Snow on the Gazebo

Snow on the gazebo
Can mean only one thing.
Winter is upon us
It's a long time 'til Spring.

Enjoy Christmas, New Year’s
And your family too.
We wish you good health
And dreams that come true.

Happy Holidays from the College of Health Sciences

Laura Punnett Awarded University Professorship

Prof. Laura Punnett of the Department of Work Environment has been awarded the prestigious title of University Professor. The three-year appointment is the highest distinction bestowed on a UMass Lowell faculty member, recognizing exemplary contributions to teaching, research and service. Her colleagues, friends and family gathered at a Sept. 19 reception to recognize her outstanding accomplishments. Read more, View photos of the reception.
New Pharmaceutical Sciences Program

UMass Lowell is the first public university in Massachusetts to offer graduate degree programs in pharmaceutical sciences. The new master's and doctoral degrees are designed to meet the growing demand for pharmaceutical scientists who discover, develop, test and manufacture medications. Courses in the programs will begin September 2014 and applications are currently being accepted. Read the announcement.

Environmental Health Students Get Food Composting Started on Campus

Environmental health students Kelly Rusch and Tiffany Blake helped get a food composting program started on campus. Under the pilot program introduced at the start of the semester, table scraps and food waste from the kitchen are collected, pulped and transported to a local farm for composting. In the first month of the program, an average of 526 pounds of food waste was readied for composting each day, for a total of 15,780 pounds, or nearly 8 tons, for the month. Read more.

Students Get Head Start in Bring Diversity to Nursing Program

Freshmen nursing students in the Bring Diversity to Nursing (BDN) program attended a three-day summer program in the new Health and Social Sciences Building that got them comfortable with the University, the new building and each other. "The summer program helped me get ready for college by giving me tips on how to study and where to go for help and tutoring," says Kevin Nduati, who graduated from Lowell High School in 2013. Read more. View welcome reception photos.
The Power of Equine Therapy

UMass Lowell's high-merit students are undertaking innovative research projects as part of the University's Co-Op Scholars Program. Exercise physiology major Haily O'Malley is collaborating with Windrush Farm in North Andover to provide young people with various physical, emotional, behavioral and cognitive challenges the option of hippotherapy and therapeutic horseback riding. "I've always been interested in rehabilitative forms of therapy using animals and horses," she says. Read more about the co-op scholars program.

Nutritional Sciences Student and Veteran Wins 'Hackathon' Prize

Nutritional Sciences student and veteran Justin Mayhew teamed up with three computer science students to develop an application called that enables soldiers to better understand and manage their combat nutrition requirements. The team was awarded top honor during the first-ever DoD mobile app "hackathon" event organized by the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research Lab. UMass Lowell beat 10 other teams of programmers, or "hackers," to win the $3,000 grand prize. Read more.

Students Receive Shalin Liu Award for Academic Excellence in Nursing

Recipients of The Shalin Liu Award for Academic Excellence in Nursing gather with scholarship founder Shalin Liu. From left, Mercy Mideny, Amy Callahan, Shalin Liu, Krista Harb, Ryan Santossousso, Julia Denietolis and Prof. Karen Devereaux Mellilo. Liu was recently on-campus in the new Health and Social Sciences Building for a luncheon with her scholarship recipients.
Alumni Events

College of Health Sciences Alumni Appreciation Night and Hockey Game

Join us as the River Hawk men's ice hockey team takes on the University of Maine Black Bears. Enjoy complimentary refreshments at an exclusive Talon Club reception and reconnect with Dean Shortie McKinney and other faculty and staff from the College of Health Sciences.

Friday, Jan. 17
6 p.m., Reception
7:15 p.m., Game

Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell
300 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Lowell, Mass.

$7 per person includes a discounted ticket to the game, reception and a donation to student scholarships (limit five tickets per alumnus/a). Tickets purchased after this date must go through the Tsongas Center Box Office at full price.

RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 15 by contacting:
Office of Alumni Relations
978-934-3140
Alumni_Office@uml.edu

2014 University Alumni Awards...Celebrating Excellence

Wed., April 16
5:30-7:30 p.m.

UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren Street, Lowell, Mass.

$75 per person
$35 for young alumni (2003-2013)
A portion of your ticket will benefit student scholarships.

The University Alumni Awards honor a prominent alumnus/alumna in each school or college, along with one recent graduate. The awards are presented to alumni who have provided
distinguished service to the University, their profession and their community. This reception, dinner and award ceremony is one of our premier alumni recognition and achievement events. Contact Alumni_Office@uml.edu.

Stay Connected to UMass Lowell
Inform us of any changes in your contact information at www.uml.edu/updateyourinfo to keep up-to-date on the latest news, events, discounts and benefits for alumni. Also let us know about your latest accomplishments using the class notes section on the form.

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