

## 2019 Building Bridges Showcase Event – Guestbook Comments

'Thank you. Great way to meet each other!' - Joanne

'Big things come in small packages, great come when people gather'- U

'Great work!' Love Talia

"So beautiful"- Emma Neagle

"Good Show!!" Jody Atwood

"Thank you for the art!" Jeff

"Great Job Jacob!" Val

"So many beautiful voices" - olivia

"Stunning! Bravo!"- Luke Nilson

"I am so happy to be part of this lovely exhibit" - Loni Edwards

"I am so happy to be a participant in this exhibit! Really appreciate the organizers! Thanks UMass"-  
Steven B

"Thank you for allowing UMass staff to show their art- inspiring"

"What a fabulous event! It is so inspiring to feel connected to my colleagues across campus." Sarah  
Jarman

"Beautiful exhibit, full of culture and diversity! So glad to have stopped by and been a part of this!" Kelly  
Palacios

"Great Exhibit!" Payton Sherman

"Beautiful Exhibit!" Emily Ball

"Thank you to the wonderful artists who have shared their passion with the campus community! Amazing  
talent. This deserves a wider audience!"

"So much creativity and beauty and vitality and reflection here. Thanks to all who participated and  
congrats on a great achievement." Malini

"Making connections by Building Bridges with and between imaginations is the best way to build a  
human community! Wonderful Vibrant Work!" Andee

"This is all so very beautiful! Both the art and the community it builds. We all need to get to know each  
other a little (or a lot) better so we can appreciate the whole person, not just the work they do here." Lori  
Sadler

"Amazing work everyone. It is truly inspiring." Paul M

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“It’s fantastic and inspiring to see the art and craft work of my fellow colleagues within the UMass community. I was so surprised to see so many staff (and pleased to meet) from the UMass physical plant! So proud! I’m also so moved by the stories being told within the artist statements. To hear these stories of diverse stories of the lives of people who work here, especially the stories of the lives of survival and immigration is touching and amazing to me. Thank you for providing this platform to connect with my fellow co workers. Sometimes I feel so confined and secluded in my office, but this program helps me connect with more people here on a human level!” Ezra Small, Physical Plant

“Wonderful personal thought and touches. What a fantastic event, thank you for inspiring me.” Angel Falcon, Controller’s office

“Well done! Great initiative! Go Building Bridges!” Larissa

“Indonesia is where I am from. ‘Membangun Silaturahmi’ this is the phrase we use for Building Bridges. Here I am today, here at UMass Amherst, I am ready to build a bridge with you all.” Julia Novrita

“A fabulous event full of love, wonderful art and wonderful messages that we desperately need to hear.” Debbie

“Amazing display of artwork. Great Event!” Jeff H

“The first thought you have is who you were raised to be, the second is who you choose to be. Building Bridges brings us together. Lovely event and initiative”

“So marvelous!” CC

“Coming here, seeing so many faces that I know made campus feel smaller.” Samm Delroy

“Thanks to all the music/art bridge makers.” Elizabeth

“Nice pictures you guys have!” Alfredo G

“I had a great time! The art is beautiful and the artists loved to talk about their art.” Jenna

“Thank you to everyone who contributed to the show. Wonderful!” Patrick Archibald UMPD

“Great Art Wonderful” Frank F

Wonderful event- so glad to see so much talent by our coworkers” Stevie Fuset

“Great Show. I work with so many talented people here at UMass.” Laura Lueman

“Amazing! Great work!” E

“The quotes on the walls are inspiring!”

Great work everyone! We have talent!”

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Excelente trabajo de todos. Hay Talento.” Gabriel

“Amazing show, everyone is so talented :)” Brianna

Great show loved all the artwork and dancing” Jessica Francis

“Nice Job!”

Awesome Work”

“Awesome job and individual art!” Beverly

“Great Work I loved it”

“Wonderful artwork & personal pieces Thank you!”

“Amazing!!”

“LOVE IT” Paul Ribeiro

“Great! Loved it!” Abbey

“Yes, yes and more yes to all that we share and all the ways we are different- let’s make UMass a world that includes all of us”

“Awesome stuff, very inspiring stories.” Kinney

“Yay so happy to see everyone’s hard work come together and to see bridges built in real time” Jacey Woods

“Wow our community members are so talented and generous to share their light!” Bob J

“Fabulous to see everyone from the physical plant laborers to faculty all mixing together. It blows my mind what the people around me are doing without me knowing- I love this”

“Great Event! Diversity is the key!”

“Thank you for sharing your talent”

“Craft is amazing!” Carol+ Gary Jarahoo

“Creative Colleagues!” shutha

“Fantastico!” jfc

“Keep the faith” Carol Landry

“Thank you!” Annie Hillel

“Excellent work! Loved seeing the variety + creativity + reading the artist stories, Bravo” Amanda H

“Loved it” Lizzy

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“Beautiful work- wonderful to talk to the artists and learn more, thank you”

“Building Bridges + connections! Love it all!” Michelle

“Thank you so much! I had a great time doing crafts and meeting others!” Serena

“Thank you so much for hosting such an amazing and eye-opening event!” Charlotte

“So amazing! Nursing majors greatly appreciated this exhibit of diverse cultures.”

“So wonderful to discover the hidden talents of coworkers.” Sherry B

“BB 4 eva” Hannah

“Love all the exhibits! Great seeing so many in my UMass community being an exhibitor” Joanne K

“I had so much fun doing arts and crafts and dancing! Love it!” Caitlyn

“Amazing inspiration, soul recharged, thank you”

“Hoping this event continues for a long time. Moving, inspiring, hopeful & most of all, uplifting. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard year round for this event!” MLJX

“Beyond amazing! Love seeing how talented and diverse our community is”

“Amazing and inspiring to hear all the voices in this room”

“Visiting from the community beyond campus- keep going- stay awake to the power of gathering and spread it around to create transformation. We need it!”

“Fantastic, Loved it!”

“So much fun! Thank you!” Katie Sadler

“Great to see this event come together!” Apoorva

“Thank you for doing this!” Laurie

This is BEAUTIFUL thank you to everyone who put work into this. Love always, haylee”

“Such an amazing event!” Kiara

“Amazing! Much needed dialogue. Such talent on this campus, so glad I came!”

“Next Year will be bigger!”

“SOOOOOOO Dope” Chavez

“Humanity <3”

“This is beautiful! Thank you!” Allana

“Such an amazing event”

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“Nice work from all!” Earl b

“Such beautiful work! Thank you for sharing”

“Inspiring, such talent in so many!”

“Loved the exhibit again this year! Great to see new work and more artists! Such talent among the UMass staff”

“Enjoyed all the creativity. We have so many talented workers at UMass. Beautiful show.”

“I was here”

“Great stuff”

“Peace.... Love...Sharing”

“So glad I got to stop by”

“This was a great experience, Thank You”

“Great talent and diverse creativity.”

“This campus is full of hidden jewels! Thank You” Sanida S

“Such a great show of art and life! Amazing!” Nick F

“So glad to have been a part of this! See you next year!” Andu

“Congrats to all the makers! Wonderful Displays! Thanks so much to the Building Bridges team for this fabulous event!” Amy Helstowski

“How about the drumming!” Wayne

“Amazing event by all! Worker artists, Joe Connolly, Jacob Carter and everyone in between!” David Jeffway

“Incredible work by everyone thanks for a great event!” Mike Cassidy