Speaker Challenges 2008 Graduates to Become “World Changers”

By DeWayne Lehman

In commencement ceremonies that marked the first as permanent chancellor for J. Keith Motley, the 2,737 students who received diplomas and certificates in May heard the message loud and clear that their work had only just begun.

“Ours is a world characterized by economic uncertainty and social inequities and racial disparities, and that’s bad news,” said honorary degree recipient Rev. Gloria E. White-Hammond, M.D. “But here is the good news: You are well equipped to make a difference. Armed with this degree and fully loaded with determination, you have the power to move the needle from bad to good…. You can just do it!”

White-Hammond served as the keynote speaker at UMass Boston’s 40th commencement exercises on the Campus Center lawn May 30. Co-pastor of Bethel AME Church in Boston and a pediatrician, White-Hammond was honored for her decades of global involvement shared by UMass Boston 2008 John F. Kennedy Award winner Muna Kangsen. A native of Cameroon, Kangsen urged his fellow classmates to recognize their obligation to become involved.

“Once the comfort of ignorance has been shattered by an education, all alibis to inaction on the important issues of the day evaporate,” said Kangsen. “Class of 2008, we can no longer claim ignorance. We can no longer claim we do not know. Now that we do know, it is fair to ask, ‘What are we going to do about it?’”

Chancellor Motley, celebrating the diversity of the graduates, who hailed from more than 100 countries, lauded the accomplishments of the degree recipients.

“You, the members of the Class of 2008, are living proof that we are fulfilling our mission here at the University of Massachusetts Boston,” said Chancellor Motley. “Our university was founded on the belief that we are all different than they are here.”

2008 JFK Award Winner Ready for the World Stage

By Julia Reischel

When Muna Kangsen, the class of 2008’s winner of the John F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence, walks into the university cafeteria the day before commencement, everybody seems to know his name.

“He’s like a celebrity,” says Assistant Professor of Political Science Heike Schotten, who has taught Kangsen and recommended him for the award. “I was talking with his wife, and she said that coming to campus with Muna was like going to Boston with the mayor. People say ‘Muna, Muna!'”

In the cafeteria, Kangsen’s quest to get a cup of coffee is interrupted several times by well-wishers and friends. When he finally tears himself away to sit down for an interview, he is all smiles.

“I’m humbled by winning the award,” he explains. “It’s affirmation for the work I’ve done inside and outside the school. UMass Boston has been very good to me. I feel that I am obligated to keep an open mind, to bridge camps between communities and nations. I would like to give back to this community.”

Kangsen, a native of Cameroon, was born into a family that was active in politics. His father was both a member of parliament as well as the traditional leader of a village, and from an early age Kangsen observed his style of leadership.

“I felt like it was almost my birthright to be involved [in the political scene],” he says. In 1991, Kangsen enrolled in the University of Cameroon, just as the country was engulfed in political turmoil. Before finishing school, Kangsen was sent to the United States for his own safety. He arrived at UMass Boston in 1993, attracted to the school’s reputation for diversity. But then he took time off, distracted, he says, by “the question of why I came to the States.”

“I felt like I had left Cameroon at a crucial time when I could have stayed and made a difference,” he says. “It took me a while to say, ‘OK, I’m in America, let me make the best of it.’”

Gradually, as Kangsen embraced his American identity, he looked around for ways he could make a difference from abroad. Eventually, he came to view his arrival in the U.S. as integral to his understanding of his homeland.

“I had to come here to appreciate Cameroon,” he says. “The quality of the air, the closeness of the family bonds, these things are all different than they are here.” Kangsen came back to UMass Boston in 2003, and with the help of scholarships and the support of his wife, he began his education in... (continued on page 2)
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cent of our undergraduates are first-generation college students.
Congratulations! Today you
join the ranks of over 82,000
alumni whom many accomplish-
ments reflect the quality of a Uni-
mersity of Massachusetts Boston
education."
UMass president Jack Wilson
also praised the graduations for
breaking barriers. “For many
of you, college was a dream for
you growing up, not a family
tradition. You worked hard to
get here. You worked hard to
succeed here. And succeed you
have,” said President Wilson.
“This is an incredibly vibrant,
diverse and forward-thinking
campus, and you’ve helped make
it that way.”
The morning commencement
exercises also recognized three ad-
ditional honorary degree recipients.
Ronald E. Logue, the chairman
and chief executive officer of State
Street Corporation, was honored
for his extraordinary contributions
to Boston’s business and civic life;
Sarah E. Moten, education divi-
sion chief for the Africa Bureau of
the U.S. Agency for International
Development, was recognized for
her long and distinguished inter-
national service to people in need;
and Dan Rea, the host of WZIE
Radio’s “Nightside with Dan Rea,”
was honored for his distinguished
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The Class of 2008, in Words and Pictures

By Danielle Dreilinger, Anne-Marie Kent, Will Kilburn, Geoff Kula, Joyce Morrissey, and DeWayne Lehman

Graduate College of Education
Ironnie Hyatt-Samuel’s cheering section was hard to
beat: 12 family members, all hugging and kissing her.
“My cousin came from Grand Cayman Islands to be
here. My sister-in-law came from Rochester. My sister is
from Philly, and people from Boston, Brockton, Milton,”
she said. “We’re all from Jamaica. Everybody.”

Four words to describe graduating? “Excited. Happy.
Accomplished. Complete,” she said.
A teacher leader at the Patrick O’Hearn Elementary
School in Dorchester, Hyatt-Samuel earned her master’s in
educational leadership. Her goal is to become a principal.
Her goal is to become a principal. “I hope to get my own school,” she said, before flashing
a very happy smile for a very large family photo (below).

College of Public and Community Service
You might say a traditional brick-and-mortar school
was the only option for Jim Pimental: He worked as a
bricklayer for over two decades.
“When I started coming to school here I was still in the
field,” said Pimental. He was already involved in some
activism but thinks UMass Boston helped accelerate his
path to his current position as a staff organizer for the
bricklayers union.

“The union officers saw that I took the initiative and
came to school,” he explained. Now his bachelor’s degree in
labor relations has laid the foundation of a new career.

Fatmata Jah knows from experience that it’s tough going
alone. Over the last two years, on her own initiative,
she’s sent 60 boxes of books to build libraries in Africa.
The Sierra Leone native and UMass Boston employee, who
wore a colorful head tie instead of a mortarboard, hopes
to start a nonprofit to attack the problem full-bore.

The master’s program in human services gave her
the practical know-how to succeed, she said. “A couple
of the courses I took helped me with not only how
to start a nonprofit but also how to maintain one.”
It can’t happen soon enough: She has ten more boxes of
books ready to send.

John W. McCormack Graduate
School of Policy Studies

Frank Magurn and family. (Photo by Will Kilburn)

Frank Magurn, who received his bachelor’s degree from
UMass Boston in 1998, had always wanted to come back
to the harbor campus for graduate study.

“I actually had been looking at this degree program
for several years, and just didn’t have the opportunity
to put it together,” said Magurn, who is kept busy during
the day by his work as the director of operations for the
Massachusetts National Guard.

But then, he said, his job situation changed, and with
the passage of the “Welcome Home” bill, which provides
tuition waivers for veterans, Magurn made a beeline for
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College of Liberal Arts

“...I came to the U.S. from Poland right after graduating high school,” said Martyna Minkowska. “I can still remember my first day at UMass. I looked at the landscape of downtown Boston and thought that I was all alone in this new environment. I was terrified!”

But Minkowska quickly got over those fears, graduating summa cum laude with honors and distinction in political science and distinction in ethical, social, and political philosophy, as well as receiving this year’s Robert H. Spar- ething Prize, the award given to one outstanding senior in the Honors Program.

“I do not want to leave the place and people I truly loved!” she said. “I also know that the past four years equipped me with the tools which will enable me to continue my educational journey somewhere else.”

With seven brothers and sisters—all of whom attended commencement—Lois Luberice is not the first in her family to earn a college degree. But she’s likely the first to attribute her good grades to her commute.

“It’s nice on the train,” said Luberice. “It takes about an hour to get here, so I could get my studying done. I think that’s why I could graduate with a 3.5 grade point average.”

Luberice this spring completed her bachelor’s degree in biology with a minor in chemistry, but she’s far from finishing her studies. In July she plans to return to Aus-

tralia, where she studied for a semester abroad, to work finishing her studies. In July she plans to return to Aus-

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College of Science and Mathematics

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JFK Award Winner (cont. from page 1)

social change. He chose to major in political science and to study English and writing, a combi-

nation that he says strikes many as odd, but that he views as crucial to his mission.

“One of the methods I want to use to effect social change, writing would be it,” he says.

Kangsen gained his high profile at UMass Boston not only through his work as the president of the African Students Union and as a member of the Undergraduate Student Senate, but also through the thoughtful way he combines intellectual inquiry with passion for the causes he champions.

“Not only did I learn about theory,” he says, “but the campus also gave me a platform to exercise what I learned in class. I literally left class and went to panel discussions or to meetings that grappled with the social issues we had learned about.”

Struck by how images of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina reminded him of villages in his native Cameroon, Kangsen led two trips of UMass Boston stu-

dents to New Orleans to aid in the cleanup effort. Kangsen says that this year’s trip, on which students took a 30-hour bus ride to New Orleans, was “like the Freedom Ride.” Sociology professor Estelle Disch, who taught Kangsen in her class on gender, was there, and was struck by Kangsen’s calm authority throughout the trip.

“At one point,” she remembers, “someone just wrote ‘We love Muna’ in the dirt on the bus.”

“To me,” Disch continues, “this award is the combination of a fabulously serious scholar who’s dedicating his mind and heart to improving the world. And that’s what Muna is. I think his purpose is to help people be aware of the crises of the world’s peoples. To try and help people realize that they can make a difference. That’s what JFK was about.”

Kangsen’s other extracurricular projects at UMass Boston included spearheading the effort to rescind Zimbabwean presi-
dent Robert Mugabe’s honorary degree and leading the successful campaign for the UMass system’s divestment from the Somali Bantu community in Chelsea, where he lives and has recently helped establish a community center.

“I cannot sit idle when I know that people in Africa are being decimated by HIV/AIDS, or people in New Orleans are living in trailers from FEMA,” he says. “I’m always doing something.” Summer 2008 The University Reporter 3
Conference Looks at Ways to Close the Wage Gap

By Lissa Harris

It was 9:30 in the morning, and already over 90 degrees outside on a scorching June day. But like the hundreds of other women in the room, former lieutenant governor Evelyn Murphy was undeterred by the heat. Gathered for “Mind the Gap,” a conference on gender inequality in the workplace, they were on a mission: to close the wage gap between men and women.

On average, Murphy said, women make about 77 cents for every dollar men make doing the same work. It’s a sobering figure, but she had some more dramatic numbers up her rhetorical sleeve. For instance, she said, the average male high school graduate makes $700,000 more over a lifetime than his average female counterpart. If they both graduated college, the man will make $1.2 million more. And if they both have advanced degrees, the inequality soars to $2 million.

“So if I say the gender wage gap is 23 cents, you say, ‘I want my million dollars,’” she exhorted the audience. Prompted, a conference room packed full of women roared with gasto, “I WANT MY MILLION DOLLARS!”

The conference, sponsored by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, offered a high-profile cast of public intellectuals, activists, and lawmakers.

Among the speakers was Lilly Ledbetter, a factory manager from Gadsden, Alabama, whose long legal battle against Goodyear has become a cause célèbre for advocates of equal pay. For almost 20 years, Ledbetter said, Goodyear paid her far less than her male fellow managers, but because the company forbade employees from discussing their salaries, she wasn’t aware of the difference until a colleague slipped her an anonymous note.

When Ledbetter discovered she was being paid less, she sued, and a lower court awarded her $3 million. But the Supreme Court didn’t see it that way, ruling 5-4 that because she had not brought her lawsuit within six months of getting her first discriminatory paycheck, the statute of limitations had expired and Goodyear did not have to compensate her. The decision prompted a stinging dissent from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and galvanized equal-pay advocates to action. If the law didn’t allow for justice in cases like Ledbetter’s, they reasoned, we need new laws. Sympathetic legislators drafted the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was recently blocked by advancing in the Senate.

The Ledbetter Act wasn’t the only piece of legislation on the conference agenda. Several legislators were on hand to discuss bills they hoped to pass. Senate President Patricia Jehlen was there to present the Paid Sick Days Act, which would guarantee up to seven paid sick days for all Massachusetts workers. State Senator Harriette Chandler and Representative Alice Wolf discussed Senate No. 2386/ House No. 2826, a bill that calls for a close look at pay in the public sector. And Congresswoman Rosa Delauro (D-Conn.) sent a video in which she discussed the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill she introduced last year with Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY).

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In recent years, the erosion of workplace benefits and the widening vertical gap has hurt women and families disproportionately, said Rocio Sáenz, president of SEIU Local 615. Sáenz told a story of an SEU member, a single mother of three who was working two jobs in two states to support her family when her son was shot in the street.

“Is this exactly what she was trying to change—a way to have one job that can provide what she needs, and not live in fear that somebody else is raising her kids, or the street is raising her kids,” she said. “We’re going to hold our politicians accountable to the issues that matter to our community.”

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Athletics Department Celebrates Leaders

By Danielle Dreilinger

The Athletics Department put its best dress shoe forward May 15 at a dinner to give out the first annual UMBys—an award so new they couldn’t agree on how to pronounce it.

Sure, UMass Boston Division III athletics has neither the prestige nor the scholarships of, say, Boston College. But that means the student-athletes deserve all the more respect, said NCAA fac tory historian Jack Looney: “They work harder because they’re less coddled.”

Still, recent years have seen a resurgence in the importance of sports at the university. Chancellor J. Keith Motley is a col lege athlete himself, and said at the awards that the experience is what “made me become any leader that I am today.” (In fact, he benefited from the example of none other than now Vice Chan cellor for Athletics, Recreation, Special Programs and Projects Charlie Titus.)

He credited the progress the athletes had made. “You are a part of building a legacy that is going to go on beyond you,” Motley said. “We have people that care about this program in ways that are going to make a tremendous difference in the future.”

Titus shared some of the teams’ accomplishments. Among them: the men’s hockey team “had a great turnaround”; a women’s hockey player was named rookie of the year; indoor track returned to competition for the first time in seven years; and though the men’s basketball team had “a very tough year,” he saw promise going forward.

In fact, he hoped all teams could improve to the point where the university might win the Commissioner’s Cup, which recognizes a school athletics program that’s strong across the board. Success also brings a secure place at the university budget table, he added.

Defying the “dumb jock” stereotype, the athletes’ aver age GPA was the same as other students (2.8), with Titus chal lenging them to get it to 3.0 or higher. Academic awards went to the women’s softball team, the men’s soccer team, and stu dent-athletes Ryan Donovan and Emily Johnson.

The university’s current slate of athletes earned more than just an “A for effort,” though. Both winners of the athletic director’s awards changed the records board at the university. Head coach Terry Condlin called volleyball player Denise Hill “the ultimate team player at UMass Boston” and “a pleasure to coach.” A native of Puerto Rico, Hill is the year went to men’s ice hockey player Rose Devlin, said than “the greatest pitcher in UMass Boston’s his tory,” striking out an average of 8.6 batters in 9 innings.

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GoKids Boston Recognized by Surgeon General

By Kaushik Prakash

Acting U.S. Surgeon General Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson has awarded UMass Boston a Champion Award for GoKids Boston’s work in helping to prevent childhood obesity. Dr. Galson toured GoKids Boston on July 13, and also conducted a roundtable discussion with area health officials as part of his national “Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future” program.

GoKids Boston is a state-of-the-art research, educational, and community outreach organization for youth fitness. Its research and promotional activities focus on physical fitness, healthy eating, conditioning, and self-esteem in children and youths across diverse racial and ethnic undererved populations.

“We at UMass Boston are thrilled that GoKids Boston has received such prominent recognition,” said Chancellor Motley. “GoKids is more than a research and training center that helps fight obesity, asthma, and diabetes. It is an informed and loving enterprise that helps create jobs in one of the state and local area. Offering advisory services, and information products and services helps create jobs in one of the state and local area. Offering advisory services, and information products and services helps create jobs in one of the state and local area.

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Student Researchers Show Their Work, Network at Amherst

By Christine A. DePalma

Twenty-seven UMass Boston undergraduate students, representing a variety of academic disciplines and colleges, presented the results of their original work in oral and poster presentations during the 14th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, held at UMass Amherst on May 2. Each year, the University Honors Program coordinates UMass Boston’s delegation to the conference, which is sponsored by the Massachusetts Public System of Higher Education and the Commonwealth College at UMass Amherst. This year, more than 400 students from twenty-eight public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts participated.

The conference is an opportunity for students to learn to present academic work and experiences in a formal setting and to receive feedback from scholars in their fields. It also serves as an occasion for students to learn about the work of fellow students and to make connections across disciplines. This year’s conference featured two keynote speakers, Raymond Bradley, a UMass Amherst professor who spoke to conference-goers about climate change, and Amilcar Shabazz, a history professor who spoke about the work of fellow students with the dream team,” referring to the chemistry-focused student research project, “Surface Analysis of Carbon Studied for Hydrogen Storage,” Catharine Sauer noted, “I work with the dream team,” referring to Professor Michelle Foster and Professor Deyang Qu, both of the Chemistry Department. Sauer will continue working with this team as a graduate student in the Chemistry Department this fall. Charlene Nastwold, a psychology major, showcased her research, “I need for my future work,” said Sauer.

The “Effect of Tilt on the Visual Salience of Faces in 5-Month-Old Infants,” at a poster session. Throughout the day, many students reflected upon their experiences as undergraduate student researchers. “Research experience at UMass Boston has helped me to learn more than I would ever learn from just a lecture…It has provided me with the experience I need for my future work,” said Anastasia Sobolyeva, a chemistry major, who presented her research at an afternoon poster session.

Student research is not entirely science-focused: Patrick Brand, a Spanish major, who will pursue graduate studies at Ohio State University this fall, presented his work, “Division of Labor in the Resolution of Spanish Anaphora,” as part of a panel presentation, and Kathryn Danckert, a history major, presented her thesis research, “Vindicating the Wretched: The Theories of Mary Wollstonecraft and Frantz Fanon in Comparative Perspective.”

“This opportunity to present their research—whether in the sciences or the humanities—trains students to distill their findings to a concise, ten-minute presentation. This is not an easy task, because they are learning how to extract the essence of their yearlong exploration into a few salient points,” said Rajini Srikanth, professor of English and director of the University Honors Program. “Furthermore, presenting at the conference teaches them how to craft a compelling narrative about their very specialized study and deliver the key points to both specialized and non-specialized audiences. I am always impressed at how articulate and confident our students are.”

Part of UMass Boston’s delegation to the Undergraduate Research Conference at UMass Amherst.

To learn more about the conference, go to rehap曼城� collateral.

TUFF Program Builds Fitness of Youth with Intellectual Disabilities

By Heidi Stanish and Kaushik Prakash

Despite the well-documented physical health issues faced by youth with intellectual disabilities (ID), many—particularly adolescents—don’t get enough physical exercise, leading to an overall lower level of physical fitness and a greater risk of obesity, diabetes, and heart problems. To address this, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has created the Team UP for Fitness (TUFF) program, which provides youth with ID an opportunity to gain the skills and experience required to lead active, healthy lives.

The program launched at the West Suburban YMCA and the Greater Waltham YMCA this past January with help from a $75,000 grant from the Medical Foundation (Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Fund). TUFF’s four-month exercise program involves a partnership among adolescents with ID and their peers without disabilities who exercise together two days per week for one-hour sessions. Participants and their partners receive supervision and individual exercise plans developed by fitness trainers. Typically, exercise sessions consist of 20 minutes of aerobic activity, 20 minutes of weight training, and 20 minutes of stretching and core-strengthening activities.

“Team UP for Fitness is an extension of UMass Boston’s commitment to the physical health and well-being of our neighbors—especially to those who have fewer opportunities for physical activity,” said Chancellor Keith Motley. “Through this program, faculty and students from our College of Nursing and Health Sciences are saying that exercise and good health is for everyone.”

Twenty-one adolescents with ID and 14 exercise partners are currently enrolled in TUFF. Participants with ID have varying diagnoses, including Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, William’s syndrome, and severe learning disabilities. Exercise partners are high school students from Newton, Waltham, and surrounding communities. All participants and partners receive a YMCA membership.

“Team UP for Fitness is one example of how the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at UMass Boston is reaching out to promote physical activity and health in underserved populations. This research aims to address the health disparities that exist for youth with intellectual disabilities and the effort is directly in line with the mission of our college,” said CNHS dean Greer Glazer. “We feel strongly that physical activity is important for people of all abilities.”

The research study will examine and compare differences between participants with ID and their partners before and after TUFF on all outcome variables, including physical activity, sedentary behavior, health-related fitness, and physical activity correlates (perceived barriers, enjoyment, and preferences). In addition to the health benefits for the participants with ID, the exercise partners are also gaining valuable experience through their interactions with their peers with ID.

The parents of the youth with ID are also pleased with the results of the pilot program. One reported that, in the past, she found it very difficult to get her 19-year-old daughter to exercise, but “she loves coming to TUFF, it’s unbelievable.”
On May 13, 2008, the University of Massachusetts Foundation (UCF) presented the “2007 UMass Distinguished Faculty Awards,” recognizing outstanding faculty members. The event was held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and featured a keynote address by the University’s Chancellor. The awardees were honored for their contributions to the university community and their impact on students and colleagues.

On June 5, 2008, the University of Massachusetts Amherst hosted its annual Framingham Symposium on Aging. The symposium, which is held annually, focuses on the latest research and developments in aging and related fields. The event attracted a large audience of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers interested in the issues of aging.

On June 12, 2008, the University of Massachusetts Amherst hosted its annual Conferences on the Future of款式. The event featured a keynote address by the University’s president and a panel discussion on the future of款式. The event attracted a large audience of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers interested in the issues of款式.

On June 18, 2008, the University of Massachusetts Amherst hosted its annual Conference on the Future of款式. The event featured a keynote address by the University’s president and a panel discussion on the future of款式. The event attracted a large audience of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers interested in the issues of款式.

On June 22, 2008, the University of Massachusetts Amherst hosted its annual Conference on the Future of款式. The event featured a keynote address by the University’s president and a panel discussion on the future of款式. The event attracted a large audience of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers interested in the issues of款式.
JULY

Island Adventure
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. This two-hour adventure begins with a narrated cruise through Boston Harbor. Disembark on one of the harbor islands for one hour and explore it. For reservations and for more information, call Sachin Gupta at 7-5404.

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All Summer
Free Sailing Program
Noon – 7 p.m. on Sunday through Saturday, Fox Point Dock. This annual program offers free instruction and equipment use to all staff, faculty, and students. Contact Jason LeBlanc at 7-7733 for more information.

Monday 14
Summer Session 2 begins.

Monday 21
Harbor Cruise
Noon – 11:55 p.m., MV Columbia Point. Mondays through September 29. This 75-minute adventure begins with a narrated cruise through the Boston Harbor Islands. Cruise will depart from Fox Point Dock (located between Wheelar and McCormick Halls). For reservations and for more information, call Sachin Gupta at 7-5404.

Self-defense for Women
5 – 8 p.m. Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) for women. Also offered July 23, 28, and 30. Sponsored by University Health Services and UMass Boston Public Safety. For class locations and to register, call 7-7781.

Thursday 24
The Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy's Women, Wages and Work Policy Conference was previewed in the Full River Herald News on May 30 and in the Boston Herald on June 9.

The Urban Scholars Program was the topic of a June 6 Boston Herald feature.

A UMass Boston and Boston Foundation panel discussion on the Boston Indicators report was cited in a June 9 Boston Globe op-ed piece.

Assistant Professor of History Vincent Cannato was quoted in a June 9 Free Internet Press piece on the legacy of President Bush.

Anthropology Department lecturer Dr. Amy Moore was quoted in a June 8 Boston Globe feature, about his band, Noddaku.

The passing of legislation which creates a Native American Institute at UMass Boston was covered in the June 12 Cape Cod Times.

Biologist professor Kamaljit Bawa was quoted in Science Careers in a story that focuses on ecological systems and the global changes and human activities that cause them.

A video posted by the Center for Coastal Environmental Sensing Network’s Michael Pollard of an underwater EEOs demonstration to children on Bring Your Child To Work Day was prominently posted on Boston.com in early May.

McCormack School Dean Steve Crosby was quoted in a June 14 Boston Globe story about a cross-country tour made by Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick to promote the state.

Economics Department chair Janice Kapler was quoted in a June 11 Patriot Ledger story about the impact of rising fuel prices on residents of the South Shore.