At Commencement, Governor Patrick Calls on UMass Boston Grads to Continue Mission of Education for All

By Jennifer Rosinski
At UMass Boston’s 39th commencement June 1, keynote speaker Governor Deval Patrick advised a sea of more than 2,600 UMass Boston graduates to be grateful for an education that has transformed their futures, and also unveiled a sweeping plan to review and expand the state’s public education system from cradle to career.

The state’s first African-American governor asked the graduates to support his launch of a 10-year comprehensive evaluation of education in Massachusetts, already ranked among the best in the nation. The plan would offer free community college or professional education in Massachusetts, already available to support his launch of a 10-year cradle to career.

To the families of tomorrow, for our common future, let’s pass that on.”

Patrick’s speech was met by resounding applause from those in attendance, as well as backing from Chancellor Michael F. Collins, who said, “Together we can. Together we must. Together we will.”

Presiding over his final UMass Boston commencement, Collins urged graduates to embrace the change that is ahead in their lives and on the horizon for the university as it heads down the “path to perfection.” Chancellor Collins has been nominated to serve as the interim Chancellor of UMass Medical School in Worcester and appointed Senior Vice President for Health Sciences. UMass Vice President for Business, Marketing and Public Affairs J. Keith Motley, who served as interim chancellor during the 2004-2005 academic year, has been nominated to serve as UMass Boston’s next chancellor. The appointments will be voted on by the Board of Trustees on June 21.

Despite that change in location and duties, Collins said he’d continue to support the Boston campus, and called on graduates to do the same.

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A Leadership Change at UMass Boston: Collins Takes On New Role, Motley Named Chancellor Designate

Chancellor Michael Collins and Chancellor nominee J. Keith Motley. (Photo by Harry Brett)

At the June 1 commencement, Chancellor Collins recognized Dr. Motley and they and faculty leaders were joined on the stage by Governor Deval Patrick, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, several members of the university’s Board of Trustees, and honorary degree recipients Clementina Chery, Robert Kraft, and Henri Termeer.

In his commencement address, Collins noted that the past two years had been a profession-ally and emotionally rewarding time for both him and his wife. He pledged to continue to advocate on behalf of the campus, its students, and alumni in his new post.

“Be assured that I will continue to count myself among those who care,” Chancellor Collins told the Commencement Day crowd of approximately 9,000. “Please know that the two years I have spent in your midst have been a marvelous and rewarding experience. My wife, Maryellen, and I have enjoyed our wonderful times with you and we shall be ever grateful for your kindness, cherishing always the gifts of your friendship.”

President Wilson’s proposal returns Motley, who has served as the system’s Vice President for Business, Marketing and Public Affairs for the past two years, to the Boston campus, where he served as interim chancellor during the 2004-2005 academic year and as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs prior to that appointment.

“I am very excited and honored to be asked to take on the job of chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston and I am thrilled at the prospect of returning to the campus,” Motley said in a gathering with faculty and staff on May 17. “I look forward to working closely with Chancellor Collins and other campus leaders on implementing the strategic plan and on health science initiatives at the Boston campus and across the system.”

Collins and Motley are slated to transition into the new appointments following the Board of Trustees meeting this summer. Leadership changes also included the announcement that John Lombardi will serve one more year as chancellor of UMass Amherst, the flagship campus, then take a year-long research (continued on page 2)
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Staff Recognized at Second Annual Chancellor’s Achievement Awards

By Will Kilburn

For most of the year, students and professors are the ones who take home awards for their achievements. But just before commencement, one member from each of the classified and professional staff had their time in the spotlight at the second annual Chancellor’s Achievement Awards ceremony, followed by the Ice Cream Social.

Before announcing the winners, Chancellor Michael Collins spoke on the vital contributions made by university staff as UMass Boston builds on its legacy and plans for the future.

"Today’s Chancellor’s Achievement Awards recognize and reward those members of our staff whose demonstrated performance reveals their willingness to engage in renewing and rebuilding our campus," he said. "These awards celebrate exemplary innovation, initiative, and service in our UMass Boston employee." In a change from last year’s ceremony, each nominee was called to the front of the room and given a certificate of their nomination, to the applause of their respective department.

According to one nomination letter, classified staff award winner Denise Radko from Management and Marketing is not only a skilled problem-solver—"She solves problems no one knows how to handle," wrote one College of Management faculty member—but also is known to take care of problems before anyone realizes that they’re problems at all. "Everything is done," wrote another, "whether I know it or done not.

Of professional staff winner James Allen, a horticulturist in the Biology Department, Chancellor Collins said his achievements are all around us, from big projects such as putting in hundreds of hours of overtime at the greenhouse when the science building needed repairs, to smaller ones like taking care of the English Department’s fish tank. After receiving their awards, which include a $1,000 stipend, both Radko and Allen expressed surprise that they’d been rewarded just for doing jobs that they love. "I just do it because that’s what I love. Any kind of people, I love people. Any kind of problem, if I can assist, I’m there. That’s what I like to do most." "That is what I like to do," said Allen. "When you have a nice job like I have, it is very stress-free, and it’s a wonderful job that love to come to every day.

Complete list of nominees:

- Professional Staff
  - James Allen—Biology
  - Linda Carroll—Psychology
  - Rosanne Donahue—CLA
  - Denise Doggian—Facilities
  - Paul Foster—Physics
  - Barbara Gracella—McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies
  - Zahra Graham—Environmental Health and Safety
  - Roxane Higgins—Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Special Programs
  - Tommy Joyce—Facilities
  - Annie Lin—Institutional Research and Policy Studies
  - Michael Marple—McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies
  - Steve Martinson—Parking and Transportation
  - Robert McCulley—Institute for American Universities
  - Deirdre McNamara—University Advancement
  - Albis Mejia—Student Support Services
  - Janet Mickiewicz—English
  - Joyce Mariane—Honors Program
  - Linda O’Brien—Customer Service
  - Margaret Petrillo—Human Resources
  - Francesco Pianalto—Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences
  - Stanley Wanacha—Continuing Education
  - Florence Wurzel—Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences

- Classified Staff
  - Kathy Beaufacq—Mailroom
  - Vendela Carlsson—Philosophy
  - John Carty—Facilities
  - Clare Crawford—Political Science
  - Epiphania Godinho—Dean’s Office
  - Maureen Pelton—Human Resources
  - David Lancaster—Facilities
  - Nancy McCarthy—Registrar’s Office
  - Deirdre Radko—Management and Marketing
  - Yvonne Valliancourt—Dietetics

Chancellor Michael Collins with Chancellor’s Achievement Award winners Denise Radko and Jim Allen. (Photo by Harry Britt)

A Leadership Change at UMass Boston; A System-wide Move Toward Collaboration


"We are building a leadership team of unparalleled distinction," said President Wilson. "Michael Collins and Keith Motley truly are distinguished, inspirational leaders, and they will help us to reach our goal of world-class education, research, and service excellence.

The leadership changes and the ongoing discussion are intended to foster additional collaboration across the five University of Massachusetts campuses and with community, business, and academic partners.

"Together we will help claim our rightful place as a top-tier public university and reaffirm the Boston campus as Boston’s great urban, public university campus," said President Wilson. "Our recent history at UMass as well as at other public universities proves that collaboration is the right path to give our students access to greater resources and more opportunities, and to enhance the value of the UMass degree. The leadership team we’re putting in place, with Drs. Collins and Dr. Motley, is an excellent team to help make this a reality for UMass."

Wilson and Board of Trustees chairman Stephen P. Tocco plan to establish a task force of faculty, administrators, and higher education experts to examine the new model and recommendations to strengthen each individual campus and increase collaborations across the system.

Camp Shriver to Offer Twice as Much Fun This Summer

By Kari Russ

After a successful two-week, 60-camper pilot program last year, Camp Shriver is doubling in length and nearly doubling in size this summer, welcoming 100 campers for the four weeks from July 9 through August 3, thanks to a $300,000, five-year sponsorship from Procter & Gamble/Gillet.

Founded in 1962 when Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver invited 35 boys and girls with intellectual disabilities to her Maryland home, Camp Shriver has since expanded to 25 locations across the U.S., in the Virgin Islands, and in Haiti, offering sports instruction, field trips, and other activities to children both with and without intellectual disabilities. "Camp Shriver at UMass Boston is a very unique summer opportunity, because we serve an equal number of children with and without disabilities in an inclusive setting," said Gary N. Siperstein, PhD, director of the Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE), which runs the local edition of the camp. All of these children are considered equal-status campers and given the same opportunities to improve their sports skills and make new friends. And for many of these children, both with and without disabilities, this is the first time they have had a chance to participate in a structured summer program.

An evaluation of last year’s camp conducted by staff from CSDE found that campers both with and without disabilities significantly improved their sports skills. In addition, observations and interviews with campers showed that campers with and without disabilities were equally likely to have made new friends at the camp.

While at Camp Shriver, campers will also participate in weekly visits to the soon to be opened GoKids UMass Boston youth fitness research and training center. Enrichment activities will center on topics including team building and protecting the environment, and there will be field trips to Plymouth Harbor and a local farm.

Camp Shriver is led by a staff of experienced special educators, and includes UMass Boston graduate and undergraduate students, teachers from area school districts, and local high school students. "I’m really excited to be coming back to Camp Shriver," said Ashley McNair, a senior psychology major who, looking for more hands-on experience with children to complement her studies, served as a counselor last year. "I hope to meet new campers and reconnect with some of our campers from last year. We left camp with a lot of good relationships and memories. I’m looking forward to giving our new campers the same experience.

“We are carrying Mrs. Shriver’s vision into the twenty-first century,” said Siperstein. “Camp Shriver is a model for how we can include children and adults with disabilities into the larger community.”
Web-Based Learning Growing, Getting Noticed

By Lisa Gentes

It’s not just the students at UMass Boston who are tech-savvy—the professors are, too, boosting their lesson plans and incorporating new web-based teaching tools.

In April, UMass Boston history professor Spencer DiScala received the University Continuing Education Association’s 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award. The national association honored the veteran professor for his online teaching methods, which include discussion forums and blogs that bring lessons and historical characters to life.

DiScala, who teaches five courses online, is one of five professors who were named 2007 E-Fellows at UMass Boston, a group that also included Barbara Worely, an anthropology adjunct professor; Edward Romar, a professor in the College of Management; and College of Education professors Virginia Smith Harvey and Gonzalo Bacigalupo.

Each class, DiScala has also been getting noticed for its group efforts in online education: The Superintendent’s Academy received a program award at the national conference of the University Continuing Education Association in 2005; the online BA completed degree received an award for best program by the regional branch of the University Continuing Education Association in 2006; and the RN-to-BS online degree program is participating in a $650,000 blended course grant from the Sloan-C organization.

These awards and grants highlight the impressive growth of the campus’s online education programs, which are available through the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education. When they began in the summer of 2001, the total enrollment was just 756 students in 15 courses; now, 5,319 are enrolled in more than 120 courses.

“Online education started up reluctantly, with a lot of skepticism on the part of both the faculty and the administration,” said Pasanoyta Gountari, assistant professor of applied linguistics, director of the Applied Linguistics Online Program. “[But] our online program has very high standards, we use the same admissions requirements, curriculum, and faculty as with the face-to-face program. Flexibility does not mean compromising quality or offering easy courses.”

Despite initial reluctance by some, faculty from several departments and colleges have embraced online teaching, said Rick House, PhD, professor and associate dean of the Graduate College of Education. “For example, nursing and counseling programs have grown dramatically. We offer four counseling programs primarily online: Family Therapy; Mental Health Counseling; Rehabilitation Counseling; and School Counseling.”

Houser said there are many benefits to online teaching and learning. “It requires faculty to organize their course in great detail because lectures are posted online, faculty must be creative in developing online learning experiences, and students have easy access to faculty without barriers such as only contacting them on campus.”

Degrees offered now include MA in Applied Linguistics, MS in Family Therapy Counseling, MS in Rehabilitation Counseling, MS in Mental Health Counseling, MED in School Guidance Counseling, MS in Gerontology, MED in Instructional Design, BS in Nursing for Registered Nurses, BA in Community Studies, and several graduate and undergraduate certificates.

Students, and professors, will continue to benefit from the high-tech experience even after graduation. “Online courses also expose UMass Boston students to educational technology and online pedagogy, knowledge and skills that they should be able to use later in life,” said Katharine Galatius, Director of Online Education for Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education at UMass Boston.

UMass Boston: Students Help Preschoolers Get A “Jump” on Their Education

By Will Killburn

A few weeks before UMass Boston’s commencement, a few undergraduates took part in a much smaller graduation ceremony—but one with just as many cheers and tears—across town in Jamaica Plain. The setting was the Nazareth Child Care Center, where nine preschoolers donned construction-paper mortarboards where nine preschoolers donned construction-paper mortarboards.

The help given by the college students helps teachers as well, said Brenda Powers, assistant director at Nazareth.

“It is a wonderful experience for us,” said Powers. “One of the best things is it brings young, enthusiastic people into the program, especially at the end of the day when other people might be dragging, who come in and just kind of rejuvenate what’s going on.”

Jumpstart graduates and Jumpstart Corps members from UMass Boston. From left: Stephen Lavery and Tyler, Gissner and Yvette Hernandez, Jhenieire Lorenes and Johnny. (Photo by Lauren Meldomian)
A lot of doors were opened for us over the years, and that's not anything that I'm ever going to forget," said Montreith. "This is what we're doing here—we're trying to open doors for other people to be able to walk through. It would be really neat if we could help find the next big talent.

During two sessions in late April, about 30 people, among them several UMass Boston staffers and students, took the opportunity to be professionally recorded at WUMB. While none made any predictions about taking home one of the three top prizes—$10,000 and a chance to create a brand-new public radio show—everyone interviewed by the Reporter said it was a good experience.

"I was a little bit nervous, so I was a little bit worried about rushing and going too fast," said Dan Margarita, a FedEx employee and part-time reporter. "But the guy was very nice in there, helped me edit it out. I thought it went reasonably well."

Others, such as friends Jane La Chance and Donna K. Carpenter, also enjoyed the experience, and vowed to continue on with their radio ambitions whether they won or not.

"We have a dream of someday having a talk show where we would have people call in, and it would be about accessing health care information," said La Chance, a nurse case manager and a graduate student in UMass Boston's Critical and Creative Thinking Program.

"It's something I'll talk about for a long time," said Carpenter, also a nurse case manager and UMass Boston graduate student. "Even if it doesn't go any further, this has been a blast."
Sherry Penney, professor of leadership in the College of Management, and her husband, Jim Livingston, spoke at the University of Nevada on May 14 on “A Family Divided: The Abolitionist Wrights and the Slaveholding Pelhams,” based on research on two 19th-century families who were on opposite sides of the Civil War. Penney is also co-presenting a case study as part of the Emerging Leaders Program at the annual meeting of the European Foundation for Management Development in Brussels on June 11.

Professor Pamela Jones of the Art Department delivered the paper “Guercino’s Pentent Magdalene for San Raimondo Magdalen Hospital in Turin,” at the symposium Academia Denspiana: Papers in Modern Italian and early Renaissance art, held May 4-5 at the University of Medieval and Renaissance Studies in Canterbury.

Professor Marc Pomplo of the Computer Science Department took part in the 11th Annual German-American Kasten Foundation conference held May 21-22 in Irvine, California, where he presented “The Selectivity of Human Eye Movements during Visual Search.”

Marc Prou, associate professor of Africana Studies, presented a paper, “Why Caribbean Studies matter: Paradigms and Prospects,” at the International Symposium on Caribbean Studies at Brown University on April 13, and was also invited to a panel on Latino-Dominican Relations at Brown University on April 14.

Graduate College of Education professor Rona Flippo presented a paper on family literacy was presented at the Family Literacy Symposium of the College of Management, held May 4-5 at the Center for Continuing Education at Brown University.

Psychology Department chairman Celia Moore presented a paper on the impact of high health care costs on elders. Russell also presented “Elders on the Edge: The High Cost of Care for MA Seniors” at Ageing: A 2020 Vision for the Greater North Shore on May 15 and at the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce on May 24, and gave a staff training at Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

CPCS professor Ann Withorn will be the keynote speaker at the Justice Studies Association 2007 Conference in Newport, Rhode Island, from June 7-9.

On May 21, Joanne Riley, director of the Massachusetts Studies Project, presented a paper, “A Sacrifice That Virtue Compelled Aracite to Make: African American Orations on the Ending of the Transatlantic Slave Trade” at the Association for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation at the University of Hull in England in May.

In May, professor of education (GCOE) and director of the Asian American Studies Program Peter Kiang gave a keynote address at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Political Economy of Workforce Professionals at May 11-14 in San Rafael, California, and gave a staff training at Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

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CAMPUS NOTES


Jack Wiggin, interim director of the Urban Harbors Institute, presented a paper based on the Institute’s work, titled “Paving the Way and Promoting a Working Harbor: The Experience of Gloucester, Massachusetts,” at the Working Waterways & Waterfronts 2007 Symposium, hosted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science on May 10.

PCPS professor Michael Stone gave an invited presentation on “Housing Affordability Concepts and Consequences” at the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s 2007 Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., on February 26.

Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies and political science, delivered a presentation titled “Is Yellow White or Is Black? Race and Asian Americans” at the Department of Neighborhood Development’s Annual Asian Pacific Heritage celebration on May 18.

On May 17, John McGah, Director of the McCormack Graduate School’s GUS, Your Poor initiatives, was a special lecturer at the New Hampshire School in New Hampshire. McGah co-presented with Matthew, a homeless man, to a group of graduating seniors as part of the voices speaking series.

PUBLICATIONS

History professor Vincent Cannetta wrote an article titled “The Nonviolent America: Ellis Island and New York City,” for the March issue of History Now, a quarterly online journal published by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Krein Doyt, director of research for the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution, coauthored Designing Strategies for Reaching the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals, an article in the Journal of Fuller Institute’s Design Science Lab.


Psychology associate professor Paul Nester had four journal articles based on his schizophrenia research published in March. These articles appeared in the journals Neurom.-age, Schizophrenia Research, Psych. & Behavior, Neuroimaging, and Brain.

In February, the International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health published a paper titled “The Part-time and Adjunct Faculty in Gerontology Programs: Challenges and Solutions,” published in Geront. & Geriatric Education.


In February, two articles were published by Curriculum and Instruction associate professor Peter Taylor, “Heterogeneity and Heritability,” and “The Irrelevance of Heritability in Explaining Differences Between Means for Different Human Groups or Generations,” which was published in the journal Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology.


A research study titled “Using Eye Tracking to Study Audiovisual Perceptual Integration” by assistant professor of computer science Marc Pompei, his students Mei Xiao and Mary Wong, and Michelle Uamle of Columbia University was accepted for publication by the journal Perception.

Associate professor of applied linguistics Pepi Leistyna has a chapter published in the Media Literacy Handbook, in Critical Pedagogy: Where Are We Now?, and in Teaching City Kids: Understanding and Appreciating Them, and was also published in Teacher Education Quarterly.

Laurie L. Charles, assistant professor of family therapy in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, has published her first book, an autotagphographic text of her experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, titled Intimate Colonialism, which was published in the Journal of Cross-cultural Communication.

Yung-Ping (Beau) Chen, holder of the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology in the Gerontology Institute, published a study, “Mental Health: Another Dimension of Health and Aging,” in the June issue of European Papers on the New Welfare, and also coauthored a chapter, “Rage and the Retiree Age in OECD Countries,” in the book Work Options for Older Americans, published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

The Center on Media and Society was the Guest of Honor at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) annual convention. The Center is the first ever to UMass Boston, a spin-off of the Center for Media and Society.

During the City Year Saturnalia, the service learning class Healthy Initiative Collaborative, Community Technology Partnership helped Harbor Point Youth, members of the COPC Youth Action Team, and City Year volunteers renovate the McCormack Middle School.

On April 15, the UMass Boston chapter of Sigma Tau Delta and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Institute showed the film “The Far Side of Eden,” which was released 25 years ago. The screening was followed by a discussion titled “The Fiscal Impact of Mixed-Income Housing Developments on Massachusetts Municipalities,” which showed how the current developments do not have any measurable negative impact on public services in their municipalities.

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Theatre Department lecturer Michael Fennimore has recently been cast as attorney Jack Boyle on the show Medium.

Psychology assistant professor Erik Blaser was awarded a Healey Grant to pursue a project on determining object distance based on structure.

Psychology assistant professor Elizabeth Reemer has been awarded a grant for $2.4 million from the National Institute of Mental Health. The research project which will be treated for generalized anxiety disorder that Dr. Roemer and her collaborators have recently developed to an animal model, as well as investigate moderators and modulators of change and applicability of the treatment to individuals from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

In March, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the Center for Social Policy a $75,000 to provide technical assistance to homeless continuums of care throughout New England in implementing homeles.

Among Survivors of War and Politics in Post-War Yves Scherer, in a panel titled “The Domestic Politics of the Unrecognized Republics: Transnistria and Abkhazia,” at a meeting of the American Association for the Advance of Slavic Studies.

The National Science Foundation has awarded UMass Boston’s Fiske Center for Archaeological Research a $240,000, three-year grant to conduct three seasons of archaeological fieldwork in Skagafjordur, Northern Iceland.

The Center for Coastal Environmental Sensor Networks has received a grant to seek to develop a fluorescence-based sensor to detect total bacteria. The award was Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center’s “Small Business Innovation Grant” to fund a research program on the semantic typing of invisible noun phrases, which aims at a formal characterization of Spanish invisible noun phrases.

On May 9, the Donahue Institute published a report titled “The Fiscal Impact of Mixed-Income Housing Developments on Massachusetts Municipalities,” which showed that recent developments do not have any measurable negative impact on public services in their municipalities.

In celebration of Women’s History Month, Massachusetts Bay Community College sponsored a poetry reading by PCPS lecturer Susan Eisenberg on March 27, who also gave a poetry reading at the ICA on May 26 at the Salons at the Arts of the Women’s Studies Research Center of Brandeis University.

On May 25, the UMass Boston chapter of Sigma Tau Delta and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Institute showed the film “The Far Side of Eden,” which was released 25 years ago. The screening was followed by a discussion titled “The Fiscal Impact of Mixed-Income Housing Developments on Massachusetts Municipalities,” which showed how the current developments do not have any measurable negative impact on public services in their municipalities.

Luis Alonso-Ovalle, assistant professor in the Department of Hispanic and Latino American Development Work, was awarded a grant for $2.4 million from the National Institute of Mental Health. The research project which will be treated for generalized anxiety disorder that Dr. Roemer and her collaborators have recently developed to an animal model, as well as investigate moderators and modulators of change and applicability of the treatment to individuals from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

In February and March, the Center of Media and Society received a $12,000 technology grant from the University of Massachusetts Technology Grant committee to develop student content for the Center’s New England Ethnic Newspies (www.go-New2.com).

On May 30, Associate Vice Chancellor Gail Hobin received a Special Recognition Award from the Boston Main Streets program in recognition of her work with Dorchester Main Streets organizations and the Dorchester Board of Trade.

Professor of English Lloyd Schwartz has been invited, as part of UMass Boston’s 2007-08 Student to Artist residency program with the university, to participate in the new Institute of Contemporary Art, to choose a poem three or four times a year that will be posted on a sign outside the ICA. Professor Schwartz also organized and spoke at a poetry reading at the ICA on May 3, which also featured former poet laureate Robert Pinsky.

English department lecturer Laurie J. Marks was the Guest of Honor at the WisCon, the feminist science fiction convention, on Memorial Day weekend, when Small Beer Press hosted a book-club party for her new novel, Water Logix.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has selected UMass Boston’s WUMB-FM as one of 50 Crystal Award Finalists, in recognition of outstanding year-round commitment to community service, which aims to improve the quality of life in the communities where they broadcast.

Pat Montooth, WUMB-FM’s general manager, has been appointed to the advisory board for the GRIZL Radio Broadcasting & Music Production Program, a nationally recognized In-GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJEC-

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### Monday 11

**Monday Harbor Cruises**
12 noon – 1:15 p.m., Mondays throughout May.

Get up-close look at the Boston Harbor Islands, courtesy of UMB’s Division of Marine Operations. Free with a current UMass ID, $5 without.

Call 7-5404 for more information.

### Wednesday 13

**Eco-tours of UMass Boston** 3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd floor, jar of the clock.

Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. RSVP by phone or email for individuals or groups. Also held at the same time on Wednesdays the 13th, 20th, and 27th. For more information, call UMB’s Green at 7-5083 or email umb.green@umb.edu.

### Thursday 14

**Yoga for All**
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st floor, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room. Yoga mats will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothes.

Students FREE. Faculty and Staff: $3.00. For more information, go to http://www.umbwellness.org/yoga.hml, or call 7-5680.

**Gospel Choir Meeting and Rehearsal**
3:30 – 4:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, Interfaith Chapel, room 713. If you love to sing the varied forms of gospel music, join us! Any current student or member of the UMass Boston Community who wants to learn and to sing gospel music is welcome. The group rehearses on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, call Rev. Adele Berey-Barron at 7-5838 or email adebarron@umb.edu.

### Sunday 17

**WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal**
7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. every Sunday.

Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.wumb.org or call 7-6900.

### Monday 18

21st Annual Athletics Department Golf Tournament 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Franklin Park Golf Course, Dorchester. Registration is $125 per player, and includes greens and cart fees, golf apparel, gift packages, awards and recognition, raffle prizes, and lunch. To register, go to www.athletics.umb.edu/golf/index.html.

### Monday 19

**NERCHE Annual Colloquium**
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, Shrewsbury, Mass.

This year’s Colloquium will feature an evening of dinner and dialogue with Dr. Jon Wergin, professor of educational studies in Antioch University’s PhD program in leadership and change, and author of the recent book Leadership in Higher Academic Institutions: Best Practices, How Academic Professionals Find Their New Leadership Voice. For more information, go to www.nercethe-colloquium2007/ colloquium2007.html.