

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

Hampshire Regional Middle School announces honor roll

WESTHAMPTON – Hampshire Regional Middle School announces the honor roll.

Seventh grade academic excellence

Seventh grade students making academic excellence are: Brennan Bigda, Brooke Bisbee, Vincent Black, Zoe Buell, Julian Carrasquillo, Savannah Chicoine, Trevor Christenson, Patrick Corduff, Brooklyn Desrochers, Emma Dybacki, Jaice Ellinger, Adriana Fini, Leanna Francis, Mason Galenski, Connor Graham, Gunnar Gribi, Chloe Guillemette, Alice Hearn

Harley Hilt, Ryleigh Hurley, Eli Hutchison, Kendall Jarosz, Ishmael Jeffords, Carey Jillson, Adalyn Johnson, Michael Kraus, Brooke Labrie, Diane Leahy, Aubrey Leary, Isabella LeCours, Violet Letendre, Jesse Locke, Lucas Maak, Maisie Mahoney, Lilly Malo, Tula Marino, Eleanor Maynard, Claire Musa, Tessa Neill, Avery Proulx, Saige Reynolds, Kaleigh Rida, Liam Schnell, Elliot Scully-Henry, Rory Snape, Taylor St. Pierre, John Tisdell, Stella Tremblay, Nora White, Audrina Whittaker and Sage Zimora.

Eighth grade academic excellence

Eighth grade students making academic excellence are: Mala Adams-Rivera, Stephen Estelle, Caleb Falkowski, Riley Fisher, Joseph Gagne, Patricia Gagne, Lorelei Gilman, Anna Huard, Aubrielle Jarrett, Sienna Kalmakis, Aurora Loud, Tyler Menard, Camilo Ocampo, Scarlett Parent, Gianluca Pica-Smith, Claire Plickard, Madison Rida, Ashtyn St. Martin, Georgia Sugrue, Phoebe Todd,Cyrus Tomsovic and Addyson White.

Seventh grade academic achievement

Seventh grade students making academic achievement are: Emma Assan, Robert Avery-Cote, Nathaniel Bouffard-Broadhurst, Hannah Chilson, Faith Chretien, Autumn Coon-Drawe, Gretta Darling, Quinn Dunphy, Keegan Farrell, Hayden Gamache, Drew Geffin, Braydon Gougeon, Benjamin Haughey, Charlie Johndrow, Olivia Kakley, Miya Lambert, Levi Liimatainen, Josephine Lynn, Anthony Mone,

Zachary Moylan, Kennedy Mulvaney, Penelope Murray, Jacob Nadolski, Bentley Neal, Hunter Noel, David Nuttelman, Desmond O’Sullivan, Olivia Patruno, Andrew Raymond, Wade Rida, Logan Schmitter, Ryan Short, Louisiana Sinopoli, Augustus Taylor, Brycen Tylek, Ashlynn Ulrich, Allison Woz and Ryan Zononi.

Eighth grade academic achievement

Eighth grade students making academic achievement are: Ava Boissonneault, Valentina Bresnahan, Ivy Cardoza, Ryder Cefalo, James Clemeno, Sunali Driver, Lana Gomes-Parsons, Dylan-Joy Hocking, Camryn Jasinski, Megan Johnson, Sofia Klopfer, Summer Kohl, Morgan Lawler, Dorothy Li, Corbin Limatainen, Lukas Manley, Isabella Masi, Brigid McArdle, Samuel Monette, Aurelia Montague, Samantha Moreau, Mariah Pacinella, Emilee Peart, Emily Sampson, Jackson Smalley, Madeline Soares, Thomas Sullivan, Lucy Trombley, Eli Willard, Cooper Williams, Meghan Wood and Bradley Woods.

Local schools receive Credit for Life Fairs funds

BOSTON – The State Treasurer’s Office of Economic Empowerment, in partnership with the Division of Banks and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, announce the 2025-2026 recipients of the Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant.

Following a competitive application process that concluded in November, the state agencies awarded grants to 92 schools, totaling \$383,420. This funding will allow Massachusetts high schools and special education programs to host financial education fairs, known as Credit for Life Fairs, for their students.

Of the 92 recipient

schools, 24 received funding as Seed Applicants and will host fairs for the first time.

Local award recipients are: Hoosac Valley Regional School District (Chester) \$3,700, Lenox Public Schools \$6,100 and Westfield Public Schools \$3,200. For the third year, participating schools that have a large population of low-to-moderate income students will receive an additional \$500. Twenty-five schools received this additional funding to bring much-needed financial education to students in the state’s most vulnerable communities.

“Credit for Life Fairs empower high school students with the tools they

need to succeed,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “This year, we are supporting a record number of schools, helping young adults prepare to make informed financial decisions as they approach graduation and adulthood.”

“The Division of Banks is proud to support this initiative with another round of funding,” said Mary Gallagher, Commissioner of Banks. “With hands-on, high-quality lessons offered at these fairs, students can learn foundational financial management skills they can use into adulthood.”

“It is important for high school students to understand how to manage their personal finances so they can be suc-

cessful in life,” said Layla R. D’Emilia, Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. “Funding Credit for Life Fairs through these grants provides a fun, engaging, and productive environment for students to learn fiscal responsibility.”

Since 2015, over 65,000 Massachusetts students have attended Credit for Life Fairs. The Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant was established as an ongoing effort to strengthen access to financial literacy throughout Massachusetts. This financial education program is funded by the Division of Banks through a settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices.

COLLEGE NOTES

Colleges and universities announce President’s, Dean’s list

PRESIDENT’S LIST
Western New England University
Springfield

Seth McClafflin of Easthampton
Alison Goodreau of Westfield
Zakery Thibodeau of Easthampton
Jessica Cloutier of Easthampton
Abigail Dean of Easthampton
Christina Harris of Montgomery
Brittney Cardoza-Rebollo of Westfield
Jeffrie Surgen of Easthampton
Jaiden O’Kane of Westfield
Gianna Strange of Westfield
Kelsey Bouchard of Westfield
Leah Wilson of Huntington
Alivia Brisson of Williamsburg
Richard Moritko of Westfield
Addison Sigda of Easthampton
Aliana Morales of Easthampton
Delaney Boomsma of Becket
Nathan Biddulph of Easthampton

DEAN’S LIST
American International College
Springfield

Ian Soto of Westfield
Rebecca Connell of Williamsburg
Makenna Slate of Easthampton
Julia Bloniarz of Westfield
Christina Legkodukh of Westfield
Zulma Lopez of Westfield
Chelsey Priest of Westfield

Clark University
Worcester

Tanya J. Sheinkman of Becket, first honors
Hannah L. Quesenberry of Easthampton, second honors.
Rena Skloot of Cummington, second honors.
Ashton R. Murphy LaPenn of Easthampton, second honors.

Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

May Lieberman-Bachman of Huntington

Salve Regina University
Newport, Rhode Island

Daniella Ferreira of Westfield
Chelsey Ghareeb of Easthampton
Gianni Soucy of Easthampton
Kasimir Supinski of Cummington

University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Nora Flaherty of Westfield
Sofia Lichwan of Westfield

University of Albany
Albany, New York

Nicholas Krawlec of Westfield

Western New England University
Springfield

Kailey Downs of Westfield
Ryan LaPoint of Westfield
Rachel Brenzel of Westfield
Ariana Contreras-Munoz of Westfield
Ryan Chauland of Westfield
James Cloutier of Westfield
Vasco Sardinha of Westfield
Matvey Hancharonak of Westfield
Aiden Levesque of Westfield
Zachary Cloutier of Easthampton
Elizabeth Baker of Westfield
Maura Campbell of Westhampton
Brooke Darling of Westfield
Matthew Armstrong of Easthampton
Connor Donovan of Westfield
Mason Labranche of Russell
Isaac Ribeiro of Westfield
Declan Connally of Westfield
Philip Morin of Cummington

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester

Gabriel Rapoza of Easthampton, class of 2027 majoring in aerospace engineering
Daniel Raymond of Goshen, class of 2026 majoring in electrical and computer engineering
Marissa Whalley of Westfield, class of 2026, majoring in architectural engineering

Smith Scholarship applications being accepted

WESTFIELD – The Horace Smith Fund will be awarding \$317,000 in scholarships and fellowships to residents of Hampden County, who have also graduated from an eligible high school or private school. This year 21 scholarships, four fellowships and one William R. Rooney Award for students with special needs will be presented to recipients at the June 18 Awards Night ceremony at Storowton Carriage House in

West Springfield.

Scholarships are offered not only to graduating high school seniors but also to students already in college or those wishing to return to college. Scholarships of \$12,000 are distributed as \$3,000 annually and renewable each year until graduation. Fellowship awards of \$15,000 are distributed as \$7,500 annually and renewable for one additional year to students pursuing a full-time

graduate degree. Students must maintain at least a B average to renew.

Recipients are selected on a variety of criteria, including academic records, merit, and financial need. Of great importance is a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance. Applicants must submit their transcripts and, if applicable, college entrance exam scores or graduate degree specific tests, and

three letters of recommendation.

Completed applications must be received either electronically or be mailed to The Horace Smith Fund at 16 Union Avenue, Suite 2K, Westfield, MA 01085 no later than March 15, 2026. Applications are available at local high school guidance offices, college financial aid offices, and on-line at www.HoraceSmithFund.org or by phoning (413) 739-4222.

HCC scholarship season open for 2026-2027

HOLYOKE — The Holyoke Community College Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The application deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026.

Last year, the HCC Foundation awarded 410 scholarships worth about \$364,000 to 379 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Some students received multiple scholarship awards. The average scholarship award is typically around \$900.

Students must be cur-

rently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships.

Applicants only need to fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for students in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and

scholarships that recognize academic achievement.

To view scholarship opportunities and begin the application process, please go to: www.hcc.edu/scholarships.

The HCC Scholarship Resource Center, on the first floor of the Donahue Building (Room 158), is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to help current and incoming students navigate the process of applying for scholarships.

The HCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that works

to advance the college’s mission, vision, and values. Founded in 1968 as the Friends of Holyoke Community College, in response to a devastating fire that forced the college to rebuild on a new campus, the Foundation now manages assets of more than \$20 million, the largest community college foundation endowment in Massachusetts.

Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182, or by email to scholarships@hcc.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
Project Description:
Westfield
Intersection Improvements at Southampton Road (Route 10/202), Servistar Industrial Way, and Barnes Airport Drive.
Project File No. 612600
A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in Westfield, MA.
WHERE: Westfield City Hall City Council Chambers
Second Floor
59 Court Street
Westfield, MA 01085
WHEN: **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 @ 7:00pm**
PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the

public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.
PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of intersection improvements at Southampton Road (Route 10/202), Servistar Industrial Way, and Barnes Airport Drive. The intersection is proposed to be reconstructed as a roundabout. Bicyclists and pedestrians will be accommodated with an 8-foot wide shared-use path around the outside of the roundabout in accordance with applicable design guides.
A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in

the hearing.
Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 725110, Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, **Project File No. 612600**. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.
This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as

available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.
In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.
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HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
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