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 inequalities 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.

“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 commitment to become involved.”

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. “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...
principles of academic excellence and opportunity. Fifty-three percent of our undergraduates are first-generation college students. Congratulations! Today you join the ranks of over 82,000 alumni whose many accomplishments reflect the quality of a University of Massachusetts Boston education.

UMass president Jack Wilson also praised the graduates 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 that way.”

The morning commencement exercises also recognized three additional 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 division chief for the Africa Bureau of the U.S. Agency for International Development, was recognized for her long and distinguished international service to people in need. And Dan Rea, the host of WZBS Radio’s “Nightside with Dan Rea,” was honored for his distinguished career in Boston journalism.

Rounding out the day’s honorees were the recipients of the Chancellor’s Awards. Chancellor Morley presented Professor Robert Crossley with the Chancellor’s Award for Distinguished Service for his transformative work in the English Department during his more than 36-year career at UMass Boston. Professor Lois Rudnick and Professor Brian White received the Chancellor’s Award for Distinguished Teaching. Professor Rudnick was recognized for her work over more than 20 years in both the American Studies Department and the English Department, and Professor White for his work in the Biology Department. Chancellor Morley also presented awards for Distinguished Scholarship to Professor Gary Spierstein for his work in education over a 32-year career at UMass Boston, and to Professor Robert Shope for his influential scholarship in philosophy since beginning teaching in 1970.

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.”


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. “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 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 Columbia Point and the McCormack-School’s MS in Public Affairs program.

“I jumped on it,” said Magurn, winner of the McCormack School’s MSPA Public Service Award. “I almost had to come, because it really is like a godsend.”

You might think that three college degrees would be enough for Eunice Akoth Vasser, but she’s a long way from being done with school.

“I’m actually thinking of pursuing a PhD with it,” said Vasser, recipient of the McCormack School’s Outstanding Case Study Award. “I feel uplifted, I feel relieved. I don’t know how to describe it any more. It’s been a tough two years of balancing family and work—full-time job, full-time family, and full-time school is not an easy thing, you know.”

College of Management

Xiang Zou was beaming as he stood in line with hundreds of other CM grads to receive his master’s degree in accounting. The native of China, who works at Ernst & Young in October, said his time at UMB “was a totally different experience” when compared to his undergraduates at home.

“I enjoyed the diversified culture,” he said, noting that time spent working as a peer advisor at orientation for incoming students widened his worldview. “I’m one of the lucky ones.”

Arian Yusuf’s journey from her native Afghanistan to UMass Boston, where she received a BS in accounting, was long and winding, but worth it, she said.

A former refugee who attended high school in India but then had to leave that country when her family was refused visas, Yusuf and her family eventually settled in Boston. Originally, she and her sister took classes at Bunker Hill Community College, but once her sister transferred to UMass Boston, she immediately told Arian to follow her. And it couldn’t have happened better.

“Coming here gave me a broader perspective and changed my thinking,” she said. “The school is very diverse, and that gave me a more international perspective. Before, it was just me and my country; after coming here and being exposed to so many different cultures, I’ve begun to think more globally.”

Fatmata Jah

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Fatmata Jah, originally from Sierra Leone, is among the many students working on their degrees at UMass Boston. (Photo by Charlie Titus)
College of Liberal Arts

“I’m both excited to be graduating from UMass Boston and said to be leaving,” said Ian Tarter, known as “Poster Boy” for his appearance in an advertisement for UMass Boston. Tarter came to UMass Boston not to model, but to study; he graduated summa cum laude with honors in his English major, and is this year’s recipient of the English Department’s James Fay Prize, given to the best capstone essay in English or Anglophone literature.

“But Minkowska quickly got over those fears, graduating summa sum 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 con-tinue my educational journey somewhere else.”

A 2008 grad with two potential members of the class of 2020-something. (Photo by Harry Brett)

College of Science and Mathematics

Scott Zanelli saw the writing on the wall. There was little future in the desktop publishing industry.

“The last three companies I worked for are out of business,” said Zanelli, who received a bachelor’s degree in computer science. When he began considering a career change and looking at area colleges, he selected UMass Bos-ton not only because it was close to his Quincy home, but also because of its superior computer science program.

“It had the most software-intense program I found,” said Zanelli. “And it’s been a good experience. I would recommend it to anybody.”

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 in a research lab for a year before returning to the Boston area for graduate school.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Megan Suyematsu, recipient of the Exercise and Health Sciences Dean’s Award, has served as a research assistant for faculty members in the Exercise and Health Sciences Department and participated in recruitment events for fu-ture students. She served as senior class officer and helped organize the CNHS Spring Convocation.

“I am so proud to have been associated with these amazing students and talented professors,” she said. “If there is no passion in your life, then have you really lived? Find your passion, whatever it may be. Become it and let it be.”

JFK Award Winner (cont. from page 1)

“Not only did I learn about theory,” he says, “but the cam-pus 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.”

“I laughed to myself. UMass Boston provided an eye-opening experience. Diversity among this group spans a far greater distance than just our racial and ethnic differences.”

Simply put, Mr. Muna Kangsen is a hybrid of the best of Cameron and the United States, and I believe that his epistemic modesty places him in a position to make a shift in the frontiers of his field in the near future,” says Associate Professor of Philosophy Ajume Wingo, who wrote one of Kangsen’s recommendations. “He is a bearer of intellectual good news to those with the ears to listen.”

Now that he has graduated, Kangsen plans to go to law school, and says he would like to work at the United Nations, possibly at the International Criminal Court, where he would continue to advogate for Africa and Africans.

As always, he has other proj-ects as well. This summer, while studying for the LSAT, he’ll be working with Ethiopian jazz leg-end Mulatu Astatke to launch a music magazine called Ethio-Jazz, and will continue working with the Somali Bantu community in Chelsea, where he lives and has recently helped establish a commu-nity center.

“For the most part, I know that people in Africa are be-ing decimated by HIV/AIDS, or people in New Orleans are living in trailers from FEMA,” he says. “I’m always doing something.”
Conference Looks at Ways to Close the Wage Gap

By Lisa 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 would make $1.2 million more. And if they both had 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 gusto, “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.

Defying the “dumb jock” stereotype, the athletes’ average GPA was the same as other students’ (2.8), with Titus challenging 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 a “B for effort,” though. Both winners of the athletic director’s awards changed the records board at the university. Head coach Terry Condron 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 university’s career leader in games played at 377. Right-hander Nick Conway, meanwhile, is nothing less, baseball head coach Brendan Eygabroat said, than “the greatest pitcher in UMass Boston’s history,” striking out an average of 8.6 batters in 9 innings.

Before further honors, the ceremony paused to let the hungry athletes carbo-load on pasta. Upon reconvening, athletics brass recognized all-conference and all-region athletes as well as various people the division recognized over the course of the year, and each team recognized its MVPs. The awards for the most spectacular performances of the year went to men’s ice hockey over Babson, women’s softball over Keene State, Ryan Donovan vs. Middlebury College, and Kate White vs. Rhode Island College.

The final UMBys, the Puerto Rican club, took home the Overall Spirit Award. 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,” Morley 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.

The conference was widening the discussion of equal pay to include not just the “horizontal” pay gap between men and women, but the “vertical” gap between highly paid professionals and low-wage workers with few or no benefits.

In recent years, the erosion of workplace benefits and the widening vertical gap has hurt women and families disproportionately, said Rocío 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.

“This is 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.”

On hand as keynote speaker was philanthropist Teresa Heinz Kerry, who noted that progress was being made, however slowly. In 1996, she said, she alerted Sena- tor Carol Moseley Braun (D-III) to an old statute that forbade people who didn’t work outside the home (mostly women) from contributing more than $250 a year to an IRA. Within six weeks, she said, Braun had gone back to the Senate Finance Committee and gotten the law changed.

“We need to demand that outdated and discriminatory laws are taken off the books once and for all,” she said. “We have to remember that a lot of them weren’t put there out of malice or premeditation. They reflected the reality of the times. But reality has changed.”

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 Commissioner’s Cup, which recognizes a school athletics program that’s strong across the

MILLION DOLLARS!”
Small-Business Lenders Gather to Strategize, Pool Resources

By Geoffrey Kula

Despite uncertain economic conditions, entrepreneurial UMass Boston students and others looking to start or grow their own businesses have plenty of capital available to them, according to the panel at UMass Boston’s 2008 Annual Lender Roundtable, “Turbulent Times in Financial Services – Thoughts on Risk, Return and Lending Strategies,” held June 10 at the Campus Center.

The assembly featured presentations from representatives of the federal Small Business Administration (SBA), the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center (MSBDC), Sovereign Bank, the Massachusetts Community Development Finance Corporation (CDFC), Pathway Advisors and UMass Boston’s Accounting and Finance Department, and was followed by a question-and-answer session. Also present were members of the Massachusetts Community Banking Council and the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Center.

The consensus among those gathered was that although lending standards have tightened, the cost of borrowing capital is lower due to a drop in interest rates. Subsequently, businesses with lower credit ratings and strong collateral are well-positioned to take advantage of current market conditions—better-positioned, in some cases, than they realize, making it imperative for lenders to make more of an effort to reach out.

Why is UMass Boston putting itself at the center of this effort? College of Management dean Phil Allio answered that question by pointing out a crucial component of UMass Boston’s mission: “We’re looking for our graduates to grow the local economy... and we make sure they’re ready and willing to do that.”

Picking up that torch, Mark Al- lio, director of the Massachusetts SBDC, noted that last year his 28-year-old agency helped create 1,000 jobs in the state and generated client sales revenue of $123 million through its support of entre- preneurs and business owners. Allio added that the agency, which offers training programs, business advisory services, and information on government contracting and international trade, returns $2.52 for every tax dollar invested.

One of the top SBDCs in the country, Al- lio’s branch is unique because it serves both traditional SBDC clients—early-stage, high-growth, and mature businesses—while also focusing on minorities, women, and urban entrepreneurs. It’s a clientele which mirrors the UMass Boston student body: 45% are from Greater Boston, 60% are women, and 35-40% are minori- ties, according to Quaglieri.

Allio noted that a “funding gap” makes it difficult for entrepreneurs to obtain loans between $50,000 and $250,000, and that without access to this type of capital, re- source-constrained businesses are unable to expand without incurring negative cash flow. While special programs from the SBA, the Massachusetts Capital Program, Massachusetts Banking Partners, and the Massachusetts Community Banking Council are available to assist small-business owners, Al- lio cited the necessity for banks to have a multidimensional view of lending, suggesting they reevaluate the return on investment (ROI) of any given loan, and balance cash cows with “sprouts” and losses with “honey runs” to foster a vari- ety of types of entrepreneurs.

Following Allio at the podium was Accounting and Finance Department chair Arindam Bandopadhyaya, who offered an overview of the nation’s economy, calling it “unambiguously ugly” in light of high oil prices, rising un- employment, and falling consumer confidence. However, he said, the bright spot was that so far inflation had been relatively under control.

Bandopadhyaya noted that the Massachusetts economy is similar to the national economy, with a financial sector which is perform- ing somewhat below the national average. However, he said, first- quarter performance of the state’s economy was relatively better than that of the national average, making him optimistic. “This crisis is of the kind we’ve seen in the past,” he said. “The American economy and financial services industry is resilient. We are going to come out of it intact.”

James Hanlon, Vice President of SBA at Sovereign Bank, noted that borrowers are “sitting on the sidelines waiting to see what hap- pens” with the economy, but that banks are eager to lend: “Banks are busy in good times and bad, but right now we’re in the dead center,” he said. “Focusing off the spigot to lending is a self-fulfilling prophecy.”

To help avoid such a scenario, he suggested banks focus on rela- tionships with customers as op- posed to transactions, since there is money to be made in the long run with the former approach (“Get them early and they’ll love you forever.”) Hanlon also sug- gested customizing financial and cash-management solutions by us- ing creative financial tools such as the SBA, bonds, tax credits, swap agreements, capitalization funds, export funds, and other credit- enhancement loan programs to shore up credit weaknesses, make up the gap in collateral shortfalls, or to take the stigma out of deal- ing with undesirable industries.

The benefits of doing so are numerous, Hanlon said. It cre- ates cross-selling opportunities with products such as mortgages and car loans; it provides market differ- entiation; it makes banks eli- gible for Community Reinvestment Act credits; and it lowers risk-based capital since the SBA guarantees 75-70% of the loan.

Citing increased borrowing costs when conditions improve and interest rates rise and the “stampede” for loans that will follow, Hanlon stressed today’s loans are long-term business op- portunities for banks and that to win the business that’s out there, bankers need to add value to every transaction. “Those with equity are taking advantage of these conditions,” he said, “and doing things programs the SBA and services at a competitive price.”

Andreas Lopez, president of the Massachusetts CDFC, followed with more information for those seeking small-business loans. Her agency backs riskier loans than regular banks and evaluates the total of a deal when making a loan, including how it will impact the state and local area. Offering short-term financing for small businesses’ transitional periods – one to five years – the CDFC helps create jobs in one of the state’s 227 “distressed” areas by providing working capital loans, lines of credit, term loans, equip- ment loans, surety bonds, and short-term mortgage loans to small businesses for which private capital is not available. Last year its average loan was $375,000, up from $22,000 in 2005.

The SBA’s Robert Nelson and Anne Rice Hunt next provided an outlay of products and services which help banks book loans and shoulder risk in a joint presenta- tion focused on keeping small businesses and the Massachusetts economy up and running. First and foremost among these was the guarantee of up to 90% of certain loans that banks can of- fer to entrepreneurs through a variety of SBA programs. “When the economy slows, turn to the SBA to secure your loans,” Nel- son said. Similarly, Hunt stressed: “Because of an SBA guarantee, you can be more patient with your small-business borrower” if they are having difficulty repay- ing a loan.

Pleased with the breadth and depth of the topics covered, Bandopadhyaya said he plans a follow-up to promote continu- ous dialogue, speculating that the state of the economy might be an appropriate topic in the present economic climate.

“One conference fosters anoth- er,” he said, noting that a revisit to the school’s 2007 angels inves- tor conference is already slated for October, and he is ready to explore what has changed in the meantime. “What have the trends been since last year? Was the foresight of participants correct? What lessons have been learned from that? There needs to be continuous debate,” he said.

Following the roundtable, SBDC director Allio stressed that his center’s on-campus location offers value to UMass Boston’s students by providing a practical, real-world complement to the work of the professors.

“It also extends Chancellor Motley’s vision to add value and create a positive impact on the community,” he said. “We need to make everyone aware of this hidden gem on campus for those who need capital and need to raise money.”

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 1, 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 training, and community outreach program 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 underserved populations.

“We at UMass Boston are thrilled that GoKids Boston has received such prominent recogni- tion,” 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 with an affirming charge to all the future adults it serves. This is a center that says, ‘Go, Kids!’”

The surgeon general’s “Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future” ini- tiative focuses on recognizing and showcasing communities through- out the nation that are address- ing childhood obesity issues and encouraging prevention by help- ing kids stay active, encouraging healthy eating habits, and promot- ing healthy choices. Today, 12.5 million children are overweight in the United States—more than 17 percent. Overweight children are at greater risk for many serious health problems.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to visit communi- ties across the country and meet firsthand with those actively en- gaged in finding ways to prevent childhood obesity,” said Galson. “UMass Boston’s commitment to addressing this issue is clear, and I commend Chancellor Motley and his faculty and staff for their work.”

Acting U.S. Surgeon General Steven K. Galson with GoKids Director Kyle McInnis and Chancellor Keith Motley. (Photo by Harry Brett)
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 professor of Afro-American Studies, also from UMass Amherst.

Research topics explored by UMass Boston students this year included the impact of a student magazine on a commuter campus, anxiety in children with autism spectrum disorder, citizenship and race in America, a GIS-based system for Winthrop’s first responders and decision makers during a flood evacuation, and an atomic force microscopy investigation of amyloid fibrillogenesis.

Davis Watson, a senior, presented his work, “Structural Function Studies of Three Metal Ion Assisted Catalysis,” as part of a biochemistry panel. Watson presented alongside a civil engineering student from UMass Amherst. When asked about the faculty members whom she collaborated with on her 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, who will continue working with this team as a graduate student in the Chemistry Department this fall.

The “Effect of Tilt on the Visual Salience of Faces in 5-Month-Old Infants,” as 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 Rajnii Srithanth, 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.” To learn more about the conference, go to webapp.comcol.mass.edu/mec/about.aspx.

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—young, 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 students to deliver the key points to both specialized and non-specialized audiences. I am always impressed at how articulate and confident our students are.”

Both the teens with intellectual disabilities and their workout partners benefit from taking part in TUFF. (Photos by Heidi Stanish)
Gerontology professor Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen held a briefing for a group of Hawaii state legislators on older-worker and long-term-care issues on June 24 in Honolulu; presented a paper, titled “Re-envisioning the Social Insurance for the 21st Century: A Critique of Medicare,” and discussed papers at a workshop on population aging and health at the University of Hawaii’s East-West Center in Honolulu; and attended and discussed papers at the Western Economic Association International conference in Honolulu on June 29 through July 1; and presented a paper titled “A New Funding Model for Funding Long-term Care” at the International Autism Association meeting in Paris on June 25. Chen will also be attending and chairing a session on “Pensions in the Developing Countries” (session co-chaired with World Bank economist Haile Tigabou) on June 11 in Paris. Chen will also be attending and chairing a session on “Pensions in the Developing Countries” (session co-chaired with World Bank economist Haile Tigabou) on June 11 in Paris. 

Amy Gelb of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented on a panel at a Boston University conference on April 14 at the Hyatt on the Charles. The two-day conference was called “Working as Peers: The Peers and Perils of Shared Responsibility for Mental Health Program.” She spoke about the Peer Connection at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the World Demographic Association) at the 2008 World Ageing and Generations Congress, to be held August 28 through 30 in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

On May 13, David Hoff of the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) presented “The Role of Career Centers in Meeting the Needs of Job Seekers with Disabilities” to an audience of 60 professionals from the workplace who was called “Working as Peers: The Peers and Perils of Shared Responsibility for Mental Health Program.” She spoke about the Peer Connection at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the World Demographic Association) at the 2008 World Ageing and Generations Congress, to be held August 28 through 30 in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

On June 10, Elena Varney and David Hoff of the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) attended the 7th Annual Human Rights Conference, sponsored by the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) and held at Wayne State University. 

On June 23, Donna Haig Friedman and Jennifer Shear of the Center for Social Policy presented findings from the “Bringing the Gaps” project to the Massachusetts Governor’sCommission on Asset Development. 

On June 12 and 13, Amanda Mallona and Donna Haig Friedman of the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) presented preliminary findings of their research commissioned by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education focused on Distance Learning in Adult Basic Education. 

François Carrié, research director at the Center for Social Policy, was a Gould-American Foundation for the Paris School of Economics fellow for the 2008-2009 academic year, along with Chris Tilly of UMass Lowell, presented research at the Paris School of Economics Seminar “Work and Public Policy” on May 23. Their presentation was titled “Beyond Wal-Mart: U.S. Retail Jobs in Comparative Perspective.”

African Studies professor Julius Winch was the keynote speaker at the Reading Public Schools’ “Encounters and Exchanges in U.S.-Africa” annual conference held April 18, spoke at Pembroke High School’s Professional Development Day on May 1, and presented a paper, titled “Borderlands of Empire, Borderlands of Race,” at the Conference on War, Empire and Slavery, 1780-1820, sponsored by the Centre for Nineteenth-Century Studies at the University of York in the United Kingdom.

Luis Alonso-Ovall, assistant professor of Hispanic Studies, presented two papers at the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, held at the University of California Los Angeles: “Minimal Domain Widening” and “Exceptional Scope Across Islands” (poster presentations). He also attended and participated with Paula Menendez-Benito, visiting assistant professor at the Linguistics Department, UMass Amherst, fund- ed by a Joseph P. Healey grant.

Psychology professor Edward Tronick gave the plenary address, “The Treatment of Parental Interactions: An Intervention in Maternal and Infant Mental Health of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on June 3.

College of Public and Community Health, the workshops will be giving two presentations, titled “I am Safe to Drive: The Ph ysician and Occupational Therapist Roles in Assessment and Support,” and “On the Road to Dementia-Friendly Transportation,” at the Alzheimer’s Association Dementia Care Conference, to be held August 22 through 27 in Garden Grove, California.

Computer science professor Dan Si mons gave a talk, titled “Evolutionary Algorithms in Data Mining,” at the Summer Doctoral School, organized by Microsoft, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Li- suan, Iasi, held June 9 through 13 in Iasi, Romania.

Senior Lecturer in English Rebecca Saunders presented a paper at the New England Conference on Workshop, titled “Newspaper Theater” and “Sick To It,” at the Pappel Gunpowder Festival, held June 15 through 17. She was honored during the annual conference of College of Art and Design. Saun- ders also presented a paper, titled “Refreshing and Invigorating the Teaching English Ways to Students’ Intelligences While Spark- ing the Inner Life of the Teacher Through Puppets Arts,” and gave an informal paper presentation at PuppetFest 2008, held in July at the University of Maryland, Col- lege Park.

In July, Professor of Education and Program Director of Asian Ameri- can Studies Peter Xiang will give an invited lecture, “From Exclusion to Minority: A Brief History of Chinese Americans,” for a sum- mer teacher institute sponsored by the U.S.-China Institute at Bryant University. He also will be participating in a panel list for a “Race and Achievement” held by the Boston Teacher Residency Program.

Christian Wellar, an associate pro- fessor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, gave three presentations in May and June: “Pension Innovation in the Public Sector” on the panel “Is Public Sec- tor Labor Relations Still an Engine of Job Creation or Employment Re- forms? A Formal Debate” at the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service conference in Washington, held April 15 through 16; “Borderlands and Opportunity,” the keynote presentation to the southern regional conference of the National Community Tax Coalition in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 19; and “Making Retirement a Real Choice,” presentation to the Divided We Fail (ARRP, Business Roundtable, Coalition for a National Employment Re- training Security Conference, titled “Completing the Retirement Equa- tion: Making Savings Last a Life- time,” at the National Conference on May 31, where he also participated in a panel titled “The Landscape.”

Julia Tripp, constituent coordina- tor at the Center for Social Policy, will be co-presenting a workshop, titled “Peer Support Approaches for People with Co-Occurring Dis- orders,” and moderating the plenary Consumer Panel at a joint Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Center for Substance Abuse Treatment/Center for Mental Health Services workshop from July 17 through 19, in Arlington, Virginia.

Philosophy professor Lawrence Blum presented his paper “Race, Class, and Immigration” to the Society for the Africa Study of Philosophy in New York City.

Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution lecturer Joshua Jacks partici- pated in a panel discussion at the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, a program of the Morris K. Udall Foundation in Tucson, Arizona. The panel topic was “Exit Strategies: When and How to End a Process Well.”

Assistant Professor of English Leon- ard Moreau presented “Finding Fiction: Writing Risk After Adam Smith” at the American Compara- tive Literature Association annual meeting at the University of California, on April 25, and “Patching Translat- iantism: Designing an Entry-Level Course in Anglicophone Literature” at the American Literature Associa- tion’s annual meeting in San Fran- cisco on May 23.

In May, Professor of English Robert Crossley presented a paper, “Ret- rograde Visions: Martian Fictions in the Early Space Age,” at the conference Science Fiction Studies at the University of Califor- nia, Riverside.

Kevin R. Murphy, associate director of the Office of Institutional Re- search and Policy Studies, presented a paper entitled “Factors Affecting the Retention of Immigrants in Public Four-Year Higher Education Institutions” at the 44th Annual As- sociation for Institutional Research Forum in Seattle.

Associate Professor of African Stud- ies Marc Prod was present at a paper titled “Understanding our World: Haiti’s History in a Global Context,” at the Citizen Academy Program, sponsored by Boston Care and held in downtown Boston on May 20.

Milton L. Butts, Jr., an as- sociate professor in the So- ciology Department, presented the paper “Moral Revaluation: An Ethno- graphic Focus on Juveniles by Way of an Assessment of Scourge’s En- counters with Mortar’s Ghosts” at the spring conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, sponsored by the Depart- ment of Visual Anthropology at Colorado State University-Pueblo, on March 14.

PUBLICATIONS

Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Christian Wellar wrote about the NBER’s work on how people have on consumer spending and the economy as a whole in an article published by the Center for Ameri- can Progress on April 22.

Gerontology professor Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen published an entry, “Phased Retirement and Reduced Hours in Later Life” (with John C. Scott), in the Monk Work and Family Encyclopedia, July 2008.


College of Nursing and Health Sci- ences associate professor Joan Gar- nish published the article “Resolving Evidence-Based Using Debates,” in the May/June edition of the journal Nurse Educator.


Anne Sweeney Agee, Vice Provost for Information Technology, worked with a member of the EDUCATE Current Issues Committee to publish the 2008 Current Issues Report. The ninth annual survey, published in the sum- mer issue of EDUCATE Quarterly, highlights the top ten issues facing technology in higher education.

Professor Emeritus of Political Sci- ence Glenn Tindem’s latest book, Liberty as a Christian Value, was published this spring by Eerdmans.

Counseling Center Director Edna Pressler gave a workshop, titled “Beyond the Pep Talk: Effective Strategies for Helping Students Manage Music Performance Anxiety,” as part of the Teachers’ Retreat at the Indiana University School of Music on June 27, and the workshop “Ally or Enemy? Using Your Mind to Manage Performance Anxiety” for college students at the Indiana University School of Music on June 28.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies data specialist Annie Lam Lin has been elected as the chair of the Overseas Chinese Association for Institutional Research (OCAIR) at the Association of Institutional Research-ers (AIR) Forum in Seattle. She will represent 270 OC AIR members.

Associate Professor of Sociology Stephanie Hartwell has been named an adjunct associate research professor of psychiatry at UMass Medical School.

Chancellor J. Keith Motley was one of five awardees at the 15th an- nual African American Achievement Awards in Boston.

An article by Robin S. Codding, as- sistant professor of Counseling & School Psychology, and co-authored by five of her students (Maiya Shiyko, Maria Russo, Sarah Birch, Erica Fanning, and Deborah Jaqen), was selected by the Society for the Study of School Psychology (SSSP) for honorable mention as article of the year for the journal Journal of School Psychology.

The article was titled “Comparing Mathematics Interventions: Does Initial Level of Fluency Predict In- tervention Gain,” and her students and her students will be honored by SSSP at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in August.

Jennifer Brown, director of Institu-
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**All Summer**

**Free Sailing Program**
Nauset ~ 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Fox Point Dock. This annual program offers free instruction and equipment use to all staff, faculty, and students. Contact Jason LeBlanc at 7-7933 for more information.

**Monday 14**

**Summer Session 2 begins.**

**Monday 21**

**Harbor Cruise**
Nauset ~ 11:15 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 Wheatley and McCormack Halls). For reservations and for more information, call Sachin Gupta at 7-5404.

**Self-defense for Women**
5 ~ 8 p.m. Rape Aggression Defense Training (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.

**In the News**

An agreement between the UMass system and the government of China, in which UMass will become the first U.S. university to offer governance-approved online classes in China, was featured in the April 1 Boston Globe.

The debut of As I Am: Asians in America, a one-hour-long radio public show produced by the Institute of Asian Studies and supported by the UMass President’s Fund, was covered in the June 17 issue of AsianWeek, and on May 28 on the Web site New America Media.

Associate Professor of Political Science Paul Watanabe was quoted in an April 1 Boston Globe story about criticism faced by Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, and was interviewed on WHDH-TV on May 4 for a story about campaign spending by Massachusetts Republicans. Watanabe was also quoted in the May 21 Patriot Ledger story and the May 22 Boston Herald on how Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy’s recent cancer diagnosis might affect his work in Washington.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Alan Clayton-Matthews was quoted in the Waltham Daily News Tribune in an April 1 story about declining employee confidence in the economy. Clayton-Matthews was also quoted in the Berkshire Eagle on April 4 in a story about the relatively good health of the state’s tech and biomedical industries, and in the Boston Globe for a May 1 story, titled “State’s Future Outpacing US Economy, Report Says.”

American Studies Department chairman Lois Radnitz’s receipt of the Chancellor’s Award for Distinguished Teaching was noted in the Sharon Advocate.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Mark Preble was quoted in an April 8 Inside Higher Ed story about a new “salary compression” that has affected the salaries of assistant professors.

Pulitzer Prize winner and former faculty member Philip Schultz, who taught fiction and poetry, was mentioned in an April 7 Boston Globe story about this year’s Pulitzer winners.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Affairs, appeared on Bloomberg’s “Power and Reconciliation.” Padraig O’Malley was profiled in the Boston Globe on April 25, and his efforts to bring Iraqi leaders into peace negotiations were covered by the Boston Globe and United Press International on April 28. O’Malley was also interviewed on the NPR program Fresh Air on May 12.

Career Services director Len Konarski was quoted in an April 15 JobSource.com story on campus recruiting.

Assistant Professor of Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences Ellen Douglas was quoted in an April 17 Boston Globe story about how rising sea levels could affect Boston.

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The Summer Writers’ Workshop, sponsored by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences and UMass Boston’s Creative Writing Program, was previewed in the May 6 Somerset Journal.

Study director in the Center for Survey Research Lois Biener was quoted in the International Herald Tribune on May 7 about a study on U.S. government’s recommendation of a smoking-cessation drug.

Primatologist and humanitarian Jane Goodall’s visit to UMass Boston was featured in the May 9 Boston Herald.

CNHS associate professor and graduate program director Joan Garity was quoted in the Patriot Ledger in a May 10 story about a daylong educational program for people who care for Alzheimer’s patients.

Chancellor J. Keith Motley’s appearance as the speaker at Newbury College’s commencement exercises was noted in the May 12 Boston Globe.

A study by the Labor Resource Center was the subject of a May 12 Boston Business Journal story, titled “Study Finds Union Apprentices More Successful.”

The launch of the Commonwealth Compact diversity initiative was the subject of a May 19 Boston Globe story, which featured McCormack School Dean Steve Crosby. The launch event was also covered by the Ray State Banner, WBUR, and NECN.

Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences assistant professor Allen Gontz was quoted in the Boston Globe on May 19 in a story about an EEOs team which is mapping the ground beneath the Paul Revere House.

Director of the Center for Survey Research Anthony Roman was quoted in a May 28 story about a CSIR survey about alcohol, tobacco, and drug use by teens.

A study co-developed by the Geography Institute was cited in the May 21 New England Review.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Bruce Cross of Camden Cannato was quoted in a June 2 Boston Globe story about his band, Noddacul.

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