



# Report to the Board of Trustees

from the University of Massachusetts Boston

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## To the Board:

This semester marked 50 years since our inaugural class of 1,200 students, the Class of 1969, entered the University of Massachusetts Boston campus at a partially renovated Boston Gas building in Park Square. In September, we welcomed more than 17,000 students, including 4,000 graduate students, and our largest class of new students (3,383) in history to Boston's urban public research university.

As you can see from these numbers alone, the investments we are making to improve our infrastructure, enhance our research culture, develop new academic offerings, and recruit more esteemed faculty are paying off in the significant growth happening at our university.

This fall, we have been busy:

- Celebrating the opening of our new 800-foot stretch of the HarborWalk;
- Welcoming Medal of Honor recipients and inner-city business leaders to campus, among others;
- Hosting the 11th annual IDEAS UMass Boston conference; and
- Celebrating 20 years of our Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy program.

This report will give you a sense of how our accomplishments in the short-term are helping us to achieve our urban mission and promote global engagement in the long-term. We look forward to a new year in 2016 that will be as productive and successful as 2015 has been.

—Chancellor J. Keith Motley



*Mayor Marty Walsh, foreground, is joined by UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley and Walsh's partner, Lori Higgins, at the dedication of a new stretch of UMass Boston's HarborWalk.*

## California Partners Invest in Global Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program

The Massachusetts Global Entrepreneur-in-Residence (GEIR) program announced a major \$30,000 donation from Silicon Valley Bank, its first corporate partner. The GEIR program, which is based at the Venture Development Center, will expand from two to 12 participating entrepreneurs this year despite budget issues earlier in the year. Governor Charlie Baker has since worked with the innovation community to reinstate \$100,000 to support the program as a public-private partnership.

The bank's gift will help UMass Boston continue to support its global entrepreneurs, who have unique joint appointments at the school as university employees who mentor student startups in

addition to running their own companies. Additionally, the GEIR program helps company founders and other early employees navigate the H-1B visa process.

The GEIR program also announced a partnership with Unshackled, an investment fund based in Palo Alto, California, backed by 80 of America's most influential investors, which seeks to create world-changing companies by enabling and supporting early-stage immigrant founders in the United States.

As part of his daylong tour across the UMass System on November 9, President Marty Meehan visited with students at the Venture Development Center (photo on page 5).

## ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### Focused On the Next 50 Years

As UMass Boston marked 50 years since its first students started class, Chancellor J. Keith Motley used his annual fall convocation address to focus on all that the urban public research university must become in the next half century. “So much of the past 50 years has been dedicated to overcoming barriers that created exclusion—exclusion from high-quality university education, exclusion from academic and social experiences, and exclusion from solid careers and solid salaries,” Motley said. “The next 50 years will be about leading in the areas of inclusion.”

Motley also said UMass Boston must lead in the areas of student success and globalization, start a discussion around the integration of knowledge, be intimately involved in the broader field of education, and create collaborations that span the world. Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Ellen O'Connor also updated the campus community on the ongoing campus transformation, while Trustee Jeffrey Mullan, partner at Foley Hoag, LLC, and the former secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, gave a major speech about “The Physical Environment and Human Development.”

### Gerontology Student Receives Award to Increase Diversity

McCormack Graduate School PhD student Mai See Yang, a first-generation college student, has received an R36 Aging Research Dissertation Award to Increase Diversity from the National Institutes of Health, in partnership with the National Institute on Aging. Yang's \$69,000 award covers two years, including a research stipend and data collection and travel expenses.

Her dissertation will explore the impacts of life events on depression in later life in older Hmong immigrants. Yang was born in Fresno, California, after her Hmong family was admitted to the United States as refugees, joining the largest concentration of Hmong in the country. Her studies will focus specifically on three life phases: pre-migration, transition, and post-migration.

### LEND Program with Boston Children's Hospital Enters 48th Year

The Institute for Community Inclusion, located within the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development and affiliated with Boston Children's Hospital, began its 48th year of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders (LEND) Program. The interdisciplinary training program takes place mostly at Children's and includes three UMass Boston fellows who are pre-doctoral candidates from the Clinical Psychology Program. Fellows learn about developmental disabilities and the systemic services assisting families whose children deal with them through weekly teaching sessions and community visits. The nine-month program includes 22 fellows representing 13 disciplines and is one of 43 such federally funded programs in the country.

### Venture Development Center Launches Entrepreneur Fellows Program

The Venture Development Center is launching a new Entrepreneur Fellows Program for juniors, seniors, and graduate students of any major who want to launch or work in a startup. The program will provide opportunities for fellows to learn from entrepreneurs and to help advance their careers by working a paid summer internship at a top-tier, venture-backed startup, meeting monthly with a mentor, attending a monthly presentation at the VDC, and participating in off-campus parties and industry events to help build their network. The program accepted applications until November and will announce its selections in December. The program kicks off February 4.



*Shirley Leung of the Boston Globe moderated a panel on financial technology at the Venture Development Center.*

### Boston Financial, Startup Leaders Contemplate “FinTech” at Venture Development Center

A standing-room-only audience at the Venture Development Center participated in a panel on technological innovation and disruption within the financial services industry in November. A panel sponsored by the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership and UMass Boston delved into the topic, including the thoughts of State Street Corp. Chairman and CEO Jay Hooley; Putnam Investments President and CEO Bob Reynolds; John Fawcett, founder and CEO of Quantopian; and Vivek Gupta, founder and CEO of Covrd. The conversation, moderated by *Boston Globe* columnist Shirley Leung, introduced UMass Boston students to some of Boston's top financial services leaders and highlighted the success of the university's Student Managed Fund team.



## ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

### Peace Corps Partners with UMass Boston

UMass Boston has partnered with the Peace Corps to provide graduate school scholarships to returned volunteers through the new Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program. It will be housed within the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development and offer graduate degrees in rehabilitation counseling and global inclusion and social development. All fellows will complete internships in underserved Massachusetts communities while they pursue their studies, allowing them to expand upon the skills they learned while in the Peace Corps.

Fellows will be charged in-state tuition, regardless of their home state, and receive academic credits for their service. Depending on the program, they also may be eligible for tuition remission via graduate assistantships, or for additional federally funded scholarships through the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program began in 1985 at Teachers College Columbia University and now includes more than 90 university partners across the country.

### Boston Business Journal Power Breakfast Focuses on Workforce Development

UMass Boston and the *Boston Business Journal* held a panel discussion moderated by editor in chief Doug Banks on the intersection of workforce development, education, employers, and government policy as a means to create a talent pipeline and close the skills gap. Panelists included Marybeth Campbell, executive director, SkillWorks; Jorge Haddock, dean, UMass Boston College of Management; Tom Hopcroft, president and CEO, Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council; and Paul Francisco, managing director, head of Diversity Consulting & Sourcing Office & Workforce Development Programs, State Street.

### New Director of Urban Planning and Community Development Program Brings Expertise from NOLA, Memphis

The new Urban Planning and Community Development Master's Program in the School for the Environment is being led by Director Ken Reardon, an accomplished academic and urban planner who coordinated the New Orleans Planning Initiative following Hurricane Katrina. After the hurricane, the city of New Orleans, government officials, and urban planners developed ideas to rebuild the city, but initial plans labeled the Lower Ninth Ward, along with other low-income, predominantly African American neighborhoods, as "not to be rebuilt." Reardon surveyed people who had been displaced by the storm and found many Ninth Ward residents would return if the right infrastructure were in place. He coordinated the New Orleans Planning Initiative, which ultimately reversed those earlier plans.

Reardon started his career in academia at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he started the East St. Louis Action Research Project, considered the largest, most longstanding and impactful community-university partnership in the country. Most recently, he directed the graduate program for the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Memphis. There, he partnered with local communities to create the Memphis mobile market to combat urban food deserts, and stalled the demolition of the last public housing building in the city.

## MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

### SAT Scores, GPA Averages, Enrollment Up for Fall 2015

UMass Boston welcomed a record-breaking class of new students (3,383) this fall, which contributed to the university achieving a total enrollment of 17,030 students for the first time in history. The freshmen class, 60 percent of which are U.S. students of color, increased by 9 percent overall, or 138 students. Academic indicators also increased, including a rise in students' average SAT scores and the average GPA.

Additionally, new graduate enrollment increased this fall by 18 percent, amounting to an entering cohort of 1,285 students. International enrollments at the undergraduate and graduate levels continued to grow, totaling just less than 2,100 students in fall 2015, making up 12 percent of the total headcount enrollment.

The future looks equally bright as 1,600 prospective students, parents, and family members attended UMass Boston's freshman open house on October 17 and more than 450 students from as far away as Virginia, New York, Maine, and Connecticut attended the Transfer Open House on November 5.



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## MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS (CONT.)



Former Congressman Barney Frank delivered an address as part of a recruiting event held by the John W. McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies at the Massachusetts State House.

### McCormack Recruits Students at State House Event with Barney Frank

The John W. McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies held a special recruiting event at the Massachusetts State House on November 9 titled "Be the Change: Exploring Careers in Public Service." Dean David Cash welcomed students, and former congressman Barney Frank delivered an address before students visited recruitment booths for graduate degree and certificate programs. As part of the event, the McCormack Graduate School honored Frank for the wide-reaching impact of his more-than-three-decade career in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as his late mother, Elsie Frank, a dedicated humanitarian whose work on behalf of senior citizens helped shape local and national legislation.



From left: Sarah Basch and her fiancée, UMass Boston student John Narcus, an Arredondo Family Foundation scholarship recipient, are pictured with Melida Arredondo '92 and Carlos Arredondo.

### Military Siblings Eligible for New \$1,000 Scholarship

Current UMass Boston students who are siblings of military members, veterans, or fallen heroes are invited to apply for a new \$1,000 scholarship funded by the Arredondo Family Foundation.

Carlos Arredondo and Melida Arredondo '92 established the Arredondo Brothers' Memorial Scholarship at UMass Boston this year to honor Carlos's two sons. Marine Lance Corporal Alexander Arredondo was shot and killed in Iraq in 2004. Brian Arredondo, who struggled with his older brother's death, took his own life six days before Christmas in 2011. The scholarship is meant to inspire hope and resilience in students who have been deeply affected by their families' experiences with war and military service. Carlos Arredondo also has said the scholarships may help show students where to find help on campus.

### First Recipients of Beacons Student Success Fellowship Present Projects at Fall Symposium

Nearly 40 UMass Boston students who conducted research, interned with nonprofits, and studied abroad with the financial support of the new Beacons Student Success Fellowship presented their projects at a symposium this semester. The fellowship is funded by a \$75,000 Philanthropic Initiative grant spread over three years and \$10,000 in interest from student success endowments. The Alumni Association is among those that have contributed to a student success endowment. Vice Provost for Academic Support Services Joan Becker has said she'd like to see the summer program expand to the school year. Interested students may start applying for next year's fellowships in February 2016.



## STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE



*President Marty Meehan speaks to students and alumni in the Venture Development Center as founder William Brah looks on.*

### **UMass Boston Hosts Third Annual Global Green Chemistry Centers Symposium, Workshop**

The Center for Green Chemistry hosted the third annual Symposium and Workshop of the Global Green Chemistry Centers over the summer. Experts from around the world gathered to share the latest breakthroughs in a field of study that originated at UMass Boston. John Warner and Paul Anastas, both '84, are considered the fathers of green chemistry, and their principles are taught at universities around the world.

Symposium delegates hailed from the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), Queen Mary's College (UK), the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), the National University of Singapore, the Federal University of Technology, Akure (Nigeria), the European Bioenergy Research Institute (UK), Sichuan University (China), Monash University (Australia), the Korea Institute of Industrial Technology, and the University of York's Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (UK), and more.

### **Summer Institute on Transforming Conflicts Launched in Ecuador**

The McCormack Graduate School's Graduate Programs in Conflict Resolution successfully launched an inaugural summer institute in Ecuador titled Conflict Transformation Across Borders: A Platform for Action. Led by Professor Jeffrey Pugh, 14 students from nine countries learned about strategies for attaining lasting peace. The institute was designed to equip early-career professionals, graduate and advanced undergraduate students, and other future peacebuilders with tools, knowledge, and experience to understand the complexities of conflicts within and across border regions, and the types of interventions that can be used to transform them.

### **Gerontology Institute Hosts Hackfest Aimed at Improving Older Adults Lives**

The Gerontology Institute, located within the McCormack Graduate School, co-hosted HackFest, a two-day event that challenges teams of 4-6 participants to "Engage with Age" by creating technology-driven tools aimed at improving the lives of older adults and their families. The tools could include software applications, websites, interactive online experiences, or devices. The event took place at UMass Boston over Halloween weekend and was co-hosted with Leading Age, a national organization representing nonprofit providers of health care, housing, and services for older adults.

### **Healey Library a Growing National Resource on Cycling History**

The Joseph P. Healey Library's University Archives and Special Collections Department's collection on bicycling history acquired 200 boxes of records from the League of American Wheelmen (LAW) this semester. The organization dates back to 1880 and has played an important role in issues of bicycle safety, design standards, and the rights of bicyclists. University Archives and Special Collections already had some documents related to LAW, including papers from Ralph Galen, who co-founded the Charles River Wheelmen, and Phyllis Harmon, who is known for her work with LAW and other bicycling organizations. The transportation of the records was funded by a grant the Charles River Wheelmen gave Cycling Through History: The Massachusetts African American Heritage Bike Network.

### **Summer Institute Created for Underrepresented Philosophy Undergrads**

Associate Professor Lisa Rivera (ethics, political and feminist philosophy) and Assistant Professor Danielle Bromwich (bioethics, metaethics) have created Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute Boston (PIKSI) for philosophy undergraduates from historically underrepresented groups. They received funding for three years from MIT and the American Philosophical Association (APA). The APA funds come from a \$600,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon foundation that relied on UMass Boston, MIT, and Penn State involvement.

## STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE (CONT.)

### Selected Research Awards

- **Think Colledge**, a national organization within the Institute for Community Inclusion, has been awarded a \$10 million grant by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education to continue developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education programs for people with intellectual disabilities.
- **Patricia Favazza**, Center for Social Development and Education, was awarded a three-year, \$1,419,002 grant by the U.S. Department of Education for "Children in Action: Motor Program for Preschoolers."
- **Tomas Materdey**, Engineering, was awarded a \$57,940 grant by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to conduct the "2015 Summer Transportation Institute at UMass Boston."
- **Joan Becker**, Academic Support Services, was awarded a \$331,737 grant by the Davis Educational Foundation for a "Davis Learning Outcomes Assessment."
- **Robyn Hannigan**, School for the Environment, was awarded a \$99,999 grant by the National Science Foundation for "Student and Mentor-Student Travel Scholarship Program" and a \$200,000 grant by the Innovation Network for Communities for "Green Ribbon Research Advisory Group."
- **Karen Suyemoto**, professor of psychology at UMass Boston, was elected an Asian American Psychological Association fellow this summer at the AAPA conference. Suyemoto, who teaches both Asian American studies and psychology courses, has held several leadership positions in the AAPA, and helped establish the organization's first division on women.

## CONTINUE A POSITIVE FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND POSITIVE CLIMATE

### WUMB Summer Acoustic Week Celebrates 20th Anniversary

UMass Boston's public radio station WUMB held a gala in September to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its Summer Acoustic Music Week (SAMW), an annual retreat at Geneva Point Center in central New Hampshire that offers instruction, jamming, workshops, dancing, and musical collaboration for students. The gala, which benefited the radio station and its community initiatives such as SAMW, honored SAMW founding members Dick Pleasants, Lorraine Hammond, and Bob Franke, and featured musical performances by the David Bromberg Quintet.

### China Program Center's Fulbright-Hays Group Program Abroad Receives Award

The College of Advancing and Professional Studies received the "Innovative and Creative Programming Award" from the University Professional and Continuing Education Association – New England in recognition of its China Program Center's Fulbright-Hays Group Program Abroad (GPA). The program, led by Wanli Hu, seeks to advance scholarly and business collaborations between China and the United States through innovative programs, including practical training, trade missions, government exchanges, and joint academic ventures. Sixteen students from the Fulbright-Hays GPA were invited by Chinese Central Television to have a dialogue on the topic of "American and Chinese Youths' Views on a Better World" with a cohort of Chinese students from five top universities in China.



*At the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, Vicki Kennedy, Betty Taymor, and Chancellor J. Keith Motley celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass Boston, which stemmed from a program Taymor founded.*

### CWPPP Celebrates 20 Years, Zeroes in on Wage Inequality and Women of Color in Elected Office

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), based in the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, celebrated its 20th anniversary with an event at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. Chancellor J. Keith Motley; Victoria Reggie Kennedy, wife of the late Senator Ted Kennedy; former Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy; former UMass Boston Chancellor Sherry Penney; CWPPP Director Ann Bookman; and McCormack Graduate School Dean David Cash, among others, gathered to celebrate the legacy of Betty Taymor, whose original Program for Women in Politics and Government, established in 1968, laid the foundation for the program at UMass Boston.

The center recently published fact sheets entitled "The Gender Wage Gap Matters to Women in Low-Wage Occupations: Hispanic Women Face Largest Pay Inequities" and "Profiles in Leadership: Women of Color Elected to Office in Massachusetts." The latter publication was released in September as part of an event at the Massachusetts State House with emcee Karen Holmes Ward of WCVB-TV.



## RENEW THE FACULTY

**John Saltmarsh** was inducted into the second class of the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship during a ceremony at Pennsylvania State University. Saltmarsh is the director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) based at UMass Boston and is a faculty member in the College of Education and Human Development's higher education doctoral program. He leads the NERCHE project partnering with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for Carnegie's elective Community Engagement Classification.

**Alice Carter**, professor of clinical psychology, has been elected by her peers as a fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA). Her work focuses on the development of young children in the context of family relationships. Last year, she received a \$3.9 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for her work on health disparities in the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

**Wei Zhang**, director of the Center for Green Chemistry, was invited by the *Chemical & Engineering News* to make comments on the 2015 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Awards given annually by EPA at the ACS Green Chemistry and Engineering Conferences. He also received the biennial Fluorous Technology Award at the sixth International Symposium on Fluorous Technologies in Como, Italy. Zhang is only the ninth scientist to receive this award.

**Maria Ivanova**, Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance, served as a panelist for the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development at the UN Headquarters in New York, which originated with the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development Conference Rio+20. Ivanova also participated in a Ministerial Roundtable as part of UNESCO's 2015 HLPF meeting this summer. She met with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to discuss issues presented by the policy brief and the next steps to incorporate science into the policy process of the Post-2015 development agenda.

**Darren Kew**, executive director of the Center for Peace, Democracy, and Development, received a lifetime achievement award from the Yoruba Elders International Society, a nonprofit organization in Providence, Rhode Island, dedicated to the ethnic group's history and culture of southwestern and north central Nigeria and West Africa. Recognized for his peacebuilding efforts between the Muslims and Christians in Northern Nigeria, Kew was given a citation from the Rhode Island governor and also delivered an address at an October 10 State House event.

## DEVELOP FIRST-RATE INFRASTRUCTURE



*Crews continue making progress on chemistry, performing arts, and general classroom space at University Hall, which is scheduled to open in the spring.*

### General Academic Building No. 1 Gets a New Name, Makes Progress

University Hall, formerly known as General Academic Building No. 1, is making more progress as its spring opening approaches. The new academic building, to complement the state-of-the-art Integrated Sciences Complex that opened earlier this year, will feature general purpose classrooms, a 500-seat lecture hall, a multimedia studio classroom, a theater, a recital hall, dance, acting, and music performance studios, plus chemistry labs and support spaces. Crews have recently installed copper cladding, a traditional Boston material that is malleable, durable, and cost-effective, on external walls, while windows have been installed in the building's ocean-facing atrium. Chemistry teaching labs are also being outfitted as crews prepare for students.

### Design for Energy-Producing Facility Underway

A new, environmentally sustainable energy producing facility that will provide centralized heating and cooling for future UMass Boston buildings is in its design phase. The 40,000-square-foot facility will be located behind the Service and Supply and Quinn buildings. It will recapture heat to generate electricity, which will save money and generate emergency power for ongoing research in the event of an outage. Architecture firm Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc. has presented designs to UMass Boston, the UMass Building Authority, and the project manager, Jacob Engineering group. Project completion is targeted for spring 2018, in time to provide climate control for the first residence hall on campus.

## INCREASE ENDOWMENT

### Historic “Just Imagine” campaign tops \$60 million

UMass Boston's largest campaign in school history is well on its way to reaching its \$100 million goal. The campaign has raised \$60,012,736 as of November. Among the gifts the campaign has encouraged so far are a major contribution to expand the Samuel Brehm Scholarship Fund, one of the university's funds, and the establishment of the McPherson Family Faculty Fund. The Just Imagine campaign will support key areas of the university's strategic plan, including student success, building the research enterprise, enhancing the campus, and annual support.

### Charitable Trust Expands Scholarship Support

A family who established one of UMass Boston's earliest scholarship endowments has made a significant gift through a charitable trust to increase scholarship support for students from Boston and Chelsea public high schools.

The new gift continues a fruitful 35-year bond between UMass Boston and the Brehm family. Neither Dr. nor Mrs. Brehm graduated from UMass Boston, but both expressed a fervent belief in the value of public education. In their lifetimes, the couple established two endowed scholarship funds and invested nearly \$1 million in the university's mission. “What my parents taught us, and what my brothers and I still believe, is that you don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist,” son Eric Brehm said.

### New Programs Engage Parents and Families

To promote student success, University Advancement and the Alumni Relations Office sponsored its second Parent and Family Brunch for members of the Class of 2019 on October 4. The event attracted 170 attendees, strengthening connections between families and university faculty and administrators, educating the group about the importance of philanthropic investment, and laying the groundwork for a new Parent and Family Association.

## DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE



*Medal of Honor recipient LTC Charles C. Hagemeister met with UMass Boston students, alumni, and community members as part of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual convention.*

### Pension Assistance Project Recovers Over \$2 Million in Benefits for Illinois Retirees

The Illinois Pension Assistance Project, operated by the Pension Action Center of the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston, has helped retirees in Illinois recover more than \$2 million in benefits that they rightfully earned during their working years.

The project provides free legal assistance to people with pension problems, particularly people of moderate and low income who have nowhere else to turn. Thanks to the Retirement Research Foundation, based in Chicago, Illinois, residents will be able to access this one-of-a-kind resource as the project enters its fourth year. The Illinois Pension Assistance Project has the expertise and experience to handle a variety of issues related to retirement income benefits, such as overpayments, union pensions, 401(k) plans, survivor benefits, and pensions in divorce. The center also helps find retirement plans that have been “lost” due to corporate mergers and bankruptcy.

### McCormack Graduate School Launches Initiative to Boost Youth Economic Opportunities

The McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies has launched the Mobility Project, a new initiative to increase economic opportunity for youth in metro Boston. Working with Tufts, Brandeis, and Northeastern Universities, faith-based and community partners, and other organizations, TMP aims to spur dialogue, break down barriers to action, and spread best practices while shifting system-wide policies for community-led collective impact that benefits all of Boston's youth.



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## DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE (CONT.)

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### **New Graduate Programs Support Partnerships with Boston, North Shore Public Schools**

The College of Education and Human Development's Graduate Programs in Educational Administration began new district partnerships and launched a satellite program in educational administration in the Boston Public Schools and the North Shore five-district consortium (Revere, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, and Winthrop). Students were selected jointly with each district and will take all 12 courses at an in-district location.

### **MOVA Partnership Will Support Individuals Impacted by Marathon Bombing with Job Services**

The Institute for Community Inclusion has entered a new partnership with the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance (MOVA) to provide employment services and supports for individuals impacted by the Marathon bombing. The Employment Options program will help any person impacted by the tragedy, including victims who were physically injured by the bombs on Boylston Street, Watertown neighbors affected by the events following the bombing, caregivers, and first responders. The program aims to help those impacted access services they need to obtain a job, to maintain current employment, or to find a new job that better suits their needs and goals. The services, which may range from help with a resume or interview skills, to further assessment of career interests or agency referrals, are considered the first of their kind to be offered through MOVA, which provides an array of services for victims of crime and violence.

### **Conference at UMass Boston Honors, Educates Fastest-Growing Inner City Businesses**

In October, UMass Boston's McCormack Graduate School and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum hosted the 2015 Inner City 100 Conference and Awards event, the premier networking and management education event for the fastest-growing urban businesses around the country. Over 200 CEOs convened for a full day of workshops, learning of best practices, and networking with prominent industry leaders. Sessions focused on transforming inner cities through sustained growth, innovation, and leadership.

### **Collaborations Discussed with Rwanda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe**

Senior Fellow Malcolm Russell-Einhorn and Parfait Gasana, assistant director of the Center for Peace, Democracy, and Development, travelled to Africa in October to discuss possible partnerships or collaborative projects on government-related issues. In Rwanda, they discussed partnerships with government, university, and NGO representatives, including public administration training, e-governance, regulatory reform, administrative justice, organizational dispute resolution, environmental management and planning, disability policy development, women's leadership development, and training of teachers in problem-based STEM subject instruction. Russell-Einhorn continued on to Kenya and Zimbabwe to explore collaborative projects on administrative justice and public education on constitutional implementation. In Kenya, he also discussed possible cooperation on organizational dispute resolution in government and research on women's political participation.

### **U-ACCESS Food Pantry Partners with Greater Boston Food Bank, Plans Regional Forum**

The Office of Urban and Off Campus Support Services (U-ACCESS) Food Pantry became the first higher education food pantry member of the Greater Boston Food Bank. This partnership allows the U-ACCESS Food Pantry to expand its capacity to supplement the food supply needed by any UMass Boston students who may be experiencing hunger and struggling to buy food. The university receives more than 600 pounds of food items and produce from the GBFB bi-weekly. Since the beginning of the fall semester, the food pantry has doubled the number of student visits compared with the previous semester.

In October, U-ACCESS also partnered with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Greenfield Community College to host a state-wide regional forum titled Massachusetts Homeless Students' Regional Forum for Educators and Advocates.

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## POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE

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### **Princeton Review names UMass Boston "Best in the Northeast"**

The *Princeton Review* has named the University of Massachusetts Boston to its "Best in the Northeast" list for 2016, which includes 225 institutions in 11 northeastern states and Washington, D.C. The list is part of the *Review's* website feature "2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region," which showcases schools considered to be academically outstanding and well worth consideration in college searches. Only 25 percent of the country's four-year colleges were named to the list.

## POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE (CONT.)

### State Treasurer Hosts Wage Equality Roundtable at UMass Boston

State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, the Massachusetts Office of Economic Empowerment, and the Advisory Committee on Wage Equality hosted a panel discussion at UMass Boston designed to share input from thought leaders and the business community on best practices to close the wage gap. The committee, which Goldberg created in March, will use the feedback obtained during five roundtables to develop a wage equality toolkit for businesses and organizations that want to enact equal pay. The feedback will also be the centerpiece of a statewide conference in April 2016 designed to strategize and develop best practices.

Chancellor J. Keith Motley, who is on the advisory committee, served as a panelist alongside Ann Bookman, director of UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy; Cathy Minehan, dean of Simmons College's School of Management; Jim Rooney, president and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; Evelyn Murphy, former lieutenant governor and founder of the WAGE Project, Inc.; and Kate Walsh, president and CEO of Boston Medical Center.



*IDEAS UMass Boston included a panel on "Diversity in Innovation," featuring, from left: Katie Stebbins, assistant secretary of technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development; William J. Brah, executive director, UMass Boston Venture Development Center; Jhana Senxian, founder and CEO, Sustainability Guild International; and Mohit Kansal, founder, CurrencyDoc.*

### 11th Annual IDEAS UMass Boston Continues Tradition of Bringing Innovators to Campus

UMass Boston attracted innovators in the realm of economics, biotechnology, public policy, entrepreneurship, and other fields to campus in October for the 11th annual IDEAS UMass Boston conference. More than 100 audience members enjoyed lectures from Jasmina Aganovic, AOBiome; Jodi Beggs, economist; Joel Dawson, Eta Devices; Parfait Gasana, Kigali Reading Center; the Honorable Rosemary Minehan, Plymouth District Court; and Armon Sharei, SQZ Biotechnologies. A panel on "Diversity in Innovation" followed, moderated by Doug Banks, editor in chief of the *Boston Business Journal*, with commentary from William J. Brah, executive director, UMass Boston Venture Development Center; Mohit Kansal, founder, CurrencyDoc; Jhana Senxian, founder and CEO, Sustainability Guild International; and Katie Stebbins, assistant secretary of technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

### School for the Environment Partners to Help Produce "Living on Earth"

UMass Boston's School for the Environment will be the production partner for "Living on Earth," the award-winning public radio environmental newsmagazine produced by World Media Foundation, Inc. and distributed nationwide by Public Radio International (PRI). The new partnership aims to broaden public understanding of environmental change through the weekly broadcasts airing on more than 250 public radio stations.

The university's environmental science and policy experts will work with "Living on Earth" science journalists to develop new, daily, five-minute audio stories tied to the Living on Earth Education Corps. The Education Corps provides professional development for science and environmental high school and middle school teachers. Teachers will be able to join regular journalists as reporters for the program, doing research and presenting their findings on the national broadcast as well as for their own local podcasts.

### Terry Condon inducted into American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame

UMass Boston volleyball coach Terry Condon was chosen as a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association's 13th annual Hall of Fame class. Condon turned Beacons volleyball into a Division III powerhouse, leading teams to six straight Little East Conference regular season titles, five tournament championships, and three NCAA regional titles since taking over in 2004.



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### **Chancellor Motley Named to Power 50 List of Influential Bostonians, Honored by Roxbury Community College**

Chancellor J. Keith Motley was named to the *Boston Business Journal's* "Power 50: Most Influential Bostonians 2015" for the fifth straight year. According to the *Journal*, "The power players in Boston are the ones getting things done and leading change in the Boston economy." Honorees were featured in a special *Journal* supplement in November, followed by a celebration at the Boston Harbor Hotel.

The 2015 class of honorees includes significant players in the Greater Boston community from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, including UMass President Martin Meehan; Governor Charlie Baker; Boston Mayor Marty Walsh; principal owner of Fenway Sports Group and *Boston Globe* Media Partners John Henry; chairman, president, and CEO of State Street Corp. Jay Hooley, and Ice Bucket Challenge creator/founder Pete Frates, among others.

In October, Roxbury Community College also honored Motley with a "Ground Breaking and Vision Award" as part of a gala celebrating the 20th anniversary of its Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. As a strong advocate for the facility, Motley first attended its groundbreaking with other community leaders. He received the Ground Breaking and Vision Award for "his involvement with the center since its inception, his continued support of the center and its activities, and most of all, his mentoring and guidance over the past 20 years," according to a statement from Roxbury Community College.

### **New England Basketball Hall of Fame Honors Alumnae, Vice Chancellor**

The New England Basketball Hall of Fame honored former men's basketball coach and Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Recreation, Special Programs and Projects Charlie Titus and women's basketball alumnae Andreen Gilpin '04 and Eileen Fenton '91. Titus, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009, received the new Icon Award, which honors current hall members for their work in the community. Gilpin and Fenton are the second- and third-highest scorers in program history, with 1,534 and 1,380 points, respectively. They are the only two Beacons to accumulate more than 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in their careers. Both are members of the UMass Boston Athletics Hall of Fame.