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HEADLINERS

[UMass Amherst Celebrating Students at Commencement Ceremonies on Friday](#)



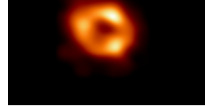
UMass Amherst will award more than 7,000 degrees at the Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 13.

[Expect Heavy Traffic and Delays During Commencement Weekend](#)



A reminder that the public should expect heavy traffic, some road closures and delays getting to and from the University of Massachusetts Amherst due to student move-out and commencement activities through Saturday, May 14.

[The Black Hole in Our Backyard](#)



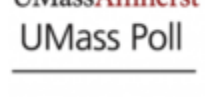
UMass Amherst astronomers help to reveal the black hole at the heart of the Milky Way.

[Huge Study of Diverse Populations Advances Understanding of Type 2 Diabetes](#)



Ongoing worldwide research of diverse populations by an international team of scientists, including a UMass Amherst genetic epidemiologist, has shed important new light on how genes contribute to type 2 diabetes.

[New UMass Amherst Poll Finds Increasing Disapproval of Supreme Court, Support for Keeping Roe on the Books](#)



The timely national poll shows a plurality of Americans are unhappy with indications that the court is prepared to overturn Roe v. Wade, and want Congress to pass a law legalizing abortion in all 50 states.

[UMass Amherst to Present Online Discussion 'The End of Roe? From the Past of Reproductive Rights to the Future of Reproductive Justice'](#)



UMass Amherst will present "The End of Roe? From the Past of Reproductive Rights to the Future of Reproductive Justice," a public online discussion between a panel of experts, Tuesday, May 17, at 4 p.m.

[UMass Amherst to Welcome Srinivas Chokkakula as Inaugural Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair in Fall 2022](#)



Srinivas Chokkakula, Ministry of Jal Shakti research chair at the Center for Policy Research in New Delhi, India, will be the university's inaugural Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair for Indian Studies in fall 2022.

[Tastes Like Summer: Winning Flavor at Annual UMass Amherst Ice Cream Contest is Spicy Pineapple Margarita](#)



Food science students churned out seven unique flavors for students, faculty and Herrell's Ice Cream & Bakery, with spicy pineapple margarita being named the winning flavor.

[Strawberries and Fresh Greens in April? Thank the UMass Student Hydrofarmers](#)



The UMass Hydrofarm started in 2017 and currently is a student-run practicum, with 16 student-farmers, supported by the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

[COVID-19 Update from the UMass Public Health Promotion Center: May 12](#)



In a weekly email to the campus community, co-directors of the Public Health Promotion Center (PHPC), Ann Becker and Jeffrey Hescock, announce the relocation of the PHPC pick-up location for tests and masks, as well as encourage graduates and visitors to wear masks at indoor commencement events.

PEOPLE

[In Memoriam: Ronald Hambleton](#)



Professor Emeritus Ronald Hambleton, College of Education, died on April 28. He was 78.

[Vice Chancellor Brandi Hephner LaBanc Named a 2022-23 Fellow for the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement](#)



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life Brandi Hephner LaBanc has been named a fellow for the 2022-23 academic year.

[Maurianne Adams Makes Posthumous Gift of \\$646,000 to the Social Justice Education Program](#)



A pioneer in the field of social justice education, Maurianne Adams put UMass Amherst on the map as the premier research institution for critically examining systemic oppression in educational and societal contexts.

[Architecture's Ray K. Mann Awarded the College Outstanding Teaching Award](#)



The College of Humanities and Fine Arts is proud to announce its 2022 College Outstanding Teaching Award recipient, Ray Kinoshita Mann, professor in the Department of Architecture.

[Rosa Clemente Honored by UAlbany Alumni Association](#)



Rosa Clemente, a Ph.D. student in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, is the 2022 recipient of the University at Albany Alumni Association's Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award.

[Christella Louist Awarded the 2022 Barbara B. Burn Memorial Scholarship by the IPO](#)



Junior Christella Louist from Indonesia is the 2022 recipient of the International Programs Office's (IPO) Dr. Barbara B. Burn Memorial Scholarship.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

[UMass ADVANCE Collaborative Research Seed Grants 2022-23](#)



UMass ADVANCE is pleased to announce the fourth round of a seed grant program to foster the development of innovative and equitable collaborative research projects among UMass Amherst faculty.

[Guggenheim Fellowship Workshop to Feature Faculty Panel of Past Recipients and Guest Speaker André Bernard](#)



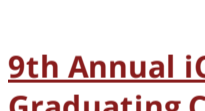
The Office of Faculty Development invites faculty to the Guggenheim Fellowship Workshop, an online discussion designed to benefit those interested in applying for a Guggenheim Fellowship.

[IDEAS, CTL and Libraries Partner to Present Teach Week Workshops](#)



The Instructional Design, Engagement, and Support (IDEAS) group and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), have partnered to partnered with The Libraries, to offer a week of workshops and other events to help faculty generate and implement new course design ideas during Teach Week.

[9th Annual iCons Senior Exposition Features Research Findings from Largest Graduating Class](#)



Last week, the UMass Integrated Concentration in STEM (iCons) Program gathered together their largest graduating class at the 9th Annual iCons Senior Exposition.

[New Summer Research Assistantship Launched by CJLS and AFP](#)



This summer marks the launch of a summer research assistantship developed by the Center for Justice, Law, and Societies (CJLS) and the Academic Fellows Program (AFP).

[UMass Dining to Hold On-the-Spot Interview Event on May 16, 17](#)



Award-winning UMass Dining will hold an On-the-Spot Interview Event on Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Blue Wall, Campus Center, One Campus Center Way, UMass Amherst.

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