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TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

Mastering any academic discipline requires a strong understanding of the history and traditions of the field, combined with knowledge of the very latest trends and developments. It's impossible to know where your field is headed, without understanding the history behind where it came from.

At Framingham State, we take pride in the fact that our programs are grounded in an understanding of history and tradition, while embracing innovation and keeping an eye toward the future. No program demonstrates the University's ability to mix the traditional with the cutting-edge better than our outstanding Fashion Design and Retailing Program.

Students in the program learn basic design principles of apparel construction, textiles and materials that date back centuries. They are taught how to dye fabric, sew, weave, crochet, knit, embroider and more.

The comprehensive program also covers emerging trends in e-commerce and teaches students how to display, market and sell their work in the 21st century. Like several of our programs, it is guided by an advisory board made up of professionals from major companies, including Reebok International, the Paper Store, Brooks Brothers and TJX Companies.

In this edition of *Framingham State Magazine*, you will hear from Fashion Design and Retailing students who are confident about their future, from faculty who are continually looking for ways to improve and enhance the curriculum, and from alumni who are leaders in the field. The result is a program and education that rival the offerings at any specialized school of art and design.

Best wishes,

F. Javier Cevallos, PhD

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STUDENTS LEARN THE CRAFT OF
BUSINESS—AND THE BUSINESS OF
CRAFT—IN THE FASHION DESIGN
AND RETAILING PROGRAM





As a girl,

master seamstress Dorothy Manzelli (see sidebar) had to learn how to smock fabric, make patterns and present her work in a fashion show. When she began her career, she had to create alternatives to metal zippers, since the material was scarce during World War II. If her thread broke when she was making a garment at Carver Dress, management required her to redo her stitches.

The skills that allowed Manzelli to earn a living in the 1940s are still applicable to students entering the fashion industry in the 21st century. So are the challenges of sourcing materials, the impact of world events and the demands of the workplace.

BRENDAN MORAN '18
"Framingham State University is in a pivotal location. We are so connected to TJX, and it's easy to go into Boston. We are a big hub."



Framingham State University Fashion Design and Retailing students learn to make and dye fabric, sew, weave, crochet, knit, embroider, make patterns, sketch, drape and more. Students also learn to display, market, sell and make a profit from their work—before they even graduate. Framingham State University is the only public institution of higher education in Massachusetts with a Fashion Design and Retailing program that includes both Apparel Design and Merchandising concentrations. The comprehensive program, which provides intensive grounding in both business and craft, allows students to receive an education rivaling that at a specialized school of art and design for a fraction of the cost.

An 11-member advisory board keeps students informed and helps prepare them for careers. Members include a merchandising manager from Reebok International, a head buyer for the Paper Store, a store manager from Brooks Brothers and global sourcing experts from TJX Companies, among others.

"There is often a career position for students at the end of the program. We have built up a network of alumni and industry partners in the area who regularly work with our students," said Rebecca Taylor, professor and first chair of the department. "These partners participate in the department as guest speakers, intern supervisors, advisory board members and employers of our graduates."

As e-commerce increases and brick-and-mortar stores decline, the department is forging connections with web-based companies such as home furnishings retailer Wayfair and online retailer Top It Off Accessories. An omni-channel retailing course is in the works. Students in the design portfolio course must have a web presence; merchandising students work with MockShop, a software program that allows them to create visual spaces within a retail store. "We are always looking for ways to improve or adjust the curriculum to meet the needs of the students as well as current and future industry requirements," said Taylor, who received the Distinguished Faculty Award in May. She retired this fall and was succeeded as chair by Associate Professor Pamela Sebor-Cable.

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Her Dream Was an Unbroken Thread



Master seamstress **DOROTHY MANZELLI** recently became an honorary alumna and member of Framingham State University's Fashion Club—at 93 years old.

She graduated in 1940 from Girls' High School in Dorchester and dreamed of attending the State Teachers College at Framingham and becoming a teacher. A beloved high school sewing teacher even contacted the College to recommend her. But short on funds and her mother's support, Manzelli instead went to work, doing piecework and machine embroidery and making sportswear.

After the war, she and her husband settled in Lincoln, Massachusetts, where she taught sewing courses at the 4-H Club.

“Each girl I taught received a blue ribbon for her work.”

Manzelli and her husband made sure their three children attended college. Her daughter Jeanne became a teacher—just like mom.





Merchandising student Kiana Brown '17 is confident about her prospects. "The program has made me fully prepared to enter the working world. The thing I am most proud of is creating the buying plan for my course in policy planning and implementation," said Brown.

Brown and others are vocal about faculty members' professional expertise and their unequivocal support. Assistant Professor Haewon Ju interned at Levi Strauss Korea, and has worked at a manufacturing company in South Korea and as a visual merchandiser at a cosmetics company. Assistant Professor Rui-Rui Zhang was a designer for the women's line Vero Moda in China.

"My professors have a wealth of knowledge and industry experience. We have faculty from China, a professor high up at H&M and a study tour going to China next summer," said Design student Brendan Moran '18.

The two-week tour will examine culture and industry in Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai. Local field trips have included Natick Labs, BJ's, NIC+ZOE and the #techstyle exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

The museum's exhibit touched upon several concerns students grapple with as they find their place in the industry, including being environmentally sensitive and producing sustainable and ethically sourced garments.

Design student Courtney Patterson '16 created "Lead in the Water," a collection of denim streetwear in hues of gray, tan and green, to represent Flint, Michigan's contaminated water and pipes. Patterson drew on Detroit's legacy of factories and its large working class for her collection, designed to draw attention to Flint's crisis. In the department's spring fashion show, one model strutted down the runway wearing a gray jacket with the words "LEAD" sewn on the back and high-waisted indigo jeans ending in frayed cuffs.

Thanks to a rigorous curriculum, the designer is also learning how to sell her collection. Design and Merchandising students share a set of required courses, including Principles of Apparel Construction. They also complete a basic consumer textiles course and an overview course, which provides a grounding in apparel construction, design and merchandising. "You learn how to design clothes better to market to certain people," said Patterson, who has worked at Nike and as a visual merchandiser at Forever 21.

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Merchandising student MacKenzie O'Connor '17 showed six silk multi-way garments—clothes that can be worn in a number of ways—from rompers to a full-length gown. "As a merchandiser, I am still designing things. It is very helpful to know the design aspects," said O'Connor, who has worked at Urban Outfitters for two years.

She wants to become a visual merchandiser at the company, and has completed social media internships at CollegeFashionista, a campus-style website, and at *the Lala*, an online magazine.

"I am excited about the consciousness within the industry on sustainability," she said, "not just eco-friendly fabrics, but also the labor force working on clothing, the industry and the general public becoming more conscious of where clothing comes from and under what conditions."

Ju weighed in on why merchandising students need to learn basic design principles. "When they have a knowledge of apparel construction, textiles and materials, they can better read consumer demands, increase manufacturing profits and make the right products for the right consumers."

Moran is curious about new materials. "It will be interesting to see companies taking plastic from the ocean and spinning it into thread," said Moran. Initially concerned that he would not be good at sewing, Moran found the program welcoming. "I did not have to be a professional sewer from the get-go."

Old-school skills such as dyeing and sewing are very much part of the program. When Taylor first arrived on campus in 1981, three-quarters of students had taken Home Economics and thus had some experience with apparel construction (hello, poorly sewn oven mitt). Most students today have never seen a sewing machine, unlike Manzelli, who owned a Wilcox & Gibbs.

Two Fashion Design Grads Competing on *Project Runway* This Fall

FANS OF THE HIT FASHION DESIGN SHOW *PROJECT RUNWAY* MAY HAVE SPOTTED SOME FAMILIAR FACES THIS SEASON, WHICH BEGAN AIRING ON LIFETIME ON SEPTEMBER 15TH.



Recent Framingham State Fashion Design graduates **NATHALIA (CASTRILLON) JMag '16** and **COREY ORTIZ '15** are competing on the show, which draws the best, young fashion talent from around the country.

"I had both of them in my classes and found them to be exciting young designers and really great kids," says Professor Pamela Sebor-Cable, interim chair of the Fashion Design and Retailing Department. "We could not be more excited for them."

Ortiz was a member of the Fashion Club and Black Student Union during his time at FSU. During his junior year, he received the Joan Murtaugh Study Abroad Scholarship to study in Florence, Italy, one of the hubs of the fashion world.

"I came to Framingham State because it was so strong in fashion design," Ortiz said during an interview just prior to graduating. "Financial aid helped me come back every year. I wouldn't be here without it."

Despite just graduating this past spring, JMag has launched an online shop where people can purchase clothing she has designed. She started it as a way to sell her senior year collection. Her goal is to eventually create an eco-friendly brand.

In a recent blog post, JMag described the experience of being on *Project Runway* as the most difficult thing she has ever done, but also the most rewarding.

"This opportunity showed me that through hard work, resiliency and perseverance, I can do anything I put my mind to," she wrote.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ☆

Support Ortiz and JMag on social media using the hashtags: #DesignerCornelius, #DesignerNathalia and #RamRunway.



MACKENZIE O'CONNOR '17

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Support Students in the Fashion Design & Retailing Program

There are three **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS** established at Framingham State specifically dedicated to supporting students in our Fashion Design and Retailing (FDR) Program:

The Arlene Handschuch Endowed Fund

supports a junior or senior majoring in FDR who shows outstanding potential in apparel design.

The John Garft Fabric Fund

provides funds for students majoring in FDR who have financial need to purchase fabric and notions for their design work.

The Judith Zaccagnini Flynn Scholarship Fund

supports adult students who have returned to college after an extended absence, or students who left college for at least two semesters and have returned to complete their studies, and are majoring in FDR.

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Taylor teaches a course that includes fabric embellishment techniques, such as fabric dyeing—batik, tie dye and natural dyeing with onionskin and even turmeric, the root with the bright orange-colored insides familiar to Indian food lovers. "Onionskin looks purple in the pot, but it comes out a medium brown," said Design student Emily LaRosa '17. She studied at the Lorenzo de' Medici School, in Florence, Italy, where she took a knitting course. That's where she made the knitted mesh garment that her roommate, Merchandising student Lucy White '17, wore in the fashion show.

Merchandising student Caroline DeGirolamo '18 immersed herself in the global market during a two-week study tour to Italy. "It was a good opportunity to hear from CEOs about how to build a global fashion brand," said DeGirolamo, who works at the Loft.

LaRosa wants to be a costume designer, and the program has provided her with a pattern for success. At MAGIC, a fashion tradeshow held in Las Vegas that is part of a study tour, she was thrilled to meet Lou Eyrich, costume designer for the Emmy® award-winning FX series, "American Horror Story."

Next year, students will learn and create in an upgraded classroom and a new Fabric Structure Studio thanks to the ongoing renovation of Hemenway Hall, the home of the program. It will house weaving looms and other fabric creation and embellishment equipment used to dye, print and embroider fabric.

In the building's Costume and Textile Resource Center, students can reference garments for study. "We still use a lot of the design elements that were used in the 1800s, from fabric dyeing to embroidery techniques," observed LaRosa. The center contains 4,000 costumes, accessories, textiles, books and periodicals. It's a bit like a giant closet, if your closet

contained 1960s mini dresses like the ones Twiggy may have worn, a 1918 U.S. Naval Reserve uniform, women's shoes from the late 1800s, Chinese textiles and vintage issues of *Vogue* magazine.

It also holds vintage clothing from the store that Associate Professor Pamela Sebor-Cable owned in western Massachusetts. "It's a trove of knowledge, inspiration and history," said Moran.

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White, whose mother has Parkinson's disease, is developing a line of functional and fashionable clothing with LaRosa for people with Parkinson's, arthritis or other muscular issues. LaRosa will design it, and White will take care of marketing. "We are researching closures like magnets and Velcro," said White.

There are many components to being a productive member of the fashion industry, and students learn about them all—from fabric (the foundation of the industry) to math (because being a buyer requires math skills) to computer and interpersonal skills (for sales and marketing). "When students see how it all comes together, they get pretty excited," said Taylor. "It's all worth it."

Alumni in the Field

DESIGNER / ADORE ME



KRISTEN ANDERSON '09 loves designing lingerie because of the confidence it can instill in women.

"It's a foundation garment, says Anderson, a designer at New York City fashion company Adore Me. "It's the first thing you put on every day. If you are putting on something that makes you feel good and confident, it sets the tone for the rest of the day.

Anderson has been with Adore Me since the company's earliest days as a startup, and has watched as it has grown exponentially.

"I was one of the first 20 to 25 people to work here and now there are more than 100 employees," she says. "We've moved twice to larger office space and tripled in sales every year. It's been a great experience.

Anderson caught the fashion bug after purchasing a sewing machine her senior year of high school. She was living in Connecticut at the time, and her guidance counselor helped her discover Framingham State's program.

BUSINESS ACCOUNTS MANAGER / WAYFAIR



BRIAN DERRICK '12 has got just what you need. As a business accounts manager at online retailing giant Wayfair.com, Derrick helps

designers find the products they need for their projects.

"By working directly with the supplier, I can get information about products that an everyday designer does not have access to, he says.

Derrick's experience in FSU's Fashion Design and Retailing Program has served him well since graduating four years ago. Prior to joining Wayfair, he held positions at New Balance and Boston Interiors.

"I feel like what I learned at Framingham State is imperative to my success," he says. "I definitely sense that I have a broader knowledge base than my peers when it comes to retail math and textile science.

One of Derrick's recent projects was assisting a third-party interior designer on an episode of the hit HGTV show *Property Brothers*. His job requires him to develop expertise in product offerings and stay up-to-date on industry knowledge. He also acts as the point person for all purchasing needs.

"I'm really enjoying the job," Derrick says. "Who knows what will come up down the road, but I will probably end up staying here for a long time.

PRODUCT MANAGER / NIC & ZOE



KATY WALZ '04 says transferring into Framingham State's Fashion Design and Retailing Program after an uninspiring experience

at two other colleges was the best decision she's ever made.

"The teachers were excellent, and the courses were captivating and interesting," Walz says. "They really worked you and challenged you. It prepares you for what you are going to encounter in the real world.

Walz is a product manager at Boston-based fashion brand NIC+ZOE, where she is in charge of the entire cut, sewn and woven categories. She is involved in every step of the process for each product, from sourcing fabric, negotiating pricing and working directly with the designers to making sure they are hitting targeted price points and margins.

"Sometimes, you can have a great design, but it's just too expensive," she says. "I help the designer think of changes that can happen to keep the integrity of the piece while also hitting our price point.

This fall, she is traveling to Asia for an on-site development meeting and factory visit. It will be her fifth trip to Asia, the previous four coming when she worked as an apparel product developer at PUMA.

A Sense of Belonging

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT ZEKE DE LEON THRIVES AT FSU



Q: WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO FRAMINGHAM STATE?

A: When I came to Accepted Students Day, there was something different about Framingham State compared to the other schools I visited. The atmosphere was really welcoming, and everyone seemed very kind. I felt like I could really fit in, and it made my choice easy. What I love most are the opportunities. Everywhere you turn, there is someone working on something, a position that is open or a faculty member you can talk to. There is so much room for growth and development and so much support for it. I wasn't able to pick up on that when touring other colleges and universities, but it's something I'm really grateful for at Framingham State.

Q: HOW HAVE YOU GOTTEN INVOLVED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?

A: I'm currently president of the Student Government Association, which I love. I get to work with the student clubs and organizations on campus to make sure their needs are being met and they are being represented. It's a really unique position that I'm in, to be able to be a resource for other people. I've also had the pleasure of getting involved in GenerationOne and Brother to Brother. GenerationOne brings together students, faculty and staff who are the first in their families to attend college in order to help foster a greater sense of belonging. Brother to Brother is a group whose mission is to support minority men in higher education. It has created a real sense of brotherhood that sometimes goes missing from the minority male experience at college.

Q: HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR PROFESSORS AT FSU?

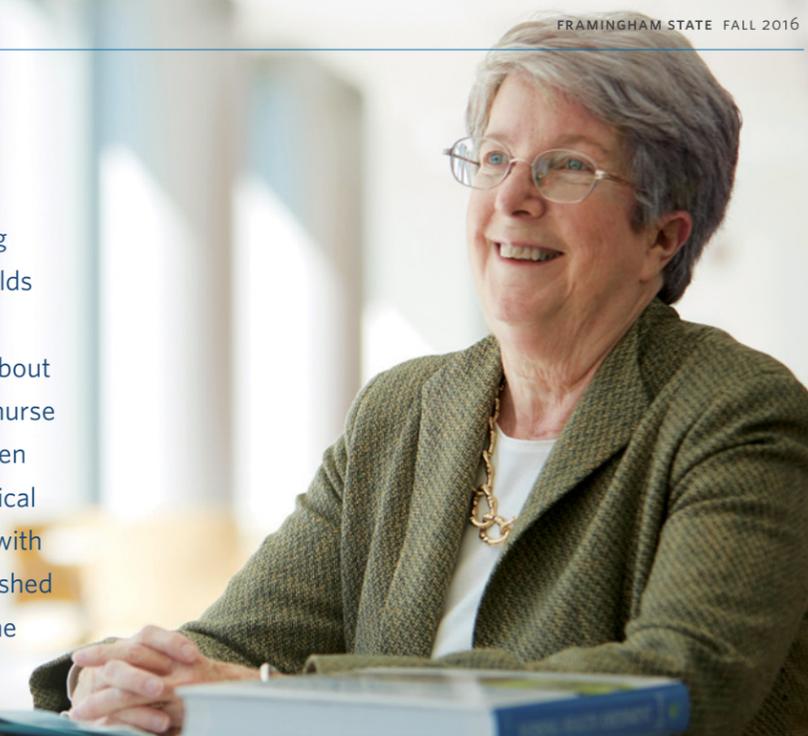
A: I'm so thankful for everything my professors have done for me here. When I walked into the Chemistry Department as a freshman, Dr. Sarah Pilkenton personally took me around to the offices of the other professors and introduced me to them. That interaction was enough for me to know that they were going to support me and were the type of people who really cared about students. Just recently, one of my professors reached out to a colleague inquiring about a possible internship for me. I didn't ask for that, but that's how it is here. When I go home and talk to my friends who are at some bigger schools, they don't know their professors. They've never had lunch with them or met with them one on one. I feel really lucky because I don't know if I would be where I am today without that support.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

A: My goal is to become a physician. As a child, I was very sick and in the hospital all the time. I didn't get to go to school until I was seven. From that experience, I gained a passion for school and for knowledge. The other big influence has been my mother. My entire life, she has always been such a resource for others, and she has passed that desire on to me. All of the hours I spend studying in the library and working as hard as I can to get the most out of college are driven by my goal to become a doctor, and I hope that I'm able to realize that dream.

Dr. Ruth Remington

Dr. Ruth Remington has been teaching in the Nursing Department at Framingham State since 2012. She holds a doctoral degree in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts and has been teaching full time for about 15 years, following a long career as a gerontological nurse practitioner. For several years, Dr. Remington has been part of a team researching the effects of a nutraceutical formulation on maintaining brainpower for patients with mild cognitive impairment. This work has been published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* and resulted in the marketing of a product called Perceptiv™.



Maintaining Our Brainpower

DR. REMINGTON HELPS UNLOCK STRATEGIES FOR COMBATING COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

Q: WHAT LED YOU TO TRANSITION FROM A PRACTITIONER TO TEACHING?

A: I enjoyed my career as a nurse practitioner, but also wanted to be able to influence young nurses, especially in the practice of gerontological nursing. So in 2001, I accepted a faculty position at UMass Lowell. I came to Framingham State in 2012 because there is such a strong focus on teaching, and I'm able to continue my research as well.

Q: WHEN DID YOU BEGIN RESEARCHING COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT?

A: My master's thesis and doctoral dissertation examined the effects of calming music and hand massages on agitated behaviors in nursing home residents. From then on, my main focus has been on non-pharmacological interventions to manage the symptoms of dementia—in other words, simple interventions that caregivers can use to help their patients. For the past 12 years, I've been collaborating with Tom Shea at UMass Lowell, who had just completed animal studies on a nutraceutical formulation made up of six vitamins and nutraceuticals when I joined him. He tested different combinations of the formulation on mice that had dementia to find what worked best. I began working with him on the clinical study on people.

Q: WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF YOUR RECENTLY PUBLISHED STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?

A: The study examined 34 individuals with mild cognitive impairment, which is characterized by cognitive decline beyond that anticipated for an individual's age. Approximately half of those diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment are eventually diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Half of the people in the study were provided with our nutraceutical formulation and half were provided with a placebo. Individuals receiving the formulation demonstrated improved memory within three months and maintained that improvement over the course of one year. Individuals receiving the placebo did not improve. However, after six months the individuals receiving the placebo were provided with the formulation, after which they demonstrated improvement.

Q: WHAT CONCLUSIONS CAN WE DRAW FROM YOUR WORK?

A: These latest findings confirm previous studies published from 2008 to 2015 by our team, which also includes Framingham State professors Cynthia Bechtel, Robert Page and Annmarie Samar. In those studies, the formulation improved memory and cognitive performance for individuals without memory difficulties, and improved cognitive performance and mood for individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. It's becoming increasingly clear that a healthy lifestyle that includes nutrition, as well as exercise, social activity and mental exercise, can help us to maintain our brainpower as we age.

THE LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN FSU HISTORY.



CHRIS HERREN
Herren Project / former Boston Celtics basketball player

977 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES CONFERRED

511 GRADUATE DEGREES CONFERRED

54 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

83 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

206 CUM LAUDE

CELEBRATING COMMENCEMENT

The largest graduating class in Framingham State history took part in an inspiring ceremony on the Framingham Town Green on May 22.

Chris Herren, founder of the Herren Project and a former Boston Celtics basketball player from Fall River who lost his career to drug addiction, served as the undergraduate commencement speaker. He told the students that success is fleeting and requires a continued commitment to being a better person.

"Challenge yourself daily to be better than the day before," said Herren, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the ceremony.

Following his speech, Senior Class President Caitlin Murray presented Herren with a check for \$2,000 for the Herren Project on behalf of the Class of 2016.

The graduate commencement ceremony was held earlier in the morning. Michael Powers '87, one of the founding YouTube team members

and a senior vice president at CBS games, delivered the graduate commencement address, cautioning students that there are often many bumps along the road to success. When Powers began his career in Silicon Valley, he lost all his savings to his own unsuccessful startups, while passing up opportunities to join new startups that would go on to become Netscape and eBay.

"Most people fail many times before stumbling into a winning company," Powers said. "By earning a graduate degree, you have shown that you are willing to take a risk to gain a better future."

Powers received an honorary Doctor of Science degree during the ceremony. The University presented its Citizen Laureate Award to State Representative Chris Walsh (D-Framingham) for his continued support of FSU and public higher education.



2016 SPRING

COMMENCEMENT





FRAMINGHAM STATE ACQUIRES THE WARREN CENTER

Framingham State University's faculty and students now have access to a beautiful 65-acre property in Ashland that is being utilized for recreational and academic programs.

The Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA) officially acquired the Warren Conference Center and Inn in Ashland on behalf of Framingham State University.

The property, which had been owned by Northeastern University, will be utilized by FSU to support new athletic programs and current academic offerings and to explore the development of a new Hospitality major.

"This is a beautiful property that has the potential to greatly benefit our students," said FSU President F. Javier Cevallos. "Not only will it allow us to enhance current offerings, but it also will provide us with space to explore new programs. We are very grateful to State Senator Karen Spilka for advocating for this purchase and to the entire state legislature for supporting the proposal.

Managed by FLIK Hotels & Conference Centers, the Warren Conference Center and Inn features hotel accommodations and several conference rooms, and hosts corporate events and social gatherings throughout the year.

This land has the potential to benefit several current academic programs on campus, including Environmental Science, Biology, Food and Nutrition, and Marketing and Management. The development of a Hospitality major would be the first of its kind for the State University System.

Congratulations!

PRESIDENT F. JAVIER CEVALLOS NAMED TO LIST OF MOST INFLUENTIAL MINORITIES

Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos has been named to a list of the 100 most influential minorities in Boston compiled by Get Connected!

The list aims to showcase minorities who are shaping the region across various sectors, including academia, business, health care and philanthropy. It is the brainchild of public relations specialist Colette Phillips, who is the creator of Get Connected!, Boston's premier bi-monthly networking event that brings together urban and international professionals, business executives and entrepreneurs from various cultures.

"It is truly an honor for me to receive this recognition and have my name included among this group of extraordinary leaders," Cevallos said. "We are fortunate to live in such a wonderfully diverse region, and this list represents just a fraction of the many minorities making a difference in our communities."

Dr. Cevallos took over as president of Framingham State University in 2014, following 12 years as president at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. During his first two years on the FSU campus, he has approved the hiring of a Chief Officer of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement; has presided over the opening of a new state-of-the-art science facility; and has overseen the University's transition to a system of academic colleges.

During his tenure at Kutztown University, enrollment grew from 8,500 to 10,000, and student diversity increased from 5 percent to 15 percent. He oversaw more than 1,000 employees and a budget of around \$150 million.

President Cevallos has strong roots in Massachusetts, having spent nearly 20 years at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where he chaired the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and later served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Dr. Cevallos currently serves on the boards of the United Way of Tri-County, Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Framingham Rotary Club.

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West Hall Opens

WEST HALL IS FSU'S NEWEST ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING



Like all of Framingham State's recent construction, the University's newest residence hall features the latest in energy efficiency. The 316-bed West Hall opened off Maynard Road in September, and is targeting LEED® Gold certification, similar to North Hall, which opened in 2011.

The building features energy-efficient fiberglass windows, suite bedrooms with vacancy sensors that turn off lights if students forget and bedroom windows with interlocks that turn off the heat to the room if the window is opened.

"This building helps us meet the growing demand for high-quality on-campus living options," Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos said. "We are proud of the fact that it's built to some of the highest standards for energy efficiency."

Framingham State's efforts to "Go Green" have landed the University on the *Princeton Review's* list of Green Colleges every year since 2010.

The project features great views of campus from the top floors, a large living area with a double-sized fireplace and a media lounge on the sixth floor with multimedia equipment for viewing movies and sporting events.

Residential floors are configured into two "neighborhoods" linked to a suite lounge on each floor. The opening of West Hall allows the University to transition O'Connor Hall from a residence hall to a sorely needed office space for faculty and staff.

This project is being funded through the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA). It was designed by ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge, and the general contractor is Consigli Construction.



FSU FACULTY HOLD #BLACKLIVESMATTER TEACH-IN

More than 85 professors at Framingham State University organized a special #BlackLivesMatter teach-in in February as part of Black History Month. The teach-in culminated in a special campus-wide town hall meeting.

"It was remarkably simple to get people involved," said Sociology Professor Virginia Rutter, one of the lead organizers of the event. "It seems the ideas around the Black Lives Matter movement link to many, many classes. It began with a few of us talking about it one morning in November. By the next day, we had 35 participants. It grew from there."

Over 33 academic disciplines—business to biochemistry; archaeology to American Sign Language—are taking part. Class discussion topics during the weekend included:

- Communication Arts Professor Leslie Starobin discussed *Life Magazine's* coverage of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s with her Photojournalism students.
- Professor Ishara Mills-Henry's Biochemistry students discussed the famous HeLa cells, the Tuskegee experiments, and the crisis in Flint, Michigan.
- Economics Professor Luis Rosero's Money and Banking students looked at redlining and *The Color of Money*.

2016 Distinguished Faculty Recipients



EXCELLENCE IN **TEACHING**

BRIDGETTE SHERIDAN



Dr. Bridgette Sheridan has been teaching in the History Department at Framingham

State University since 2006. She has a master's degree and PhD in History from Boston College.

Dr. Sheridan teaches history with an ease, humor and intelligence that keep students interested and engaged. Described by her colleagues as the "ultimate peer mentor," she has increased the quality of the links between scholarship and teaching across the institution. She also actively promotes student scholarship and discovery. Dr. Sheridan co-founded the Gender Interest Group in 2008 to expose students to co-curricular intellectual engagement through workshops, speakers and engaging events. She has been faculty advisor to the student History Club since 2009. For several years, she also served as co-faculty advisor to the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society. From 2004 to 2007, Dr. Sheridan was a Visiting Scholar in the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University.

EXCELLENCE IN **ADVISING/MENTORSHIP**

REBECCA TAYLOR



Prior to retiring this fall, Rebecca Taylor was Chair of Framingham State's Fashion

Design and Retailing Department, where she specialized in textiles and historic costume reproduction. She earned her Master of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Professor Taylor has served as an outstanding mentor to students and her colleagues for the past 35 years. She has been involved in transfer student orientation for many years, helping students navigate the challenges of settling in at a new university. She is a member of the Orientation Advisory Committee, director of New Student Orientation and First Year Experiences, and a member of the committee that selects Black and Gold student orientation staff and leaders.

Students feel comfortable approaching Professor Taylor for advice and know that she will always make time for them, regardless of the issue. Many alumni also point to her as the faculty member who had the greatest influence on them during college.

EXCELLENCE IN **SCHOLARSHIP/ CREATIVE WORK**

VIRGINIA RUTTER



Dr. Virginia Rutter has been a member of Framingham State's Department of Sociology since

2006. She received her Master of Sociology and Doctor of Sociology degrees from the University of Washington.

Dr. Rutter's scholarship lies broadly within the areas of family policy, feminism, sexuality, relationships and divorce. She has had numerous books, articles, reviews and essays published, including three books she co-authored with acclaimed sex researcher Dr. Pepper Schwartz.

Dr. Rutter is a longtime board member on the Council on Contemporary Families (CCF), a non-partisan organization dedicated to informing the public about reliable research on families. She has been interviewed dozens of times by national and local news outlets such as *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *NPR*, *The Boston Globe*, *Seattle Times* and *MSNBC*. She regularly involves students with her research at CCF, providing them with the opportunity to present at national conferences.

EXCELLENCE IN **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

CYNTHIA BECHTEL



Dr. Cynthia Bechtel has been teaching at Framingham State University since

2008, when she was hired to launch and oversee the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. She earned her PhD from the University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Nursing.

Dr. Bechtel has an outstanding record of professional service to Framingham State and to the nursing profession as a whole over the years. At FSU, she has been a member of the Graduate Education Council since 2009, and the Institutional Review Board since 2010. She served on the E-learning Task Force and has worked with the Whittemore Library to develop access to current journals for both students and faculty.

Dr. Bechtel has been a member of the Massachusetts/Rhode Island League for Nursing (MARLIN) for more than a decade. From 2013 to 2015, she served as president of the organization, which provides leadership, education and networking opportunities for nurse educators.

New Role for Dr. Holloway

HOLLOWAY NAMED VP FOR ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Holloway holds a PhD in English from the University of Kansas.

Longtime English professor Lorretta Holloway was named Vice President for Enrollment and Student Development last spring. Dr. Holloway had been serving as the interim vice president during the 2015-16 academic year, following the retirement of Dr. Susanne Conley.

"Dr. Holloway is a dynamic leader who is passionate about student success," said Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. "For many years, she served as an effective and popular professor. Over the past seven months, she has proven to be highly qualified in her role as interim vice president, and I have full confidence that she will continue to be successful moving forward."

During her time as interim vice president, Dr. Holloway designed an improvement plan for the Student Services Center; helped facilitate a \$15,000 donation for homeless students, book vouchers and other student emergencies; and established a task force to study student employment trends and create a common student employment application.

Dr. Holloway taught in the English Department from 1999 to 2015, where she helped to create the English to England Study Abroad program, served on the First-Year Writing Committee and served as faculty advisor to the Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society. The Student Government Association named her the Faculty Member of the Year in 2015, and she received the Dr. Robert Martin Outstanding First-Year Advocate Award in 2011.

"I am excited about the position and the opportunity to build and strengthen bridges across the University's divisions," said Dr. Holloway. "I hope to use my knowledge of the academic side and the student affairs side to make things better for our current and future students."

College readiness has been an issue of particular interest for Dr. Holloway over the years. She has been holding an annual College Readiness event designed for parents for several years and has helped to expand Framingham State's partnerships with local school districts.

STRONG JOB PROSPECTS FOR NEW ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT FSU

In a world dominated by sleek-looking, tiny technology, the subject of computer mainframes conjures up images of large, outdated computing.

The fact is that companies like Fidelity Investments continue to rely on mainframes to analyze real-time data in large-scale transaction processing. IBM mainframe computers account for between 64 and 71 percent of all transactions in the areas of finance, insurance, banking, wealth management, retail, state and federal government.

Over the next decade, there is expected to be a worldwide shortage of more than 2 million mainframe computing professionals due to retirements, including more than 150,000 in the United States. "Right now there is a substantial shortage of qualified people to fill these jobs," says Conny Breuning, chair of the University's Computer Science Department. "The private sector is urging colleges and universities to start training students in this area."

It's a big reason why this fall Framingham State will begin offering a new five-course Enterprise Systems certificate program, as well as a new minor. The courses were developed with input from companies such as IBM, CA Technologies, and Rocket Software and will be taught by industry professionals.

Breuning says the certificate program provides a great opportunity for people seeking to change careers.

TO LEARN MORE

about Framingham State University's new Enterprise Systems minor and certificate, contact Conny Breuning

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JUNE 3-5, 2016

REUNION WEEKEND

Reunion Weekend in June featured a record turnout as hundreds of alumni returned to campus to reconnect and celebrate the Golden Anniversary Class of 1966. Events included campus tours, planetarium shows in the McAuliffe Center, the general assembly and Alumni Achievement Awards, a Golden Anniversary Dinner and a concert on the green behind North Hall.

Planning is already underway for next spring's celebration. Contact your classmates and plan on taking part in the fun!





Emergency Grant Fund

EMERGENCY GRANT FUND PROVIDES LIFELINE FOR STUDENTS

More than 80 percent of students enrolled at Framingham State have documented financial need. Even with scholarships and loans, some are just barely getting by financially.

For FSU's most vulnerable students, a broken-down car or an inability to pay for books can derail their academic careers. That's why in 2014 the FSU Alumni Association's Board of Directors created the Emergency Grant Fund dedicated to providing immediate aid to students in crisis.

"The Board recognizes that from time to time students find that their continued attendance at Framingham State University is placed into jeopardy due to some immediate financial emergency circumstances," says Jeff Ritter G'13, President of the FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors. "This fund, although limited in its resources, serves as an effective safety net for these students."

Once an emergency is verified by the Dean's Office, grants of up to \$1,000 can be authorized from the fund within one business day. Students are not required to repay these grants, though they are encouraged to contribute to the fund after they have graduated and established themselves financially.

"THIS FUND, ALTHOUGH LIMITED IN ITS RESOURCES, SERVES AS AN EFFECTIVE SAFETY NET FOR THESE STUDENTS."

Already the fund has assisted two students who did not have money on hand to cover their housing deposit, as well as a student who could not make a tuition payment due to her father suffering a stroke.

Another grant was provided to a homeless student to furnish a state-provided apartment, including a bed for her daughter.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DONATING

If you are interested in donating to the Alumni Association Emergency Grant Fund, visit WWW.FRAMINGHAM.EDU/GIVE or contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

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Welcome New Staff

THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS IS PLEASED TO INTRODUCE SEVERAL NEW STAFF MEMBERS:



ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR

NICOLE L'HEUREUX '15

Nicole graduated from Framingham State in 2015 with a degree in Mathematics. While in school, Nicole interned in the Development and Alumni Relations Office, assisting with alumni events and the comprehensive campaign.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

ANDREA DEVER

Andrea came to Framingham State from Holy Family School in Rockland, MA, where she served as the Advancement Director. Her responsibilities included marketing, development, enrollment management, fundraising and grant writing for the private school.



DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

RACHEL KEIR '11

Rachel, a proud alumna and president of the Class of 2011, previously worked as a Fund Development Associate and Special Events Manager at YWCA Boston.



DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

PATRICK GOTHAM

Patrick has a master's degree in Higher Education Student Affairs from the University of Connecticut and was recently the Director of Advancement for the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation. Prior to that, he served as the Assistant Director of Annual Giving at UConn.

Sound Upgrade

IAFSA PURCHASES NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR HEINEMAN CENTER

The Heineman Ecumenical and Cultural Center, affectionately known as "the chapel" among alumni, now features a state-of-the-art sound system courtesy of a generous donation from the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni (IAFSA).

IAFSA Executive Director Debra Regan Cleveland '73 says alumni have a long history of supporting renovations to the Heineman Center ever since the state purchased the facility for Framingham State in 1969.

"The building has a lot of personal meaning to alumni," she says. "Many alumni classes have provided furnishings and stained glass windows."

The group donated \$14,000 for the sound system, which will greatly enhance the musical performances and other community activities that take place there on a weekly basis.



ALESSIO MUGGLI '17

AGE
25

HOMETOWN
Rüti, Switzerland

FAVORITE ATHLETES
Carey Price, Pekka Rinne

RAM in focus

From a very young age, Alessio Muggli has had a passion for hockey. But in his native Switzerland, there comes an age when players must choose between their sport and their education.

"I wanted to play hockey on a highly competitive level while studying," said Muggli, who is a goalie. "But back home, that's very difficult. At 20, you either go pro or go to school. America and Canada have similar systems where they combine both. It takes a year longer, but it's definitely worth it.

Having already lived with a host family in Boulder, Colorado, for a period of time, Muggli decided to return to the United States where he could pursue his education without giving up hockey. He caught the attention of the coaching staff at Framingham State and was accepted to the University during the summer of 2013.

Now a senior, Muggli has been a steady presence in net during a period of transition for the Framingham State hockey team. He thinks that, with the right system, the team will be able to excel this year.

Muggli says he has enjoyed his time at Framingham State, where he majors in Business Management.

"I love my professors," he said. "They're not just reading to you from books. They have experience in their fields that they bring into the class. That makes it interesting and gives them a lot of credibility.

Muggli hasn't decided what he's going to do after graduation. On the one hand, he would love to take a shot at turning pro back in Switzerland. On the other hand, he is interested in entering his family business, where his father and brothers work in aircraft sales and management.

"I'd love to keep playing hockey as long as I can," he said. "But I know that at some point, I'm going to need to get a job. I'm looking forward to that as well.

* We learned just before the magazine went to press that chronic hip problems from playing goalie have forced Muggli to sit out his upcoming senior season. Despite this setback, he is looking forward to helping coach the goalies and will be supporting the team throughout the year.

Former Football Standouts Playing Professionally in Europe

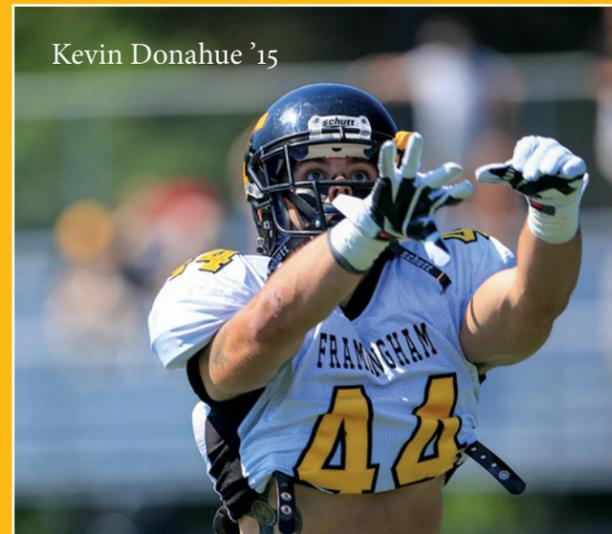
Former Framingham State football stars Matt Silva '15 and Kevin Donahue '15 took their talents across the Atlantic this past spring to play professionally in Europe.

Matt Silva, who racked up 12 passing records at FSU, including touchdown passes in a game (6) and yards passing (510) in a game, joined the Prague Lions of the Czech League of American Football. The teams in the league are allowed to import six players per season, and the Lions wanted Silva, an accomplished quarterback.

His senior season he racked up 3,168 yards passing and 41 touchdowns against just seven interceptions. The Czech League is known for running a lot of three-wide spread offense, which fits Silva's game perfectly.

On the other side of the ball, former star safety Kevin Donahue joined the Winterthur Warriors American Football Club in Switzerland. A former first team all-conference honoree, Donahue is one of only two American players on the Swiss team. The team was founded in 1987 and plays in National League A, which is the top league in Switzerland.

Donahue is originally from Norfolk, MA, while Silva grew up in Dracut, MA.



Kevin Donahue '15



Matt Silva '15



Keep up with the Framingham State University athletic teams online at WWW.FSURAMS.COM

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1960s



MARY FITZMAURICE

PENNY '61 was awarded the 2016 Touch the Future Award at the annual meeting of the Independent Association of Framingham

State Alumni (IAFSA) during Alumni Weekend. The award honors teachers who teach teachers and demonstrate and instill an enthusiasm for teaching, as Christa McAuliffe did. Mary was nominated by her classmate Joyce Donohue, who noted the importance of Mary to her school system. Upon her retirement, Cushing School set up the Mary K. Penny Reading Fund and established the Mary K. Penny Reading Closet, a place filled with books that children enjoy. In her honor, IAFSA's Touch the Future Fund donated \$150 to the Class of 1961 Textbook Assistance Award Fund.

GERRY JACKSON KERDOCK '66 was invited to participate in "Scribbled Lives," an international challenge to create a piece of calligraphy per week for a year. Also, her envelope was named one of nine winners internationally in the Grace Envelope, an annual call for entries initiated by The Smithsonian Institution.



1970s

JULIE MURPHY '71 became the past president of the Old Colony Elder Services Board. She continues to work part time in geriatrics while enjoying her seven grandchildren.

1980s

JOHN P. OLDHAM '80 recently joined the Dawson Real Estate in Mattapoisett firm as a sales and marketing associate. Oldham brings his past experience in business and education



NAMED MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

The Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association has named **JUSTIN CAMERON G'07** the Massachusetts Middle School Principal of the Year for 2016. Cameron is the principal of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School in Blackstone, MA, where he has been lauded by the community for his influence on school culture.

Cameron's creative approaches to improving student performance include creating a "Fall Fantasy Reading League" modeled after a fantasy football league. Reading teams must chart the amount of time they read for pleasure outside of academic classes. The effort was chronicled on National Public Radio and has been implemented at other schools around the country.

Cameron has also harnessed technology to improve student outcomes. Efforts include having students use Google Classroom on snow days and having students present their work on large mounted TVs through Chromecast.

This past spring, Cameron served as an educational consultant to the Boston Red Sox as the team launched its first STEM Education Day on April 21st.

Cameron earned his Master of Education degree at Framingham State in 2007 and is currently working on his doctoral degree at Northeastern University. He will represent all secondary, middle and high schools in Massachusetts at the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Institute in Washington, D.C. and is a candidate for the 2017 NASSP National Middle School Principal of the Year.

CAMERON'S CREATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPROVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE INCLUDE CREATING A "FALL FANTASY READING LEAGUE."

to his new profession. He has been a regional sales manager, director of sales training, financial consultant and a business owner over the past 27 years.

DONNA BEALES '81 President of Donna Beales Productions, launched two new products in May aimed at giving Medical Librarians tools to demonstrate their important value to their health care administrators. The Library Transaction Log is a statistical tracking tool that records data and allows it to be tied to critical impact factors like patient safety and other factors affecting the institution's bottom line. The Library Quality Improvement Tool is a patron survey tool.

CHRISTOPHER PINTO '82 announced his campaign for Republican State Committeeman in the First Worcester District. Pinto's campaign is focused on growing the grassroots of the party to take on big causes. Pinto has held positions such as Treasurer and Secretary in the Republican City Committee and on candidate committees. He is a graduate of Doherty High School and works in the private sector as a software engineer. He lives with his wife and their three kids on Wildrose Avenue in Worcester.

GEORGE "SKIP" SAIDEH '82, financial advisor with Centinel Financial Group, LLC in Needham Heights, MA, was named a 2016 Five Star Wealth ManagerSM from an independent survey conducted by Five Star Professional. The award recognizes a select group of wealth managers in the Boston area who excel in quality service and client retention. Saideh's selection was announced in the February 2016 issue of *Boston* magazine.

1990s

Artist **DAN DOWD '90** recently had an exhibit on display at the University of Maine Museum of Art called "Thick Skinned." The exhibit featured a series of wall-based assemblages that incorporate found fabric, rusted metal and rubber. Old woolen blankets, blemished rubber tires and sections of knit sweaters are layered and wrapped around found, wooden bases.

TRACEY J. SASSEVILLE '93 was hired as branch manager of GFA Federal Credit Union at the Parker Street location. Sasseville brings over

two decades of retail management and financial services experience to her new position. Prior to joining GFA, Sasseville served as Assistant Vice President/Senior Branch Manager at another local financial institution. Notably, Sasseville has received several awards during her career in Relationship Banking Success and has held positions as a Sales Team Leader.

SUZANNE GALUSI '97 attended the Brooks as a student and now she will be the next Principal of the Brooks Elementary School. The appointment was announced at the School Committee meeting. Galusi replaces Kevin Andrews who has taken a position with the Nahant Public Schools.

Cos Cob School (CCS) Principal **GENE SCHMIDT '98** received the Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) 2016 Administrators Award on Thursday, April 28. The CASL award honors an administrator "who provides necessary support for improving media services through encouragement and adequate funding for program maintenance and improvement."

OF SPECIAL NOTE MICHAEL AZZOLINO '09

LEADING A SALES TEAM AT A BOSTON-BASED TECH COMPANY

MICHAEL AZZOLINO '09 reflects fondly upon his years at Framingham State, and it's easy to see why. The Business Management major met his future wife, excelled in the classroom, and worked part-time down the street at Bose Corp. for three years, which helped him land a great job right out of college.

"I had a great experience at Framingham State," says Azzolino. "The courses definitely prepared me for the real world. My time at Bose helped me realize that I wanted to work with customers in sales."

Azzolino was hired by Citizens Bank after graduating in 2009, starting as an assistant branch manager and working his way up to vice president. From there, he spent time at a pair of financial services companies.

Two major life milestones occurred this past spring for Azzolino. He and his wife, Victoria (Matthei) Azzolino '11, had their first child together, and he accepted a job as the head of sales for Buildium LLC, a cloud-based property management software company located in Boston. Buildium offers property managers an online platform for accounting, financial reporting, marketing, maintenance, leases and a whole host of other services.

"It's basically an all-in-one cloud-based solution for all aspects of property management," says Azzolino, who oversees a team of seven sales people that is responsible for all new sales revenue. "It's the best job I've ever had. We are growing like crazy."



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ANDREA CORRADO '98

was recently promoted to associate professor of Nursing at Northampton Community College (NCC) and received the College's

highest honor—the Christensen Award for Excellence in Teaching. Corrado, a resident of Bethlehem, earned a master's degree in nursing with a specialization in nursing education from Saint Joseph's College of Maine. She began her career at NCC in 2005.

2000s

AMBER DANAHEY '00 began as the first Community Outreach Coordinator charged with promoting communication and marketing opportunities throughout the City of Westfield, MA, in May 2016. Mayor Brian P. Sullivan announced Danahey's appointment saying, "She is well equipped and prepared for the position because of her extensive background."



"I LOVE THE SCHOOL. I GOT SO MUCH OUT OF MY TIME THERE."

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MARIO TENAGLIA '03 was added to NKK Switches Sales Force as the Eastern Regional Sales Manager. Tenaglia will be responsible for the territory annual operations plans of the company's electromechanical human machine interface (HMI) components sold in the eastern regions of the United States and Canada. Tenaglia brings a combined 20 years of direct experience and industry knowledge to the position, having previously served in posts with Ferrotec, Ultra Electronics Measurement Systems Inc., APEM and C&K Components.

HENRY TURNER '05, formerly principal of Bedford High School, will lead Newton North this year as their new principal. This is a return to the community for Turner, who was formerly a housemaster at Newton South.

JENNIFER (NEULIST) PARADISE '05, G'09 and her husband Ian Paradise, are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter Maisy Jane on December 5, 2015. She was warmly welcomed by her big sister Marley Jean. Jennifer has been accepted into the UMass Lowell Leadership and Schooling Doctoral program, which she started in the spring of 2016.

EIAN BAIN '08 was named the new Franklin High School football coach. Bain succeeds Brad Sidwell, who coached the Panthers for 21 seasons.

FRANCIS MCGOURTY '09 became the new principal of the Ross School in Braintree, MA.

2010S

TIM YEE '10 married **COLLEEN POULIN '11** on April 16, 2016 in Haverhill, MA.



JULIANN COREY G'10 was recently published in the *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare* and joined the ranks of the International Nurses Association. Juliann is a registered nurse working in two roles as nurse consultant and as a bedside MICU nurse at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

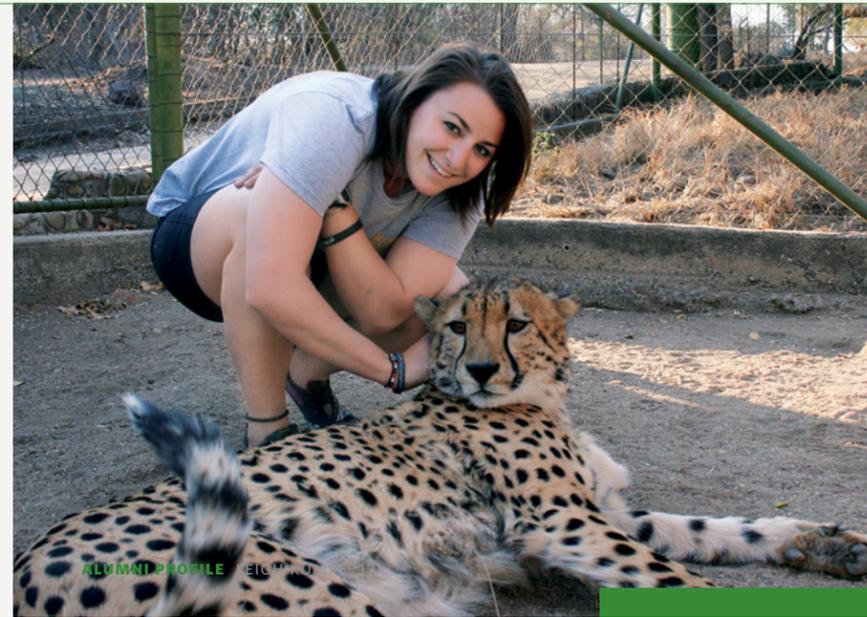


COLEEN TORONTO G'10 recently received her PhD from UMass Dartmouth. Dr. Toronto will be teaching nursing research in the fall in Framingham State's MSN program.

ERIC HEIDEMAN '12 became the assistant town manager for Westford, MA. Eric started his position on June 16, according to Town Manager Jodi Ross. He left his post as director of facilities for the town of Ashland.

JUSTIN BARNARD '13 has been accepted to the MA program in English at SUNY Fredonia.

ASHLEY DE SOUZA '15 has been accepted to the MA program in English at UMass Boston, where she has been offered an assistantship.



LIVING HER DREAM AT ANIMAL KINGDOM

LEIGH KUMPE '13 has dreamed of being a zookeeper for as long as she can remember. Her mother even has a drawing that Kumpe made in kindergarten of herself with her arm draped around a giraffe.

In a field that can be difficult to break into, Kumpe has managed to quickly turn her dream into a reality. She is currently an animal keeper at Disney's Animal Kingdom, where she helps feed, train and care for a variety of animals, including lions, gazelles, ostriches, antelopes, warthogs and more.

After graduating from Framingham State with a degree in Biology, Kumpe managed to parlay a summer camp job at Busch Gardens into a full-time position in the Florida theme park's zoo education program.

About a year and a half later, she learned from a friend about job openings at Disney's massive 580-acre Animal Kingdom theme park.

"It was an amazing opportunity," she said.

In addition to feeding, cleaning and training the animals, Kumpe creates enrichment activities to keep them engaged. She also enjoys interacting with the visitors.

"I REALLY ENJOY TALKING TO GUESTS, ANSWERING THEIR QUESTIONS AND TEACHING THEM ABOUT THE ANIMALS."

Her job puts her up close to some very large and intimidating animals.

"It's exciting and can definitely get your heart rate up," said Kumpe, who is interested in eventually working with marine animals. "We have a lot of cats that will stalk you and growl at you. My biggest fear is always for the safety of my coworkers."

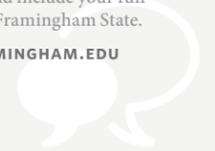
Kumpe credits Framingham State with setting her up for early career success.

"I had so many opportunities at Framingham State that I wouldn't have had at any other school," said Kumpe. "I still have a great bond with many of my professors and keep in touch with them regularly."

CLASS NOTES SUBMISSIONS

Share your news and photos with the University and fellow alumni. Each class note should include your full name and year of graduation from Framingham State.

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Megan May Barrett '02
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JUNE 13, 2016

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DECEMBER 6, 2015

Trevor Hennessey '13
MARCH 27, 2016



OF SPECIAL NOTE SUSAN CRIPPEN '91

FSU ALUMNA IS FRAMINGHAM'S FIRST FEMALE FIRE LIEUTENANT

Framingham State alumna **SUSAN CRIPPEN '91** made history last May by becoming the Town of Framingham's first female fire lieutenant.

Her new fire lieutenant duties include overseeing an engine, making sure that everything is in working order and ensuring that everyone is safe.

Crippen has been a firefighter since 1998 and joined the Framingham Fire Department in 2007. She said that the opportunity to help people and the sense of teamwork attracted her to the profession.

"I had the privilege of training Lt. Crippen," said Fire Chief Joseph C. Hicks. "She is an outstanding firefighter."

Celeste (Cheney) Fitzhenry '60 noted, "We are very proud of her."



Another FSU alum, **JOSE RUBIO '10**, also was promoted to fire lieutenant during the ceremony.

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GRADUATE INFORMATION SESSION

A Graduate Information Session is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the McCarthy Center Forum.

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DONOR PROFILE
Michael Desilets '69

Michael Desilets '69 Honors His Brother Through Internship Program



Framingham State University played an oversized role in the education of the Desilets family. Five of seven brothers attended the University in the late '60s and early '70s.

"My brothers and I were born and raised in Framingham," says oldest brother Michael Desilets. "Looking back, I've really begun to appreciate how much the University meant to our family."

Michael Desilets lives in Los Angeles, but has reconnected with Framingham State in recent years through very sad circumstances. His brother Tom Desilets '74, passed away in 2012, a few years after being diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease.

"Tom loved life," says Desilets. "He loved hanging out with family and his son Alex. I wish I could have spent more time with him before he passed."

Shortly after Tom Desilets died, his brothers decided to set up a scholarship to honor Tom's memory. Michael Desilets credits Framingham History Center Director Annie Murphy with inspiring him to create the Tom Desilets Internship Program, which covers the salary for a Framingham State student to intern at the Center each summer.

"Framingham State is right across Route 9 from the History Center," he says. "We both thought it would be a great way to reinforce the connection between FSU and the center."

Murphy says the program has been invaluable.

"When I started here, I was the only full-time person," she says. "To have another person was amazing and freed me up to do so much more."

"I would have loved to have done an internship when I was in school, but I had to work," adds Desilets. "This program is a great opportunity for a student to do an internship and make some money to put toward tuition the following semester."

Murphy's first intern through the program was Laura Stagliola '14, who now works full time at the center as a museum assistant and education coordinator. Stagliola's research on the Dennison Manufacturing Company as an intern led to her co-authoring a book on the history of the company with Pat Lavin.

"We are truly grateful for Michael's support," says Murphy. "It has strengthened the connection between the History Center and the History Department at FSU."



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

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