

To the Board:

On May 29, U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy '76 urged our largest graduating class to date—4,144 students—to maintain the “ability, ambition, and attitude” that carried them to Commencement, our first at the TD Garden (page 9).

The summer that followed included many exciting milestones for UMass Boston. In June we launched the public phase of the largest fundraising campaign in university history, Just Imagine, which is already more than halfway to reaching its \$100 million goal (page 7). We also established the new Deval L. Patrick Chair in Social, Political, and Economic Innovation, honoring our former governor and friend, during our Golden Gala celebration (page 3).

The prolific activity that started our summer never slowed down. In the weeks that followed, we:

- Celebrated the groundbreaking for a new Fenway Park-style field and home stadium for our Beacons baseball team, to be shared with our neighbor, Boston College High School (page 10).
- Marked 10 years of inclusion at Camp Shriver on our UMass Boston campus as we welcomed 120 campers of varying ages, backgrounds, and abilities for four weeks of life-changing fun (page 7).
- Completed the \$4 million HarborWalk Improvements and Shoreline Stabilization project on the north side of the campus, spanning 800 feet between the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum and the Harbor Point apartments (page 10).

We hope you are as excited as we are to see the progress happening at UMass Boston. Please keep reading to learn more!

—Chancellor J. Keith Motley



President Marty Meehan and Chancellor J. Keith Motley meet with students in UMass Boston's new Integrated Sciences Complex.

A UMass Boston Welcome for President Marty Meehan on Day 1

Eighteen UMass Boston students returned to campus on July 1 to welcome the new president of the University of Massachusetts, Marty Meehan, to the Integrated Sciences Complex for a personal question-and-answer session on his first day in the job.

Chancellor J. Keith Motley led the round-table discussion by welcoming a president who “gets it” to the Columbia Point campus. “He gets where you’re coming from because he’s been there and done that,” Motley said. “He is the first in his family to go to college, like many of the

students who go to this campus. He’s a product of the University of Massachusetts system. He is someone who actually lived it, worked through it, and then benefited from it.”

President Meehan shared his bold vision of building the best public university system in the world, and of the critical need to construct student housing to enhance success. He also spoke about his hope to expand student internship opportunities, to support a diverse student body and faculty across the UMass system, and to keep public higher education accessible to all students.

ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

New Undergraduate, Graduate Programs Offered

UMass Boston continues to expand its educational offerings for students. Recently the College of Liberal Arts introduced a new interdisciplinary minor in human rights in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, while the McCormack Graduate School offered two new tracks in the Master of Public Administration program: municipal management, and leadership, gender, and public policy.

Other new doctoral and master's programs in the 2014-2015 academic year include:

- PhD in applied physics
- PhD in early childhood and education and care
- PhD and MPA in global comparative public administration
- EdD and PhD in leadership in urban schools
- MS in urban planning and community development

Partnerships with JFK Library, Kennedy Institute Benefit Students

UMass Boston's partnerships with the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and the recently opened Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate continue to benefit the campus community and our neighbors.

In June, the JFK Library invited students, faculty, and staff to participate in a discussion with two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author David McCullough on his latest work, *The Wright Brothers*. More than 100 members of the UMass Boston community attended the Kennedy Library Forum free of charge to hear McCullough share the thrilling story of Wilbur and Orville Wright and their journey designing and flying the world's first powered airplane.

In July, students participated in a public program at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute on the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act with civil rights leader and Georgia congressman John Lewis, who worked with the late senator on the legislation. The discussion was moderated by *Boston Globe* columnist Adrian Walker. In it, Lewis recalled the climate for the bill in the 1960s, including the political and legislative work leading to its passage. He then greeted current and pre-collegiate students from UMass Boston, Boston Public Schools, Boston NAACP, Camp Harbor View, and the Boys & Girls Club.

The College of Advancing and Professional Studies also collaborated with the EMK Institute on a professional development session for teachers using the innovative Senate Immersion Module. The goal was to deepen participants' understanding of the legislative process and to develop new techniques for delivering content. The August workshop focused on Comprehensive Immigration Reform.



Students from the College of Management at the New York Stock Exchange.

Student Managed Fund Group Visits New York Stock Exchange

Students from the College of Management's Student Managed Fund had the opportunity to visit the New York Stock Exchange in May. They learned about the history of the stock exchange, toured the trading floor, and shared conversations with designated market makers. They also viewed the closing bell ceremony. In addition to visiting the NYSE, Student Managed Fund students have visited the Fidelity Stock Chart Room, the State Street Trading Room, and Bloomberg in both Boston and New York City.

The award-winning Student Managed Fund is a result of the College of Management's public-private partnership to provide exceptional hands-on training to graduate and undergraduate students. With more than \$200,000 of assets under management, the fund enables students to distinguish their specialization in investment, provides Bloomberg data certifications, and offers a platform to interact with decision-makers from Boston's financial services industry. As part of its mission, the fund also builds tools for financial literacy and provides a fundraising platform for outreach.

Internship Opportunities on the Rise

As a student-centered urban public research university, UMass Boston understands that valuable work experience, paired with a college education that is equal to the best, is vital to helping students acquire meaningful employment upon graduation. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, college seniors with internship experience are far more likely to receive job offers than those without internship experience.

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ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

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Recognizing the importance of these opportunities, the university increased the number of internships by 13 percent during the 2014-2015 academic year. To date, Career Services has posted more than 5,000 internships as it continues to develop positive relationships with employers that can offer experiential learning to students with a wide variety of career goals.

This summer alone, students were making presentations to CEOs, providing physical training and therapy to clients, and working in government offices in Washington D.C., just to name a few of the opportunities that will help prepare our students for life after UMass Boston. We are grateful for the variety of programs and partnerships that make these internships possible for our students, including the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate's Young Leaders Network, the CVP Career Academy, and the Beacons Student Success Fellowship, among others.

Applied Linguistics Student Receives Prestigious Boren Fellowship

Shawn Russell, a graduate student who is pursuing a master's degree in applied linguistics, received the prestigious Boren Fellowship to study in Bangladesh in 2015/2016. Boren Fellowships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests and those underrepresented in study abroad. The fellows are highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for funding, they commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

Russell intends to use his Boren Fellowship to study advanced-level Bangla at the Bangla Language Institute in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Additionally, he plans to devote a portion of his time interning for an NGO dedicated to empowering madrasa students in Bangladesh with marketable skills relevant to the needs of the modern economy.

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

Boston City Scholarships Program Sets Records

In furtherance of UMass Boston's urban mission to keep higher education financially accessible, UMass Boston provides \$1,000 Boston City Scholarships to graduating seniors from Boston Public Schools who are accepted to UMass Boston with a 3.0 grade point average or higher. We offered a record number of BPS graduates – 425 students total – a Boston City Scholarship to join the entering freshman class for fall 2015, amounting to a 38 percent increase over fall 2014. By the end of July, we had received deposits from 143 local students who intend to join us this semester, an increase of 28 percent over the previous fall. Of these 2015 Boston City Scholars, the Office of Merit-Based Scholarships invited 42 scholars (or 29 percent) to join our Honors College with recalculated high school GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE



Board of Trustees Chairman Victor Woolridge, Chancellor J. Keith Motley, and Provost Winston Langley gather around former governor Deval Patrick at the gala celebrating the establishment of a chair in his name.

Patrick Chair in Social, Political, and Economic Innovation Established

As part of our 2015 Golden Gala in June, UMass Boston announced the establishment of the Deval L. Patrick Chair in Social, Political, and Economic Innovation, named after the friend and former governor who did so much to support public higher education during his time in office.

The nationally or internationally recognized holder of the Patrick Chair will address social and economic inequities that affect communities locally, nationally, and internationally by engaging in cutting-edge research and advancing knowledge about how government, business, and nonprofit organizations can be more innovative.

The inaugural chair holder must have demonstrated creative approaches to inquiry and complex problem-solving, have made contributions to public policy that has led to innovative change in communities, and maintain expertise in at least one of the following fields: economics, public policy, organizational development, systems change, education, public health, social psychology, law, philosophy, environmental and life sciences, computational and information sciences, and neuroscience.

STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE (CONT.)

UMass Boston Genomics Core Facility Opens

UMass Boston's Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy (CPCT) has officially opened a Genomics Core facility inside its laboratory in the new Integrated Sciences Complex. The CPCT is a collaborative venture between UMass Boston and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC), and funded by the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.

The Genetics Core leverages cutting-edge technologies and next-generation sequencing capabilities for research and clinical applications. It officially began operations in 2014. It offers services including cost-effective massively parallel sequencing, next-generation sequencing library preparation from RNA and DNA, and nucleic acid quality assessments. The CPCT research team helps investigators and clinicians analyze samples, identify genetic variants contributing to disease risk, and reveal complex mechanisms involved in human disease.

New Center Supports Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

A new research and training center at the Institute for Community Inclusion within the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development will develop and test support models and analyze policies that help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities find quality employment.

The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Advancing Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is funded by a five-year, \$4.4 million grant from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research in the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The center's work will address four areas:

- Information, outreach, and support for individuals with disabilities and their families;
- Strengthening the effectiveness of direct support professionals who help individuals find and maintain jobs;
- Organizational change strategies that allow community rehabilitation providers to target resources towards employment; and
- Analysis of state and national policies and their impact across state agencies that provide employment supports.

\$1.4 Million Grant to Promote Motor Development of Children with Disabilities

The Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE) has received a \$1.4 million grant from the Institute of Education Sciences to promote motor development of children with disabilities. CSDE

Senior Research Fellow Paddy Favazza will direct a three-year research and development project, Children in Action: Motor Program for Preschoolers (CHAMPPS). This award continues funding of CSDE by the U.S. Department of Education since the center was established in 1976.

CHAMPPS will focus on developing a comprehensive motor curriculum that provides a pathway to school readiness for all children, while supporting the individual needs of children who have disabilities and/or are considered at-risk for developmental delays. The class-wide curriculum is intended for use in inclusive preschool classes and will address fundamental motor skills using lessons embedded with universal design for learning strategies, physical activities that correspond to the motor lessons, a family component, and teacher training modules.

External Funding Continues Sustainable Growth at UMass Boston

Despite a difficult external funding environment, external funding continues to grow at UMass Boston. Through collective efforts by faculty and research and support staff, the total amount of external grants and contracts reached \$63,272,917 in fiscal 2015, representing a 5.2 percent increase over the previous year.

The university continues to nurture and strengthen the growing research culture, while at the same time working with others to improve infrastructure and support services, with an aim to maintain a steady annual rate of growth of 5 percent or higher.

Tufts Health Plan Foundation Grant Funds Continued Work on Age-Friendly Boston

The Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging was awarded a grant of \$160,000 from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation to continue its work with the Age-Friendly Boston initiative.

Earlier this year, the City of Boston held its Civic Academy session focused on the Age-Friendly Boston Initiative. In partnership with AARP and the UMass Boston Gerontology Institute, the city has begun the five-year process of becoming a World Health Organization-recognized Age-Friendly City. The process includes a needs assessment of the city, followed by an action plan and movement to improve identified deficits in eight designated domains: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community and health services.

The UMass Boston Gerontology Institute is the research partner for the initiative. Jan Mutchler and her research team will collect massive amounts of data under the eight domains through a variety of methods to capture the state of the city as it relates to aging.

STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE (CONT.)

Professor Co-Chairs Global Conference on Menstrual Cycle Research, Participates in UN Seminar

As president of the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research, Chris Bobel, associate professor of women's and gender studies in the College of Liberal Arts, along with Amy Agigian, founding director of the Center for Women's Health and Human Rights, helped host a global, interdisciplinary conference in June aiming to make meaningful linkages between menstrual health, human rights, and reproductive justice. The conference asserted that menstrual health, as a human right, is central to women's ability to lead lives of dignity and well-being in every society and every part of the world. Bobel also was invited to represent the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research during a seminar organized by a United Nations agency, the Water Sanitation Supply Coordinating Council. The event, titled "From Shame to Pride: Unlocking Potential for Women and Girls Everywhere through Menstrual Hygiene Management," was held at UN headquarters in May.

The Center for Social Policy Evaluates Boston Living Wage Ordinance

The Center for Social Policy has partnered with the Boston Public Health Commission to evaluate the health impacts of the Boston Living Wage Ordinance via a \$30,937 project that will run through spring 2016. Funded through a Health Impact Project grant, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts with additional funding from the de Beaumont Foundation, the assessment will use stakeholder engagement, focus groups, and key informant interviews, as well as documentation of existing conditions of workers most likely to be affected. The 18-month evaluation will include an empirical analysis of existing data on a sub-group of current living-wage workers and changes in health conditions attributable to improved wages.

Also of Note

- The UMass Foundation, Inc. was awarded a three-year \$450,000 grant by the Barr Foundation to support the Ecosystems Service Framework in the Eastern Himalaya for Climate Resilient Livelihoods of its Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment program run by Kamaljit Bawa, distinguished professor of biology. Bawa also was recently formally admitted as a fellow of the Royal Society, joining former and current fellows such as Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking, and about 80 Nobel laureates.
- Avary Carhill Poza, assistant professor of applied linguistics, was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Nellie May Education Foundation for "Student-Centered Learning Opportunities for Adolescent English Learners in Flipped Classrooms."
- The Department of Higher Education recently awarded UMass Boston and Broadening Advanced Technological Education Connections (BATEC) a \$195,735 cybersecurity collaboration grant. BATEC aims to coordinate stackable certificates and degree options to make it easier for students to study cybersecurity related fields through Bunker Hill Community College, MassBay Community College, Middlesex Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, and UMass Boston.
- Eduardo González, associate professor of mathematics at UMass Boston, is the recipient of a \$130,000 National Science Foundation Division of Mathematical Science grant that will support his work on algebraic and symplectic geometry. González is looking for a way to mathematically describe very large spaces, such as the space around a star, or very small spaces, such as the space between two atoms.
- The Center for Social Policy, in partnership with Citizens' Housing and Planning Association and Homes for Families, received a \$493,256 grant from the Oak Foundation for a three-year project aimed at increasing family stability and reducing the steep and sudden increases in rent that occur when a family's income increases in Massachusetts. This project stems from a smaller research project funded by the Oak Foundation in summer of 2014 with additional support from the Boston Foundation and the United Way. Titled "On Solid Ground," the project was carried out with a coalition of over 50 cross-policy Massachusetts advocacy organizations offering recommendations to the public, the governor, and state legislators regarding policy changes to prevent family homelessness.

CONTINUE A FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND POSITIVE CLIMATE

Gastón Institute Gathers Coalition to Discuss Latino Challenges, Opportunities

In June, the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy hosted its 2015 Boston regional meeting with policymakers, researchers, and community groups to help spur conversation about how Greater Boston can expand economic and educational opportunities for Latinos while tearing down barriers to shared success.

An expert panel was convened to analyze the latest demographic data and to discuss a way forward for Latinos in Greater Boston. The Gastón Institute brought the meeting back to Boston this summer after holding it in a different Massachusetts city each year since 2011. It was sponsored by the Gastón Institute, the Office of Community Partnerships at UMass Boston, the Latino Studies Program at UMass Boston, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.



UMass Boston Vice Provost for Global Programs Schuyler Korban and Provost Winston Langley, along with Hokkaido University President Keizo Yamaguchi and Director of the Division of International Relations Nozomi Haraguchi, signed a memorandum of understanding between the two universities on June 25.

International Universities Partner with UMass Boston

UMass Boston recently signed partnership agreements with several universities, exemplifying the university's broadening international reach.

UMass Boston and Hokkaido University signed a memorandum of understanding to promote study abroad programs and joint research and educational activities. The partnership also supports academic activities including dual-degree programming, team teaching, international conferences, symposia, seminars, and guest speakers. A student exchange agreement was signed that allows two exchange students at the undergraduate or graduate level each academic year to study abroad at either Hokkaido University or UMass Boston.

Yunnan Academy of Sciences signed its first memorandum of understanding agreement with an American university, UMass Boston, to promote international research activities of both faculty and staff and encourage collaboration on third-party-funded educational and research activities. The pact will foster collaboration and the exchange of academic publications and information, and pursue and promote such activities as team or joint teaching, international conferences, symposia, and guest speaker series.

A partnership agreement launching the Tiradentes Institute at UMass Boston was signed with Universidade Tiradentes. It will support students, faculty, and researchers from both universities who wish to enhance their educational experiences and scholarly pursuits through international and multicultural experiences. The institute will serve as a facilitator and a hub for joint academic programs, as well as scientific research projects, which may also include other universities in Brazil and the United States.

'The Way Forward' for Afghanistan

UMass Boston hosted ambassadors, advocates, architects, engineers, planners, and other experts for the 2015 Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters conference "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities in Afghanistan: The Way Forward." The conference is one of many the center has held annually on rebuilding sustainable communities after manmade or natural disasters. Previous conferences have focused on counterterrorism and anti-corruption, China, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, and Japan.

The conference, which attracted nearly 70 participants, focused on reconstruction activities in Afghanistan over the last 14 years, and on recommendations for future development that will help a nation wracked by more than three decades of war to heal.

Nippon Foundation Funds Project to Train Japanese Disability and Career Services Staff

The Nippon Foundation, the largest private foundation in Japan, is funding a three-year \$300,000 project to train disability and career services staff from Japanese universities and colleges at the Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston. The goal is to build the capacity of higher education institutions in Japan to better serve students with disabilities.

The project will kick off with a site visit by a delegation of Nippon Foundation staff, disability and career services professionals, and Japanese media in late September. The first cohort of Japanese professionals will be trained in 2016. UMass Boston's partners in this effort are AHEAD-Japan, an affiliate of AHEAD in the United States, and the National Tsukuba University of Technology, a partner university of our School for Global Inclusion and Social Development.

CONTINUE A FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND POSITIVE CLIMATE (CONT.)



Special Olympics Chair Timothy Shriver greets campers and staff at the 10th anniversary of Camp Shriver.

Camp Shriver Celebrates 10 Years at UMass Boston

Camp Shriver celebrated 10 years at UMass Boston this summer. Special Olympics Chair Timothy Shriver, who served as the keynote speaker at an on-campus celebration in July, recalled its beginnings rooted in a quiet request by his mother, Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver. The UMass Boston camp, one of six pilot programs nationwide that opened in 2006, hosts an equal number of campers with and without disabilities, and today has tripled in size, now hosting 120 campers over a four-week period. More than 1,000 children from low-income neighborhoods in Boston, Brockton, and Quincy have participated in the program, which is run out of the Center for Social Development and Education and funded by sponsorship support.

RENEW THE FACULTY

Trotter Institute Director Earns Opportunity to Study Theater in Palestine

Barbara Lewis, professor of English at UMass Boston and director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture, spent nearly two weeks visiting research institutes and cultural institutions in the West Bank this spring. The Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) selected Lewis, along with nine other professors from across the United States, to attend its sixth Faculty Development Seminar on Palestine, where they took part in roundtable discussions, and tours of historic cities, and visited a half-dozen universities. PARC, which covered all in-country expenses, also arranged for Lewis, whose expertise is in theater, politics and performance, and cultural history, to meet with a theater historian while she was in Palestine.

McCormack Graduate School Welcomes Dean Cash

This summer, the distinguished environmental scholar David Cash assumed the role of dean of the McCormack Graduate School after spending the past decade in Massachusetts state government. Cash, who helped transform the commonwealth's energy, environmental policy, and regulatory landscape, held senior positions at the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Public Utilities, and Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Former dean Ira Jackson became the new vice provost for economic planning/resources and special projects. Jackson's accomplishments as a dean included establishing a McCormack Leadership Council, raising the visibility of the school, promoting thought leadership at the State House, reaching out to foreign universities for collaboration, and building community among faculty, staff, and students.

INCREASE ENDOWMENT

\$100 Million Just Imagine Campaign Launches

During our 2015 Golden Gala, UMass Boston invited guests to imagine our future as we publicly launched the largest fundraising campaign in school history. The Just Imagine campaign is already more than halfway to reaching its \$100 million goal after tallying \$57.3 million funds raised as of August. It will support key areas of the university's strategic plan, including:

- **Student Success, \$50 million:** Support for student success programs such as Start on Track/ Stay on Track, student engagement (internships, study abroad, athletics, and student life), financial aid and merit scholarships, college-based learning communities, and the Honors College.
- **Building the Research Enterprise, \$30 million:** Support for centers and institutes, faculty recruitment for research, and research initiatives.
- **Enhancing the Campus, \$10 million:** Support for the Integrated Sciences Complex, General Academic Buildings No. 1 and No. 2, and renovations of McCormack Hall, Wheatley Hall, and the Healey Library. Support for athletics facilities, outdoor space (the HarborWalk and Arts on the Point), and technology and equipment funds.
- **Annual Support, \$10 million:** The UMass Boston Fund and college-based annual support.

Private Giving, New Endowments

In fiscal year 2015, total private giving reached \$12.4 million. Thirteen new endowments were established to provide scholarships to veterans, urban students, and nursing students, among other purposes. Eight members, including two employees, were added to the Lampas Society, which promotes planned giving.

INCREASE ENDOWMENT (CONT.)

Alumni Survey Guides Engagement Strategy

The results from the 2014 alumni survey are guiding advancement programming at UMass Boston. The data gathered from 1,000 respondents, almost evenly divided between donors and non-donors, is comparable to data from peer institutions. Alumni reportedly value audience-specific communications and initiatives such as outreach by college and major. They also seek respect for their opinions and ideas, and desire additional career development programming as well as knowledge of and connections with current students. Other themes that resonated with alumni include the value of a UMass Boston degree, faculty accomplishments, importance and availability of scholarship funding, community engagement and service, and alumni achievements.

Senior Giving, Parent and Family Programs Promote Engagement

This spring, a giving campaign was built around the first-ever commencement ceremony at the TD Garden. UMass Boston invited graduating seniors to donate in exchange for a video clip of themselves to be displayed on the TD Garden jumbotron the day of commencement. The initiative attracted 107 new donors and will become an annual event. Additionally, other initiatives such as a new newsletter geared toward parents and family, the university's first Parent and Family Brunch, and the participation of alumni relations staff in enrollment management family outreach programs have attracted a new audience of university ambassadors, donors, and prospects.

DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Conference Focuses on Planning Safe and Mobile Futures for Older Drivers

More than 250 experts from across the state and country gathered at UMass Boston in June for the Older Driver Safety Summit, hosted by the Gerontology Institute at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. The summit aimed to create a five-year plan to reduce crashes and increase safe mobility for older drivers in Massachusetts. Participants included academics, engineers, car makers, policymakers, occupational therapists and other medical professionals, police officers, insurance providers, elder service specialists, and heads of councils on aging. The conference was sponsored by more than 20 organizations including AAA, Tufts Health Plan Foundation, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and Ford Motors.

Edward J. Collins, Jr., Center Assists Municipalities

The McCormack Graduate School and the Edward J. Collins, Jr., Center for Public Management have been busy assisting Massachusetts communities with searches, audits, recruitment, and training. The Collins Center completed the following exercises to assist Massachusetts cities, towns, and commissions:

- Fire chief executive search in Amesbury.
- Executive director searches for the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.
- Executive searches for town administrators in Norwell and Wilbraham.
- Human resources audit for Brewster and Nahant.
- Recruitments for the CEO in Amesbury and the town manager in Mashpee.
- A classification study in Ashland.

In conjunction with the Department of Workplace Training and Development at UMass Amherst, Collins facilitators also finished a six-week supervisory training for the Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Association.

In May, the McCormack Graduate School and the Collins Center also cosponsored the Symposium on Public Sector Innovation at the Harvard Kennedy School, which brought together local innovators to exchange ideas and experiences promoting excellence and creativity in the public sector.

IMPROVE DELIVERY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND IT SERVICES

New CIO/Vice Provost for IT Joins UMass Boston

UMass Boston has appointed Robert Weir to serve as vice provost for information technology and chief information officer. Weir was most recently one of four CIOs at the University of Colorado, where he was responsible for administrative system services supporting four campuses. Weir began his IT career at IBM, rising over a 21-year period to the position of general manager for global education solutions in the IBM Education unit, which served K-12 and higher education clients worldwide. Weir said he wanted to use the second half of his career to give back to the higher education community. He then joined Northeastern University as CIO and served for 13 years, providing IT support for the dramatic evolution of that university under the leadership of President Richard Freeland. With Weir at the helm, Northeastern Information Services won multiple industry recognitions, including *Computerworld's* "Best Practices in Management Award."

POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE

College of Management Named Best for Vets a Second Time

UMass Boston's College of Management has again been named to *Military Times's* Best for Vets: Business Schools list. The college was ranked No. 65 out of more than 150 business schools that took the Best for Vets: Business Schools survey. Schools were ranked on their survey responses to questions about enrollment, tuition, staff support, and academic support. UMass Boston also made the list in 2013. The university as a whole has also been recognized for its commitment to veterans. UMass Boston is ranked No. 63 among four-year schools on *Military Times's* Best for Vets: Colleges 2015 list. Victory Media Inc. has also named UMass Boston a Military Friendly School.

UMass Boston Named in Green Colleges Guide for Sixth Straight Year

UMass Boston has made the *Princeton Review's* Green Colleges Guide for the sixth year in a row. The *Review* says UMass Boston is one of the 353 greenest colleges nationwide. Green efforts include an extensive recycling and composting program; hydration stations, which keep plastic bottles out of landfills; and a solar voltaic array on the roof of Wheatley Hall.

UMass Boston is seeking LEED Silver Certification for the Integrated Sciences Complex and General Academic Building No. 1, currently under construction. LEED standards rate a building on a variety of environmental responsibility measures. UMass Boston is also the only public university in Massachusetts to have signed the international Talloires Declaration, a commitment by higher education institutions to be world leaders in creating and maintaining sustainability. UMass Boston is part of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, a network of colleges collectively addressing global warming through the reduction of emissions and the development of technologies that can help restabilize the climate.

President Obama Names Professor to Asian American Advisory Commission

Institute for Asian American Studies Director Paul Watanabe has been sworn in as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders after being nominated by President Barack Obama to serve. In 2009, Obama established the advisory commission to work with agencies throughout the federal government to improve the health, education, and economic status of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Watanabe has been IAAS director since 2003 and an associate professor of political science since 1985. He has served as chair of the Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations since 2012. His focus areas include American foreign policy, American political behavior, ethnic group politics, and Asian Americans.

Venture Development Center Gains Recognition

UMass Boston's Venture Development Center, an incubator for start-ups, was featured in *Science* magazine twice in the span of a month. In both *Science* articles the university is featured as a national leader in connecting the booming life science industry with faculty and students. UMass Boston was mentioned in a June 12 issue of *Science*, in an article entitled "Got a startup? Rent a bench," which names the VDC as one of five most successful, and popular, incubators in the nation, lowering the barriers to entrepreneurship. In a July 1 issue of *Science Careers* magazine, the VDC and several companies located there were featured in "Hidden Start," which describes how the VDC helps students find career-changing and potentially lucrative jobs with biotech startups.

The VDC also was named a 2015 Game Changer by the *Boston Globe*, one of "51 innovative people and organizations that did extraordinary things last year, reshaping the way we live and work."



EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy speaks at UMass Boston's commencement.

Alumna Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator, Delivers Commencement Speech

Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Gina McCarthy '76 told 4,144 UMass Boston graduates to see opportunities in change and "be comfortable being uncomfortable" at the university's 47th commencement at the TD Garden on May 29. McCarthy, a Dorchester native, delivered the principal address and received a Chancellor's Medal for her advocacy on behalf of the environment and the public's health and well-being during a career that has spanned more than 30 years.

DEVELOP FIRST-RATE INFRASTRUCTURE

HarborWalk Section Opens

A new section of the HarborWalk between the JFK Library and Museum and Harbor Point Apartments has opened to the public. The 800-foot stretch of shoreline on the north side of the UMass Boston campus features a paved walkway, benches, lighting, gathering spaces, an area to display artwork, bike racks, and signs with historical narratives. The construction project began last summer, placing 3,200 tons (6.4 million pounds) of stone along the shoreline to stabilize it before adding the walkway and other amenities. A significant amount of granite blocks unearthed from the Big Dig was donated by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. A formal dedication is scheduled for September 21.



The new section of the HarborWalk opened to the public in July.



A rendering of the new baseball complex that will be home to the UMass Boston Beacons.

Construction Begins on Baseball Complex

In June, UMass Boston and Boston College High School broke ground on a shared 500-seat baseball complex that will feature a replica Green Monster and a field with the same dimensions as Fenway Park. J. Donald Monan SJ Park, named for the former president and current chancellor of Boston College, will be located on the current site of the BC High baseball diamond. The main field will meet Division III standards, allowing the UMass Boston Beacons to play their games closer to home after previously playing home games at Campanelli Stadium in Brockton. The collaboration between BC High and UMass Boston is the result of a public-private partnership, anchored by a \$2 million commitment from the Yawkey Foundation. Corporate sponsors for the Monan Park project are WB Mason, Rockland Trust, Lambert's, McGee Toyota, and Prime Time Sports. Construction is scheduled to be complete by December 1.

UMass Boston Makes Progress on Construction Master Plan

The university is moving forward with its 25-year Campus Master Plan. The General Academic Building No. 1 remains under construction for a completion date of spring 2016. Crews continue to work on the utility relocation, set to be complete in 2017, digging trenches and installing modern corridors to replace those located in the decommissioned parking garages. Roadway relocation will include new sidewalks, bike lanes, tree lawns, and a new northern gateway to the university. Additionally this summer, crews have been hard at work to complete phase II of the Healey Library roof project.