Gatekeepers

STUDENT REPORTERS ENSURE A COMMUNITY'S VOICE CONTINUES TO RESONATE
From President Cevallos

We live at a time when misinformation runs rampant across the internet, threatening our very democracy. Rather than seeking out objective facts, many people turn to whatever sources validate their predetermined beliefs, no matter how suspect those sources may be. The Gatepost, Framingham State University’s independent student newspaper, stands as an important reminder to the crucial value of good journalism. The students at the paper take their roles seriously and work tirelessly to produce an accurate, unbiased and informative account of the news within our community. The Gatepost’s numerous awards over the years from the Society of Professional Journalists speak to the quality of the paper, as do the impressive jobs our Gatepost alumni are able to land after graduating.

I hope you enjoy our feature story on The Gatepost in this issue of Framingham State Magazine, and that it serves as a reminder of the importance of supporting good journalism.

BEST WISHES,
F. Javier Cevallos, PhD
President
Framingham State University
SPRING 2021

What’s inside

Upfront

04
The snapshot
Fast news from FSU

06
Ram in focus
Hanna ‘21 and Jenna McMahon ‘21

07
Prof. Robert Krim Publishes a Book on Boston Innovation

Alumni

20
Making an impact
Celebrating alumni who are making a difference in their communities

08
Chris Walsh Center
FSU Opens the Chris Walsh Center for Educators and Families of MetroWest

Gatekeepers

12
Student reporters ensure a community’s voice continues to resonate

Features

22
Class notes
Discover how your fellow classmates are spending their time

25
Inclusive Excellence Alumni Achievement Award
Enzo Silon Surin ‘00

26
Donor profile
Dr. Priscilla D. Douglas

27
FY20 President’s Report

28
Upcoming events and announcements

DISCLAIMER
All photos featured in Framingham State Magazine were taken either prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 or in a very safe and controlled environment that included social distancing among all individuals and face coverings on anyone not in the frame. FSU adheres to the strictest COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Additional content available online
FRAMINGHAM.EDU
04
The snapshot

“We’ve worked hard to dedicate the necessary resources to our student veterans to ensure that they succeed at FSU.”
— President F. Javier Cevallos

CAMPUS NEWS
President Cevallos Urges Action on Climate Change

December 12, 2020, marked the five-year anniversary of the world coming together to sign on to the Paris Agreement. Framingham State University marked the moment by committing to a national mobilization for a clean energy economy and centering its own operations in pursuit of climate action. In doing so, FSU President F. Javier Cevallos joined over 1,000 leaders from local governments, businesses, universities and other institutions across the country as part of the “America Is All In!” joint statement.

The joint statement was delivered to the Biden–Harris administration, as well as to United Nations officials and global heads of state at the Climate Ambition Summit hosted by the United Kingdom, also on December 12, 2020.

“As we look to recover from the dual public health and economic crises brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we also look to the looming threat of the climate crisis,” said Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “The FSU community cares deeply about this issue. Through the work of our Center for Climate Change Education, we intend to be a thought leader in the efforts to combat the threats posed by climate change.”

The site found that FSU is in the top 10 percent of four-year colleges serving military veterans in the country, and number eight in Massachusetts. College Factual currently enrolls about 200 military-connected students. Leanna Lynch ’18 is the University’s Coordinator of Veteran and Military Student Programs. She oversees the Veterans Services Center, which provides a communal space for military veterans, service members and their family members to study, socialize, relax and watch TV. The center also provides information about state and federal benefits available to veterans.

“The veteran student population, which is older, often has very unique needs compared to the general student population,” says Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “We’ve worked hard to dedicate the necessary resources to our student veterans to ensure that they succeed at FSU.”

CAMPUS NEWS
FSU Named a Top College for Vets

Framingham State University has been ranked a top college for United States Veterans by College Factual, an online site that bills itself as one of the largest sources of higher education data in the United States. The site found that FSU is in the top 10 percent of four-year colleges serving military veterans in the country, and number eight in Massachusetts. College Factual examined 24 different factors to determine its rankings, including veteran affordability, veteran population, veteran policies, veteran resources, veteran satisfaction and overall college quality.

Framingham State currently enrolls about 200 military-connected students. Leanna Lynch ’18 is the University’s Coordinator of Veteran and Military Student Programs. She oversees the Veterans Services Center, which provides a communal space for military veterans, service members and their family members to study, socialize, relax and watch TV. The center also provides information about state and federal benefits available to veterans.

“The veteran student population, which is older, often has very unique needs compared to the general student population,” says Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “We’ve worked hard to dedicate the necessary resources to our student veterans to ensure that they succeed at FSU.”

SPRING 2021

President Cevallos Urges Action on Climate Change

December 12, 2020, marked the five-year anniversary of the world coming together to sign on to the Paris Agreement. Framingham State University marked the moment by committing to a national mobilization for a clean energy economy and centering its own operations in pursuit of climate action. In doing so, FSU President F. Javier Cevallos joined over 1,000 leaders from local governments, businesses, universities and other institutions across the country as part of the “America Is All In!” joint statement.

The joint statement was delivered to the Biden–Harris administration, as well as to United Nations officials and global heads of state at the Climate Ambition Summit hosted by the United Kingdom, also on December 12, 2020.

“As we look to recover from the dual public health and economic crises brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we also look to the looming threat of the climate crisis,” said Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “The FSU community cares deeply about this issue. Through the work of our Center for Climate Change Education, we intend to be a thought leader in the efforts to combat the threats posed by climate change.”

The site found that FSU is in the top 10 percent of four-year colleges serving military veterans in the country, and number eight in Massachusetts. College Factual currently enrolls about 200 military-connected students. Leanna Lynch ’18 is the University’s Coordinator of Veteran and Military Student Programs. She oversees the Veterans Services Center, which provides a communal space for military veterans, service members and their family members to study, socialize, relax and watch TV. The center also provides information about state and federal benefits available to veterans.

“The veteran student population, which is older, often has very unique needs compared to the general student population,” says Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “We’ve worked hard to dedicate the necessary resources to our student veterans to ensure that they succeed at FSU.”

CAMPUS NEWS
Excellence in Diversity

Framingham State University has again been recognized for its efforts to support diversity, equity and inclusion on campus with a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award. The award is given by INSIGHT Into Diversity, the oldest and largest diversity magazine and website in higher education today. Framingham State was featured along with 90 other recipients nationwide in the magazine’s November 2020 issue. This is the sixth time Framingham State University has been honored with the award since 2014, and FSU is the only public college in Massachusetts included on the 2020 list.

“It’s an honor to once again be recognized with a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award,” says Dr. Constanza Cabello, FSU’s Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement. “As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionally impact communities of color, our efforts to ensure that we are providing equitable opportunities to all our students, regardless of their economic or racial background, are more important than ever.”

FSU has received a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award every year since 2014.
A global pandemic appears to be about the only thing that could stop the Framingham State Women’s Lacrosse team’s ascent to the top of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC). Coming off back-to-back seasons in the conference tournament finals, the team was poised for a big year when the pandemic cut short the spring 2020 season.

Much of the credit for the team’s recent success is due to senior midfielders and co-captains Hanna and Jenna McMahon. The identical twins have been playing lacrosse together since elementary school, and were coached by their dad up until high school.

“Lacrosse changed my life for the better,” says Hanna. “I’ve made forever friends at FSU. We have a great coach who really cares about everyone on the team.”

Hanna and Jenna were actually looking forward to playing on separate teams after high school, but both were recruited to Framingham State by Head Coach James Rippey.

“I think originally we just wanted a different experience,” says Hanna. “But now I couldn’t imagine playing without her.”

During games, Hanna plays midfield and takes the draw, while Jenna plays on the circle. The two agree there are advantages to playing with your twin, but both say that all their teammates have helped to make the players they are today.

The twins have always been athletic and were three-sport athletes through high school. Lacrosse has always been their first love, and they credit their parents with getting them into the sport.

“Our parents are the reason we started playing,” says Jenna. “We couldn’t have done it without their support.”

Both Hanna and Jenna are Communication Arts majors at FSU. Hanna is currently a Communications intern with FSU Dining Services and is interested in social media, marketing and corporate communications. She also intends to get her real estate license. Jenna is the Marketing and Event Planning intern in the Office of Career Services and Employer Relations. She is pursuing a career in event planning, and is thinking about enrolling in a graduate program.

The twins have always been athletic and were three-sport athletes through high school. Lacrosse has always been their first love, and they credit their parents with getting them into the sport.

Two innovations featured in the book have direct ties to Framingham State University: the opening of FSU (known then as the Lexington Normal School) in 1839 as the nation’s first public teachers’ college; and the creation of the chocolate chip cookie in 1930 by FSU alumna Ruth Graves Wakefield ’24 at her Toll House Restaurant in Whitman.

In 2017, Krim worked with officials at Logan International Airport to help create an exhibit called “From Massachusetts to the World: Four Centuries of Innovation,” which is located on a walkway connecting Terminals C and E.

One of the biggest findings of my research is that the level of innovation in the Boston area is really unparalleled by any other city,” says Krim.

In the book, the twins have helped make Boston such an innovative region, including strong entrepreneurship, local funding and networking.

For more than 400 years, the Greater Boston area has been at the forefront of major innovations that have changed the world. From the discovery of lifesaving medical treatments like chemotherapy to inventing the telephone, the Greater Boston area has been a global leader in innovation.

A new book by Framingham State University Professor Robert Krim, entitled Boston Made: From Revolution to Robotics, Innovations That Changed the World, is based on his more than 20 years of research on the subject.

Professor Krim has identified more than 450 major innovations tied to the Boston area over the years, but his book tells the story of the 50 he believes have been the most impactful. It also identifies “innovation drivers,” which Krim says have helped make Boston such an innovative region, including strong entrepreneurship, local funding and networking.

“A key point of my research is that the level of innovation in the Boston area is really unparalleled by any other city,” says Krim.

Two innovations featured in the book have direct ties to Framingham State University: the opening of FSU (known then as the Lexington Normal School) in 1839 as the nation’s first public teachers’ college; and the creation of the chocolate chip cookie in 1930 by FSU alumna Ruth Graves Wakefield ’24 at her Toll House Restaurant in Whitman. In 2017, Krim worked with officials at Logan International Airport to help create an exhibit called "From Massachusetts to the World: Four Centuries of Innovation," which is located on a walkway connecting Terminals C and E.

Boston Made: From Revolution to Robotics, Innovations That Changed the World is on sale wherever books are sold.
Navigating the state’s special education system can feel like a daunting task for many parents of children with disabilities or unmet needs, according to Framingham State University Education Professor James Cressey.

“Educators are not always well trained in how to support families,” says Dr. Cressey. “Schools may not have reliable or effective procedures for early screening and identification for disabilities in early childhood.”

To help address this problem, FSU recently launched the Chris Walsh Center for Educators and Families of MetroWest—a support system dedicated to providing families and educators with information regarding proper educational assistance available for students who are disabled, gifted or have unmet needs. The center was developed in response to local parents who voiced struggles about navigating the special education system to Massachusetts State Representative Chris Walsh in 2015.

Cressey, the coordinator of the new center, said Walsh reached out to FSU President F. Javier Cevallos and then-Vice President Linda Vaden-Goad to form a planning committee, which consisted of parents, educators, advocates and nonprofit organizations, as well as FSU administrators, faculty and staff. Following a near five-year planning process, the center opened its doors in February 2020 and was named in honor of Walsh, who died from cancer in 2018.

“Our planning committee realized early on in the process that we could achieve more sustainable change if the center provided professional development to educators and schools, as well as support to families,” Cressey explains. By helping to improve school systems and their special education practices, the center hopes to see a decrease in families who need support in navigating these systems.

In addition to benefitting local families and educators, the Chris Walsh Center also supports FSU students and faculty by providing opportunities for research, teaching, service learning, internships and independent studies.

Nancy Duggan, a member of the center’s advisory board, notes that “FSU has an opportunity to build something exceptional...the scholarship and growth happening on campus can find purposeful and practical ways to reach the local community of families and teachers.”

Shortly after the center’s grand opening, the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to all in-person operations. Although this set back many future plans, the Chris Walsh Center continues to provide online programming, according to Cressey. Duggan says that remote support groups for families are “a great example of the flexibility the center enables” for parents. In 2020, the Chris Walsh Center offered several online parent support group meetings, as well as webinars about dyslexia screening, twice-exceptional learners and epilepsy awareness, says Cressey.

“Over time,” he adds, “we hope to follow the path of some of the University’s long-standing centers that have grown and evolved over the years.”
Dr. Dwayne Bell Brings Virtual Reality to the Chem Lab

The first time Dr. Dwayne Bell shrank himself down to the size of an atom for an up close look at its structure was an eye opening experience for him. “I always understood the math behind it but mentally I could never really picture it,” says Bell, who has been teaching Chemistry at Framingham State for nine years. “Now I’m able to shrink down and walk through sodium chloride and other minerals at the molecular level. I’ve been finding new joy from chemistry being able to see it.”

Bell is describing his experience with an Oculus Go Virtual Reality (VR) headset. Last year, he received a grant from the FSU Educational Technology Office (ETO) to purchase 18 of the headsets in order to bring VR into the University’s chemistry labs. Covid 19 has halted the effort for the time being, due to the logistics around trying to share headsets during a pandemic, but Bell believes that VR has the potential to revolutionize the teaching of the sciences and beyond. “I want Framingham State to be among the earliest adopters of this technology,” says Bell. “It’s too powerful a medium not to explore.”

The Oculus Go is a headset that goes over your eyes and provides an immersive VR experience. Each headset comes with a wireless, orientation tracked remote controller with pointer capabilities that is used to interact with the virtual world. According to Bell, the educational demo programs provide accurate depictions of everything from the size of the structures to how far apart they are to how fast they are moving. Bell, who describes chemistry to his students as the “most magnificent subject ever studied by the human mind,” is also working on a project to create 360 VR laboratory experiences that can be done from home using a smart phone, laptop or VR headset. He is acquiring a GoPro Fusion 360 Degree Digital Camera and software for the effort. “VR laboratories won’t replace performing operations in the lab yourself, but it’s close,” he says.

More information is available on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s website.

“I always understood the math behind it but mentally I could never really picture it,” says Bell, who has been teaching Chemistry at Framingham State for nine years. “Now I’m able to shrink down and walk through sodium chloride and other minerals at the molecular level. I’ve been finding new joy from chemistry being able to see it.”

Bell is describing his experience with an Oculus Go Virtual Reality (VR) headset. Last year, he received a grant from the FSU Educational Technology Office (ETO) to purchase 18 of the headsets in order to bring VR into the University’s chemistry labs. Covid 19 has halted the effort for the time being, due to the logistics around trying to share headsets during a pandemic, but Bell believes that VR has the potential to revolutionize the teaching of the sciences and beyond. “I want Framingham State to be among the earliest adopters of this technology,” says Bell. “It’s too powerful a medium not to explore.”

The Oculus Go is a headset that goes over your eyes and provides an immersive VR experience. Each headset comes with a wireless, orientation tracked remote controller with pointer capabilities that is used to interact with the virtual world. According to Bell, the educational demo programs provide accurate depictions of everything from the size of the structures to how far apart they are to how fast they are moving. Bell, who describes chemistry to his students as the “most magnificent subject ever studied by the human mind,” is also working on a project to create 360 VR laboratory experiences that can be done from home using a smart phone, laptop or VR headset. He is acquiring a GoPro Fusion 360 Degree Digital Camera and software for the effort. “VR laboratories won’t replace performing operations in the lab yourself, but it’s close,” he says.

More information is available on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s website.

“A college degree changes lives.”
— PRESIDENT F. JAVIER CEVALLOS

Framingham State University and MassBay Community College are part of a new scholarship program that provides free access to residence halls, meal plans and case management to homeless teens who enroll at one of the two institutions.

Framingham State University and MassBay Community College are part of a new scholarship program that provides free access to residence halls, meal plans and case management to homeless teens who enroll at one of the two institutions.

Set to begin next fall, the “Moving to College” pilot is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It targets homeless students who have just graduated high school and are seeking to further their education in order to bring financial stability into their lives.

“A college degree changes lives,” says Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “We know the difference between a high school diploma and a college degree is about $1 million of earnings over a lifetime. Not to mention that the opportunities they will have with a college degree for different types of employment are much better.”

The program builds upon the Massachusetts Students Housing Security Pilot, of which FSU is also a part. It offers free housing and meal plans to homeless students who were already enrolled in college. FSU and MassBay are partnering with Wayside Youth and Family Support Network to provide additional support for these at-risk students.

This is the second state pilot program aimed at helping homeless students in which FSU is participating. Because MassBay does not have residence halls, students attending either MassBay or Framingham State through the two programs will live at Framingham State. While the scholarships cover housing, meals and support services, they do not cover tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation. The University will work closely with each student to identify financial aid and other support services for these items.

More information is available on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s website.
Gatekeepers

Stand on the sidewalk in front of the old Hemenway Hall and you’ll see a granite staircase, deep and old, rising between two stone pillars. As you pass the posts and begin to climb, you seem to travel through time. The posts, topped with orbs, form the original gateway to campus.

The Gatepost, the student newspaper named for the columns, depicts the posts and “1932” on its masthead. In March 2022, the paper will turn 90. It is also a formative structure, a presence that Editor-in-Chief Ashley Wall ’21 calls “the voice of the community.”

STUDENT REPORTERS ENSURE A COMMUNITY’S VOICE CONTINUES TO RESONATE

1932
The Gatepost is founded by Miriam (Jagodnik) Feldman ’34

1982
The Gatepost celebrates its 50th anniversary

1992
Dr. Desmond McCarthy takes over as faculty advisor to The Gatepost, a role he remains in today

2013
The Gatepost Editorial Board, led by Editor-in-Chief Spencer Buell ’13, is the National Winner of a Mark of Excellence Award for Editorial Writing

2013
The Gatepost begins publishing full issues of each edition in reader-friendly formats online via issuu.com

2022
The Gatepost will celebrate its 90th anniversary of providing outstanding journalism to the University community
Banks has served as the publication’s faculty advisor since 1992. Every Thursday night—layout night—he sets up bins around campus. It not only steadies and grounds them, but also serves as an incubator for several dozen student volunteers. Like the stairs, the paper leads students step by step to success in journalism and other fields. In Room 410 of the McCarthy Center, they learn to write leads and nut graphs and collaborate.

Desmond McCarthy ’81 has supported Gatepost staff since 1992. Every Thursday night—layout night—he guides opinions and news copyedit. Assistant Advisor Elizabeth Banks advises on sports, arts and features. McCarthy, the paper’s advisor, is the recipient of a 1997 Distinguished Four-Year Newspaper Adviser Award from the national College Media Association. The accolade reflects the esteem that students feel for the professor of English, who holds a PhD in American Literature.

McCarthy and Banks share teaching responsibilities for the courses within the journalism concentration and minor. Because the University doesn’t offer a journalism major, this makes the several dozen Mark of Excellence Awards that the Gatepost has earned from the Society of Professional Journalists even more admirable.

Banks has served as the publication’s assistant advisor since 2015, and has taught at Framingham State University since 1998. In 2019, The New England Society of News Editors recognized her achievements with the Judith Vance Weld Brown Spirit of Journalism award. Her 30 years in journalism include 24 years as an editor at the MetroWest Daily News. That experience is invaluable to fledgling journalists.

The Arlington Advocate hired Spencer Buell ’13 after his internship at the MetroWest Daily News. He credits the portfolio of clips he amassed at The Gatepost.

Cesareo Contreras ’18 also interned at the MetroWest Daily News. He became a technology and environment reporter there when he graduated. McCarthy’s advising philosophy is to be present—and he is, until 1 a.m. and sometimes later on Thursdays. He holds students to high standards. “Every person is capable of doing work at a level they did not imagine they could,” he says.

McCarthy is careful not to hamper students’ freedom. “I’m here on an invitation basis,” he says. Gatepost staff choose what to run. He makes suggestions and offers opinions. “They’re our articles,” confirms Associate Editor Cara McCarthy ’21, an English major with a concentration in journalism and a minor in history. Conversations about any section include Wall or Cara McCarthy. “The Gatepost provided a good environment in which to learn what the free press does,” recalls Contreras. He was editor-in-chief in 2017–2018, and the University’s 2018 Student Leader of the Year. Wall begins her layout night at 7 p.m., and ends it at 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. The editor-in-chief role, revised over 90 years, connects her to Miriam (Jagodnik) Feldman ’34, The Gatepost’s founder and first editor-in-chief. “Wall is the latest link in a venerable history. She extends the trail of words that began with the front-page account of President Woodrow Wilson’s daughter Jessie’s speech on campus, “The Disarmament of the World and International Relations.”

Despite yearly staff changes at The Gatepost, Desmond McCarthy ensures that the paper’s culture of excellence continues. “This is your time to contribute to and advance that culture,” he tells students.

Brad Petrishen ’08 was editor-in-chief in 2007–2008. He was a national finalist for his breaking news coverage about a bomb threat on campus. Petrishen also received an award for a Gatepost editorial about the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting. “Desmond is adept at helping students find their voices and understand the power of journalism,” says Petrishen, an investigative reporter at the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. “In my career, I built upon the skills I learned at The Gatepost.”

Buell won a first-place Mark of Excellence Award with his feature about a transgender student, which evolved from an independent study in longform journalism with McCarthy. Buell was then editor-in-chief. “My career wouldn’t have happened the way that it did without his guidance and commitment,” he says. Contreras’s independent study with McCarthy led to his first award for a feature about a coffee cart business in the Innovation Center. Cara McCarthy is proud of a 2019 award-winning Gatepost editorial supporting The Harvard Crimson’s decision to contact U.S. Immigration
“We’re more than an alumni network. We’re family.”

Cara McCarthy ’21, ASSOCIATE EDITOR

and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for comment on an article about a group at the Ivy League campus calling for the elimination of the agency. The Crimson was condemned in a petition on campus for reaching out to ICE, but The Gatepost supported the paper’s decision and took a stand against censorship.

Banks credits the honors to students’ story development, reporting and editing prowess. “Today’s employers need these skills,” she says.

News Writing students submit to The Gatepost, but publication isn’t guaranteed. “Gatepost editors may decide a student needs to uncover a new angle. Submitting work for publication is part of the learning experience,” says Desmond McCarthy.

FSU Executive Vice President Dale Humel and President F. Javier Cevallos respond to Gatepost staff’s questions within an hour on layout night. For young interviewers developing their professional persona, the administrators are role models. Cevallos appreciates “understanding what students are feeling and thinking about” when he reads their team-written editorials. He praised a news article that surveyed 300 students about the 2020 presidential candidates. “It would have been easy to be biased as part of a liberal campus in a blue state,” he observes. Readers see themselves reflected in the newspaper’s unbiased reporting.

Wall, an English major with a concentration in journalism, takes graduate courses in the accelerated master’s program in English. She turned her love of photography into a staff photographer role and moved up the ranks. “I not only learned Adobe and Canva but also how to bring an idea to life,” says Wall. She plans to pursue marketing or graphic design.

Cara McCarthy moved from staff designer freshman year to design editor as a sophomore. As a junior and senior, she has managed arts & features, and sports. She learned to direct a team and plans to pursue her master’s in journalism.

Alumni are part of Desmond McCarthy’s extended advising team. They read The Gatepost, reach out to students and attend an annual career night. A senior staff writer, Buell talks about his work at Boston Magazine. Bailey Morrison ’19 discusses her role as a journals publishing assistant at Wiley Publishing, and Lindsay Chase ’11 talks about her job as digital content editor at TechTarget.

Suzanne McDonald ’95 was a Boston Globe editor before founding marketing company Angles & Insights. “The Gatepost taught me to think critically about information in an unbiased way,” she says. Her investigation of credit card applications on campus attracted the attention of the late Representative Barbara Gray. As a result, on-campus credit card solicitation was banned.

She and Alan Feldman, English professor emeritus, established an annual scholarship for editors-in-chief in 2008.

Miriam Jagodnik Feldman, a nonagenarian, visited campus in 2009 to celebrate the latest Mark of Excellence wins. Until her death at age 99, she read The Gatepost. Her commitment extended beyond her lifetime. In her obituary, she asked for contributions to The Gatepost.

“We don’t work at the paper and move on,” says Cara McCarthy. When Desmond McCarthy had hip surgery in spring semester 2020, many former editors-in-chief pitched in at The Gatepost. Contreras was among them. “We’re more than an alumni network. We’re family,” says Cara McCarthy. “It means so much to have each other.”
Camila Wendorff discovered her passion for health care watching her mom work as a nurse in her native Brazil. She initially wanted to become a doctor, but when her grandmother was diagnosed with cancer, her focus turned to medical research. “It’s a personal matter for me,” she says. “I want to be involved in cancer research.”

Wendorff’s family believed strongly in her dreams, and used much of their savings to help her obtain a visa and relocate to the United States in 2016.
Making an impact

“They are passionate leaders who will work tirelessly for their constituents.”

PRESIDENT F. JAVIER Cevallos

ALUMNI PROFILE

Adam Scanlon ’19 & Jake Oliveira ’08

Two Framingham State alumni are among the newest and youngest members in the Massachusetts State Legislature following successful campaigns last fall.

Jake Oliveira, 34, of Ludlow, MA, was elected to represent more than 42,000 people in the 7th Hampden District. A Political Science major, Oliveira spent 12 years on the Ludlow School Committee. His priorities as a newly elected state representative include helping Massachusetts citizens recover from the impacts of COVID-19, modernizing the state’s economy and infrastructure, investing in public education and supporting the state’s seniors and veterans.

Adam Scanlon of North Attleboro, MA, was elected to represent the roughly 40,000 people in the 14th Bristol District. Scanlon, only 24, has already run several successful political campaigns, and has served as a town meeting member, school committee member and town councilor in North Attleboro. His top priorities include supporting education, bringing fairness to the state’s tax code and supporting residents struggling through the pandemic.

“I know Jake and Adam personally, and I believe both will make excellent state representatives,” says Framingham State University President F. Javier Cevallos. “They are passionate leaders who will work tirelessly for their constituents.”

Henry Turner G’05

Newton North Principal Henry Turner was named Principal of the Year in December by K-12 Dive, an online educational industry publication.

The group cited his resolve, positive demeanor and effort to combat systemic inequality, his commitment to meeting students’ social emotional needs and his efforts to create an anti-racist learning environment. During an interview with the publication, Turner discussed his work with students on anti-racist initiatives.

“One of the ways in which we’re trying to make sure students are engaged is leaning into and supporting student activism,” Turner said. “We have been very supportive of student protests and demonstrations led particularly by our students of color groups. That’s fostered trust with those students and also has helped us think about the skills around anti racism we want all students to develop.”

Turner oversees nearly 2,200 students at Newton North, including about 20 percent who come from low income families. He earned a Master of Education degree from Framingham State in 2005 and went on to complete a PhD in Educational Leadership and Administration at Boston College.

Henry Turner G’05

Named Principal of the Year by National Trade Publication

ALUMNI PROFILE

Molly Roach ’21

As she watched the swell of protests and activism that occurred last summer following the murder of George Floyd, Molly Roach decided to take action in her own community. She partnered with local youth in the Worcester area to form the group Racism Free WPS in order to advocate for equity and racial justice in the Worcester Public Schools system.

The group put forth a list of requests to the school committee that included the elimination of police officers from schools, comprehensive sexual and consent education, and greater transparency around environmental issues in the school buildings. In addition to calling for change, Roach led the group in organizing charitable events to support the community.

“We ran a school supply drive for families and a toy drive,” says Roach, who graduated from Framingham State in December with a degree in Criminology. “We gave away gifts to over 100 families in Worcester.”

In January, Roach was honored by the organization Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) with the Undergraduate Social Activism Award. She is currently taking a year off and then plans to attend graduate school to pursue a PhD in Criminology with a focus on gender and sexual studies. Her ultimate goal is to become a professor.

Molly Roach ’21 Recognized for Social Activism

ALUMNI PROFILE

Henry Turner G’05

Henry Turner G’05

Named Principal of the Year by National Trade Publication
1980s

Michael Powers ’97, work as an artist and AI collaborator was recently featured in The Fulcrum. Michael shared that he “has been fascinated by how computers see us when they are competing against us in a video game, taking dictation or pondering some of our greatest artworks.”

David Sanborn ’97 has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Financial Planning Association of Massachusetts, and will also serve as the FFAMA’s Community Outreach Director.

Kathleen (Borezo) Shepherd ’97 recently accepted a position at Snow Software as Senior Customer Advocacy Manager. Kathleen is also currently serving as Vice President of the Framingham State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1990s

Raquel Rodriguez ’90 shares that she was appointed to the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts, New England’s largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate.

Renee Clark ’91 was recently appointed by Governor Baker to the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees. Renee also serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Southcoast Health in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Suzanne McDonald ’95, founder of Angles and Insights and its subsidiary Newport Interactive Marketing, launched a new solution this summer for people entering the digital marketing industry: ROMIn, short for “return on investment in you,” in a seven-week course designed to upskill recent graduates with digital marketing tools and connect them with entrepreneurs and nonprofits.

2000s

Diana Batista ‘09, owner of Main Street Pastries & More in Northborough, started a “Hope Bread” fund to ensure everyone gets a treat during the pandemic, regardless of their financial situation.

Deborah Derderian O’00 has returned to Milford Regional Physician Group, practicing at Mendon Internal Medicine. Dr. Derderian has been recognized with the Ace of Hearts Award and been the recipient of numerous Readers’ Choice awards.

Rachel DiBella ‘08, a psychotherapist, gender equity educator and national speaker, was named a 2020–2021 Center for Multicultural and Global Mental Health scholar at William James College and was recognized for her commitment to serving the mental and behavioral health needs of underrepresented populations.

June Hudnall ’08 was recently named Assistant Treasurer of The Village Bank, headquartered in Newton, MA. June was previously a mortgage lending specialist, and has also held the position of instructor of apparel design at Framingham State.

Mike Antonellis’97 joined the Framingham State Alumni Relations team as Associate Director/Digital Engagement. Antonellis has been a broadcaster in professional baseball since 1997.

David Hobbs’99 became Hampden, WNY’s 37th police chief this past January. Chief Hobbs had been the Deputy Chief since 2014, and previously served in the Marine Forces Reserve.

2010s

Steve Whittemore, Jr., G’13 is currently the Director of Alumni Relations at University of Massachusetts—Boston and is serving his second year on the Framingham State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Crystal Meyers ’11 opened her business AcuPUNKture, in Franklin. Previously, Crystal had been treating clients at her original location in Jamaica Plain.

Dino Rizzo ‘14 promoted to Vice President of BlackRock, his third promotion since joining the company in 2018.

Dan Bagdon ’16 joined the Maine Nordiques Coaching Staff (North American Hockey League) as Assistant Coach.

Prabin P. Dhar ‘15 recently opened his new business, Crossroads Services, a social media marketing management, consulting, coaching and content creation firm for female entrepreneurs.

Adam Scanlon ’19 was sworn in as the 14th Bristol District to the Massachusetts House of Representatives representing the 14th Bristol District.

Mike Antonellis’97 joined the Framingham State Alumni Relations team as Associate Director/Digital Engagement. Antonellis has been a broadcaster in professional baseball since 1997.

David Hobbs’99 became Hampden, WNY’s 37th police chief this past January. Chief Hobbs had been the Deputy Chief since 2014, and previously served in the Marine Forces Reserve.

2010s

Steve Whittemore, Jr., G’13 is currently the Director of Alumni Relations at University of Massachusetts—Boston and is serving his second year on the Framingham State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Crystal Meyers ’11 opened her business AcuPUNKture, in Franklin. Previously, Crystal had been treating clients at her original location in Jamaica Plain.

Dino Rizzo ‘14 promoted to Vice President of BlackRock, his third promotion since joining the company in 2018.

Dan Bagdon ’16 joined the Maine Nordiques Coaching Staff (North American Hockey League) as Assistant Coach.

Prabin P. Dhar ‘15 recently opened his new business, Crossroads Services, a social media marketing management, consulting, coaching and content creation firm for female entrepreneurs.

Adam Scanlon ’19 was sworn in as the 14th Bristol District to the Massachusetts House of Representatives representing the 14th Bristol District.

Mike Antonellis’97 joined the Framingham State Alumni Relations team as Associate Director/Digital Engagement. Antonellis has been a broadcaster in professional baseball since 1997.

David Hobbs’99 became Hampden, WNY’s 37th police chief this past January. Chief Hobbs had been the Deputy Chief since 2014, and previously served in the Marine Forces Reserve.

2010s

Steve Whittemore, Jr., G’13 is currently the Director of Alumni Relations at University of Massachusetts—Boston and is serving his second year on the Framingham State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Crystal Meyers ’11 opened her business AcuPUNKture, in Franklin. Previously, Crystal had been treating clients at her original location in Jamaica Plain.

Dino Rizzo ‘14 promoted to Vice President of BlackRock, his third promotion since joining the company in 2018.

Dan Bagdon ’16 joined the Maine Nordiques Coaching Staff (North American Hockey League) as Assistant Coach.

Prabin P. Dhar ‘15 recently opened his new business, Crossroads Services, a social media marketing management, consulting, coaching and content creation firm for female entrepreneurs.

Adam Scanlon ’19 was sworn in as the 14th Bristol District to the Massachusetts House of Representatives representing the 14th Bristol District.

Mike Antonellis’97 joined the Framingham State Alumni Relations team as Associate Director/Digital Engagement. Antonellis has been a broadcaster in professional baseball since 1997.

David Hobbs’99 became Hampden, WNY’s 37th police chief this past January. Chief Hobbs had been the Deputy Chief since 2014, and previously served in the Marine Forces Reserve.

2010s

Steve Whittemore, Jr., G’13 is currently the Director of Alumni Relations at University of Massachusetts—Boston and is serving his second year on the Framingham State Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Crystal Meyers ’11 opened her business AcuPUNKture, in Franklin. Previously, Crystal had been treating clients at her original location in Jamaica Plain.

Dino Rizzo ‘14 promoted to Vice President of BlackRock, his third promotion since joining the company in 2018.

Dan Bagdon ’16 joined the Maine Nordiques Coaching Staff (North American Hockey League) as Assistant Coach.

Prabin P. Dhar ‘15 recently opened his new business, Crossroads Services, a social media marketing management, consulting, coaching and content creation firm for female entrepreneurs.

Adam Scanlon ’19 was sworn in as the 14th Bristol District to the Massachusetts House of Representatives representing the 14th Bristol District.
I encourage you to join us at your new updated site: www.alumni.framingham.edu. Update your contact information, check out alumni benefits, register for an event or our book club and connect with fellow Rams using the alumni directory. 

While many traditions have been celebrated differently over the past year, the spark they inspire is as potent as before. I encourage you to join us wherever you are and celebrate your Ram Spirit in 2021.

BEST,
Jennifer DeFronzo
JDEFRONZO@FRAMINGHAM.EDU

Help Find the Next Generation of the fRAMily!

Do you know someone who would make a great Ram? As an alum, you know firsthand the transformative power of a Framingham State experience. The Refer a Ram Program provides the opportunity to waive the $50 application fee for prospective undergraduate and graduate students with a simple referral. Refer someone today—there are no limits on the number of students you can refer.

Share this gift with anyone considering FSU, including family, friends and colleagues. Referred students will be contacted immediately by the Admissions Office and will receive priority consideration when they submit their application.

Learn more at: FRAMINGHAM.EDU/REFER-A-RAM

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Inclusive Excellence Alumni Achievement Award

Framingham State University is proud to honor Bunker Hill Community College Professor Enzo Silon Surin’ 00, Haitian-born poet, educator, speaker, publisher and social advocate, with its second annual Inclusive Excellence Alumni Achievement Award. Surin is the author of When My Body Was A Clinched Fist (Black Lawrence Press, July 2020) and two chapbooks, A Letter of Resignation: An American Libreto (2017) and Higher Ground (2006). He is a PEN New England Celebrated New Voice in Poetry, the recipient of a Brother Thomas Fellowship from The Boston Foundation and a 2020 Denis Diderot [A-i-R] Grant as an Artist-in-Residence at Chateau d’Orquevaux in Orquevaux, France.

Surin’s work gives voice to experiences that take place in what he calls “broken spaces,” and his poems have been featured in numerous publications and exhibits. In addition to mentoring and teaching hundreds of students throughout his career, Surin also supports and elevates emerging poets in the Boston area. He holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Lesley University, teaches creative writing and literature at Bunker Hill and is founding editor and publisher at Central Square Press, an independent literary press that focuses on giving voice to writers interested in social justice issues specifically related to African American, Caribbean and Caribbean American communities.

At FSU, Surin has served on the Framingham State Alumni Association Alumni Board of Directors (2011–2013), has offered readings to classes and students over the years and most recently served as the Framingham State University Intercultural Ceremony keynote speaker.
Dr. Priscilla D. Douglas ’56 Helped Expand the Role of Health Professionals

By staying ahead of the curve and being willing to take risks, Framingham State University alumna Priscilla D. Douglas ’56 charted a remarkable career as a health professional that included the development of an innovative curriculum that encouraged a more comprehensive approach to health care.

“I was always looking to branch out and go beyond the traditional role of a health professional,” says Douglas, who is a registered dietitian and holds a PhD in Higher Education Administration. “It made for a really interesting and fulfilling career.”

That career included working as a graduate assistant in the Department of Nutrition at UMass Amherst and early research on the growth and maturation of rats fed an all-plant diet. Later, she was a Community Nutritionist in West Virginia. This experience led to developing and teaching a graduate course on community nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

For 18 years, Douglas was on the faculty of the University of Connecticut where she holds the rank of Professor Emerita and was recognized for excellence in teaching. Additionally, she was Visiting Professor at Charles University, Prague and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In 1983, Douglas applied for and received a nearly $250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a new curriculum for health promotion and disease prevention. “The idea was for health professionals to think of their careers as more comprehensive,” she says. “You’re not just dealing with disease, but how to prevent disease. One of the goals for the students was on how they could promote their own health. It was a new approach at the time.”

Her curriculum was ultimately adopted by every professional in the School of Allied Health and led to the establishment of the School’s Institute of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, as well as a journal within the institute. She would later earn a grant to establish a new pilot program for training in dietetics in the Czech Republic and Moldova. She traveled extensively during her career to share her insights and expertise with international colleagues, including in Japan, Israel and Brazil.

In order to help today’s students, she worked with FSU to establish the Priscilla D. Douglas ’56, PhD, RD, Food & Nutrition Endowed Scholarship Fund. “The scholarship is my way of providing support for the discipline of nutrition and support for students who need whatever money they can get.”

To learn more about the scholarship, or to donate, contact ALUMNI@FRAMINGHAM.EDU 508-626-4012
In many ways, Fiscal Year 2020 can be broken up into two parts: pre–COVID-19 and post–COVID-19. In the months leading up to February 2020, the University was enjoying a year marked by several major accomplishments, including the launch of new, in-demand academic programs and the creation of the Chris Walsh Center for Children and Families of MetroWest.

But, as the pandemic spread and it became increasingly clear that a major outbreak was headed for the United States, our focus remained unchanged—student success and advancement of the University’s mission and goals.

A year later, we continue to grapple with the challenges presented by this pandemic. I’m grateful to our alumni and friends who, despite the personal and professional toll this has taken on so many, continue to provide critical support to the University.

With any crisis comes an opportunity to rethink and improve your operations. Framingham State University will continue to persevere through this pandemic—and we will emerge stronger for it.
Academic Affairs

The establishment of two new centers to serve our students and the greater community, as well as the creation of new programs to meet the needs of the Commonwealth were among the highlights for Academic Affairs during FY20.

The College of Education launched the Chris Walsh Center for Educators and Families of MetroWest, which is dedicated to providing information for families and educators about the continuum of educational support available to students with disabilities, students who are gifted and students with unmet needs. The center is named in honor of former state Representative Chris Walsh. With generous support from longtime English professor Halcyon Mancuso, FSU also established the Mancuso Workforce Preparation Center, which will support the career development of students majoring in the Arts, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences.

In response to the need in the Commonwealth for more teachers licensed in the STEM fields, the Graduate Education Council approved new Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure (PBTL) programs in General Science, Math/Science and Physics. In the College of STEM, Dr. Dewayne Bell, Chemistry and Food Science, is developing a Virtual Reality Lab (VRL) for general chemistry students. To our knowledge, this will be the first Chemistry VRL at any institution of higher education in Massachusetts.

Academic Affairs continues to work with faculty to encourage new civic engagement opportunities for students. Recent efforts include the launch of the VITA Tax Preparation Program, in which Accounting students help income-qualified individuals and families prepare their tax returns.

ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The College of Education launched The establishment of two new centers to serve our students and the greater community, as well as the creation of new programs to meet the needs of the Commonwealth were among the highlights for Academic Affairs during FY20.

The College of Education launched the Chris Walsh Center for Educators and Families of MetroWest, which is dedicated to providing information for families and educators about the continuum of educational support available to students with disabilities, students who are gifted and students with unmet needs. The center is named in honor of former state Representative Chris Walsh. With generous support from longtime English professor Halcyon Mancuso, FSU also established the Mancuso Workforce Preparation Center, which will support the career development of students majoring in the Arts, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences.

In response to the need in the Commonwealth for more teachers licensed in the STEM fields, the Graduate Education Council approved new Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure (PBTL) programs in General Science, Math/Science and Physics. In the College of STEM, Dr. Dewayne Bell, Chemistry and Food Science, is developing a Virtual Reality Lab (VRL) for general chemistry students. To our knowledge, this will be the first Chemistry VRL at any institution of higher education in Massachusetts.

Academic Affairs continues to work with faculty to encourage new civic engagement opportunities for students. Recent efforts include the launch of the VITA Tax Preparation Program, in which Accounting students help income-qualified individuals and families prepare their tax returns.

Development & Alumni Relations

The Development and Alumni Relations Office raised $3,570,465 in campaign countable private funds, on a goal of $2,750,000. This included a $60,000 multi-year pledge to pay for a new Museum Education Coordinator contractor position for the Danforth Art Museum, which will allow the museum to significantly increase its outreach programming with local public school districts and the larger community.

The Danforth Art Summer Arts Program increased revenue from FY19 by around $50,000 and increased enrollment by around 100 students. The school successfully solicited funds from a donor to purchase a new printing press and equipment in order to promote a new printmaking program.

The Development Office launched a new software program called CauseVid, which allows students who receive donor-funded scholarships to record a video for their donor, thanking them for the support. Not only does this provide valuable stewardship for donors, but it also helps students understand the philanthropy behind the scholarships they receive.

The FSU Foundation provided $100,000 in funding to offer paid internships for FSU students at local nonprofits and government organizations. Following the switch to remote learning due to covid-19, the Development Office pivoted to a focus on raising money for emergency support to students, including purchasing new loaner laptops and portable hotspots to facilitate online learning. Nearly $47,000 was raised for the Student Support Fund, mostly in small gifts.

Inclusive Excellence

Under the direction of President F. Javier Cavallaro, and led by our Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement (DICE) office, the University has recommitted itself to the work of anti-racism. Following the murder of George Floyd and the nationwide protests it spawned, the University charged every office and department across campus to join in this work.

Over the course of the fiscal year, once held more than 40 trainings and programs in collaboration with other departments, reaching more than 1,500 participants. In an effort to improve the relationship between the community and the police, a new Community Resource Officer joined the Framingham State University Police Department on September 30, 2019.

MassBay Community College and Framingham State University received a $210,351 Higher Education Innovation Fund grant to collaborate with Framingham High School and Joseph P. Keefe Regional Technical School, in an effort to increase the number of underrepresented (Black, Brown, Latinx and Women) students pursuing an education in computer science.

Athletics

FSU athletes continue to excel on and off the field. The Football, Men’s Soccer and Women’s Basketball teams all won their respective Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Tournament Championships and participated in the NCAA Division III Tournament during FY20. A total of 230 student-athletes were named to the MASCAC All-Academic Team.

Standout basketball player Mary Kate O’Day ’20 was selected as the MASCAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Year, as well as the 2020 MASCAC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the conference’s eight athletic directors. In addition, O’Day was selected as the conference’s nominee for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

The Ice Hockey and Softball Teams continued their relationship with Team Impact student-athletes. Team Impact is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that improves the quality of life for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses through the power of teamwork.

Construction was completed on an E-gaming facility located in Larned Hall. It features 10 gaming stations, high-end computers and consoles, and ergonomic gaming chairs for this increasingly popular activity.

With the cancellation of the spring sports season following the covid-19 outbreak, the Athletic Department focused the 22 spring sport senior athletes on social media. The department also recognized conference, regional and national awards of several winter and spring sport athletes and engaged current student-athletes through social media, highlighting their contributions to both FSU and outside communities.

Budget

The COVID-19 pandemic and forced closure of the campus in late March 2020 threw a significant wrench into the FY20 budget. Student accounts processed $4.4 million in dining and residence housing refunds in record time to provide financial relief to our students. The University was able to offset some of this expense through reduced costs associated with shutting down much of the campus, but there were also new costs required to shift to operating in a completely remote environment.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act granted $1,248,876 in funding to FSU to be given to students as emergency grants. The Financial Aid department administered grants to be given directly to students to cover expenses incurred due to the disruption of campus from the coronavirus.

The University provided more than $4.2 million in direct financial aid to students. The FSU Foundation, Inc. endowment ended the fiscal year with $11.3 million in funds. The college’s overall endowment ended with a total of $35.5 million.
### Economic Impact

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total “All Funds” (including Capital and Financial Aid) Expenditures</td>
<td>$172,214,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Operations Expenditures</td>
<td>$128,787,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Payroll</td>
<td>$73,579,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Employees</td>
<td>597</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Students</td>
<td>4,876</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University Endowment</td>
<td>$35.3M College; $11.3M Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University-funded Financial Aid</td>
<td>$4.2M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees conferred</td>
<td>1,301</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Revenues

- **40%** State Appropriations
- **41%** Tuition & Fees
- **12%** Auxiliary Enterprises
- **4%** Other Non-Operating Revenue
- **3%** Other Operating Revenue

### Fundraising

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FY14</td>
<td>$3,511,690</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY15</td>
<td>$2,886,882</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY16</td>
<td>$4,090,944</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY17</td>
<td>$3,510,463</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY18</td>
<td>$3,511,690</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>FY19 (in Thousands)</th>
<th>FY20 (in Thousands)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salaries</td>
<td>$53,827</td>
<td>$54,836</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Benefits</td>
<td>$19,789</td>
<td>$17,743</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Utilities</td>
<td>$3,717</td>
<td>$3,414</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supplies &amp; Services/Scholarships</td>
<td>$30,086</td>
<td>$30,167</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>$7,495</td>
<td>$7,446</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Operating Expenses</td>
<td>$114,914</td>
<td>$113,609</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Events

- **JUNE 3, 2021**
  - Ram Booster Golf Tournament, Highfields Golf and Country Club
  - Our annual tournament supporting Framingham State Athletics is back this year with new prizes and a chance to win $1 million!

- **JUNE 3–5, 2021**
  - Alumni Weekend honoring Reunion Classes ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6
  - More than 12,000 alumni are celebrating a milestone reunion in 2021! Celebrate your story and reconnect with classmates and friends at three days of events on campus and virtually.

- **AUGUST 14, 2021**
  - Annual Cape Cod Lobster Dinner at The Lighthouse Inn
  - Join us in West Dennis for a summer sunset dinner by the sea. This popular event sells out every year—tickets are limited.

For more information or to register for alumni events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations:

- **ALUMNI@FRAMINGHAM.EDU**
- **508-626-4012**
- **FRAMINGHAM.EDU/ALUMNI**

The safety of guests and staff at alumni events are our first priority. Due to public safety guidelines, capacity limits, event dates and details are subject to change.

**MOVING UP**

- **Fashion Design and Retailing Major**
- Malik Martin ’22 walks through the atrium of Hemenway Laboratories.
FSU FLASHBACK

Making chocolate chip cookies in a solar oven.

(1979, Image Courtesy Framingham State University Archives)