Writes

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Students Network with Alumni in Law
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Drs. Cordeiro and Peterman's research team received the Distinguished Research Partnership Award from Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell (CMAA) Inc., on... Read More

Untangling History
As agents of remembrance, cultural researchers are responsible for uncovering history and making it known to the public. On Wednesday, November 13, Five College Associate Anna... Read More
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Honors students pursue their academic potential in a variety of ways. One way is to study abroad. Ashley Wilcox is a senior Commonwealth Honors College student majoring in English... Read More

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"I love honors students!" exclaims Rebecca Spencer when asked about her experience in working with Commonwealth Honors College students. The UMass Amherst associate professor of... Read More

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Susan K. Whitbourne, psychology, says a new study on why first-born children tend to do better in school than their siblings is good because it focuses on how the parents treat... Read More

Smethurst Shares Insight on Origin of Grandfather Laws
James E. Smethurst, Afro-American studies, comments in a story about the origin of the term “grandfathered in.” He says it was used to enfranchise poor, illiterate, white voters,... Read More

Success Stories in the Making
On Tuesday, October 15, students gathered in the CHC Events Hall to hear some helpful, motivational advice from a successful UMass alumnus. John T. Saunders graduated in 2006 with... Read More

Blooms Help College Become Community
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Film Making Change for Cheetahs
For honors students, the Honors Thesis or Project represents their academic legacy. CHC alum Jed Winer '13 decided to make his lasting scholarly work about the legacy of an animal... Read More

Families Gather for Fall Fun
From October 5-7, UMass Amherst welcomed students' parents and family members during Family Weekend. With the new CHC Residential Community open, families were able to take tours... Read More

Clarkson's Life Celebrated
Sitting beneath one thousand origami paper cranes in an events hall brimming with fresh flowers, colleagues, friends, and family of Priscilla M. Clarkson gathered on Thursday,... Read More

A Cure that Could Change the World
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Duclos Published in PNAS Journal
Kasey Duclos has been named an author in the study “Sleep spindles in midday naps enhance learning in preschool children,” published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of... Read More

CHC Elm Art Gallery Opening
The grand opening of the Commonwealth Honors College Elm Art Gallery took place last Friday, September 27, 2013. The opening exhibit, “The Student Experience: 150 Years of Living... Read More

How UCAN Volunteer
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