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Students select UMass Boston for its quality programs, strong faculty, and great location.

**UMass Boston Continues to Be Identified with Quality and Value**

The Kiplinger's Personal Finance exclusive survey of more than 500 U.S. public colleges and universities resulted in a list of 100 great schools with reasonable price tags, and the University of Massachusetts Boston is among them.

Kiplinger's determined the winners by applying its own formulas to data supplied by the schools. Most of that information was collected by Wintergreen-Orchard House, a division of Riverside Publishing, and was supplemented with statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and Kiplinger's own reporting.

First, Kiplinger's narrowed the list to the 200 most selective universities, based on entrance-exam scores of the 2001 freshman class. To whittle the list to 100, they looked at several additional measures of quality, including how many freshmen returned for their sophomore year, four- and six-year graduation rates, student-faculty ratios, how much is spent on each student for instruction, and how much is spent on libraries.

Kiplinger's also looked at total cost, average percentage of financial need met by aid, average cost for a student with need after subtracting grants (but not loans), and average debt accumulated before graduation.

They gave the greatest weight to raw costs, but they also gave extra credit to schools that are generous with aid, and measured what percentage of aid comes in the form of grants as well as the average student debt load.

A profile of the recent entering class at UMass Boston bears out Kiplinger's determination. The academic quality of freshmen is on the increase, with higher average GPA and higher SAT scores. Nearly sixty new students joined the Honors Program this fall. The thirty freshmen in this group demonstrated high achievement, with an average SAT score of 1250.

UMass Boston continued to attract a strong complement of new students, with an entering undergraduate class of approximately 2,000. The total enrollment now numbers just under 13,000, including 2,400 students in master's, MBA, CAS, and doctoral programs. A survey of enrolling students indicates that students select UMass Boston for the quality of programs, the expectation of strong student-faculty interaction, and the research opportunities available.

Congratulations to UMass Boston for providing great value and quality programs to its students.

The information provided above on the Kiplinger's survey and ranking process came from the Kiplinger.com article "Baccalaureate Bargains" by Brian P. Knestout.
**GRADUATE STUDIES**

**Women in Politics and Public Policy**

Grad Program Marks Ten-Year Anniversary

The Women in Politics and Public Policy graduate program combines academic and professional training designed to advance women in careers in public management, research, policy making, consulting, planning, and administration. Initiated at Simmons College in 1968, the program moved to UMass Boston in 1992 after nearly twenty years at Boston College. The only one of its kind in the United States, the program has graduated over 500 women. Graduates of the 18-credit certificate program may be accepted for advanced standing in UMass Boston's Master of Arts in American Studies or Master of Science in Public Affairs Program.

The program is accepting applications for the 2003-2004 academic year. For more information, contact J. Judidh Higgins, or visit www.mccormack.umb.edu/cwppp.

**K–12 EDUCATION**

**A Plan for Providing Great Teachers**

UMass Boston provides full tuition-and-fee scholarships at the undergraduate and graduate level to qualified individuals interested in becoming urban school teachers. This is a special pipeline for channeling talented, motivated students through UMass Boston's undergraduate program and into our Graduate College of Education, then placing them in cities, where they can use their talent and training to work.

**BUSINESS**

**Ben & Jerry's CFO Speaks of "Corporate Citizenship"**

Mickey Wiles '83, chief financial officer of the Vermont ice cream manufacturer Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., recently spoke to recent graduates at the McCormack Institute, the Massachusetts Judges Conference and the People's Supreme Court of China.

In October 2002, a delegation of Massachusetts Judges traveled to China in the second phase of the US State Department grant to run moot courts in China. The project is the result of cooperation between the McCormack Institute, the Massachusetts Judges Conference and the People's Supreme Court of China.

**Moot Court Project Under Way in China**

In August 2002, the McCormack Institute's Center for Democracy and Development and the Massachusetts Judges Conference hosted a delegation of six judges from the People's Supreme Court of the People's Republic of China in the first phase of a State Department-sponsored grant to run moot court sessions in China. During their week in Boston, the Chinese delegation met with Judge Patrick King and other Massachusetts judges to plan the first phase of moot court cases, which took place in Beijing and Chendu this October. Fourteen Massachusetts judges spent over two weeks conducting moot trials to introduce the jury system to the Chinese judiciary. The second phase of the project will take place in Nanjing in spring 2003.

During their visit to Boston, the delegation met with the Chief Justice of the Appellate Court, Judge Christopher J. Armstrong, who lectured on judicial ethics, judicial selection, and the role of judges as leaders in the community. The delegation visited the Massachusetts Supreme Court, the Social Law Library, and the John Joseph Moakley Federal Courthouse. Margaret Woo, professor of law from Northeastern University, lectured on discovery and judicial procedure. Judge David Harrison gave the group a tour of Gloucester, which was followed by an American-style barbecue at his home. The delegation also walked the Freedom Trail and enjoyed an evening river cruise on the Charles River.

**Emerging Leaders Program (con't.)**

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Members of the advising board were present to congratulate the fellows who completed the program, including Marshall N. Carter, former CEO of State Street Corporation and a lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government, and keynote speaker Rosabeth Moss Kanter of the Harvard Business School.

The Emerging Leaders Program was launched in 2000 with two major goals: to recruit a diverse group of emerging leaders from the Greater Boston area and to provide them with skills in collaborative leadership.

This group of candidates began a nine-month program in January 2001 that focused not only on collaborative leadership but on team building as well. Throughout their term, the fellows attended sessions focusing on leadership skills. They also worked in teams on issues facing the Greater Boston area. In September, teams presented results for their projects on corporate citizenship, financial literacy, affordable housing, access to health care, access to economic opportunity, and life after the Central Artery to Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

Throughout the year, a host of guest speakers were invited to share their views on issues germane to the goals of the program. The list of those invited to address the participating fellows includes Carter; Wayne Budd of John Hancock; Robert Mudge of Verizon; Ralph Martin of Bingham, Dana, & Gould LLP; Greg Moore of the Boston Globe; Paul LeCamera of WCVB-TV 5; Marian Heard of the United Way; and Speaker of the House Thomas Finneran.

The next class of fellows will begin their program in January 2003. The program has received support from The Boston Foundation, The Boston Globe Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mellon New England, in addition to the founding gift from State Street Corporation.

The Center is directed by Sherry H. Penney, the first holder of the Sherry H. Penney Endowed Professorship in Leadership. The Emerging Leaders Program is managed by Vicki Milleide, and several other faculty and staff have assisted the program or served on the internal advisory committee.
Thanks to a $1.5 million National Science Foundation grant, middle school students in Boston, Dedham, and Milton will learn from University of Massachusetts Boston students and science graduate students as they study the Neponset River Watershed. All three communities are located in the watershed area.

"This project brings together our graduate students, including people from our Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, and with guidance from our Graduate College of Education, sends them out to help middle schoolers better understand their environment. That's exciting," said UMass Boston Chancellor Jo Ann Gora.

The principal investigator, Professor Robert F. Chen of the ECSO Department, worked with co-investigators—Professors Marilyn Decker, Jonathan Chu, and Michael Sharias—and Associate Provost William E. Robinson to secure funding for the project. Each year for three years, ten UMass Boston graduate students will spend 5 hours per week preparing and 15 hours in the classroom. The middle school teachers that each is paired with, will participate in summer workshops, an introductory seminar, assessment activities, and an end-of-year workshop attended by next year's graduate students.

"Since graduate students must receive training in middle school pedagogy, the grant could only have been possible as a partnership between the Graduate College of Education and the science faculty," explained Robinson. The purpose of the NSF Grant K-12 program is to have graduate student assist teachers with curricula, put together presentations, and research particular topics.

UMass Boston has made public education a priority. It has maintained a long-standing partnership with nearby Dorchester High School, funded by a $3 million grant from an alumni, that is a variety of student and teacher enrichment programs. The Graduate College of Education also sponsors four professional development schools in Boston and Somerville.

Open House for Plymouth Corporate and Continuing Education Center

Saturday, January 11, 9:00 am—12 noon

Visit the Open House at UMass Boston's newest off-campus facility, the Corporate and Continuing Education Center in Plymouth, and learn about training, programs for professionals. The Center boasts a videoconferencing studio, a computer lab, and classroom and meeting space. Applicants can schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor, present an application, and receive an admission decision.

To reserve a place or for more information, call 508.747.6064.

UMass Boston Students Embrace Online Learning

Taking advantage of the online courses offered during the fall 2002 semester through the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education, more than 450 UMass Boston students attended classes ranging from personal finance to international relations from their homes, offices, or while traveling. Online courses follow the same curriculum and carry the same academic credit as their classroom counterparts.

In addition to standalone courses, several degree and certificate programs are available in an online format. They include: Communications Studies (undergraduate certificate) Technical Writing (undergraduate certificate) Adapting Curriculum Frameworks (graduate certificate) Instructional Technology (graduate certificate) Mental Health Counseling (M.Ed. degree) School Counselling (M.Ed. degree)

To learn about specific online courses for the current semester, technical requirements, and other information, visit www.conted.umb.edu or contact Kitty Galalis at 617.287.7925 or katy.mgalalis@umb.edu.

On line students interact with their instructor and classmates via e-mail, chat rooms, online discussions, bulletin boards, telephone, fax, and mail.

Are families in Massachusetts 50 years off course than they were in 1979? A study by UMass Boston economists Randy Albelda and Marie Kim examines the gains and challenges families have experienced as the state’s economic base has changed. Albelda and Kim find that a larger and more diverse group of families and individuals experienced gains during the “Massachusetts Miracle” of the 1990s than in the “new economy” of the 1990s. The report was sponsored by the UMass Donahue Institute and UMass Boston’s Center for Social Policy, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and Labor Resource Center.

By necessity or choice, families are increasing their work time. With the exception of lone-mother families, there was at least one adult employed in 95 percent or more of all families. The number of mothers who are working—especially mothers with young children—has risen the fastest in the 1990s. Married mothers who work 40 hours a week rose from 46 percent in the 1970s to 59 percent in the late 1990s. The UMass Boston researchers also find a growing disparity in economic and employment gains in Massachusetts by industry, race, and education levels throughout the 1990s. The gap between the top 10 percent and bottom 10 percent of earners widened sharply. The decline in the state’s manufacturing sector and the rise of high-tech and professional services is also reflected in the data; for example, jobs associated with manufacturing—skilled, unskilled, and semiskilled blue-collar work—steadily declined over the past 20 years.

Education levels are key factors in employment gains. By 1999, 34.1 percent of all workers had college degrees, compared to 20.7 in the late 1970s. The data by Albelda and Kim reveal that the more education a worker had, the more likely he or she was to have gained higher earnings. While earnings for workers with a high school education fell markedly in the 1990s, workers with college degrees saw steep increases. Despite an increase in workforce diversity, earnings growth had a racial dimension. While white workers saw an increase in median annual and hourly earnings in the 1990s, earnings for black and Hispanic workers fell to levels lower than those of two decades before—by the end of the 1990s, Hispanics were earning 9.7 percent less annually and 4.1 percent less hourly. In the 1990s boom, workers who were male, black or Hispanic, under 25, and with a high school degree suffered an earnings decline, as did families at the bottom of the income scale.

Albelda and Kim conclude that the past decade brought more work opportunities but little earnings improvement, except for those at the top of the scale. As a result, poverty rose and inequality accelerated.

UMass Boston’s 26 Institutes and Centers for Research

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Professor Yung-Ping Chen

Gerontology Institute Scholar Outlines Plan for Baby Boomers’ Long-Term Care

L ong-term care is something most people would prefer not to think about, acknowledges Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Emeritus Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, in a recent Boston Globe Op-Ed piece. However, with 76 million aging baby boomers, Chen warns that the subject cannot be avoided for long. Nationally, the average annual cost for nursing home care is $55,000, and $27,000 for home health care.

The Massachusetts legislature has passed a budget for fiscal year 2003 that reduces Medicaid spending by about 20 percent and eliminates coverage for about 50,000 long-term-unemployed residents. Even without these cuts, writes Chen, costs for long-term care would be prohibitive. Chen points out that because only a small portion of the elderly population needs such care at any one time, this contingency is best provided for by insurance. However, that is rarely done; instead, our insurance systems and Medicaid cover about 70 percent of the cost.

“This system is unstable and unsustainable,” writes Chen. Some propose expanding Medicaid or creating a social insurance program to pay for long-term care. But it is double-ful, writes Chen, that there would be enough new tax revenue to pay for either option. Others promote private long-term-care insurance; premiums for some of these policies are already tax-deductible, but few people buy them.

“A new funding model is needed,” writes Chen. “The government could create a social insurance plan, to be supplemented by private insur-
Using Plants to Fight Cancer-Causing Pollution

Assisted by some talented students, Dr. Adol Colon-Carmona of the UMass Boston Biology Department is attempting to isolate genes in the wetland plant Arabidopsis thaliana in an effort to counter the effects of pollution. He hopes to use this procedure to identify plants that can degrade and render harmless pollutants such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)— pervasive environmental toxins that are by-products of oil-based energy production and manufacturing processes.

As society's dependence on oil for energy and the production of consumer goods increases, more of these pollutants enter the environment, where they can accumulate in animal tissues and lead to cell mutation, cell death, and cancer. Dr. Colon-Carmona's lab group is investigating whether certain plants metabolize these contaminants or otherwise remove them from the environment—a process known as phytoremediation. The group is also seeking to determine if some plants that are hypersensitive to pollutants can serve as a kind of early-warning "bio-monitor.

Wetland plants filter toxins by segregating them, changing their molecular structure, or returning them to the environment. For now, Dr. Colon-Carmona and his students are focusing on a few crucial questions: Do pollutants find their way into plant tissues? If so, how do the plants respond physiologically? Furthermore, can a plant break down a pollutant into less toxic components?

Preliminary data indicate that plants do undergo physiological changes when they are exposed to pollutants. Plants exhibited shorter roots, color fading, smaller and fewer shoots, and dead spots on leaves.

More work is needed before Dr. Colon-Carmona's lab can say with certainty whether his model plant is able to nullify the toxic effects of PAHs, but he is optimistic about the potential for this type of research. In fact, he hopes to soon be able to genetically engineer plants capable of ridding soil of PAHs.

Dr. Colon-Carmona, who received a PhD from the University of California-Irvine, has been at UMass Boston for two and a half years. His lab group includes students participating in Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) and Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology (UMEB), projects that are supported by the National Science Foundation. Twelve UMass Boston undergraduates have participated in Dr. Colon-Carmona's phytoremediation project, including one conducting research for a McNair Fellows honors project.

Three UMass Boston Success Stories

Mark Atkins '71 is the CEO of Valley Technology Inc., a Boston-based company that makes software that can help small and large firms such as healthcare companies and banks. Valley was cited last year by Business Massachusetts as one of the 100 best places to work in Boston. Its 27% annual growth rate recently landed it on Software magazine's annual ranking of the 500 largest software companies in the United States. Atkins returns to the UMass Boston campus to offer faculty and staff advice on how to tailor the curriculum to meet the changing needs of companies such as his.

Susan Sunta Izicuico

CBS's place in the prime-time ratings charts owes much to senior vice president Susan Sunta Izicuico '75, who develops more than 300 movies and miniseries for the network every year. To what does Izicuico attribute her success? "I look for a storyline that resonates with the American audience," she says. [English professor] Lois Rudnick '75, who develops more than 300 movies and miniseries for the network every year. To what does Izicuico attribute her success? "I look for a storyline that resonates with the American audience," she says. [English professor] Lois Rudnick '75, who develops more than 300 movies and miniseries for the network every year. To what does Izicuico attribute her success? "I look for a storyline that resonates with the American audience," she says.

Bill Hagar

In February 2003, biology professor William Hagar will begin a six-month stay in Canada at the University of New Brunswick. Last April, Hagar was awarded a Fulbright grant to pursue two of his principal scholarly interests—the effects on freshwater biota of acid precipitation, and pollutant levels in the food webs of freshwater ecosystems.

Prof. Hagar sees the award as the realization of a personal ambition and a chance to study with some of the leading researchers in his field. "I always wanted to try for a Fulbright," he says. "UNB has a wonderful research faculty and high-powered resources." For Hagar, his stint in Canada is an opportunity to share not only ideas but novel approaches to technology.

AWARDS

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University Celebrates Award from Energy User News

In October, Chancellor Joan Becker was honored with the first University Excellence in Energy Conservation Award. Becker received the award for innovative, practical solutions to the energy challenges facing the University.

"The University is committed to using energy wisely," said Becker. "This award recognizes our efforts to conserve energy and reduce our carbon footprint, and it also highlights the importance of collaboration and teamwork." Becker noted that the award is a testament to the University's commitment to sustainability and its ongoing efforts to reduce its environmental impact.

The award was presented by Energy User News, a national publication focused on energy conservation and efficiency. The award recognizes institutions that have made significant progress in reducing energy consumption and improving energy efficiency.

The University's energy conservation efforts include implementing energy-efficient building systems, reducing energy use through behavior change programs, and investing in renewable energy projects.

University President, Joan Becker, said, "This award is a recognition of the hard work and dedication of our staff and students in reducing our energy consumption. We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue to pursue innovative solutions to reduce our carbon footprint."
LINEUP AT WUMB

Coffeehouse Series
2/1 Heidi Muler and Chuck Hall
Member's Concert
2/18 Julian Dawson
Live On-Air Interviews
DECEMBER
12/2 National singer-songwriter Sam Shaber
12/9 National singer-songwriter Faith Soloway
12/19 National singer-songwriter Martin Sexton
12/16 Musician and instrument maker Bob Childs
12/7 National singer-songwriter Oen Kennedy
12/10 Local singer-songwriter Kris Elliott
12/10 National singer-songwriter Deb Paterson
12/11 National singer-songwriter Andrew McKnight
12/11 Massachusetts singer-songwriter Mark Erelli
12/12 National singer-songwriter Amelia White
12/13 National tour acting Chris Smither
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1/11 National singer-songwriter Bob Bradshaw
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FEBRUARY
2/4 National singer-songwriter Sarah Wheeler
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MARCH
3/7 Local singer-songwriter Michael Troy
3/10 National Touring Act Mustard's Retreat

Guest Mix
DECEMBER
12/6 Jennifer Kimball
12/20 Paul Richell and Annie Raines
JANUARY
1/3 Vance Gilbert
1/10 Mark Erelli
1/17 Catie Curtis
1/24 Bill Morrissey
FEBRUARY
2/24 Chris Smith

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Commonwealth Journal

Commonwealth Journal is WUMB-FM's award-winning weekly, half-hour public affairs radio program that discusses topics of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners through an exploration of Massachusetts culture, history, politics, art and science. Segments may be about farming in New England, family matters and consumer culture, what students are doing at the state's science fair, Boston's Haitian community, or the cleaning of the Charles River. Commonwealth Journal also looks at the people and events of Massachusetts past, such as the life of Charles Sumner, Massachusetts' anti-slavery Senator; the King Phillip's War; and eight-sided octahedra. It's sculptural form and architectural structure suggests the language of a building, it is not a shelter.

Commonwealth Journal was conceived in late 1967, and its construction was completed during the spring of 1968. Stinger stands 6'6" tall, and takes up a 900-square-foot area. The inner space spans 26 feet. Stinger's body is diamond shaped, made by linking together cross sections of six-sided tetrahedra and eight-sided octahedra. It rests its massive structure on a single point of the diamond.

One side of the square is cut short, leaving an entrance into the center of the piece. This had been interested for years in the theme of passage through a gate or portal, and the entrance to Stinger's negative space was intended to give a feeling of physical transition and spiritual passage. Entrances are also a part of man-made and natural shelters, and this underscores the relationship between the sculptural form and architectural forms like the gate, arch, or portal. Smith liked to con found the two while the open structure suggests the language of a building, it is not a shelter. Stinger is the focus of "The Museum of Modern Art's" sculpture garden in 1968 as part of the exhibition Art of the Real. It later traveled to Europe as part of the same exhibition and was shown in various locales. Currently it is on loan to Arts on the Point from the Mitchell-Innes and Nash Gallery.

What Is It?
It's Stinger, by American artist Tony Smith, one of the many works of art exhibited year round at the UMass Boston campus.

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ARTS ON THE POINT

WINTER

New Works Festival December 5-7
Dance Kaleidoscope December 9 and 14
Dance Concert January 8 and 9

SPRING

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet March 6-14
Shakespeare's Twelfth Night May 1-10
New Works Festival May 1-3
Dance Theater Workshop May 9-10
Dance Concert May 16 and 17

Current information is available at Now Playing on the UMass Boston website.

Commonwealth Journal Program Schedule

12/22 The Nutcracker: A View from Backstage. Guest Gianni DiMarco
Three Centuries of Christmas in New England. Guest Kenneth Turino
12/29 Handel's Messiah. Guest John Ginney
Kwanza! Guest DeAnna Battle
1/5 Executioner's Current: The Invention of the Electric Chair. Guest Richard Moran

The Search for the Steamer Portland. Guest John Fish
1/12 Native American Heritage and Literature. Guest Ron Weilburn
Returning Home to a Changed South Africa. Guest Vernon Domingo
1/19 Forest Hills Cemetery in History and Literature. Guest Bud Hanson
A Discussion with Musician Sarah Smith. Guest Sarah Smith
1/26マルシス音楽. Guest Bob Mullenthal
Supporting Women in Music. Guest June Millington

Barbara Neely (right) brings to Commonwealth Journal a wealth of knowledge about Massachusetts affairs.
UMass Boston Says Yes to African Youth Camp

In Niger, as in many other places in Africa and around the world, soccer is the most popular sport and little attention is given to developing talent in basketball and other athletic activities. The University of Massachusetts Boston has teamed up with several government and private-sector sponsors in a unique undertaking that they hope will change this situation—and do much more besides.

Yes for Africa is an initiative to enhance collaboration with counterparts in developing countries, to develop the athletic prowess of young peoples while expanding their educational and cultural horizons. Modelled on Naiyem Hoops, a basketball camp begun in 1997 in the Nigerien town of Naiyem, the program gives youngsters aged 7 to 19 the opportunity to acquire basketball skills while learning about computers and other technologies, health issues, and their own cultural heritage.

So far Yes for Africa has enjoyed enormous success, owing largely to its focus on quality and to a high degree of cooperation among its sponsors. The program enjoys the backing of government agencies like the Ministry of Youth and National Solidarity of Niger, corporations like Coca-Cola and Air Africque, and local organizations like the Basketball Federation of Niger. UMass Boston's role is a big reason the program has earned a reputation for quality. During the summer of 2000 Charlie Titus, athletic director at UMass Boston, joined the program as a coach, lecturer, instructor, and consultant. Then Jemadari Kamara, director of the Center for African, Caribbean and Community Development at UMass Boston, came aboard. Both men are aware that the program can serve as an ambassador of both the sport of basketball and of U.S. culture in general. And they believe that capacity-building—the expansion of athletic, technical, educational, and entrepreneurial activities—is an essential part of its mission.

Yes for Africa has set a high standard of expectation. For the past two years, interest in the program has far outstripped capacity. In addition, the program has been adopted in other localities—during the summer of 2002, Senegal and Benin hosted Yes for Africa camps for the first time—and interest is continuing to grow.

The Yes for Africa initiative already fills an enormous void in opportunities for Niger's youth. And to ensure that the program has a long-term impact, UMass Boston and its other sponsors are preparing to commit even more resources not only to the primary aims of the program, but to highlighting broader cultural values shared by the United States and African nations.

Beacon Fitness Center
Membership in UMass Boston's Beacon Fitness Center is available to students, alumni, staff and faculty of the University.

The Beacon Fitness Center offers a friendly, healthy environment for workout participants at all levels. It is equipped with more than 25 cardiovascular machines, a universal weight machine, 16 Nautilus stations, and free weights, plus two racquetball courts, a squash court, an aerobics room, walking track, and two-level lounge.

The Beacon Fitness Staff is highly trained and routinely sponsors clinics and instruction on personal fitness and health concerns. Programs offered include personal training, aerobics classes, massage therapy, orientations and fitness assessments.

January Travel-to-Learn Programs in Jamaica and Mexico
Explore the culture, politics, and social realities of Jamaica or Mexico this January through one of the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education's popular travel-to-learn programs. The programs facilitate an intimate understanding of the host country through a lively blend of course work and field activities guided by local experts and supervised by a UMass Boston faculty member. Participants may also opt for a total-immersion Spanish-language program in Mexico. In addition to the winter programs in Mexico and Jamaica, summer programs are offered in China, Cuba, Ireland, and Vietnam. For more information, contact Kathy FitzPatrick at 617.287.9713 or email kathleen.fitzpatrick@umb.edu.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
National Youth Sports Program
UMass Boston is proud of its affiliation with the National Youth Sports Program. Not only does it make sports and other enrichment activities available to young people in the University's Columbus Point neighborhood, the program also provides UMass Boston with a unique opportunity to acquaint youngsters from low-income families with career and educational opportunities available to them.

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Calendar

December 2002

MONDAY 2  
Mathematics Department Seminar: "Cluster Algebras and Grassmannians"  
2:30 - 4 p.m., Science Building, 2nd floor, room 005.  
Hanukkah Celebration - An Interfaith Event  
2:30 - 4 p.m., McCormack, 3rd floor, Interfaith Chapel.  
Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution Lecture: "Mediator Ethics in the Hospital Setting"  
2 - 3:30 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 23.  
Break Fast of Ramadan - Feast and Film - Interfaith Discussion and Fellowship: The 20 minute film Faith in Action, a clip of Mohammed: Legacy of a Prophet, will be viewed and discussed. 4:15 - 6 p.m., McCormack, 3rd floor, Interfaith Chapel

TUESDAY 3  
1 - 2:30 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, Student Lounge  
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WEDNESDAY 4  
Institute for Community Inclusion Seminar: "Get Up and Talk! Making Presentations with Confidence"  
3 p.m. - 4 p.m., 20 Park Plaza, Boston.  
Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: "Complexity and Stressors in a Coastal System - Bridging the Gap from Land Use to Food Webs to Economics."  
2:30 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium.  
Modern Languages Junior Faculty Colloquium: "The Paradoxes of Organizational Change: A Case Study of CompStat in a Small American Police Department."  
2:30-4 p.m., Troy Conference Room.  
Beacons Athletics Women's Club Ice Hockey  
7 p.m., Clark Athletic Center  

THURSDAY 5  
ArtTalks: "A Work in Progress" with painter Wilfredo Chiesa  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., McCormack, 1st floor, Harbor Gallery  
Reception to honor Representative Caro Cleven  
2 - 4 p.m., State House, Great Hall.  
Modern Languages Junior Faculty Colloquium: "Regarding Indianness: ‘Race’ and ‘Recognition’ in Southern New England"  
2:30 - 4 p.m., Troy Conference Room

FRIDAY 6  
Biography Seminar: "The Enigmatic Life-style of Large dsDNA Viruses of Algae"  
2:30 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium.  
UMass Boston Theater and Dance Presents a Dance Concert by UMB Biology Department: Prof. Miren Uriarte  
8 p.m., McCormack Theater

MONDAY 9  
Becoming American, Being Indian Book Party with author Prof. Madhulika Khandelwal and panelists Prof. Gautam Premnath and Prof. Miren Uriarte  
4-6 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, CPCS Plaza  
Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education Seminar: "An Insider’s Approach to Estate and Gift Tax"  
8:30 am. - 5:00 pm., Cordage Park Center, Plymouth  

WEDNESDAY 11  
Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: "International Terrorism, Integrated Coastal Management & Sustainable Development: Working and Living in the Post 9/11 Era.”  
2:30 - 3:45 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium.  
Dementia and Wandering Behavior  
6 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium.

THURSDAY 12  
Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education Seminar: "Individual Income Tax Refresher and New Tax Law Updates"  
8:30 am. - 5:00 pm., Cordage Park Center, Plymouth  
Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education Seminar: "Estate Planning Techniques"  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Cordage Park Center, Plymouth

FRIDAY 13  
Biology Seminar: "The Cellular Immune Response Against the Polyomavirus JC in Progressive Multifocal Leuкоencephalopathy."  
2:30 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium.  
Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education Seminar: "Ins and Outs of IRS Practice and Procedure and Tax Preparer Liability"  
8:30 am. - 5:00 p.m., Cordage Park Center, Plymouth

SATURDAY 14  
WUMB 20th Anniversary Celebration  
8 p.m., Joyful Noise Coffeehouse, Lexington.

WEDNESDAY 25  
Christmas

THURSDAY 26  
Kwanzaa begins

January 2003

WED, THURS, 8, 9  
Science Day, Hosted by the Dean of Science  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (3 sessions) each day; sign-on on 2nd floor of Science Building; approximately 200 high school students will participate in labs and classes offered by 18 UMass Boston science faculty; refreshments served from 8 to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 to 11:55 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 8  
UMass Boston Theater and Dance Presents a Dance Concert by UMB Alumna Juliette Cusick  
8:00 p.m., McCormack Theater

MONDAY 13  
Golden Key International Honor Society  
Membership invitations mailed. Deadline for joining is February 20, 2003.

TUESDAY 14  
Adult Literacy Resource Institute/Graduate College of Education Mini-Conference on Staff Development Workshops  
6:30-8:30 p.m., UMass Boston (Boston campus); 617-782-8956; Snow date: January 21

FRIDAY 24  
Annual Conference of the Center for the Improvement of Teaching (CIT): "Teaching for Transformation"  
9:00 a.m., Wheatley Hall; 4 blocks of 6 presentations each; registration and coffee in Wheatley cafeteria at 8:30 a.m., open to everyone, free to UMass Boston community

MON - THU 27 - 31  
College of Management Emerging Leaders Seminar  
8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. every day, Healey Library, 8th Floor, Provost's Conference Room

February 2003

MON - WED 3 - 5  
Golden Key Spring Semester "Campus Awareness Days"  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m., McCormack, 1st floor; for more information, call x5606 or e-mail: anita.miller@umb.edu

FRI, SAT 14, 15  
UMass Boston V-Day Project Presents Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues"  
8:00 p.m., McCormack Theater

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2003 CLASSES

Registration begins December 2
Registration deadline for most classes February 3
Registration deadline for weekend, off-campus, and on-line classes February 22

Most classes begin January 27-31
Off campus and on-line classes begin February 3-6
Weekend classes begin February 7

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PARKING INFORMATION:

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9:30 pm - 11:30 pm every 12 min  

Fridays - Saturdays,  
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6:40 pm - 9:18 pm every 12 min  

Sundays,  
6:40 am - 6:40 pm every 3-6 min,  
6:40 pm - 9:18 pm every 12 min  

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