



# UNPRECEDENTED MOMENTUM

2020–2021

UMassAmherst

# #26 U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges

In the latest U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges Guide, **UMass Amherst is ranked #26 among public universities nationally**. A rankings rise from #52 in 2010 marks an extraordinary 26-step ascent in the last dozen years.

Online bachelor's degree programs at UMass Amherst rank 21st nationally, up two spots from last year, according to a 2021 survey released by U.S. News & World Report, which also ranked the university 13th for online baccalaureate programs for veterans.

Note: The Federal Department of Education lists more than 700 public, four-year colleges and universities nationwide.



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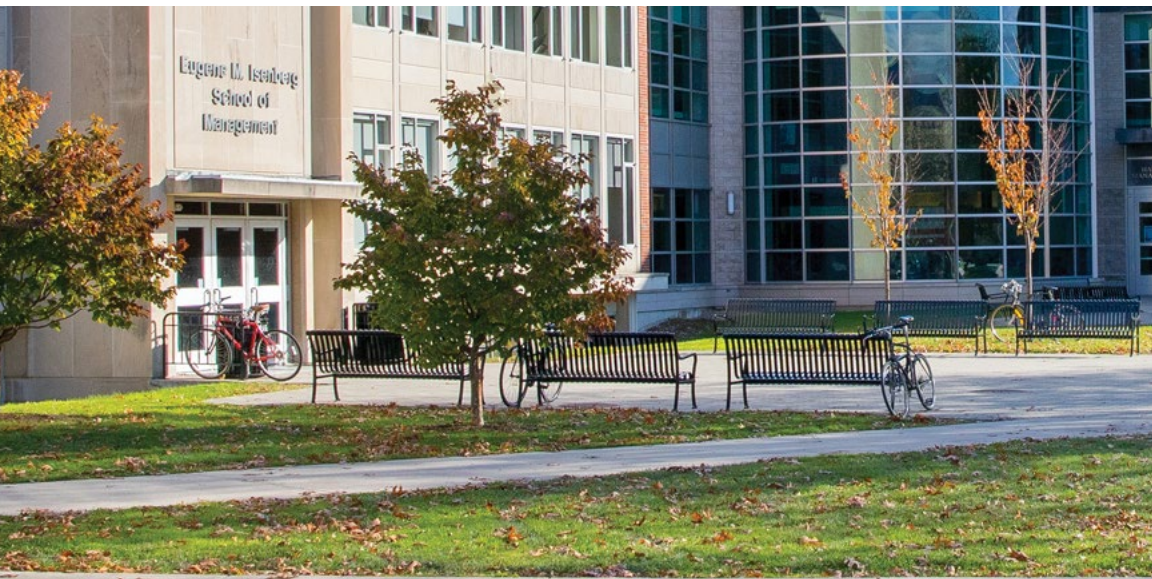
## High-Achieving Students Applying to the Flagship Campus

# 16%

INCREASE IN SAT SCORES  
SINCE 2010 FOR  
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

# 4.0

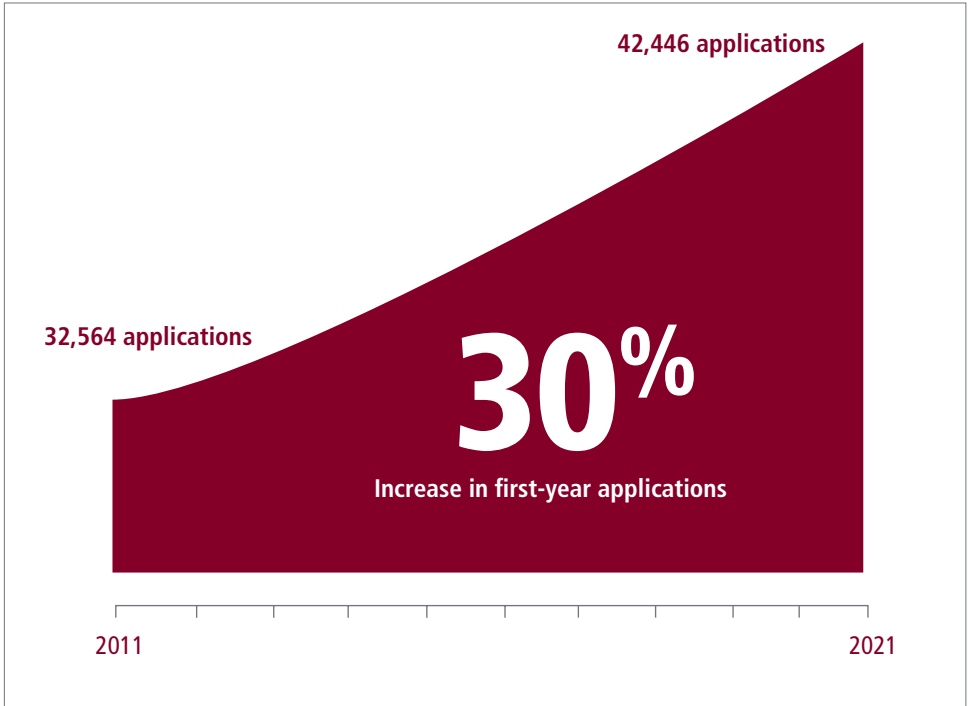
ENTERING  
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT  
AVERAGE GPA



# Destination of Choice

## A growing reputation, a surge in applications

As the reputation of the flagship campus continues to grow, first-year undergraduate applications have increased by **30% percent over the past 10 years**. The number of early action applicants increased from about 10,680 applicants in 2011 to 21,160 this year—a 98% increase.

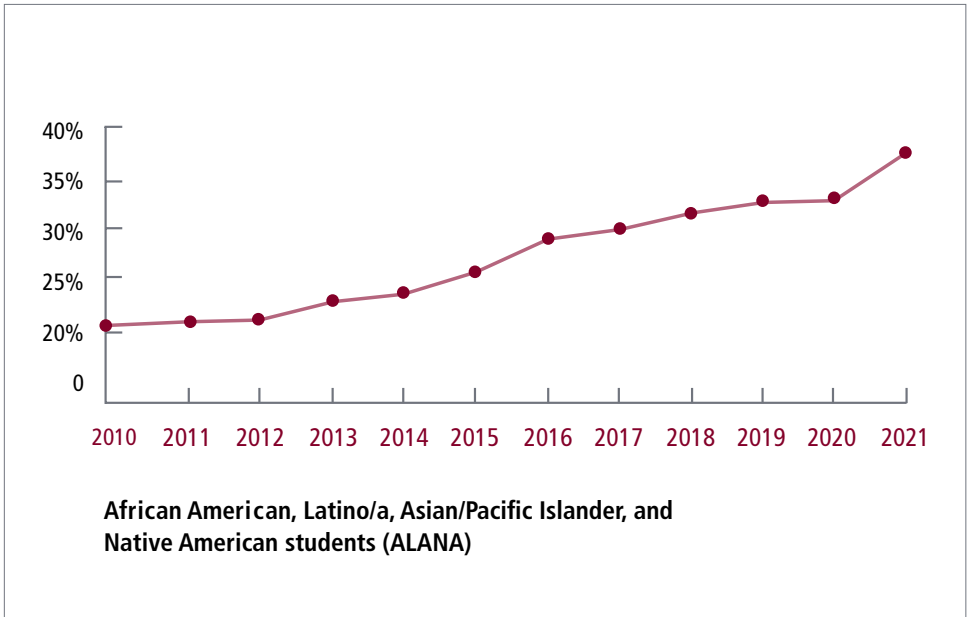


# Student Diversity and Success

## UMass Amherst Welcomes the Most Diverse Class in Campus History

**38% of the entering class are ALANA** (African American, Latino/a, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American students) **and 19% are underrepresented minority students.**

**22% of the fall 2021 entering class are first-generation.**



# 84%

### SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

Graduation rates have **increased steadily over the last decade**. UMass Amherst is delivering what it takes for students to **secure a world-class education on a trajectory for success.**

# 70%

### EDUCATING MORE STUDENTS FROM MASSACHUSETTS

In 2021, Massachusetts students represent **70% of the first-year class.**

# 91%

### STUDENTS RETURNING FOR A SECOND YEAR

# Innovation and Economic Strength

## A Powerful Research Enterprise

The university's research enterprise is driving innovative solutions to the world's greatest challenges. UMass Amherst is one of the only eight **"R1: Doctoral Universities" with the "Highest Research Activity" in Massachusetts**—the highest designation attainable and the only public institution on the list.

## A Strong Return on Investment for the Commonwealth

State investment in UMass Amherst leads to significantly greater economic activity. In FY2015 the state's \$298 million investment in **UMass Amherst helped generate \$2.1 billion in economic activity in Massachusetts**—seven times greater than the state's investment.

## Giving is Breaking Records and Making an Impact

Last year's UMassGives, the two-day online fundraising campaign that occurs each April, was record-breaking. Nearly **10,000 donors**—alumni, friends, students, parents, faculty, and staff—**contributed, which was a 30% increase in donors since 2018.**

## Largest Gift in UMass Amherst History to the College of Nursing

**The Elaine Nicpon Marieb Charitable Foundation gave a \$21.5 million gift**, after previously giving over \$2 million to the school. UMass Amherst's nursing college has been renamed The Elaine Marieb College of Nursing.

"THIS GIFT IS AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE VITAL ROLE THAT OUR COLLEGE OF NURSING PLAYS IN PREPARING NURSES FOR LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE. IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN OUR SOCIETY IS CONFRONTED WITH UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES—CHALLENGES THAT WE STRIVE TO OVERCOME THROUGH INNOVATION, LEARNING AND DISCOVERY."

— Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy

## Computer Science Receives Major Boosts, Fueling the Massachusetts Tech Economy

**An \$18 million gift will endow the newly named Robert and Donna Manning** College of Information and Computer Sciences. A state investment of \$75 million—along with \$30 million from the Amherst campus—will enhance and expand the college's facilities, enabling accelerated enrollment growth.

"WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTRIBUTING TO AN INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE SOCIETY, AND WE KNOW THESE RESOURCES, COMBINING THE BEST OF PHILANTHROPIC AND STATE SUPPORT, WILL HELP OUR COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCES HARNESS TECHNOLOGY'S POWER TO DRIVE THIS CHANGE."

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60%

OF UMASS AMHERST GRADUATES  
REMAIN IN MASSACHUSETTS

Founded in 1863, UMass Amherst, the Commonwealth's flagship campus, is a world-class research institution with a revolutionary spirit that inspires our academics to challenge convention, rethink expectations, and work tirelessly to change the world.