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# Blackstone Valley Education Foundation showcases month of innovation and impact across the Valley

REGION — The Blackstone Valley Education Foundation (BVEF) concluded an event-filled month of May with a series of initiatives that highlight its commitment to real-world learning, student voice, and career-connected education. From the return of Arts in the Valley to Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy Culmination and STEM Unfiltered, the Foundation's work this month demonstrated the power of connection, creativity, and future-focused learning.

Arts in the Valley  
Held May 17–18 at Sutton Elementary School, Arts in the Valley continued its tradition as a cornerstone of arts celebration in the region. This year's student art showcase reaffirmed the critical role of the arts in build-

ing future-ready skills like problem-solving, creative expression, and design thinking. The event honored the dedication of local art educators and created space for community members to celebrate student creativity in

a meaningful, accessible way.  
Looking ahead, Arts in the Valley will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2026 — a major milestone for a  
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## Local WPI students complete intensive capstone research projects

WORCESTER — Almost 1,200 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) completed a senior capstone thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. Known as Major Qualifying Projects (MQP), these are professional-level research experiences in the students' fields of study that challenge students to solve the kind of problem they would typically encounter in their professional discipline.

"It's inspiring to see the creativity and skills that our students bring to these hands-on projects, as well as the professionalism with which they present their research," says Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this—including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended period of several months—sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

WPI's innovative undergraduate education is centered around project-based learning, a hands-on approach that requires students to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to real-world, open-ended problems. During their time at WPI, all students complete two significant research projects that produce tangible results and often affect the quality of people's lives. These projects change both the student and their world.

MQPs are usually team-based and often focus on specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the students' work. In addition to providing practical work experience that proves valuable to future employers, MQPs often lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, patents, and entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for their corporate sponsors.

The following students completed an MQP:  
Myles St. Jean from Whitinsville, majoring in Computer Science, class of 2025, completed a project titled "EcoTarium Explorer: Enhancing Accessible Navigation"

Connor Chartier from Uxbridge, majoring in Computer Science, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Analyzing the Impact of Frametime Spikes in 2D Platformers"

Katelyn Lombardo from Whitinsville, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Bacteriophage Host Range Expansion Through EMS Mutagenesis"

Maline Demers from Uxbridge, majoring in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology and Biology and Biotechnology, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Aptamer-based lanthanide biomineralization"

Jenna Bushika from Douglas, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology, class of 2025, completed a project titled "LD1171 C. elegans as a CBD Model for Parkinson's Disease"

Clarice Stumpf from Uxbridge, majoring in Biochemistry, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Torque Teno Virus VP3 Structural and Localization Research"

Jeremiah Morgan from Uxbridge, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "AquaTherm: Advancing Core Temp Control in Surgery"

Mikayla Prue from Douglas, majoring in Psychological Science, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Effects of Rest on Unexpected Stressors"

Maximo Anderson from Douglas, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Acoustic Pressure Waves to Enhance PEM Fuel Cell Performance"

Philip Heney from Douglas, majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Sound Source Localization System"

Jocelyn Hinchcliffe from Uxbridge, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Functional analysis of the exocyst and SCD complexes in moss"

Isabella Ibrahim from Northbridge, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Design and Optimization of Novel Impact-Resistant Composites"

Trinity Gibbs from Whitinsville, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Professional Writing, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Undersea

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Whitinsville Christian School celebrated the graduation of the class of 2025 on Friday, May 30. Brady Gorman and Corbin Swaim were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Front row: Gillian McGee, Scarlett Shaw, Amanda Cinelli, Claire Tubo, Siena Mueller, Hannah Ostroff, Ashley Jeong, and Joshua Monteiro. Second row: Julia Lawson, Julia Gibbons, Joanna Graves, Hannah Walton, Jocelyn Hackathorn, Isabelle Kling, Cadence Murzycki, Alison Sim, and Owen Neal. Third row: Jacob Piascik, Hyun Joon Kim, Damian Corson, Katherine Godin, Rebeca Dasilva, Emelyn DeWeerd, CJ Najem, Quinnlan Rice, and George Foint. Fourth row: Joseph Tatulli, Georgia West, Corbin Swaim, Rosemary Poe, Hannah Rejmer, Charlotte Bartlett, Abby Marra, Gabriella Neves, and Emma Wierenga. Back row: Dillin McAlister, Daniel Belucio, Bradley Jolicoeur, Brady Gorman, Mason Barnatt, Sebastian Araujo, Caden Anema, William Mulroy, Carter Dani, and Logan O'Connell.

## Sheriff's Office prepares to host annual Senior Picnic Saturday

REGION — Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) look forward to their annual Senior Picnic this month.

The event is set for Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

"Due to the success of previous years, the picnic will once again be held as a drive-thru and feature a BBQ boxed lunch, goodie bags, music, giveaways, and raffle prizes," read a statement released by the WCSO.

The free event is open to all seniors who are residents of Worcester County. Pre-registration is required to attend.

To pre-register for the picnic, send an email to: [Nydia@WorcesterCountySheriff.org](mailto:Nydia@WorcesterCountySheriff.org). You may also call 508-796-2638.

"The Senior Picnic marks the beginning of summer for many in Worcester County," Evangelidis said. "I

am excited to reconnect with friends and familiar faces we see throughout the year at local senior centers and community events."

This year, the picnic is sponsored by the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association. Additional community supporters include Care One at Millbury, The Overlook, Table Talk Pies, Mercadante Funeral Home, Worcester Red Sox, Automatic Rolls of New England, JV Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Diamond Auto Group, Falcone Enterprises, NEPBA Local 550, The Savickas Family, Worcester Housing Authority, and House Hangers.

"As Sheriff, it is my mission to support the communities we serve. Our older generations deserve to be celebrated for all they have accomplished and continue to contribute to our communities," Evangelidis said.

## Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy celebrates 10th Annual National Technical Honor Society induction

DOUGLAS — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy proudly inducted fifteen students and one alum into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during a scenic outdoor ceremony held on Sunday, May 11 at Douglas Orchard and Farms. Surrounded by blooming apple blossoms, the event marked the Academy's tenth annual induction and the sixth consecutive year it has been hosted at the orchard's picturesque pavilion.

The ceremony honors practical nursing students who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership, service, and character. Eligibility for NTHS is based on grade point average, faculty recommendation, and involvement in extracurricular activities and volunteer service. The recognized qualities align with NTHS's core values: skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

"Making it through nursing school and earning NTHS induction is a true feather in our students' caps," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. "These students balance rigorous coursework with work and family responsibilities—it's a remarkable achievement. We are incredibly



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Pictured here is the PN Class of 2025 NTHS Inductees are as follows: Elizabeth Achayo of Worcester (UNICEF Club Officer), Cynthia Agyeman of Worcester, Rachel Anane of Worcester (MassHire Grant Recipient, UNICEF Club Officer), Emily Bamberger of Wales, Sandra Celestin of Taunton (DDS Scholar), Maria DeAmorim Hentschke of Worcester, Chali Desrosiers of Oxford, Jason Houatchanthara of Fiskdale, Flory Muleka of Worcester, Loise Ngigi of South Grafton (MassHire Grant Recipient, P.E.O. Chapter N, UNICEF Club Officer), Grant Peterson of Millbury (MassHire Grant Recipient, MassAbility Grant Recipient), Natasha Rovon of Worcester (MassHire Grant Recipient), Gorret Rusoke of Springfield, Delene Sarsfield of Charlton (MassHire Grant Recipient, P.E.O. Chapter AA, UNICEF Club Officer), and Bobbiejo Smith of North Brookfield (DDS Scholar). The PN Class of 2024 Honorary NTHS Inductee was John Martin Wanjiru, LPN of South Grafton.

proud of their resilience and dedication."

Bolandrina has organized the NTHS induction ceremony each year since its inception and emphasized the importance of the tradition.

"What started during the COVID-19 pandemic has grown into a meaningful annual event. Our students and their families look forward to celebrat-

ing in such a beautiful and welcoming environment," she said.

Aaron Socrat, owner, architect, and builder of Douglas Orchard and Farms, expressed pride in hosting the event.

"I envisioned this pavilion with the orchard as the backdrop for moments just like this," said Socrat. "It's an honor to support the next generation of

nurses in such a memorable setting."

The Academy expressed its gratitude to Douglas Orchard and Farms for its continued hospitality and support.

"We are thankful for this partnership that allows us to celebrate our students' accomplishments in such a special way," said Bolandrina.



# Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete intensive research projects

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1. Marsh plant

6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")

10. Fogginess

14. Home to Fools' Day

15. Absence of the sense of pain

17. Popular November holiday

19. Consume food

20. Buddy

21. Long-haired goat-antelope

22. Japanese honorific

23. Actor Malek

24. One point south of southeast

26. Illegal acts

29. As fast as can be done

31. Prevents harm to young

32. Exclamation of satisfaction

34. African nation

35. Slow-moving animal

37. Oh, goodness!

38. A team's best pitcher

39. Cleanser

40. Radioactivity units

41. Expectorated matter

43. Cover a wide range

45. The central area of a church

46. California capital (abbr.)

47. Dutch painter Klaver

49. 007's creator

50. Impression of dishonesty

53. Northeastern sports rivalry

57. Cloths

58. Stalin's police chief

59. Hostleries

60. Bitterly regret

61. Anwar \_\_, Egyptian statesman

- CLUES DOWN
1. Satisfy

2. European health advocate

3. Expression of annoyance

4. Strong liquor

5. Large red deer

6. Holder of less common religious beliefs

7. West Indian shrub

8. Family of proteins

9. Wealthy, influential business leader

10. Low spirits

11. Approves food

12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman

13. Mary \_\_, cosmetics

16. Expressed in pithy maxims

18. Relaxing spaces

22. The NFL's big game

23. Proof of payment (abbr.)

24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers

25. Indicates near

27. Minneapolis suburb

28. Herring-like fish

29. Doctors' group

30. Pouches

31. Bread dipping in sauce

33. Commercials

35. A reminder of past events

36. Affected by injury

37. Geological time

39. Stationary part of a motor

42. Brings together

43. Of sound mind

44. Personal computer

46. Without (French)

47. A bank might give you one

48. Agricultural testing organization

49. A small island

50. Type of gene

51. Murres

52. Card game

53. A measure of human health

54. Australian airline (abbr.)

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and technology to address an important societal need or issue. Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQPs at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world. "The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of International & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture-from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application." The following students were part of a team that completed an intensive project: C r i s t i a n Oliveira from Uxbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Robotics Engineering, completed a project titled "Program Efficiency for Mutual Aid Organizations PR C25" T y l e r Bliss from Whitinsville, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Data Science, completed a project titled "DeepLearning MRI Approaches to Neuro-developmental and Adole" C u l l e n Jacene from Northbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "International Tour Groups at the British Museum" K y l a Dominguez De Los Santos from Whitinsville, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Trump's America & the Environment" Adam Pratt from Uxbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Designing a Youth Center for Ranov" Christopher Smith from Northbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science, completed a project titled "Strengthening Emergency Management within La Goyco" Jack Tasick from Uxbridge, class of 2027, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering, completed a project titled "Stock Market Simulation" A b o u t Worcester Polytechnic Institute WPI is a top-tier STEM-focused research university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems, WPI's continued mission is to transform lives, turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research. WPI's project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Today WPI offers more than 70 Bachelor's, Master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges, improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.



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# US Army Field Band & Soldiers’ Chorus brings free concert to Mechanics Hall

WORCESTER — Mechanics Hall presents the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers’ Chorus in a free concert Monday, June 16, 2025. In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Army, the Concert Band and the Soldiers’ Chorus will honor past, present, and future military service with a powerful and patriotic program in the Great Hall of Mechanics Hall.

Based in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Army Field Band is known as the “Musical ambassadors of the Army.” Made up of active-duty soldiers, the elite musicians connect with communities across the country and around the world through live performances and digital outreach, inspiring patriotism and honoring those who have served with every note. The U.S. Army Field Band is considered by music critics to be one of the most versatile and inspiring musical organizations in the world.

The Concert Band is the oldest and largest of the Field Band’s four performing components. The 65-member instrumental ensemble have performed for over 100 million people since its founding in 1946, performing diverse and powerful programs that include marches, overtures, pop music, and patriotic selections. The group have performed in a wide variety of settings, from world-famous concert halls and presidential inaugurations to fairgrounds and school gymnasiums. Regardless of the venue, the pageantry and professionalism of the Band’s performance have entertained audiences for nearly 80 years, creating emotional experiences and instilling pride in American heritage.

The Band will be accompanied by the acclaimed Soldiers’ Chorus, a 24-member vocal ensemble with a rich performing history. The Chorus have performed internationally and throughout all 50 states, with top symphony orchestras including the Boston Pops, and at significant events including the Kennedy Center Honors, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, and State funerals of U.S. Presidents. With repertoire ranging from classical and opera to Broadway, pop, and Americana, the Chorus showcases both ensemble excellence and individual artistry.

The joining of these two ensembles allows them to offer unparalleled versatility of programming, ranging from orchestral masterworks and operatic arias to Sousa marches, jazz classics, pop hits, and Broadway musicals.

Registration and tickets are not required for this Mechanics Hall concert - entry is free and open to the public. Cabaret-style seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 11:30am, and the performance will take place from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Attendees may bring their own lunch, and additional food and beverage options will be available for purchase.

Mechanics Hall is located at 321 Main St., Worcester. The Great Hall is on the 3rd floor, which is accessible by elevator from the Waldo Street entrance, or by stairs from both the Main Street and Waldo Street entrances.

## Plummer Place Home of the Northbridge Senior Center

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Grief Group, Monday, June 9th at 2:00pm. Please call Michelle for more information.

Women on the Move, our Plummer Place Women’s Circle, will meet on Wednesday, June 11th, 1-2:00pm. Mandi Remillard, chief instructor at Family Karate, will be here to teach us many safety preparedness skills and share numerous self-defense tips on how to confront opponents in serious situations. Space is limited.

the differences between HMOs and PPOs, and get a closer look at the BCBS Medicare Advantage plans. Sign up in the main office.

Your Big Backyard with Viola Bramel, Tuesday, June 17th, 9:30-10:30am. Did you know West Hill Dam is 1,350 acres and a habitat for much wildlife? Come and learn all about West Hill Dam and what is in your own backyard. Sign up in the main office.

We are accepting donations for our Plummer Place Café. Heavy duty plasticware utensils, heavy duty plates large and small, bowls, napkins, plastic cups, crystal lite packs, bottled water either large or small, creamers, sugar packets, decaf coffee and regular coffee, Shaw’s gift cards. We appreciate all donations to help our café run successfully!

## 13th Food Truck & Craft Beverage Festival Rolls into Worcester Commons June 7!

WORCESTER — Food Truck Festivals of America (FTFA) is thrilled to announce the return of the 13th Worcester Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. (with an exclusive VIP/Beer Lovers Hour from 11 a.m. to noon).

Join us at Worcester Commons as 25 of Massachusetts’ favorite food trucks and the region’s top craft beverages come together for a day packed with flavor and fun. From street tacos and succulent lobster rolls to decadent whoopie pies and chocolate dipped strawberry skewers, there’s something to satisfy every craving. Pair your bites with a refreshing pour from a wide selection of local and national craft beverages.

But the fun doesn’t stop at food and drink! Enjoy music, lawn games, and henna art, as well as an artisan market featuring unique local vendors — making it the perfect outing for friends and families alike.

Tickets & Packages: Buy Early and Save!

- General Admission: \$5 online in advance | \$10 at the gate (Children 10 & under free)
- Foodie VIP Package (\$20 online only):
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  - Beer Lovers Package (\$41 online only):
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    - FTFA koozie
    - 3 beer tickets
    - Unlimited bottled water (while supplies last)

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Festival Location: Worcester Commons, 455 Main St., Worcester

Exploring Medicare Advantage Plans, Monday, June 16th from 10-11:00am. Join us as a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative unravels your options. Learn about Medicare Advantage plans, Our monthly book club will meet on Wednesday, June 18th at 10:30. We are currently reading, “The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife”.

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EDITORIAL

*Pride Month —  
a celebration of  
freedom, love,  
and basic  
human respect*

Pride Month isn’t about parades for the sake of spectacle, or some imagined political agenda. It’s about something much deeper and far more American: the right to live freely, love openly, and exist without fear.

At its core, Pride is a celebration of freedom of expression, a reminder that all people are created equal, and a protest against the idea that anyone should feel ashamed of who they are or who they love.

It’s wild, honestly, that in 2025 we still have to say this out loud: LGBTQ+ people have every right to exist, to love, and to thrive just like anyone else. But the hate, the violence, the bullying is still happening. Most of it comes from people who seem to be bothered by lives that have absolutely nothing to do with them.

What makes someone furious about two women holding hands? Or two men building a life together? Why do some people fixate on other people’s relationships as if they were their business to approve or condemn? It’s strange, and it’s telling.

A big part of it comes down to representation. For so long, gay couples and anyone who isn’t straight were invisible in media, ignored in history, and left out of the everyday story society tells about itself. And when something seems different or unfamiliar, some folks decide it’s wrong. But different doesn’t mean wrong. It just means different.

Pride Month is about countering that invisibility. It’s about creating a world where LGBTQ+ people don’t have to wonder if they’ll be safe in public, or if their identity will cost them their job, their family, or their lives. It’s about telling the kid in the small town, or the adult who’s finally coming out later in life: you are not alone, and there is nothing wrong with you.

Pride isn’t about sex. That’s a tired excuse opponents use when they don’t want to confront their own discomfort. Pride is about love, the right to love without shame, without silence, and without asking permission.

LGBTQ+ people are more than who they love. They are teachers, veterans, parents, artists, first responders, elected officials, neighbors, and friends. They contribute to society in every way imaginable. The idea that some people’s lives matter less because of their identity is not just wrong, it’s un-American.

Pride Month is a time to honor courage, community, and the hard-won right to live authentically. It’s also a time to remind ourselves that no one’s existence is more important than anyone else’s. We’re all just trying to live.

And for those who still feel the need to tear others down because of who they love, perhaps it is time to ask what that says about yourselves, not ‘them.’ Because live and let live isn’t just good advice — it’s one of the bedrock principles of a civil society.

**Letter submission policy**

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# OPINION

*Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### FINE thanks supporters of Senior Center project

To the Editor:  
The Friends of Northbridge Elders, Inc. (FINE) would like to thank the voters who supported the Senior/Community Center project in Northbridge. Upon completion, it will be a great gathering place for

seniors and town residents.  
Thanks again for your support.

*Steve Lotterman  
FINE President  
Northbridge*

### The history of self-enrichment in public broadcasting

To the Editor:  
Have you ever contributed to "public" TV or "public" radio? Have you ever responded to their constant clamor for "donate, donate, donate now?" Just \$20 a month annually, and we will give you a Public TV tote bag!  
I hope you have not been donating to WGBH TV or radio, or to any public TV or radio station in Massachusetts, because you better sit down. All that money you contributed, and all the federal taxpayer credit card money, went to ridiculously high salaries:  
The President and CEO of WGBH made \$847,000 a year. Nearly a million.  
Raney Aronson, Producer: \$504,900. Does he think he works for a big Hollywood studio?  
Jim Braude, commentator and tv host of Greater Boston: \$506,000. For talking. he was paid half a million for talking. Maybe if he were a brain surgeon, he may be worth \$500,000. But a talk show host? On our dime - both donations and tax dollars.  
Poor Braude. They cancelled one of his shows and now he only makes \$349,000. For talking.  
Thirteen executives at WGBH made over \$300,000 in annual salary. This is just wrong.  
Public Broadcasting:  
President and CEO: \$523,000 - more than the President.  
Chief Financial Officer: \$489,000 - he must think he works for Bank America.  
Senior Vice President: \$489,000.  
National Propaganda Radio [who listens to this lefty babble?]. They don't even play music anymore, compared to the old days when they truly offered great music options, foreign language lessons, and documentaries on the Roman Empire. They broadcast educational films such as Ken Burns' fabulous documentary on Lewis and Clark, the First American Expedition. Lewis and Clark set out into the mid-west and to the Pacific in 1804 to explore the Louisiana Purchase, all authorized by President Jefferson.  
President of NPR: \$590,000  
Steve Inskeep, Senior Host: \$532,000. Obviously, Braude works for the wrong organization.

Your tax dollar credit card at work. Do you think we need to stop giving our federal money to these guys? Me too. Let's see if they can get jobs in the real world that pay this kind of money.  
I have not donated for 20 years, and am very happy because if I had been, I would be fuming. In the good old days of public television, people who worked there were paid a pittance. They chose to work in educational television, were dedicated to providing mostly objective education to viewers, and essentially took vows of poverty like going into the priesthood or pastoring a Christian flock. The best classical music broadcaster was Robert J. Lurtzema who worked seven days a week, played stirring classical music, and read the news and the weather. His salary? \$45,000 for 30 years.  
Now, thirteen executives make over \$300,000 a year? They play no music, they produce no documentaries or children's shows. They push paper. WGBH paid a talk show host, Jim Braude, the emblem of liberal snobbery, \$506,000 a year. To talk. Half a million.  
Notice, these losers could not make this kind of money in private companies. First, no one would hire them. Second, they are simply not worth that much payroll because few want to hear what they have to promote. But they are happy, so happy, to take your tax dollars on the U.S. credit card while you put your own groceries on your own credit card.  
Shame. Shame on them. It is disgusting. It is disgraceful. "We cover facts, not factions, from Oak Bluffs to the Berkshires!" they say. No, they paint their rear ends with green dollars from Oak Bluffs to the Berkshires, which does the rest of us no good at all.  
They mention Oak Bluffs on the Vineyard because they probably bought second vacation homes there with all the money we freely gave them. Ugh.  
They say taking this federal money away will cause harm. Yes, it will. It will harm their self-serving wallets.

*Bev Gudanowski  
Uxbridge*

### Pardon me?

To the Editor:  
Just four months into his Carnival of Clowns administration, your favorite criminal low-life and convicted felon, El Jefe 47, has done what most presidents wait until the end of their term in office to do — issue pardons to those who have been deemed to have repaid their debt to society. But our Criminal-in-Chief issues pardons for crimes on his behalf (the Jan. 6 insurrectionists), crimes that can benefit him financially (Ross Ulbricht), or crimes that are similar to the ones he's been convicted of (Trevor Milton, Brian Kelsey).  
For a token investment in Trump, Inc., starting at \$1 million, you can become a member of his exclusive 4F Club – Freed Financial Fraud Felons, headquartered at Mar-a-lago. The Chrisleys and Paul Walczak are the latest two, with Walczak’ mother having recently attended a \$1 million-per-person Trump fundraiser. Trump somehow believes that by pardoning fellow criminals, he is exonerating himself, or as some have suggested, providing examples of Biden's weaponizing of the Department of Justice, while he and Pam Bondi use the DOJ to attack law firms, media outlets, journalists, and colleges. By issuing these pardons, Trump not only frees these white collar criminals, he overturns repayment requirements - they get freedom and the right to keep all the money they stole. Well, all of it that hasn't already ended up in Trump's pocket. As comedian Yakov Smirnoff used to say... “What a country!”  
Re: “huffing and puffing” – that was an interesting reaction from someone who was just exposed - let me be kind here - for ‘misspeaking’ about the CEO's voluntarily helping Musk, the ‘dizzying positives being delivered’, the “clear plan” that changes and roils the markets every other day, the lack of any details on ‘waste and fraud uncovered by DOGE. I refuted every statement she made, and her response? "He huffed and puffed!" Maybe that's all one can expect from MAGA Little Red Riding Hood.

As for Mr. G, if you want to criticize someone, at least get your facts straight - it was Kristi Noem who didn't know what 'habeas corpus' meant. And Trump was the “overwhelming choice” for president? Trump received 49.8 percent of the votes. Maybe you failed math along with music theory, but that’s less than half. New reports are out showing that Republicans managed to disenfranchise over three million legitimate Democratic voters in the weeks leading up to the election. That’s why Trump was able to eke out a victory. Remember him saying “I don’t need any more votes?” He knew what the Republicans had planned.  
MAGA Mikey then anointed some random black guy on X as a modern day oracle. He posted a litany of contradictions that read like a 3rd grader's logic homework assignment. Let's be honest, Mikey, Trump was never a 'rock star'; he was a reality TV star - as in a scripted fake TV show, which served to divert attention from his 6 bankruptcies, his sexual assaults, his fraudulent business dealings, and his draft dodging. It obviously worked on you. By the way, the Statue of Liberty was a gift to America. The plane was a gift to Trump. See the difference? Presidents are forbidden from taking gifts from foreign countries. (Of course, Trump fired all the Inspectors General, so there is no one left to enforce the Emoluments Clause.) Trump then tried to say it was a gift to the military... a commercial airliner? He stuck his foot in his mouth – again - when he said he would put the plane in his presidential library (along with his Sharpie collection). How would a gift to America end up in a presidential library?

Re: “so many good things have happened since Donald J. Trump took office” - you say you don’t know where to begin, so let me help you:  
Breaking News: Donald Trump's tariffs strangle the American economy, as new data reveals that unemployment claims spiked in the first quarter of 2025 while corporate profits crashed.  
MAGA is driving this country straight into the ground...  
"This is a sign that cracks are starting to form in the economy and that the outlook is deteriorating," said chief economist Christopher Rupkey of FWDBONDS. "There is nothing great about today's jobless claims data and the jump in layoffs may be a harbinger of worse things to come."  
According to a new report from the Labor Department, the number of Americans collecting unemployment checks in mid-May hit its highest point in three and a half years.  
240,000 people applied for state unemployment benefits for the week that ended on May 25th. Reuters reports that economists had predicted 230,000. They further report that economists believe claims in June will exceed the 205,000-243,000 range for the year.  
The math here is simple. The tariffs are predictably causing companies to lay off workers and the trend will only accelerate as economic uncertainty remains. As companies see their margins shrink due to higher import prices, they're looking to labor cuts to make up the difference.  
The corporate profit numbers are equally grim. While far less important than the financial struggles of average Americans, these numbers are useful for determining the overall health of the economy.  
Profits from current production, factored in with inventory valuation and capital consumption, dropped by a staggering \$118.1 billion in the first quarter according to the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis.  
Gross domestic product fell at an annual rate of two tenths of a percent, marking the first time that the American economy has shrunk in three years. The trade deficit hit record highs despite all of Trump's tough talk.  
Consumer spending rose by a measly annual 1.2 percent after it was originally expected to hit 1.8 percent. It constitutes the smallest increase in this crucial metric in three years.  
Any way you look at these numbers, they spell disaster. Trump has made Americans poorer while accomplishing absolutely nothing. We have become the laughingstock of the world. Foreign countries know that they can't trust a single thing this White House says, making it impossible for them to negotiate in good faith.  
Our only path forward is to ensure that Democrats sweep the mid-term elections so that they can curtail Trump's powers. Until then, our fate is tied to the erratic whims of a madman.  
This list doesn’t even count the higher food prices, gas prices, the on-going war in Ukraine, the number of his Executive Orders that have been ruled illegal... So many good things indeed!  
Next week, I'll provide a list of all the reasons we hate MuskRat, Gabbard, and RFK, Jr.

*Rick Bevilacqua  
Whitinsville*



# Garden Plants that Deter Mosquitos

When planting your garden this season, why not choose a few plants that contain natural mosquito repellent properties? From catnip to lavender, there are several easy to grow flowers and herbs that have proven to repel the pesky insects – with some proving to be as effective as chemical commercial offerings!

Read on for a rundown of the most common garden favorites that keep the bugs at bay!

**Mint:** Mint is an easy to grow mosquito repellent. Thanks to the oils that the plant produce, mint does double duty: Not only does mint deter mosquitos, but dabbing the leaves it on a fresh mosquito bite can provide relief!

**A popular mosquito spray recipe:** Mix in a spray bottle, one cup freshly picked mint leaves with two cups of distilled water. Add two tablespoons of Witch Hazel and shake.

**FYI:** Mint also deters flies and ants!

**Marigolds:** Marigolds are not only a bright spot in the garden and easy to grow, but their distinctive scent also repel mosquitos. The pompom flowers contain the natural chemical pyrethrum, which is an ingredient in some commercial mosquito sprays. (Last week, this column highlighted the health boosting properties of Marigolds.)

**FYI:** Plant marigolds in the garden as companion plants to deter common garden pests such as aphids and

whiteflies.

**Catnip:** Catnip's secret weapon against mosquitoes is a natural compound, Nepetalactone. In fact, studies show that catnip is at least as powerful as the chemical DEET as deterring mosquitos. One early study from the American Chemical Society revealed catnip is ten times more effective at deterring mosquitos as DEET!

**FYI:** Pick leaves and rub it between your palms to release compounds and wipe it on exposed skin. The effects last up to an hour at a time.

**Bee Balm:** Bee Balm is noted for its capacity to lure bees, but a bonus to planting this herb is that the plants contain thymol and carvacrol, and in addition to its naturally strong scent has the power to deter mosquitos.

**How to:** You can simply pick leaves and rub it on exposed skin. Or, concoct a simple infused oil by soaking leaves into coconut oil.

**FYI:** Native Americans discovered Bee Balm's anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties could bring down fevers, relieve coughs and congestion and fight infections.

**Basil:** Basil is not only a favorite kitchen herb, but the plant also repels mosquitos (and flies)!

According to Metode.org, basil contains several volatile compounds, including estragole (also known as tarragon), methyl-nonyl-ketone,



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geraniol, citronellal, and limonene.

Bentley Seed Company published this natural mosquito spray:

Pick six ounces of fresh basil leaves, clean them thoroughly and place them in a container such as a pitcher or glass jar.

Pour four ounces of boiling water over the leaves and let the mixture steep for several hours. Remove the leaves and squeeze their remaining juices into the liquid. Pour the liquid into a spray bottle. Add four ounces of vodka (it functions as a carrier) to the liquid and shake the mixture gently; your homemade insect repellent is ready to be sprayed on skin and clothing.

Take care to keep this “adult” DIY repellent out of the reach of children and don’t get the spray in your eyes, nose or mouth.

**FYI:** As a bonus, basil is toxic to mosquito larvae too; plant basil where freestanding water collects.

**Lavender:** Lavender has many virtues, not the least of which is that it serves as a natural mosquito deterrent. This is due to the natural compounds, such as linalool and liminene, which have proven repellent properties.

To use, simply crush lavender

(flowers and leaves) in your hand and rub on exposed skin.

**FYI:** Linalool is what gives lavender its calming properties.

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

## Investing in tomorrow: Fueling youth growth, leadership and resilience

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$25,000 to YMCA of Central Massachusetts for the fifth year straight. The money will support programs that build academic skills and help kids develop as future leaders.

“The YMCA is a place where children form lasting positive relationships with peers and mentors,” said Cornerstone CEO Todd Tallman. “We’ve seen how powerful that can be.”

Thousands of teenagers attend the YMCA of Central Massachusetts’ many programs every year, including summer camp, after-school activities, internships, food assistance, education, mental health assistance and programs for cancer survivors. Cornerstone Bank’s donation will help ensure that children continue to have access to these life-changing programs regardless of their financial means.

“The Y gives children the tools they need to develop into healthy and socially responsible leaders,” said Tallman. “We’re proud to have a small part in uplifting that important mission.”

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## Venting!

We've all done it. Something goes wrong—a bad day at work, a fight with a friend—and the words come pouring out. Complaining can feel like a relief. But what if science says it's not helping at all?

Your brain is like a hiking trail. Every time you walk the same path, it gets easier to find—and harder to avoid. Venting carves that path deeper. The more you fixate on what went wrong, the more your brain learns to return to that place.

Your brain can learn both positive and negative habits. And the more you replay either one, the more your mind is trained to stay in that state. So when you constantly focus on the negative—by venting, complaining, or reliving what went wrong—you're teaching your brain to live there. To expect it. To look for it. Constantly hiking that trail, so to speak.

When you vent without seeking a solution, your brain starts to believe the problem is bigger—and that you're smaller. Over time, you're not just describing the struggle; you're training your mind to feel powerless in the face of it. Complaining becomes less about release and more about rehearsal. Conditioning yourself for failure.

Contrary to popular belief, expressing anger without resolution doesn't release emotion—it amplifies it. It's like turning up the volume without changing the song. Each time you vent, your brain thinks the threat is still happening, flooding your body with stress and keeping your nervous system in a state of fight-or-flight. The more you relive the stress, the more your system stays on high alert. Not because of what happened but because you won't stop replaying it.

It's hurting your relationships. It turns conversations into dumping grounds, leaving listeners feeling drained or helpless—especially when they feel unable to make a difference. In trying to release stress, we end up spreading it. When grumbling becomes the main event, connection takes a back seat. Instead of a conversation, it's a monologue. The listener can't help, and you both walk away less happy.

Conventional wisdom taught us that voicing our struggles helps us "get it all out," but research suggests otherwise. Studies show that it doesn't create clarity—it creates confusion. Instead of moving toward

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resolution, we circle around blame, frustration, and helplessness. This kind of repetitive negativity dampens our brain's ability to plan, prioritize, and think creatively.

Complaining aimlessly doesn't unlock solutions—it shuts them down. The mind can't design solutions while it's stuck in survival mode.

Emotions are contagious! When we grumble, we're not just expressing—we're transmitting. Cortisol (your body's stress hormone) doesn't just stay in your bloodstream; it causes others to produce stress hormones, too! Dysregulating not just your nervous system but everyone else's as well. What feels like a release at the moment can leave others feeling anxious, irritable, or exhausted—and you even more out of sync.

Sadly, every time you vent, voice your pain, your wounds, your "stuckness"—you strengthen the story that you are those things. Instead of helping your brain process the experience and move forward, constantly venting blends your identity with the version of you that's still hurting. Over time, that repeated focus doesn't lead to healing—it leads to entanglement. You stop being someone who had a challenging experience and starts becoming someone who is the experience.

Sure, complaining can feel good—for a second, like a steam valve hissing open. But long-term relief doesn't come from circling the same complaints. It comes from breaking the loop. From reflection. From pattern interruption. From choosing to move forward, even when your feelings are still catching up.

So, the next time you feel the urge to vent, pause. Breathe. Ask yourself what you want—relief or repetition. The answer might change everything. The truth is that your brain is always listening.

Every word you speak shapes the path ahead. So talk like someone who's going somewhere. Use words that push you forward, not hold you back. You're not powerless—you're learning, growing, becoming. You don't need more drama. You need direction. You don't need everything figured out—you need to stop looking back and start moving forward.

*Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy - Nominated A Separate Peace, and the CEO of Cubestream Inc.*

## Students named to Champlain College Dean’s List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The following students have been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the Spring 2025 semester.

Gavin Francisco of Douglas  
Matthew O'Neill of Douglas

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vt., with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a residential undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain. Additionally, Champlain College Online provides an expansive portfolio of online

degrees and certificates, reaching students across all 50 states and U.S. territories, while fostering strategic partnerships with forward-thinking workforce organizations. The College is known for its distinctive and innovative approach to career-focused education and its Upside-Down Curriculum, which helps students be ready for work, ready for life, and ready to make a difference. Champlain is ranked as one of the "Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report for 2025, and was named one of the "Best 390 Colleges" by The Princeton Review for 2025, including among its "Best Northeastern colleges." For more information, visit [www.champlain.edu](http://www.champlain.edu).



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# The why and how of deadheading

Keep your flowers blooming longer and your garden a bit tidier with deadheading. Removing faded flowers can promote repeat bloom on some plants, encourage fuller, more compact growth, and tidy up the garden.

Use a bypass hand pruner, garden snips or other dead-heading tool to remove faded flowers. Bypass tools have two sharp blades like scissors, resulting in a clean cut that closes quickly, leaving your plant looking its best. Corona Tool's Ergocut dead header (corona-tools.com) has a finger loop that provides better control and an ergonomic design for less stress on your hands and wrist.

The type of flower will influence how and where to make the cut. In general, remove the stem of faded blooms back to the first set of healthy leaves or near-



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by flower buds.

Remove the flower stem of salvias, speedwells (Veronicas), and snapdragons as the blooms begin to fade. Cut below the spike of flowers just above the first set of leaves or the side shoots where the new flower buds are forming.

Encourage additional blossoms and improve Shasta daisy's appearance by removing faded flowers. Prune back just above a set of healthy leaves.

Cut the flowers of plants like Armeria and coral bells back to the base of the flower stems that arise from the foliage. This improves the appearance and encourages more blooms on some



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A gardener using an Ergocut dead header in the garden.

of this type of flowering perennial.

Plants like daylilies and balloon flowers require a bit different care. Remove the individual blooms as they fade if you don't like looking at the faded

flowers. Once all the individual flowers have bloomed out, you can cut the flower stem back at the base.

Removing fading flowers of fuchsia and lantana will prevent the plants from going to seed and encourage more blooms. Remove any berries that do form to keep these plants flowering throughout the growing season.

Deadheading peonies is strictly for aesthetics and won't extend the bloom time. Remove the faded flowers or seedpods as they form. Cut just above a healthy set of leaves to keep the stems more upright and create a tidier appearance in your garden.

Prevent some flowers, like columbine, Amsonia, and Alliums

from reseeding and spreading throughout the garden by removing the faded flowers. Even though it won't promote additional blooms, it will help eliminate unwanted seedlings in next year's garden.

Remove flowers as they appear on coleus, grown for its colorful foliage, to promote more compact growth. Late blooming, flowerless varieties and self-branching coleus hybrids reduce or eliminate time spent on this task.

Reduce time spent deadheading by including some self-cleaning, also called free-flowering plants, like impatiens, fibrous begonias, Calibrachoa, and moss rose. Lobelia, many

of the newer petunias, and verbenas are also self-cleaning but may benefit from a bit of grooming. Prune back heat-stressed lobelia and verbenas that get leggy and petunia stems that need to be kept in bounds.

Allow seedheads to develop on coneflowers, rudbeckias, and other plants that provide winter interest and food for the birds. And consider skipping the deadheading of late blooming perennials. This allows them to prepare for winter and form seedpods for additional winter interest.

And while you are out in the garden deadheading, pick a few flowers at their peak to enjoy in a summer bouquet indoors.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



Courtesy

Thanks To Yanks, a local non-profit that serves those who serve in uniform, was honored to recently participate in the annual Memorial Day parade. Honoring and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Pictured here, left to right, facing is Michael Shain the president and founder, and Judi Dion, a longtime volunteer with the charity. Shain reminds us "All gave some, some gave all." For more information on Thanks To Yanks, please like them on Facebook.

## UniBank promotes Matt Wally to Vice President - Worcester Market Executive

WHITINSVILLE — UniBank, the largest Mutual Community Bank headquartered in Central Massachusetts, recently promoted Matt Wally into the role of Vice President - Worcester Market Executive effective immediately.

Wally said, "Over the past decade at UniBank, I've been fortunate to grow professionally through several rewarding opportunities and this new chapter is no exception. My commitment to Worcester runs deep, and I feel privileged to play a role in contributing to the city's economic vitality and long-term prosperity."

In his new capacity, Matt will focus on cultivating existing business relationships, generating new sales and account opportunities, and leading initiatives to drive new deposit growth across the Worcester market.

A lifelong Worcester resident, Wally brings a deep connection to the city and a strong foundation in community and economic development. He holds a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross, a Master of Arts from Clark University—where he also taught courses in Community Development Finance—and a Master of Business Administration from Nichols College. He will be attending the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, an ABA-Wharton school partnership.

Wally is actively engaged in civic and nonprofit leadership. In addition to previously serving as an elected member of the Worcester City Council he currently serves as:

- Director, Quinsigamond Community College Foundation



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Matt Wally

- Director, Worcester Educational Development Foundation
- Member, Finance Committee, Regional Environmental Council
- Member, Audit Committee, RCAP Solutions
- Trustee Associate, Nativity School of Worcester
- Corporator, Greater Worcester Community Foundation
- Appointed Member, City of Worcester Retirement Board

Michael Welch, CEO of UniBank said, "UniBank serves as the largest financial institution headquartered in Central Massachusetts. We continue to expand our presence in Worcester – enabling us to better serve residents, businesses and non-profits. Where an organization's headquarters is, is where their heart and giving is. We are a local bank and that matters. As a Worcester kid myself, there is always extra energy brought to helping the Worcester community. Matt shares a similar passion and

commitment to the continued growth of our community having grown up here, gone to school here and now raising his family and working here. He is a trusted member of our community and lives out the value of servant leadership. He is a valued member of Team UniBank, of the Worcester community and those businesses, non-profits, and clients he serves."

UniBank is headquartered in Whitinsville, with assets of \$2.6 billion as of Dec. 31, 2024. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining an elevated level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC. NMLS #583135. The company Web site is [www.unibank.com](http://www.unibank.com).

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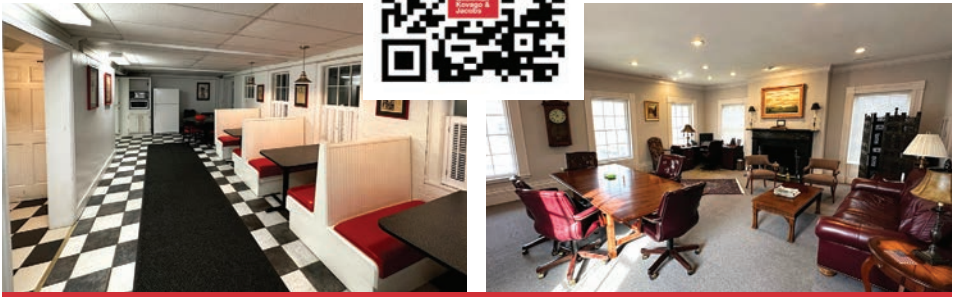
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# Reliant Foundation’s 27th Annual Drive for a Difference Golf Classic and Auction raises more than \$200,000 to support community grants

WORCESTER — It was another wonderful day on and off the golf course, as Reliant Foundation's 27th annual Drive for a Difference Golf Classic and Auction took place at Pleasant Valley Country Club on May 19, raising more than \$200,000 in support of its Community Grants program. The proceeds raised will be added to the more than \$6.4 million raised through this event since its inception.

“This year’s Drive for a Difference once again demonstrated the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners as we work to raise funds for critical mental health and behavioral health-focused programs across the Central and MetroWest regions of Massachusetts,” said Kelsa Zereski, President of Reliant Foundation. “Due in large part to the success of last year’s event, Reliant Foundation was able to provide a record \$1 million in Community Grants last fall, and thanks to our supporters, we’re hoping to do it again this fall.”

Following the round, more than 175 guests enjoyed a social reception, dinner, auction, and awards program. The event’s auction offered supporters the opportunity to bid online throughout the day and featured exclusive giveaways, exciting concerts, exceptional dining experiences, great sporting events, and more.

Proceeds from Drive for a Difference will allow Reliant Foundation to continue supporting nonprofit organizations in the region that provide programs and services to address mental health and behavioral health (particularly for children and youth), recovery programming



for individuals battling substance use, and initiatives aimed at eliminating the stigma associated with these issues.

More than 30 local organizations and individuals provided sponsorship of the event, including lead sponsors: North Bridge Wealth Management (Gold Sponsor); Robert and Jane Klugman (Dinner Sponsor), Gene and Julianne DeFeudis (Lunch Sponsor), The Hanover Insurance Group

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Additional information about Drive for a Difference and lending support to Reliant Foundation can be found at Reliant

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About The Reliant Foundation

Established in 1988, Reliant Foundation is an independent public charity whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of individuals of all ages in the Central and MetroWest regions of Massachusetts. As a 501(c)3 charity, the Foundation offers grants to non-profit organizations within its service area for the purpose of supporting

programs that battle critical community health issues like substance use disorder, and children’s mental health. Our charity partners work with thousands of individuals in our community to provide life-saving recovery coaching, mental health and behavioral health services, and impactful education and initiatives to reduce the stigma around these issues. For more information, please visit [www.reliantfoundation.org](http://www.reliantfoundation.org).



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Millville Selectwoman Rachel Anderson reads a proclamation in the Veterans Memorial Park in Millville. Behind her are members of American Legion Post 411 in Millville.

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# Local residents receive degrees at WPI’s 156th Undergraduate Commencement

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## Dylan Anema graduates from Grove City College

GROVE CITY, Pa. — Dylan Anema recently earned a degree from Grove City College on May 10. Anema earned a Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering and is from Douglas.

Grove City College ([www.gcc.edu](http://www.gcc.edu)) is a highly ranked, national Christian liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 70 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

## Local students named to UConn Dean’s List

STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut congratulates the following students on being named to its Dean's List for the spring semester of 2025.

- Auburn**  
Lily Derenas, Sydney Lamontagne
- Charlton**  
Maria Bistras, Chloe Graves, Adeline Smith, Akshat Viswanath
- Charlton City**  
Abigail Boria
- Douglas**  
Kaylee Bolin
- Dudley**  
Abigail Lepper
- Fiskdale**  
Grace Connors
- Grafton**  
Vishnuvardhan Mandepudi
- Groton**  
Charlotte Digiovanni, Isabella Hutchins, Madelyn Kelly, Cameron McCretton, Treyton Palmer, Caroline Straw
- Milford**  
Thomas Putnam
- Millbury**  
Francesca Beyer
- North Grafton**  
Shravya Anisetti, Alena Duval, Sunjeevni Patel, Athena Paul
- Northbridge**  
Adriana Tillison, Keira Touhey
- South Grafton**  
Audrey Karyabdi, Hanna Moy, Geeta Puli
- Spencer**  
James Mcnicol
- Sturbridge**  
Kathleen Cropley, Samuel Panek
- Sutton**  
Margaret Jakubiak, Riley Towle
- Upton**  
Marina Brockett-Delgado, Emily Pollen
- Whitinsville**  
Melanie Bisbee, Ian Gahan, Noah Malkasian

brated its 2025 Commencement with a series of ceremonies honoring the achievements of graduates across all degree levels. For the second year, commencement exercises were held at the DCU Center, where WPI conferred 1,298 bachelor's degrees representing a diverse range of disciplines in science, engineering, technology, business, and the humanities. President Grace J. Wang, PhD, and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the 156th Commencement exercises on Friday, May 16.

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The following graduates earned BS degrees:

- Clarice Stumpf from Uxbridge majored in Biochemistry
- Connor Chartier from Uxbridge majored in Computer Science
- Isabella Ibrahim from Northbridge majored in Mechanical Engineering
- Jenna Bushika from Douglas majored in Biology and Biotechnology
- Jeremiah Morgan from Uxbridge majored in Biomedical Engineering
- Jocelyn Hinchcliffe from Uxbridge majored in Biology and Biotechnology
- Katelyn Lombardo from Whitinsville majored in Biology and Biotechnology

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Maximo Anderson from Douglas majored in Mechanical Engineering  
Myles St. Jean from Whitinsville majored in Computer Science

Philip Heney from Douglas majored in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering

Ryan Tonry from Uxbridge majored in Civil Engineering

Trinity Gibbs from Whitinsville majored in Mechanical Engineering and Professional Writing

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# Maline Demers From Uxbridge receives BS/MS degree at WPI

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# QCC students recognized at all-state academic team ceremony

WORCESTER — Two students from Quincy Community College were recognized earlier this month by the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC) for their induction to the 2025 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-State Academic Team. QCC students Deanna Kelsaw and Vijay Kesavan joined 31 students from other community colleges throughout the state at the ceremony.

“It is an honor to have two of our outstanding PTK students, Deanna and Vijay, recognized as members of the state’s All-Academic Team. Their achievements are a testament

to what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication, and determination,” said QCC President Luis Pedraja, Ph.D.

PTK International Honor Society recognizes the academic achievement of two-year college students. Students nominated to the national All-USA Academic Team are automatically named to the All-State Academic Teams. To be eligible for nomination, students must have earned a minimum cumulative college-level grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

Kelsaw, who recently received a certificate in medical assisting, rec-

ognized PTK as a support system that contributed to her success at QCC, in addition to her own strength and perseverance.

“At first, when I thought about a career, I was not sure what I wanted to do because I have cochlear implants and limitations,” Kelsaw shared, explaining that support from PTK staff and other students helped her embrace both her strengths and weaknesses while guiding her academic and professional journey in healthcare.

“Once you become a Phi Theta Kappa member, you are never truly alone,” Kelsaw added.

Kelsaw plans on continuing her studies to

become a registered nurse, so she can pursue her passion for helping others.

Kesavan, who will be transferring to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall, has been involved in many extracurricular and academic pursuits

at QCC.

“I was very happy to have been recognized. I had never been to the State House before, so getting to go there for an event like the recognition ceremony was an amazing experience,” Kesavan said.

QCC’s PTK Alpha

Zeta Theta chapter offers students opportunities for growth through leadership and service programming and has won several regional and national awards.

For more information visit [www.QCC.edu/PTK](http://www.QCC.edu/PTK).

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About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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more than 70 Bachelor’s, Master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges, improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.

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program that continues to evolve and inspire. BVEF is also proud to announce a new partnership with the Hopkinton Center for the Arts, which will bring local artists directly into classrooms across the Valley, further expanding access to creative industry pathways and interdisciplinary learning.

STEM Unfiltered

This month’s STEM Unfiltered session, held in partnership with the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, gave students a rare opportunity to hear unfiltered stories from STEM professionals across diverse fields. In an open dialogue format, speakers shared the challenges and pivots behind their career journeys, helping students understand that success in STEM comes through persistence, self-discovery, and continuous learning. The event serves as a plat-

form for career-connected learning and authentic student engagement.

BVYLA Culmination: Student Leaders Drive Change Across the Valley

The Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy (BVYLA) wrapped its six-month program this May, recognizing cohorts of both high school and, for the first time, middle school students who explored leadership through direct engagement with local business and civic leaders — including Access TCA, Senator Michael O. Moore, Omni Control Technology, Gaudette Insurance, UniBank, OpenSky, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts and others.

As a capstone, students launched service projects that addressed needs across the Valley from organizing food and clothing drives to hosting fundraisers and launching sustainability campaigns. Their work not only

reflected core leadership values but left a tangible impact on schools and communities.

“The most valuable thing I learned in this session was the importance of remembering just who you are and how to work with others... Talking through things is a key component in leadership skills that I can see myself applying,” said Paige, Grade 10.

About BVEF

The Blackstone Valley Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing students for the careers of tomorrow through early career-connected learning, educator development, and community collaboration. Serving 15 districts across Central Massachusetts, BVEF bridges education and industry to create sustainable, future-focused impact.

To learn more or to get involved, visit [www.bveducationfoundation.org](http://www.bveducationfoundation.org).

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**Docket No. WO25P1831EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Estate Of:  
**Philip T Gidley, Jr.**  
**Date of Death: 04/09/2025**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sarah E.G. Stracco of Florence MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:  
**Sarah E.G. Stracco of Florence MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/17/2025.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 21, 2025  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
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June 6, 2025

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Estate Of:  
**Kathryn P. Fitzpatrick**  
**Date of Death: 02/03/2025**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gerald Fitzpatrick, Jr. of Blackstone MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:  
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**MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Peter B. Harper, Jr. and Carolee M. Harper to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Loancity, A California Corporation., its successors and assigns, dated October 31, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40084, Page 82, subsequently assigned to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC., ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR LOANCITY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56357, Page 288 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of fore-

closing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on June 13, 2025 at 34 Riedell Road, Douglas, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:  
The land with the buildings thereon situated in Douglas, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts known and being numbered 34 Riedell Street;  
Being on the Northerly side of Riedell Road, Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts shown as Lot #2 on plan of land entitled “Survey of Land in Douglas, Massachusetts for William J. Wallis September 21, 1982, Scale: 1” = 100’,” said plan of land recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 516, Page 92 and further bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point on the northwesterly side of Riedell Road, at the southeasterly corner of Lot #3 as shown on said plan;  
THENCE N. 44 degrees 05’ 11 “ W. by said Lot #3 350 feet;  
THENCE N. 1 degree 04’ 42” W. by Lot #4 as shown on said plan; 45 feet;  
THENCE S. 68 degrees 3 1’ 18” E. by Lot #1 as shown on said plan, 386.88 feet;  
THENCE S. 1 8 degrees 16’ 09” W. by northwesterly side of Riedell Road, 18.37 feet;  
THENCE S. 36 degrees 40’ 00” W. by the northwesterly side of Riedell Road, 1 42.37 feet;  
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Title Reference Bk 40084 Pg 79  
Being the same property described in the deed recorded in Book 40084, Page 79.  
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**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Estate Of:  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of :  
Petitioner  
**Christine Campbell of Burlington VT**  
**Christine Campbell of Burlington VT** has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve **without** Surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
June 6, 2025



# Assumption students named to Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on this prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

Kaleigh Chesley of Douglas  
Juliana Buchanan of Douglas  
Ashley Schofield of Douglas  
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Adelaide Greenwald of Uxbridge

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# South County Pediatrics celebrates Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy nurses

WEBSTER — Each year, from May 6 through May 12, the healthcare community formally observes National Nurses Week—an occasion dedicated to honoring nurses for their exemplary service and unwavering commitment to all dimensions of the profession, including patient care, education, and research.

In celebration of this year's observance, Nurse Supervisor Kelly J. Arsenault, LPN, of South County Pediatrics, shared a special message with Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN, RD, RN, CRRN, Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton. Arsenault wrote, "It would be fun to share that all three of the



Courtesy

**Pictured, from left, are Welcome, Arsenault, and McFadden.**

nurses at South County Pediatrics graduated from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy!"

In response, Dr. Bolandrina expressed her pride and appreciation: "We are truly proud to learn that all three nurses at South County Pediatrics are graduates of our program. I congratulate Kelly on her supervisory position and commend her leadership. Please also extend our sincere congratulations to Alicia McFadden and Tianna Welcome for their professional achievements and ongoing commitment to pediatric care. As pediatric nurses, they embody a deep understanding of child growth and development, pediatric-specific illnesses, and the unique challenges associated with caring for young patients. We salute their service."

Tianna Welcome, LPN

of Oxford and a graduate of the PN Class of 2021, holds certifications in Mental Health First Aid and Dementia Care. She has completed professional development courses such as COVID-19 Contact Tracing (Johns Hopkins University) and Vital Signs: What the Body is Telling Us (University of Pennsylvania). During her time at Bay Path, she was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and received several honors, including the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. Scholarship, Random Act of Kindness Award, MARILN (Massachusetts Rhode Island League of Nursing) Scholarship, and the Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship. Tianna was also an active member of the Admissions Panel, the Mock Code Team, and the UNICEF Club.

Alicia McFadden, LPN of Webster and a graduate of the PN Class of 2017, distinguished herself as a SkillsUSA District Bronze Medalist in Medical Math. She was an engaged member of the UNICEF Club and served as the UNICEF Representative for the UNICEF USA Boston Children's Champion Award Dinner.

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