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Dear Alumni and Friends of FSU,

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome we have received since I started at Framingham State in July. I've had the opportunity to meet many of you during my first few months on the job, and I continue to be impressed by the level of enthusiasm and commitment people feel toward the University.

I am honored to serve as the 16th president of Framingham State University during such an exciting time in its history. Our 175th Anniversary provides us with a unique opportunity to celebrate our past while building toward an even brighter future. One thing I've always admired about FSU is the University's ability to evolve and adapt over the years in order to meet the needs of the Commonwealth. We opened as the nation's first public normal school in 1839 to meet a critical need for highly trained teachers. Today, we continue to explore and add programs that align with the needs of the state, such as our new bachelor's degrees in American Sign Language and Pre-Engineering, as well as our upcoming professional science master's degree in Biotechnology. By continuing to successfully evolve, we help our students—the large majority of whom choose to live and work in Massachusetts—to graduate with degrees in important fields that are growing.

If you haven't been back to campus in a few years, there's no better time to visit as we celebrate our historic anniversary through the end of the year. Public institutions like Framingham State are relying more than ever on the support and engagement of their alumni, friends and corporate partners, so it's encouraging for me to find such a strong sense of excitement toward FSU in the community. I look forward to getting to know more of you in the months ahead and welcome any thoughts or ideas you may have about how we can work together to continue moving Framingham State in a positive direction.

Best wishes,

F. Javier Cevallos, PhD

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The Cevallos Era Begins

BY MAURA KING SCULLY

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ASSISTANT PROFESSOR 1981

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UMASS AMHERST ASSISTANT PROFESSOR 1984

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR 1988

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PROFESSOR 1992

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FACULTY ADVISOR TO PROVOST 1994

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ACE FELLOWSHIP 1996

CHAIR OF DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH & PORTUGUESE 1997

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS 1998

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KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT 2002

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CREDENTIALS AT-A-GLANCE

With a career that spans more than 30 years in public higher education, President Cevallos brings a wealth of experience to FSU.

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT 2014

Public higher education is a sort of family business for **Dr. F. Javier Cevallos**. He is the son of two college professors, both of whom were faculty members at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez. Cevallos has taught only at state-supported institutions: the University of Maine in Orono and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He left the Bay State to become president of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, one of 14 schools in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

In fact, the only time Cevallos spent at a private institution was his year as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow in 1996-97 at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. Nonetheless, it proved to be a formative 12 months.

"After the year, I think I have a better understanding of higher education in general," Cevallos wrote in "Learning to Lead, Learning to Learn: Reflections of an ACE Fellow," which appeared in the October 1997 issue of *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*.

"I understand how complex institutions and issues are, and the multiple aspects that must be considered every time in order to arrive at the right decision....

I also understand that there are many ways of being a leader, and there are many true leaders at any given institution. I look forward to contributing and to the opportunities to learn from all of them."



Cevallos Era

COMING HOME

Now, Cevallos is bringing all that knowhow—public and private—to Framingham State University, which for him is a bit of a homecoming. He spent the longest stint of his career, 18 years, at UMass, where he held various positions, including professor, department chair, vice chancellor for student affairs and faculty advisor to the provost. In this latter role, he had occasion to visit Framingham State.

“FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY IS AN INSTITUTION WITH A LOT OF MOMENTUM. IT HAS GREAT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND A LONG HISTORICAL TRADITION.”

“In 1994, the provost at UMass explored moving from a three-credit to a four-credit course system,” Cevallos explains. “I learned that Framingham State had made the move to a four-credit curriculum years earlier, and I wanted to find the secret to their success.” Asked what that was, he replies, “A lot of hard work. I remember being so impressed with the people and the programs at the University.”

When the opportunity arose in 2013 to put his name in for the University’s top post, Cevallos didn’t think twice. “It was really very exciting,” he recalls. “I felt like everything was aligning.” After 12 years at Kutztown, Cevallos was ready for a change and for new challenges. For him, Framingham State is the perfect fit.

ON THE MOVE

“Framingham State University is an institution with a lot of momentum,” says Cevallos. “It has great academic programs and a long historical tradition. It’s also located in an area of tremendous growth—MetroWest—surrounded by some of the most high-tech companies in the country.”

And though the Northeast is facing a demographic decline in the number of high school graduates, Cevallos sees untapped potential. He points to the region’s burgeoning Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking populations as presenting “new opportunities for higher education. I am excited about exploring connections with these communities and helping them be successful,” he explains. “In that way, we will work toward the vision of Horace Mann, who founded Framingham State, to make education accessible so that people can achieve their full potential.”

It’s worth noting that under Cevallos, the diversity of the Kutztown student body grew from 6 percent representing communities of color to the current 17 percent. At the same time, the university’s academic profile strengthened, going from accepting close to 80 percent of applicants in 2002 to a 64 percent acceptance rate in 2012.

Demographics aren’t the only challenge. “Framingham State is not a technical school. We provide an excellent liberal arts education. We need to maintain that excellence while balancing being responsive to the needs of area employers,” he says.

Cevallos also wants to take a hard look at enrollment to determine if the University is optimally sized. During his tenure at Kutztown, for example, enrollment grew from 8,500 students to 10,000. “Looking at all of our programs, undergraduate and graduate, on campus and online, can we—or should we—grow by a few hundred students?” he asks. “I don’t know. But it’s worth exploring.”

JUST THE FACTS

- On July 1, 2014, Dr. F. Javier Cevallos became the 16th president of Framingham State University. Cevallos comes to Framingham from Kutztown University, a state institution in Pennsylvania, where he served as president from 2002 to 2014.
- Cevallos earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez and his master’s and doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His area of research is Latin American literature, with particular emphasis in the Colonial era.
- He began his career in 1981 as an assistant professor of Spanish at the University of Maine in Orono. In 1984, Cevallos moved to the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he was promoted to associate professor in 1988 and full professor in 1992. In 1994, he was asked to serve as faculty advisor to the provost.
- In 1996, Cevallos was selected as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow, spending a year studying academic leadership at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.
- Upon his return to UMass in 1997, Cevallos was named chair of the department of Spanish and Portuguese. Soon after, he was appointed vice chancellor for student affairs, a post he held until he became president of Kutztown in 2002.
- During his tenure at Kutztown, enrollment grew from 8,500 to 10,000 students, while simultaneously increasing the diversity and academic profile of each incoming class.
- Cevallos also presided over numerous campus construction projects, including a science center, visual arts building, residence hall and student recreation center.
- He and his wife, Josée Vachon-Cevallos, have two children, Alex and Caroline.



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NEXT STEPS

In his first 100 days on campus, Cevallos plans to do a lot of exploring. “I want to meet with as many people as possible—students, faculty, staff, alumni and the foundation—so I can learn from the community. I’ve done my homework, which has been mostly reading. But there’s nothing like being there, getting to sit down with people face to face and speak with them.” At Kutztown, it was a point of pride for Cevallos that he knew so many students by name as he walked across campus. Being student focused is also his goal at Framingham State. “I am committed to doing anything I can to help students be successful,” he says.

Broadly, Cevallos says his goal is to “bring Framingham State to the next level of academic excellence and success.” That will involve connecting with alumni, of course, fundraising and ensuring that all of the University’s programs obtain the proper accreditations. “We need to guarantee students that our programs are the best,” he notes. “I want to make sure the University continues to reach its potential.”

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The fact that Cevallos gets to tackle all of this while returning to Massachusetts is a definite bonus. “My family is excited about moving back to New England. My wife [French-Canadian folk singer Josée Vachon-Cevallos] performs a lot in Maine and eastern Canada, so she’ll be closer to her work,” he explains. “I’m looking forward to having really good seafood close by and to the fall season. Fall in Pennsylvania is pretty, but there’s nothing like the brilliance of color in Massachusetts.”

WHILE AT KUTZTOWN...

ENROLLMENT GROWTH 8,500 → 10,000 STUDENT BODY DIVERSITY 6% → 17% ACCEPTANCE RATE 80% → 64%

Getting Involved

USING EXTRACURRICULARS TO ENRICH THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Kendall Valente is a senior Sociology major with minors in Diversity Studies and Geography. She is an administrative resident assistant (ARA), an Academic Success Peer Tutor, the founder of the University's Ski and Snowboarding Club, as well as the president of the Student Government Association and the Class of 2015. This past summer, she taught enrichment courses to high school students at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Kendall
Valente '15



Q: WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY?

A: I was not originally planning to stay in state. I lived in Colorado for a few years and applied to more schools there than I did in Massachusetts. But the moment I stepped on to the Framingham State campus, I could feel how small and connected everything is. I ended up finding everything I needed right here, and have had the best time. I've grown so much since I first arrived, and have developed so much as a person because of my time here.

Q: TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THIS PAST SUMMER.

A: I worked with a group called Summer Study at the University of Colorado Boulder campus. It's a pre-college summer program for high school students from around the country, as well as international students. The students take college credit courses, enrichment classes and workshops. I taught enrichment classes on study skills, on getting involved and on making the most of the college experience. I also helped out with various events and outdoor activities. We took the students on trips throughout the state. It was a really incredible experience.

Q: WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT FSU, DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU WOULD BE SO INVOLVED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?

A: Not at all. In high school, I was super shy, held back and was not really involved in anything. Coming to college I didn't anticipate being as involved as I am, but I knew I wanted to make the most out of the experience. It all started with my involvement with my residence hall council. I became friends with a lot of people that way, which led to my involvement in other things. Later, I got involved with First Year Programs as a peer mentor and orientation leader and then was hired as an RA. I also started the Ski and Snowboarding Club on campus, which has been great. I've been skiing my whole life—it's in my blood. The first year we took one trip to Wachusett, but this past year we were able to plan three trips out of state to Loon Mountain, Okemo and Sunapee.

Q: HOW DO YOU MANAGE YOUR TIME WITH SO MUCH GOING ON OUTSIDE CLASS, AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)?

A: I'm a student first, but I do fill up just about all my free time with other activities. I enjoy everything so much that I wouldn't want it any other way. It requires a lot of time management and organizing on my part. As for the SGA, I'm not totally submerged in it yet, but one of my main goals is to make sure students on campus know that student government is a place for them. There are so many friendly people here who are willing to help them out. The SGA has worked to become more open to the entire campus, and I'm happy to be a part of that effort. We want to get out into the community as much as possible.



Dr. Kelly
Kolodny

Dr. Kelly Kolodny is a faculty member in the Education Department at Framingham State University, where she has taught since 2004. Her first book, *Normalites: The First Professionally Prepared Teachers in the United States*, was recently published. It chronicles the lives and experiences of three members of the first class of the nation's first state normal school, which was established in 1839 in Lexington, Massachusetts. The school later moved to Framingham and eventually became Framingham State University. While studies and books are available on the normal school movement as a whole, there is a lack of rich, published information about the first groups of students. *Normalites*, which Dr. Kolodny spent nearly a decade researching, helps to fill that void.

The Story of FSU's First Graduates

INTERVIEW WITH DR. KELLY KOLODNY

Q: WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO WRITE THIS BOOK?

A: I teach Foundations of Education, and in that course we explore the history of schooling. A part of that history is the normal school movement. This was a subject I already had some knowledge about and was interested in. I appreciated the history of the University and its ties to the normal school movement, and was fascinated to learn about it through the eyes of the students. Framingham State's archivist, Colleen Previte, showed me diaries from some of the first students, and that's where I began my research. I was fortunate to receive a grant from the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching Scholarship and Service (CELTSS) and the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni (IAFSA) to cover travel and other expenses.

Q: HOW IS THE BOOK ORGANIZED?

A: The book is focused on the lives and experiences of Lydia Stow, Mary Swift and Louisa Harris, three women from Framingham State's first class of 1839–1840. The book begins with a brief history of the normal school movement and the childhood experiences of the three women. The next section is about their formal and informal learning experiences while at Lexington Normal School, followed by their first teaching experiences and the different challenges they faced. The final sections of the book focus on their lifelong work and legacies. All three were amazing women, and I'm happy and humbled to have their stories made public 175 years later.

Q: WHAT MAKES THESE WOMEN SO FASCINATING?

A: All three were remarkable trendsetters in the field of education and remained close friends throughout their lives. Mary Swift worked at the Perkins School for the Blind where she was one of the earliest deaf-blind Americans to learn to communicate using the manual alphabet for the deaf. Mary also later convinced Helen Keller that she could learn to orally speak using her voice, and was one of the founders of the YWCA in Boston. Lydia Stow was an abolitionist. Her husband was close to Frederick Douglass. Lydia started a women's union in Fall River that provided social and educational services for women who worked in the mills. Louisa Harris was a teacher throughout the majority of her life and taught in some difficult conditions in one-room schoolhouses. It wasn't always easy for her, but she demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to her work.

Q: WHERE DID YOU GATHER YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE BOOK?

A: I began my research in the FSU archives, but I wound up going to more than 20 different organizations to recover their stories, including the Massachusetts Historical Society, Haverford College, the New York Public Library, Washington University in St. Louis, and the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. Mary Swift published a record of the first class. When I ordered it online from a used bookstore, I ended up receiving her own personal copy. That was a stroke of good luck, because in the back of it were several handwritten notes from Mary and a poem composed by Louisa Harris.

Normalites is available for purchase at www.amazon.com or www.infoagepub.com.

“IN WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU DO, MAKE IT YOURS.”



MATTHEW MALONE *State Secretary of Education*

1,312 GRADUATES JOIN THE FSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Thousands gathered on the Framingham Town Green on Sunday, May 18th, to congratulate the latest class of FSU graduates and to celebrate the University's 175th Anniversary.

The University conferred a posthumous honorary degree to Horace Mann, the original Massachusetts Secretary of Education who advocated for the founding of Framingham State as the first public normal school in America in 1839. Current State Secretary of Education Matthew Malone also received an honorary degree and gave the commencement address.

“No matter what, we need you to bring your own personality to it,” Malone told the graduates. “Not only your own personality, but you must also bring with you the

personality of this institution. In whatever it is that you do, make it yours. Own it, love it and immerse yourself in it 100 percent.”

Framingham State English Professor Elaine Beilin delivered the commencement address during the graduate ceremony and encouraged members of the class to become servant leaders.

“If you are today already thinking about what to become tomorrow, I ask you to go forward with the understanding that servant leaders work everywhere on scales both large and small—and I ask you to bring your listening skills, your empathy, your foresight and your persuasion to the fulfillment of your vision,” Beilin said.

The University awarded Citizen Laureate Awards to two Framingham natives for their support of the University over the years—former Framingham Selectman Dennis Giombetti '75 and longtime executive director of the Framingham Division of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Bob Merusi G'96, who retired in April.

792 BACHELOR'S DEGREES CONFERRED

520 MASTER'S DEGREES CONFERRED

264 LATIN HONOR STUDENTS



English Professor Elaine Beilin and Interim President Robert A. Martin



The students gather before heading into the ceremony



Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Vaden-Goad addresses the graduates



FSU CLASS OF 2014

COMMENCEMENT



FSU GAINS APPROVAL FOR THREE NEW PROGRAMS

Framingham State has gained approval from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education to launch new Bachelor of Arts programs in Global Studies and American Sign Language (ASL) as well as a new Professional Science Master's program in Biotechnology.

The ASL/English Interpreting program is available this fall and will help address a shortage of ASL Interpreters, particularly in the areas of health and legal services. FSU also launched a new Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies this fall that fits in line with the University's strategic goal of preparing students to become global citizens. The program requirements include the completion of a study abroad experience and reaching the intermediate level in a foreign language. For prospective double majors, it pairs well with several other programs, including Business Administration, Food and Nutrition, and Fashion Design and Retailing.

The Professional Science Master's Program in Biotechnology will launch in fall 2015 as work begins wrapping up on the University's new science addition to Hemenway Hall. The program was designed in response to a needs assessment from the business community and has been developed in consultation with a business advisory board.

Interested? For more information on these new programs, visit WWW.FRAMINGHAM.EDU

Dr. Martin Reflects on a Positive Year

FORMER VP FILLS IN AS INTERIM PRESIDENT

When then President Timothy J. Flanagan announced he was leaving FSU in May 2013, former vice president for Academic Affairs Robert A. Martin was the Board of Trustees' immediate and unanimous choice to serve as interim president.

The choice turned out to be a strong one, following a year in which Dr. Martin guided FSU through three major accreditation processes, helped secure additional funding for a critical science building project, and oversaw the planning and implementation of the University's 175th Anniversary celebrations.

"I appreciate the level of confidence the Board of Trustees had in me," he says. "I can honestly say there wasn't a single day that I didn't look forward to going into work. I really enjoyed getting to know the entire FSU community and having the opportunity to represent and speak on behalf of the University."

Martin took over during a busy year for the University, as 2014 marked the 175th Anniversary of FSU and the 10-year reaccreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The University also applied for national accreditation for its teacher preparation and arts programs.

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"I had a good idea going in that the reaccreditation and anniversary were going to be major items to focus on, and I'm really pleased with how everything turned out," Martin says. "It's a credit to the outstanding and collaborative effort put in by a lot of folks on campus."

The University was also successful last year in obtaining an additional \$9.3 million from the Commonwealth and \$3 million from the Mass Life Sciences Center for a major renovation and addition to Hemenway Hall that is expected to transform the University's science and math programs.

Martin says that each success would not have been possible without the strong leadership of his executive staff team, which includes vice presidents Dale Hamel, Linda Vaden-Goad and Susanne Conley, and chief of staff and general counsel Rita Colucci. He also credits a strong sense of commitment and general spirit of collaboration among the faculty, staff and students with helping him to succeed.



"Coming into the position, I wasn't certain I had the skills, knowledge and experience to perform all the tasks of the president," Martin says. "I was a little surprised to learn that I did, and a large part of that is due to the fact that the support around me was so strong. I stepped into a really good situation."

Martin served as vice president for Academic Affairs at FSU from 2004 until 2010, and remained active on campus as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Psychology and Philosophy after stepping down as vice president. He is taking time off to travel with his wife Elaine this fall, but plans to return to FSU at some point in the future to resume teaching on a part-time basis.



RACHAEL COOPER '14 HONORED AT "29 WHO SHINE" CEREMONY

Rachael Cooper '14 was one of 29 students from the public colleges and universities across Massachusetts who were honored at the State House on May 8th for their civic and academic achievements.

"Rachael Cooper of Framingham State University typifies this group, having committed so much time and energy to helping her community and fellow students while excelling academically," Governor Deval Patrick said. "Rachael is the latest example of a State University System student who has proven to be a great asset to the Commonwealth."

Rachael graduated from FSU in February with a bachelor's degree in Biology and minors in Spanish and Neuroscience. She is currently studying for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and working as a medical assistant and physician scribe at Atkinson Family Practice. Rachael plans to attend medical school in fall 2015, and is interested in studying primary care, family medicine, public health and medical anthropology. She was honored at the State House along with her faculty mentor, Dr. Aline Davis, from the University's Department of Biology.

Rachael is passionate about using her knowledge and skills to help others. She spent two summers during college volunteering in Guatemala with the group Partners In Development. During her most recent trip, Rachael conducted a professional research project examining the prevalence of intestinal parasites in rural communities and the effectiveness of medication in the elimination of infections. This work was approved and funded by Framingham State University. During this time, she treated more than 500 people living in extreme poverty. Rachael is currently working on a manuscript of the outcomes.

FSU Partners with Children's Hospital on Landmark Food Study

BY MICHAEL MURPHY '14, PUBLICATIONS INTERN

Have you ever tried to diet but found it nearly impossible to keep off the pounds you worked so hard at losing? Imagine being incentivized to stick with your diet while not having to cook your own meals, being financially compensated and helping the scientific community better understand obesity and weight loss.

That's the opportunity for eligible Framingham State University students, faculty and staff who are participating in the Framingham State Food Study (FS²), a comprehensive dietary and weight loss study being run in partnership with Boston Children's Hospital (BCH).

Funded by a \$10 million grant from the Nutrition Science Initiative (NuSi), the food study builds upon the small but groundbreaking research of obesity prevention specialists Dr. David Ludwig and Dr. Cara Ebbeling from BCH. Its goal is to gain a better understanding of the reasons why some diets are more successful than others at maintaining weight loss.

Framingham State University was chosen to host the study because of the "Food and Nutrition Department's great reputation," said Ebbeling, who is serving as one of the directors in the FS² study. Other benefits of partnering with Framingham State are the University's close proximity to Boston and the ability to work closely with the University's Dining Services, which are managed by Sodexo.

Participation in the study is available to 75 faculty, staff and students during the current academic year and the 2015-16 academic year. The goal is to have 150 people complete the study, which begins with a 12-week period of weight reduction, followed by randomization into three different diets—high-carbohydrate, moderate-carbohydrate and low-carbohydrate—to analyze the impact of energy expenditure during weight loss maintenance.



All participants will be compensated and meals will be provided by Sodexo Dining Services. Sodexo will work with participants to ensure that everyone has access to healthy and wholesome foods for the duration of the study.

As time progresses, FS² participants will be given multiple medical evaluations—most of which will be performed at the newly created FS² House right off campus on Salem End Road. That way, scientists can ascertain the effects that each diet is having on each group's ability to maintain its initial 12 percent body weight loss.

2014 Distinguished Faculty Recipients



RECOGNIZING
FACULTY FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EXCELLENCE IN **TEACHING**

DR. MARIA ALESSANDRA BOLLETTINO



Dr. Maria Alessandra Bollettino has been a member of Framingham

State University's Department of History since 2010. She received a bachelor's degree in European History from Brown University and both a master's degree and a doctor of philosophy degree in History from the University of Texas at Austin.

In the classroom, Dr. Bollettino prioritizes active student participation in the learning process over the traditional, non-collaborative lecture format. She also is a strong mentor to students, often taking time to work one-on-one with those who require additional assistance outside the classroom. Her colleagues describe her commitment to the needs of individual students as "awe inspiring." Additionally, Dr. Bollettino is a dedicated researcher and has been awarded several competitive grants. She works closely with her colleagues in the FSU Gender Interest Group and the University's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.

EXCELLENCE IN **SCHOLARSHIP**

DR. IRENE FOSTER



Dr. Irene Foster has been teaching in the Department of Fashion Design

and Retailing at Framingham State University since 1989. She received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Framingham State University and a doctor of education degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Several of her colleagues credit Dr. Foster with guiding and supporting their careers over the years. In addition to being an outstanding teacher and mentor, she has compiled an impressive record of scholarship during her time at Framingham State. One highlight of her tenure is *Research Methods for the Fashion Industry*, a textbook for students who take the course, *Research Methods in Fashion*. Dr. Foster co-authored the book with FSU Professor Emerita Judith Flynn. Her research has appeared in the textbook, *Merchandising Mathematics for Retailing*, and in several scholarly publications, including the *International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management* and the *Clothing and Textiles Research Journal*.

EXCELLENCE IN **ADVISING/MENTORING**

DR. ALINE DAVIS



Dr. Aline Davis has been teaching in the Department of Biology at

Framingham State University since 2002. She earned a bachelor's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a master's degree and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Davis serves as an academic advisor to Biology students in the pre-health concentration. She has gone above and beyond in this role by developing advising sheets that list requirements for each of the eight types of graduate programs in the human and animal health professions to which FSU students regularly apply. Dr. Davis is an academic advocate during orientation as well as an excellent research mentor for students. She also serves as the faculty advisor to the Aspiring Health Professionals student club. Her colleagues describe her as a "caring professional who provides excellent guidance and mentoring to her students."

From MIT to the McAuliffe Center

NEW MCAULIFFE CENTER DIRECTOR DR. IRENE PORRO AIMS FOR THE STARS



Expanding programming, collaborating more with faculty and building on the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center's already strong reputation are some of the initial goals for new director, Dr. Irene Porro.

"I'm coming into a really good situation," says Porro. "We have some great programs to offer through the Challenger Learning Center. Schools have been coming for years, and we have a wonderful planetarium and a strong professional development program. I think it's the right time to build on that solid platform and do even more."

A desire to focus on education rather than on research motivated Porro to move from MIT to Framingham State University in April.

"I wanted to be in a place where the primary goal was to advance and promote education," says Porro, who replaced longtime director Mary Liscombe following her retirement. "I really enjoyed and benefited from my 14 years at MIT, but the primary focus there is research."

Porro was the educational director at MIT's Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research, but she always knew that she eventually wanted to work at a public university.

"I think the state university system does such a wonderful job of helping students reach their potential, and I wanted to be a part of that," Porro says.

The McAuliffe Center is visited annually by about 12,000 middle school students, who take part in a mission to Mars. Porro would like to expand the programming to different age groups. The Center recently acquired a new mission designed for high school and college students.

"I want to bring FSU students into the Center, because many of them don't know we exist," Porro says. "We'd like to hold events just for them, so they can experience the resources we offer."

Porro envisions education majors teaming with science majors on programs they could create and present to younger students.

"In many ways, we are a lab where students can try new things and refine their craft," she says. "I think science and education majors could learn a lot working alongside one another."

Another goal for Porro is to establish stronger relationships with faculty across all the departments on campus. She's been encouraged by some initial meetings she has had with professors.

"There is a lot of positive energy on this campus," Porro says. "Everyone wants to do something new, something better. I would love for people to think about the Center as a catalyst for new initiatives in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education."

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RACHEL LUCKING RECEIVES FIRST-YEAR ADVOCATE AWARD

The Robert A. Martin Outstanding First-Year Advocate Award was given this year to Rachel Lucking, the director of Student Involvement and Leadership Development (SILD).

Lucking was honored for her outstanding work in developing the leadership skills of first-year students in the Emerging Leaders program. She helped them adjust to life as a member of the FSU community through Black and Gold Beginnings and the Wet Feet Retreat, and take part in several campus-wide initiatives that focus on the needs of first-year students.



The award is named in honor of Dr. Robert A. Martin, former vice president for Academic Affairs and 2013-14 interim president.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

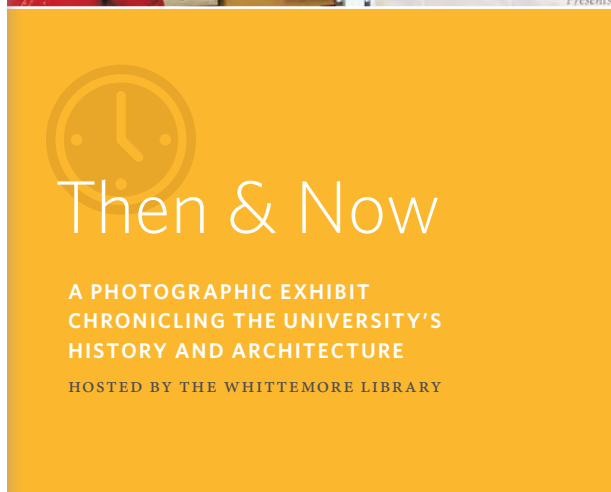
This year marks the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Framingham State as the first public normal school in the country. The opening of the school paved the way for higher education to be extended to new segments of the population, without regard to race or economic class.

Throughout 2014, the FSU community has been marking the anniversary with a series of special events, lectures and exhibitions, which you can learn more about here.

The celebrations will culminate on Saturday, October 25th, with a special gala at the Massachusetts State House.



For more information about the 175th Anniversary, visit WWW.FRAMINGHAM.EDU



An Opening of the Doors Reenactment took place at the original Lexington School House on July 3rd, 175 years to the day that the Normal School opened.

Reopening the Doors in Lexington



Members of the Framingham State community gathered in Lexington on July 3rd at the original site of the Lexington Normal School to reenact its opening in 1839.

“When people think of Lexington, they naturally think of the American Revolution and the ‘shot heard round the world,’” said FSU President F. Javier Cevallos. “But this historic town also witnessed the start of another revolution—one that changed the course of education in our nation.”

Framingham State began as the Lexington Normal School, which opened to three students July 3rd in 1839. Back then, “normal school” was the name for schools designed to train high school graduates to become

Today, the former school house, which is located at 3 Bedford Street, is still standing and houses the Simon W. Robinson Masonic Lodge. Members of the lodge and the Lexington Historical Society graciously agreed to help the University put on the commemorative reenactment.

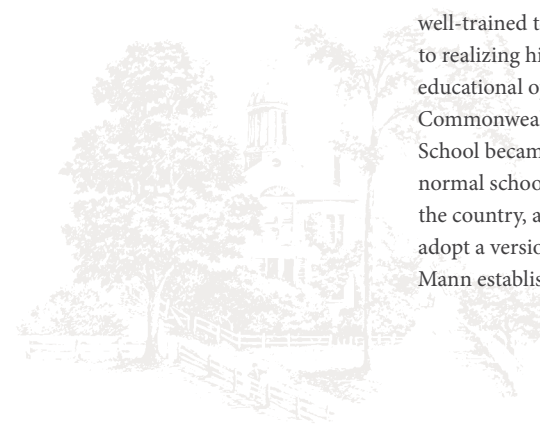
Students from Framingham State’s Fashion Design and Retailing program designed 19th century clothing that was worn during the ceremony by students Jacqueline Cunniff, Susan Siraco and staff member Jenn Forsberg.

“On a rainy morning, July 3, 1839, three young women—Sarah Hawkins, Maria L. Smith and Hannah Damon—presented themselves in Lexington, Massachusetts at the nation’s first normal school to begin their studies,” said Dr. Susanne Conley, FSU’s Vice President for Enrollment and Student Development. “Today, we commemorate the moment that American education changed forever.”

Following the ceremony, everyone in attendance had a chance to tour the historic school building, and Dick Kollen from the Lexington Historical Society gave a special presentation on the history of the school.

“TODAY, WE COMMEMORATE THE MOMENT THAT AMERICAN EDUCATION CHANGED FOREVER.”

teachers (establishing standards, or “norms” for teaching). Secretary of Education Horace Mann inaugurated the normal school system because well-trained teachers were essential to realizing his goals for expanding educational opportunity in the Commonwealth. Lexington Normal School became the first of many public normal schools to open throughout the country, as most states went on to adopt a version of the education system Mann established in Massachusetts.



Pioneers in Education— Republished

History faculty Jon Huibregtse and Sarah Adelman, with help from Research Assistant Jasmine Bonanca '15, are republishing the official FSU history, *Pioneers in Education*.

When Dr. Susanne Conley was put in charge of coordinating Framingham State's 175th Anniversary Celebrations, one of her first ideas to commemorate the anniversary was to update the book *Pioneers in Education*.

"People have really relied on that book over the years to gain a better understanding of Framingham State's important role in the educational history of America," says Dr. Conley, FSU's Vice President for Enrollment and Student Development. "I felt it was important to bring it up to date."

Originally published in 1989 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Framingham State, *Pioneers in Education* is a detailed history of America's oldest public normal school, complete with historical photos and a timeline. Former FSU presidents D. Justin McCarthy and Paul F. Weller and faculty members Constance Brine Jordan, Rita Loos, P. Bradley Nutting and Beverly J. Weiss contributed chapters to the first edition of the book.

Last fall, FSU History professors Jon Huibregtse and Sarah Mulhall Adelman agreed to take on the task of updating the book and solicited the help of FSU history major Jasmine Bonanca '15, who signed on as a research intern.

"Each chapter in the book covers about 25 to 30 years, so we decided it made sense to add one chapter to the end covering the last 25 years," Dr. Huibregtse says. "We also went back through all the original copy with an eye toward cleaning it up a bit and making it more consistent stylistically."

Much of the research was performed by combing through archived minutes of Board of Trustees meetings and issues of *The Gatepost* student newspaper.

Bonanca's job was to synthesize all the information into more cohesive notes, from which major themes from the last 25 years began to emerge. Those major themes include campus construction and development, advances in technology, curriculum expansion and changes, and growth of student services.

For Dr. Huibregtse, who has been teaching at Framingham State since 1997, the project was in many ways like taking a stroll down memory lane.

"It's interesting to look through *The Gatepost* issues and see photos of many of your old colleagues who are no longer here," Dr. Huibregtse says. "What really stood out is how far we've come in the last 25 years in terms of technology. When I arrived on campus, people were barely using email."

The work has given Dr. Adelman a new appreciation for all the resources FSU offers that she has never had a chance to interact with during her time here.

"For example, I knew about the McAuliffe Center, but I didn't realize how expansive the programs are there," she says. "I didn't understand the level of resources. We sometimes get caught in our own little bubbles, and don't know about the innovative work that is going on across the University."

Bonanca says the project has been a truly rewarding experience. "As a History major, I appreciate that this internship has been a really practical application of the things I've learned in the classroom," she says.



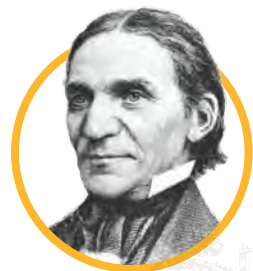
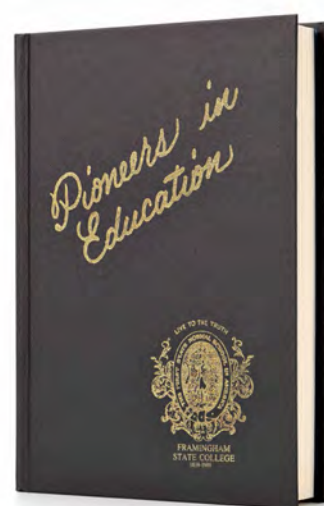
A Sweet Celebration

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY
CELEBRATED 175 YEARS WITH
A GIANT CAKE

MAY 2, 2014



A copy of the original edition of *Pioneers in Education*. An updated version will be available this fall.



The Legacy of Cyrus Peirce

BY BARBARA ANN WHITE

Cyrus Peirce opened the doors of the Lexington Normal School 175 years ago. The first public teacher training school in the nation, it evolved into Framingham State University.

Only three girls showed up for admission to the normal school on the first day, but by Christmas 1839, over 20 girls were enrolled and the first graduating class boasted 25, the first professionally trained teachers in the country.

Peirce singlehandedly created and taught the curriculum of 17 courses. He created the first student teaching program in the country by convincing the school committee in Lexington to let him open a school for village children within the normal school. Peirce was also the principal of that school. Normal school students were assigned to teach there on a rotating basis. Peirce also supervised the boarding school where the girls lived, shoveling the walks and stoking the stoves.

During the seven years that Peirce directed the normal school, there was never a time when it was not under attack. During the first year, there was a movement in the legislature to discontinue the school, and although it was staved off, the attacks never ceased.

Peirce's name became fodder for the partisan Boston newspapers when a conservative minister, Matthew H. Smith, accused Peirce of allowing, and encouraging, inappropriate and immoral behavior at the school.

Smith's allegations, made over the course of several years, did enough damage that the governor appointed a committee to investigate Peirce and the normal school. Peirce was exonerated, but overwork and the stress of the controversies had taken its toll on Peirce's health and he resigned in 1849 at age 59.

"LIVE TO THE TRUTH"

Sadly, Peirce's name has faded from history, but his legacy lives on in the form of the many great universities in this country that originated as normal schools, modeled on Peirce's curriculum. Hundreds of thousands of classrooms were improved as a direct result of the professionalization of teaching. And the saying with which Peirce ended his classes, "*Live to the Truth*," is still the motto of Framingham State University today.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

Barbara Ann White is the author of an upcoming biography of Cyrus Peirce titled *Live to the Truth*.

RAM in focus

AGE 24 **HOMETOWN** Anchorage, AK **RESIDENCE** Commuter Student **FAVORITE TEAM** Colorado Avalanche

RYAN McDONALD '15

Following several consecutive years of finishing at the bottom of the standings in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC), the Framingham State University men's hockey team turned the corner last season thanks to the emergence of several players, including Ryan McDonald '15.

The right winger helped guide the team to a respectable 11-11-4 overall record that included an impressive 7-1 rout of Fitchburg State in the quarterfinals of the MASCAC Tournament. Coming into the game, Fitchburg State was 3-0 versus Framingham State on the season.

"That was our best game of the year," says McDonald, who is originally from Anchorage, Alaska. "We hadn't beaten them all season. There was a huge crowd for the game that really got us going."

McDonald led the team in points last year, tallying 13 goals and 16 assists in 26 games. A Business Administration major, he was also named to the MASCAC All-Academic Team for his performance in the classroom.

After years of the team struggling to compete in the conference, McDonald sees brighter days ahead for the program, which is led by Coach T.J. Brown.

"Our goal is to get better every year," he says. "I think Coach Brown has brought in a lot of talent, and we are a much deeper team. As a coach, he continues to improve and that has an effect on all of us."

McDonald had never even heard of Framingham State University four years ago when he was contacted by an assistant coach while playing at the junior hockey level in Seattle, Washington.

"We started talking about my future plans and the different options I had," McDonald says. "I was looking at a few other schools, but Framingham State was the only one that assured me I would play right away. I liked the idea of being part of a rebuilding process."

He had never even seen a photo of Framingham State when he arrived on campus for his freshman year, but McDonald has no regrets about his decision.

"I love the size of the campus," he says. "Everything is in one area. All my teachers in the business program have been great. It's been a wonderful experience."

McDonald eventually wants to get into marketing and management, but his immediate goal after graduation next spring is to take a shot at playing hockey professionally in the East Coast Hockey League or Southern Professional Hockey League.

"I want to pursue a professional hockey career because I know I would regret it if I didn't at least try," he says. "It's tough coming from Division III, but if you can earn your way onto a team, you can work your way up from there."



Maple Street Athletic Fields Get a Facelift

A much-needed project to improve the athletic fields and facilities off Maple Street is nearly finished. The \$4.3 million project included the installation of a new synthetic turf field for the football team and conversion of the grass practice fields into a new softball field and multi-sports synthetic turf field.

The football field was completed over the summer, and the softball field should be ready in time for the spring 2015 season. The project also includes construction of a new press box system, bleachers, concession and storage buildings, fencing, netting and a scoreboard.

"This project will benefit and enhance the overall experience for our student-athletes and our general population," says Director of Athletics Tom Kelley '76. "It allows us to bring softball to campus for the first time in many, many years, and our visitors will have a more comfortable and user-friendly venue."



JUNE 16, 2014

Annual Golf Tournament

RAISES MONEY FOR FSU ATHLETICS

Thousands of dollars were raised in support of FSU Athletics during the annual Rams Booster Club Golf Tournament in June at the Highfields Golf & Country Club in Grafton, MA. A special thanks to the sponsors and everyone who came out to support the Rams!





Alumni Return for Reunion Weekend

WELCOMING ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS FROM MAY 16 TO 18, 2014

The threat of rain wasn't enough to stop a great turnout for All-Alumni Reunion & Commencement Weekend in May. Hundreds of FSU alumni gathered to catch up with old friends and toast the Golden Anniversary Class of 1964.

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations put on a special series of lectures related to the University's 175th Anniversary. There was also a special program in the Planetarium titled, "A Look Back: Science in 1839."

It's never too early to start planning for next year's reunion.

Contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations if you are interested in coordinating an event for your class.



Members of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1964 pose for a photo



Brian Boruta '07 received the Young Alumni Achievement Award during Reunion Weekend



Alumni take in a presentation at the new FSU Planetarium



ALUMNI RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AT REUNION

Framingham State was pleased to recognize six alumni with Achievement Awards during All-Alumni Reunion Weekend. They were:

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

BRIAN BORUTA '07

Director of Performing Arts at
The Umbrella Center for the Arts

ALUMNI EDUCATOR AWARD

**ELIZABETH TOTARO
CLARKE '64**

Longtime Educator and Principal

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

DR. SUSANNE CONLEY '90

Vice President for Enrollment and Student
Development at Framingham State

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE AWARD

MARGARET GUARDIANI '77

Longtime volunteer and supporter of
FSU and other nonprofit organizations

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

KENDRA SAMPSON '13

Youth and Group Engagement
Coordinator with Habitat for Humanity

ALUMNI EDUCATOR AWARD

MARTHA TURNER '64

Special Education Teacher and
Crisis Intervention Trainer

Welcome New Staff

**THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITIONS OF ALUMNI
RELATIONS COORDINATOR STEVEN WHITTEMORE '10, G'13
AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER KELLY O'GARA.**



STEVEN WHITTEMORE '10, G'13 holds a bachelor's degree in Biology and a master's degree in Public Administration from Framingham State. He previously worked for Framingham State's Campus Police Department. As the Alumni Relations Coordinator, his primary job is to support Alumni Relations Director Mary Casey in engaging FSU's more than 40,000 alumni through programming and events such as Reunion and Homecoming. He is working closely with the University's GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) graduates to increase engagement among that age group.



KELLY O'GARA has a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Gonzaga University and previously worked as the Director of the Annual Fund & Constituent Relations at Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury. She reaches out directly to FSU alumni to set up meetings in order to facilitate a more personal approach to engagement. The meetings help the Office of Development and Alumni Relations learn about what alumni have been up to since graduating and what they would like to see from their alma mater.

"WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE STEVEN AND KELLY ON OUR TEAM. IN JUST A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THEY HAVE PROVEN TO BE A STRONG FIT AND BRING A HIGH LEVEL OF ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION TO WORK EACH DAY."

—ERIC GUSTAFSON *Director of Development and Alumni Relations*



Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Donates Books

FOR USE BY FSU'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB & LIBRARY

\$7,000

WORTH OF BOOKS AND OTHER
MATERIALS DONATED

Boston-based publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt generously donated nearly \$7,000 worth of books and other materials earlier this year for use by Framingham State's Child Development Lab, Education Department and Library.

A total of 108 items were donated in all. Many of the books will be utilized by the Child Development Lab, which serves as a field site for University students interested in teaching young children to learn, teach and participate in an early childhood classroom.

Valerie Hytholt, director of the Child Development Lab, says the books are already being put to good use.

"The children love them and our pre-service teachers are able to use them in their lessons and for guided reading in small groups," Hytholt says.

Titles include the Curious George Series and the Five Little Monkeys Series, which is a rhyming text.

"One of the first skills we work on with the children is rhyming, which starts the process of learning to read," Hytholt says.

Former Trustee and current FSU Foundation member Raymond Boulanger helped facilitate the donation. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is one of the world's longest-established publishing houses and largest providers of pre-K-12 education solutions.

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ALUMNI PROFILE AMY YANNI '75

AMY YANNI FINISHES SECOND IN AGE GROUP AT BOSTON MARATHON

Framingham State alumna **AMY YANNI '75** had taken off April 15th, 2013, to listen to her beloved Boston Red Sox on the radio, track the results of the Boston Marathon and otherwise enjoy her birthday. Like many Boston sports fans, Marathon Monday holds a special place in Yanni's heart, which is why she was devastated as news of the bombings started to pour in.

"For any Boston-area sports fan, the marathon is iconic," says Yanni. "As I followed the news of the bombings, I resolved very early on to be in Boston in 2014 in some capacity. I felt very strongly that we runners, and we Bostonians, were going to take our race back."

"I WANTED ALL OF US TO FINISH AND HAVE THE RACE RETURN TO WHAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN—A TRUE CELEBRATION OF RUNNING."



Yanni, an avid runner who now lives in Florida, qualified to enter the 118th running of the historic race this past April and finished with an outstanding performance. She completed the marathon with a time of 3:32:49, which was good for second in her age group (women ages 60 to 64). The result came as somewhat of a surprise to her, as she had run seven previous Boston Marathons and never finished better than 19th in her age group.

"Given that there were so many more runners admitted this year, where I finished was the farthest thing from my mind," Yanni says. "I just wanted to finish and, more importantly, I wanted all of us to finish and have the race return to what it has always been—a true celebration of running."

Yanni credits the record crowd and Boston Athletic Association (BAA) volunteers with making this year's marathon truly special.

"The BAA volunteers are out of this world," Yanni says. "You will not find a more impressive group of dedicated race folks. The crowds, which are always fantastic, were just extraordinary this year. I'm positive that I owe my good fortune in finishing as I did entirely to the crowds."

Yanni began running marathons shortly after undergoing a double mastectomy for breast cancer in 2003. Since that time, she has completed more than 130 marathons throughout the country, including a 50K. This incredible accomplishment has earned her a spot on the Web site marathonmaniacs.com, where she is listed as maniac number 130.

1970S

RICHARD O. WIGHTMAN JR. '74 has been designated as acting assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs. He will serve as the key advisor to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel for all reserve-component matters, with specific responsibility for providing overall supervision of Defense Department policies relating to the manning, training, equipping and resourcing of the almost 1.1 million service members assigned to the National Guard and reserves.

DENNIS GIOMBETTI '75 was first elected selectman for the Town of Framingham in 2005 and after nine years in the position, he retired in the spring of 2014. Giombetti spent more than 35 years involved in town government, serving on several other town boards and committees.

New Mexico artist **JUANE QUICK-TO-SEE SMITH '76** had three works of art donated to the Yellowstone Art Museum that were on display through August 2014.

1980S

CHERYL HAYN G'80 received her Master of Science degree in Food and Nutrition from Framingham State and has been with Southeast United Dairy Industry Association for the past 25 years, having served as the general manager for the past nine years. Hayn spoke at the 55th annual Putnam County Dairy Festival on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Author and inventor **PATRICIA NOLAN-BROWN '81** recently published a new book titled *Idea to Invention: What You Need to Know To Cash In On Your Inspiration* about what it takes to come up with a great invention. Nolan-Brown is the inventor of the rear-facing car seat mirror and many other products. Learn more about her at www.patricianolanbrown.com.

DR. MARCIA COSTELLO G'81 joined the BSN completion program faculty online for Villanova University in January 2014. Dr. Costello is a registered dietitian with expertise in weight management, health promotion and eating disorders. Dr. Costello teaches Principles of Nutrition, a core component of the BSN degree.

CARLA J. MOSCHELLA G'86 has joined the MGH Institute of Health Professions as Director of Academic Education in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Moschella also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Boston Health Sciences Graduate School. Moschella is a physician assistant and registered dietitian with over 25 years of clinical experience in nutrition, nephrology, gastroenterology and internal medicine.

ADAM TOCCI '87 has authored a new book titled *Bullseye*, and it includes themes of immigration reform, marijuana legalization and a woman as president.

1990S

ANDREW KEOUGH G'94 former principal of Wellesley High School and a former assistant principal of the Blackstone-Millville Regional Middle-High School, was unanimously selected as the new superintendent of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District in March of 2014. He began his teaching career in Douglas, MA as a special needs teacher and taught at Milford High School before becoming assistant principal. He has also held leadership positions in Hopkinton, MA and Medfield, MA.

MICHAEL BOYNTON G'94, former town administrator of Walpole, MA, was unanimously tapped by the Medway, MA Board of Selectmen to replace the outgoing town administrator. He began his appointment on July 1, 2014. Prior to this appointment, he served as the town administrator of Walpole, MA for over 13 years.

MARTY GREEN '94, a real estate agent and former economic development executive, is a candidate for state representative for the 9th Worcester District.

PENNY (MORELLO) MCGUIRE '96 earned an MPH from UMass Amherst in February of this year and took a position as Director of Community Health Strategies at the American Heart Association, Boston Affiliate in Waltham, MA.

MICHAEL PAUL '96 has published a coming-of-age novel titled: *At the End of Meadow Street*.

OF SPECIAL NOTE JOSIAH CURTIS '09

MASSACHUSETTS SUPER LAWYER RISING STAR

Since graduating from the New England School of Law in 2012, **JOSIAH CURTIS '09** has quickly made a name for himself in the area of immigration law. Curtis has recently recognized as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer Rising Star, something only 2.5 percent of the state's lawyers under the age of 40 can boast.

"It's a great honor," says Curtis, an attorney working out of the Boston office of Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy. "It's peer nominated and peer selected, and basically seeks to identify people in various practice areas who are up and coming."

Curtis specializes in corporate transaction work and helps secure visas for business executives from around the world. "Our immigration laws are antiquated, and the regulations are complicated. So we assist people by taking their credentials and making sure they are compliant when they come into the United States."

Curtis majored in Political Science at FSU and transitioned to law after performing well enough on the LSAT (Law School Admission Test) to receive money to attend law school. He quickly landed his current job after graduating from New England School of Law.



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Join alumni online to network, learn about upcoming events and find out what's new at your alma mater.

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2000S

WANDA I. MONTAÑEZ '00 received her Doctor of Education (EdD) degree from UMass Boston in Higher Education Administration. Her dissertation was titled "The Role of Identity Development in Multiethnic Latino Students' Sense of Belonging in College."

T.J. BEARY '04 and **JENNIFER (GUARNIERI) BEARY '05** welcomed their second child, a son, in October. Carter Jack Timothy was happily received by big sister Madelyn.

RACHEL KLOSS '04, owner of Dragonfly Photography in Newburyport, MA, has won the Reader's Choice BONS Award for Wedding Photography of 2014. Rachel accepted the BONS Award for Best Wedding Photographer in the beginning of July.

MICHAEL MCEACHERN '04 and his wife, Kara, welcomed their first child, Molly Virginia, to the world on March 4, 2013.



"IT'S A FANTASTIC PLACE TO WORK, AND I REALLY LUCKED OUT LANDING THERE RIGHT OUT OF LAW SCHOOL."

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F. JAVIER TORRES '05 was recently appointed Director of National Grantmaking for ArtPlace America.

JESS POWERS '06 has teamed with business partner Brian Martin to establish a farm called "Working Hands Farm" in Hillsboro, Oregon. The purpose of the farm is to cultivate produce for 80 households for 28 weeks each year. Their goal is to "build community by providing people with healthy food and a community gathering place."

SALVATORE L. PERLA G'07 was appointed president of Nashoba Valley Medical Center, a Steward Health Care System LLC facility, on January 20, 2014.

STANLEY IAKOPO '08—Master Sgt. for the Air Force, serves as the Reserve Command recruiter with the 944th Fighter Wing. He is now training and competing as a professional mixed martial arts fighter in the United States.

JOSEPHINE BRIDGES G'09 recently embarked on a life-changing challenge, volunteering at one of the largest nonprofit schools in Africa, The School of St. Jude. As part of her role, Josephine works with academic and boarding staff at St. Jude's to improve their English. She finds it extremely rewarding helping staff understand the language and seeing how they learn from their mistakes.



OF SPECIAL NOTE MARCIE MILLS '83

FOR MARCIE MILLS, FSU IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

When **MARCIE MILLS '83** was growing up in Wellesley, she thought of Framingham State as the affordable local state college that was within driving distance from home. It's a big reason why she and her four sisters all have ties to the University.

It wasn't until she reflected recently on her successful career in broadcast radio, that it struck Mills how lucky her family was to grow up so close to FSU.

"In hindsight, I look back at all that we have accomplished and realize what a big role that Framingham State played in that," says Mills, a senior sales executive at Pandora Internet Radio. "We were so fortunate to live within 25 minutes of a school with unbelievable programs in subjects that we were passionate about."

Marcie's older sister Diana Mills Jones was the first to go through FSU, earning a degree in Early Childhood Education in 1981. Marcie came next, graduating in 1983 with a BA in English and a minor in journalism. Her younger sister Tracey Mills Arminio graduated in 1989 with a BS in Fashion Merchandising. Laurel Mills attended FSU a little later in life, earning a BA in 2002 and returning to earn a BS in Nursing in 2009 and an MS in Nursing in 2012. Janet Mills-Knudsen is the only Mills sister who did not graduate from Framingham State; but following a long career in marketing, today she is a visiting lecturer at the University.

The next generation of the family is building on the FSU tradition. Laurel Mills' son Zach Handrahan recently earned an MS in Nursing at Framingham State and then quickly landed a job as the assistant manager of the Cardiac Unit at UMass Memorial Hospital.

2010S

MARC DIBUONO '10 got engaged to Amanda Sharpe in March of 2014. Marc and Amanda are both educators.

NICOLE MELONE '11 is a graphic designer for Gallery of African Art in Clinton, MA.

MEAGHAN KELLY '12 recently accepted a full-time Graduate Research Assistantship at the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment, which is a federal grant-funded project housed at the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation at the University of Kansas to develop an assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. She focuses on text development on the English Language Arts side of the project. For further information, readers can visit www.dynamiclearningmaps.org.

CHARLES WEBBER '12 is engaged to marry **COURTNEY BLUTE '11** at Fenway Park in the summer of 2015.

KATELYN MARIE TERRANOVA '13 got engaged to Nicholas G. Boudreau in April of 2014. Katelyn and Nicholas both work for public schools in MA.

"FSU WAS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR US TO BUILD GREAT CAREERS OUT OF OUR PASSIONS."

ALUMNI PROFILE DAVIDE JROLF '79

DAVID JROLF PART OF PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING TEAM FOR MARATHON BOMBINGS COVERAGE

DAVID JROLF '79 was scheduled to take a well-earned vacation from his job as night city editor at *The Boston Globe* when two bombs exploded at the finish line of the 117th running of the Boston Marathon on April 15th, 2013.

Vacation would have to wait, as nearly every member of the paper was called in to cover the attack, which would ultimately take the lives of four people and injure another 260. Jrolf says the staff at the *Globe* worked around the clock for the next week, covering all aspects of the event.

"Every day the story evolved," Jrolf says. "First there was the shock of the bombing, then the pursuit to figure out who did it and finally the hunt for the suspects."

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Through it all, *The Boston Globe* provided the most comprehensive, thoughtful and accurate coverage of the Marathon Bombings. The effort earned the team at the venerable paper a prestigious Pulitzer Prize in the breaking news category.

The efforts of the *Globe* received praise from people around the country, including President Barack Obama and the staff of the *Chicago Tribune*, which sent dozens of pizzas to the paper in a gesture of support.

"I'm proud of my colleagues and pleased that we did get the recognition," Jrolf says. "I've been through a lot of stuff during my career in journalism, and that week was as intense as anything."

Jrolf traces his career back to Framingham State, where he majored in English and served as editor of *The Gatepost* student newspaper.

"I absolutely loved Framingham State," he says. "It's a small school with a real sense of community. Working for the student newspaper fueled my love of journalism and served as the springboard to everything that followed."

Jrolf was hired out of college as a reporter for the *MetroWest Daily News*. He would later work as a reporter for the *Marlboro Enterprise* before becoming the city editor at the *Sentinel and Enterprise* in Fitchburg.

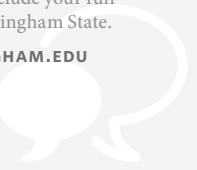
"I really wanted to be an editor, so that was a great opportunity," he says.

Jrolf went on to become the deputy managing editor at *The Boston Herald*, before moving on to *The Boston Globe* in 1994, where he has worked ever since. Through the years, he has covered the biggest events in the country's recent history, including the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the war in Iraq. He played an important role in putting out a special edition of the paper when Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston in 2002, following a sex abuse scandal uncovered by the *Globe*. That effort also earned the paper a Pulitzer Prize in the public service category.

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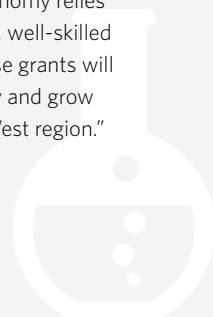
HEMENWAY HALL SCIENCE ADDITION SLATED TO OPEN LATE NEXT YEAR

Progress continues on the Hemenway Hall science addition, which will create 16 state-of-the-art laboratories for the University's growing science programs.

The project, which also includes major renovations to existing classroom and labs within Hemenway Hall, is expected to transform the University Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs. Enrollment growth in the STEM areas has outpaced growth in most other areas in recent years.

The new addition is tentatively slated to wrap up in July 2015. Renovations to the current building will continue into 2016. The University secured an additional \$9 million from the state and \$3 million from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) during the past year, which allows the University to complete the \$84 million project as originally envisioned.

"Supporting innovation propels our economy forward and prepares our workers for the 21st century global marketplace," Governor Deval Patrick said when the grant was awarded in February. "Our innovation economy relies on a well-educated, well-skilled workforce, and these grants will expand opportunity and grow jobs in the MetroWest region."



IAFSA Donates \$4,000 to CHOICE Internship Program

The Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni (IAFSA) recently made a generous \$4,000 donation in support of a successful new program that provides students with paid internship experiences.

CHOICE (Community/Hometown Organizations Internships and Cooperative Education), which launched in the summer of 2013, provides students with money for completing internships at local nonprofit and government organizations. The program benefits not only the students by providing them with a salary, but also the organizations who otherwise would not be able to afford having interns. It is funded through the FSU Foundation Inc. and a matching grant provided by the State University Internship Incentive Fund.



Three students have completed paid internships at IAFSA through the program, according to Executive Director Debra Cleveland. "We were very grateful to have them, and it was wonderful to know they were getting paid for their efforts," she says. "It's a program we are very happy to support."

The program has grown rapidly, from 18 CHOICE interns in the fall of 2013 to 110 during the spring 2014 semester. About 100 nonprofit and government organizations have created more than 200 CHOICE Internship opportunities, including the Boys and Girls Club of MetroWest, Framingham Downtown Renaissance, Framingham Public Schools, MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, United Way Tri-County and Natick Labs.

"STUDENTS IN THE CHOICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ARE GETTING PAID TO COMPLETE MEANINGFUL INTERNSHIPS THAT ARE RELATED TO THEIR AREAS OF STUDY."

"The program has been incredibly successful," says Dawn Ross, the University's director of Career Services and Employer Relations. "Many of our students are paying their way through college and can't afford unpaid internship experiences, because they need to be earning money outside of class time. Students in the CHOICE Internship Program are getting paid to complete meaningful internships that are related to their areas of study."

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE CHOICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM?

Contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 508-626-4012.



DONOR PROFILE

Janina '67 and Nancy '68 Swiacki

Longtime FSU Supporters Janina and Nancy Swiacki Build on Legacy with New Art Installation Project



For more than a decade, Framingham State has benefited from the passion and generosity of longtime educators Janina '67 and Nancy '68 Swiacki. The support began with the donation of an organ to the Heineman Ecumenical Center in 2001, which was facilitated by then-President Dr. Helen Heineman.

"From that point on, we felt like Framingham State was back in our lives again," Janina says.

Their latest effort to support FSU is raising money to erect a statue of a Ram on campus. They got the idea from observing other college campuses where statues have become gathering areas for photos and rallies, as well as popular ways to display school pride.

"We walked around the campus one day in search of a Ram statue," Nancy says. "When we realized none exists, we decided it might be an appropriate addition for the FSU campus."

It helps that the sisters are both passionate about public art and spearheaded a similar project in their hometown. They co-chaired a committee that raised funds for a 20-foot-tall sculpture of an eyeglass frame that has graced the Southbridge Town Common since 2010.

The Swiackis have already made a substantial donation to the FSU sculpture project, which has been matched by other donors interested in the effort, including Mark Leonard '83 and Trustee Bob Richards '83. They are also working with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations to build additional support for the project.

The sisters are well known around FSU for their longtime support of the Children's Literature Festival, which they have been closely involved with since 2006. In fact, this year the University is renaming the event in their honor.

"That festival literally would no longer exist if not for their efforts," says Eric Gustafson, director of Development and Alumni Relations. "They've not only supported it financially, they've thrown their passion and energy behind it as well."

The sisters both taught for more than 30 years—Janina at the Burgess Elementary School in Sturbridge and Nancy at the junior high and high school level in Southbridge—and share a passion for literature.

"Much of the motivation for supporting the festival from year to year has been working with such fine people on campus," says Nancy. "We've gotten to know so many people who are so supportive and enthusiastic about it."



This year's Swiacki Children's Literature Festival is scheduled for Thursday, November 6. The featured author is Steve Jenkins and the featured illustrator is Mark Teague.

FIND OUT MORE

Anyone interested in learning more about the 2014 Swiacki Children's Literature Festival or about how you can support the FSU sculpture project, should contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 508-626-4012.



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Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo

OCTOBER 18-21, 2014 | ATLANTA, GA

Staff from the Office of Alumni Relations will be on hand for the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo put on by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Atlanta, GA. Several alumni from FSU's Food and Nutrition Program are expected to be in attendance at this event, which is the world's largest meeting of food and nutrition experts.

Swiacki Children's Literature Festival at Framingham State

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014 | 3 P.M.

This year's Swiacki Children's Literature Festival will feature renowned author Steve Jenkins and award-winning illustrator Mark Teague. The event includes book signings, lectures and workshops on the latest developments in the craft.

For more information or to register for alumni events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

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SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Weekend in Florida

MARCH 2015

Join the Office of Alumni Relations for several fun activities in the Sunshine State. Past events have included an alumni trip to a Red Sox spring training game and marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Specific dates and additional details to be announced later this fall.

All-Alumni Reunion Weekend

JUNE 5-7, 2015

The best weekend of the year to reconnect with old friends and your alma mater! The Office of Alumni Relations is planning a jam-packed weekend full of events and activities. Join us as we toast the Golden Anniversary Class of 1965 and honor the latest group of Alumni Achievement Award Winners.



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