ValleyBike to Remain Open for Winter 2021-22

In a recent email to the campus community, Chancellor Kumble recently announced that ValleyBike, the university’s popular bike-sharing program, will remain open throughout the 2021-22 winter season. The decision is part of an ongoing effort to support the university’s community and sustainability goals.

Physical Plant Works on Tree Planting Around Campus

The Physical Plant team is busy planting trees around the campus before the snow starts to fly. The trees are grown and maintained by the campus’s tree nursery, which specializes in unique trees not currently found on the campus. The nursery team has been working hard to ensure that the trees are ready for their new home on campus.

A School of Public Policy team raised $1,495 for the Food Bank of Western Mass when alums, faculty, staff and friends of the program gathered to raise money for a good cause.

The Western Massachusetts Bilingual Hub is paving the way when it comes to research on bilingual education. The Hub’s director, Dr. Maria Lopez, recently presented a paper at a national conference on the importance of bilingual education in preparing students for the 21st century workforce.

Widely Held University Chorale and Recital Choir

The Widely Held University Chorale and Recital Choir will be performing a holiday concert on December 17, featuring a variety of traditional and contemporary music. The choir will be led by conductor Dr. John Williams, who has been working with the choir for several years.

Micro- and Nanoplastic Particles

Collaborating scientists at UMass Amherst and Nanjing University in China have found that steam disinfection of silicone-rubber baby bottle nipples can destroy the surface of the material, which may lead to the release of harmful micro- and nanoplastic particles.

COVID-19 Update from the UMass Public Health Promotion Center

The Public Health Promotion Center emailed the campus community on Thursday, sharing updates and information on public health and safety measures.

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