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NORTH SHORE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



North Shore Christian School will be hosting a virtual open house this Thursday, May 21, from 9-10 a.m. and 6-7 p.m., as well as Tuesday, June 2, from 9-10 a.m. and 6-7 p.m. During these open houses, parents will meet some of our faculty and staff, ask questions and learn more about the education that North Shore Christian School offers. A virtual tour to the website has been added, nschristian.org, to allow families to experience our school even though our buildings are closed during this unusual time. After viewing our virtual tour and attending our virtual open house we hope that you will experience why the NSCS legacy continues today. North Shore Christian School believes wholeheartedly in its mission and is committed to it even during these confining times. Our desire throughout this prolonged closure is to continue to provide our students with the best form of the distinctive NSCS education that we can. We dothis by teaching our students, Preschool to grade 8, in creative and effective ways, using a variety of platforms. We are socially engaging our students remotely by hosting middle school socials, movie nights and game gatherings. We also gather to worship together at our All-Campus Chapel, every Friday, over Zoom. Please contact Christine Saia, Director of Admissions, at csaia@nschristian.org or 781 469-0706 to learn more about our virtual open house and our school.

City Clerk, superintendent team up for Lynn's U.S. Census effort

By Cary Shuman

City Clerk Janet Rowe and Supt. of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler are working together to spread the word about the importance of filling out the 2020 U.S. Census forms.

"He [Dr. Tutwiler] has been

doing a great job," said Rowe, who is leading the Complete Committee (consisting of 140 people) and the 'Visual campaign' to promote the Census effort in Lynn.

Rowe said Tutwiler coordinated the distribution of thousands of fliers (in 15 different languages) to families through the school lunch program. Rowe also noted that Tutwiler has been publicizing the Census on his social media that goes out school administrators and teachers.

"He has a been tremendous

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SSU's Dr. Nate Bryant to be NSCC's interim president

Dr. Nate Bryant has been approved as North Shore Community College's interim president by Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education Carlos Santiago. Dr. Bryant, currently vice president and chief of staff to Salem State University President John Keenan, will assume his position on July 5, 2020 and will serve through the 2020-21 academic year.

NSCC Board of Trustees Chair Dr. J.D. LaRock made the announcement to the college community. "The Board of Trustees and I are working with the college's senior staff to develop an onboarding plan for Dr. Bryant. I know you will join the Trustees and me in welcoming Dr. Bryant to campus. We look forward to providing the college community with many opportunities to meet and interact with him. I know he'll be impressed with the commitment, expertise, and dedication and expertise of our faculty, staff, administrators, and students."

He noted the Trustees will also



Dr. Nate Bryant.

continue planning for the launch of a full search for the next, non-interim president of NSCC.

Dr. Bryant said, "I am honored to serve as the interim president of NSCC. With the advent of COVID-19, higher education is experiencing significant disruption. While there will certainly be some challenges, there will be some opportunities as well. Knowing that I will be working with a team of talented and dedicated educators, I am confident that we will help our students succeed."



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EDITORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY, 2020

This will be a Memorial Day unlike any that Americans have known.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to come together to commemorate and honor those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the fourth Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season for Americans of all ages, who gathered for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

But in this year of the coronavirus pandemic, all of the usual parades and festivities have been cancelled. With much of the nation still sheltering in place, gatherings of families and friends have been limited to the faux-reality of Zoom.

The pandemic also has brought another set of challenges to our nation, however. The stress we all are feeling, both from the threat of the virus itself and from the economic anxiety it has created, has brought into full view the many, deep fissures in our society which have been lurking beneath the surface for decades.

It is fair to say that America is as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 155 years ago. This pandemic, rather than bringing us together to face and fight the common challenge of the coronavirus, is threatening to tear us apart and bring to an end the great American experiment.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current pandemic crisis.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day in light of our current situation:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25, 2020

COVID Relief Coalition offers pro bono legal work to state's small business and nonprofits

By Dan Murphy

One neighborhood lawyer has joined a number of fellow attorneys to provide pro bono work to the state's small businesses and nonprofits in the age of COVID-19.

Christian Westra, an attorney with the Ropes & Gray and a Charles River Square resident, helped establish the COVID Relief Coalition – an alliance of Massachusetts law firms, nonprofits and government agencies established in late March to help small businesses and nonprofits statewide access emergency loans and other sources of relief during the pandemic. As of May 16, the Coalition had already received 200 requests for pro bono legal work, he said.

"We're eager to help as many people as we can," he said. "Small businesses and nonprofits can go fill out an intake form on our website (at covidreliefcoalition.com), and that will go out to the law firms, Then we'll contact you and set up an appointment, assuming you qualify and most people qualify."

Westra added, "We're a pretty

broad-based group, so we try to be as inclusive as possible and get the word out to as many people as we can."

Through the Coalition, referrals are shared between participating law firms, and they communicate on how to help guide clients through the process with the Small Business Administration, among other entities.

"We also help people how to deal with challenges of not being able to pay rent or utilities, and help with situations that are specific to their businesses," Westra said.

But, as Westra concedes, even the Coalition members are trying to grasp how the constantly changing and seemingly ambiguous process works.

"Our guidance is continuing to evolve," he said. "People don't have a clear understanding of how loan forgiveness works so we help people assess the risks and figure out what makes the most sense for their business and organizations."

Of particular interest to many of the Coalition's clients are the terms of the Small Business Administration's Payment Protection Program (PPP), which provides forgivable loans to small businesses to help pay employees during the pandemic. "We expect to get more questions as people start to think about loan forgiveness for the PPP," Westra said.

To help small businesses and nonprofits navigate this terrain, the Coalition has "tried to capture some key documents," as well as providing contact information for other sources of relief specific to their circumstances. The Coalition also provides information on how to access unemployment benefits and other resources to help individuals.

Westra said his commitment to the Coalition was spurred by his desire to help the neighborhood he loves recover from the ongoing pandemic.

"As a neighbor and someone who lives right next to Charles Street, it was heartbreaking to see all the closed shops and how it impacted people in such a significant way," he said. "But one of the things I can do as a lawyer is help marshal my colleagues to give free legal advice through the coalition."

To learn more, visit covidreliefcoalition.com.

Classical senior Beato, passes the Seal of Biliteracy exam for two languages

By Christine McCarriston

Classical senior Genesis Beato can't remember if her first words were in Spanish or English. Both languages have always been part of her. Like her classmates, Genesis will not walk across the stage to receive her diploma due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While graduation will be virtual and school has been through remote learning, some things remain and for Genesis that means earning the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction in Spanish, and the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy in French, a language she taught herself. Oh and she knows Japanese and a little sign language, both also selftaught. Genesis is the first Lynn Public Schools student to pass the Seal of Biliteracy exam for two languages.

As a fourth-grader, Genesis watched the popular television show Switched At Birth and taught herself sign language through the show. My family recently discovered that my cousin's daughter Lauren did this same thing. We were quite impressed. Genesis, however, did not stop there. When she watched Japanese cartoons, Genesis turned to the internet to better understand what she was viewing. She started with the alphabet then moved on to vocabulary lists.

In middle school, she listened to a song in French and wondered what the lyrics meant. Genesis studied and made progress in French but realized she wasn't communicating with anyone in the language. "There are language exchange apps where you can speak to someone in the targeted language. That was the turning point. I realized, wow, I can really communicate with people." She still uses the apps to increase her proficiency in French. So continued her study of French that led her to pass the MA Seal of Biliteracy test in the language.

The MA Seal of Biliteracy Program is a component of the state's LOOK Act (Language Opportunities for Our Kids) that districts can volunteer to participate in. The Lynn Public Schools eagerly implemented this program last year in its initial year to give students the opportunity to demonstrate their linguistic assets and skills. To earn the Seal, students must meet the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) English Language Arts requirement to demonstrate proficiency in English along with all other graduation requirements, in addition to a score of Intermediate High on a world language assessment using the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) guidelines. To be awarded the MA Seal with Distinction, students must earn an MCAS ELA score of 501 (Next-Generation MCAS) or 260 (Legacy MCAS), and an Advance Low level for the world language assessment using the ACTFL guidelines.

Add to this self-imposed study

of linguistics, a senior schedule of four Advanced Placement classes, Honors classes and orchestra where she is co-concert master. She successfully took four Advanced Placement classes in her junior year. During her high school years, Genesis and her mother also struggled with finding a place to live while her mom went from job to job for reasons she could not always control.

After living in New Hampshire freshman year in what she called a "bad situation," Genesis was excited to come back to Lynn where she had attended Callahan, Connery and Breed schools. "We were staying with a family friend in a spare bedroom and I had a bed and was so excited. Then on the first day of sophomore year, the friend told

me we had to move out in a week because they were renting the room out."

She took this curveball as a "realization of life." Her plan to get through this was as simple as it was challenging. "I can't be sad about this. Let's just go to school. I can practice French and pretend nothing happened." Just go to school. In this time of remote learning, her words take on a deeper meaning stressing just how important being in school is to students.

She talked about having some dark moments of sadness and anger, but continued to "get up the next day." The routine, friends and teachers that Lynn Classical provides is the key to her academic and linguistic success.

Calculus teacher Samira Ghili and homeroom teacher Rita Wakefield garner special thanks from Genesis for helping her walk through her most difficult days. Wakefield was the first teacher she saw each morning. Her positive impact and concern helped begin each day on the right note. Ghili saw Genesis' math intelligence and connected her with a friend who needed a tutor for her child. That friend recommended another and then Genesis was making money on her own.

"When I'm at school everything is OK," she said as she sat in the school library recently. "Then I would be busy after school, too."

Busy is an understatement. The self-described quirky and creative soon-to-be graduate has

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played the violin for eight years. Music is her life, she said, quickly adding her love of languages, too. The confidence and musicality that brought her to the co-concert master position began eight years ago when her violin teacher, Britany (Kolodziej) Phillips, saw something special in her and handed her sheet music for the National Anthem.

"I could only pluck. I couldn't even bow and I didn't read music," she remembered. As you can infer, that didn't stop this determined student. "I went home and guessed at the music and came back and plucked the National Anthem. The teacher cried."

Phillips' tears started a river that brought private lessons and put Genesis center stage. "Suddenly, I was getting private lessons, then suddenly I was getting more private lessons, then suddenly I was doing all this. The 'suddenlys' build up. Her crying was the catalyst for everything. I'm not even sure she knows she did that for me."

Phillips no longer works in Lynn but through e-mail recently recalled the joy Genesis radiated when she entered a room. "I remember Genesis fondly. How could I ever forget such a remarkable student? She was as kind and hard working as she was gifted," Phillips said.

With a schedule full of advanced classes, self-imposed study of linguistics and the struggle for a stable and consistent home throughout her high school years, Genesis needed to rely on her resiliency and gratitude.

"I have a strange philosophy," she explains. "I'm not a religious person but when times were really hard I would almost pray to my future self." She would send herself positive messages that she believed she would need

later. "If you keep doing it, then when you're going through troubled times, you'll have messages from yourself. When you get positive things happening, you thank your past self because my past helped me get here."

Genesis and her mom are living happily in their own apartment now. Her mom has always been a constant supporter of all Genesis undertakes. The Classical Ram was accepted into Amherst College "with a full ride," but has chosen to pursue her education at Brown University.

I asked what she would say today to 10th grade Genesis on the day she discovered she needed to find a new home. She paused and then said, "I don't want to be cliché. I don't want to say it's going to be OK, because it's not OK. No one should have to go through that. But it's worth it."

Genesis Beato is definitely worth it.

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help in our Census effort," said Rowe.

Tutwiler's valuable contributions to the Census effort are not going unnoticed by community leaders. He has always "stepped up" for Lynn and been a highly visible leader in the community. Lynn English basketball players personally expressed their gratitude to the superintendent for traveling to Holy Cross (where Tutwiler played college basketball) last year for the state championship game (won by English). In another gesture of graciousness, Tutwiler conducted a tie-making demonstration for students in an ELD class at Lynn English. His expertise drew a heartfelt ovation from the stu-

Census has big Impact on school funding

The U.S. Census count, which is conducted nationally every 10 years to determine the population in the United States, is very important to communities, especially school districts.

According to the US Census Bureau, "the 2020 Census impacts the federal funds that communities receive each year for programs and services that are critical for schools, students, and younger children such as special education, Head Start, after-school programs, and classroom technology, food assistance, including free and reduced-price school lunches."

Rowe said the city is at a 44 percent Census response rate at this time, "which is not really

that great."

The "Visual Campaign" will include the placement of lawn signs throughout the city, along with advertising on billboards and street banners.

Rowe said other communities are doing phone-banking, "but I just think a lot of people just don't answer their phones."

"We may do a robocall by Mayor McGee, because I think people will listen to that," added Rowe.

Rowe has also been busy working on prepraions for the state and congressional primary elections to be held on Sept. 1.

(Information from the US Census Bureau Website was used directly in the compilation of this story).



City Clerk Janet Rowe, shown holding a U.S. Census form, has been working with Mayor Thomas McGee, Supt. of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwil er, and other community leaders in promoting the Census effort in the city of Lynn.

CITY PAWS

Help prevent animal surrenders

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In difficult times, some people have to make a heartbreaking decision to surrender their animals to a shelter or rescue organization. They may have lost a pet-friendly residence, they may have taken on a second or third job to make ends meet, or they may be simply no longer able to afford the expense of having an animal.

We have also noted all the people who saw their time at home as the perfect opportunity to adopt a dog or cat. People literally emptied shelters. On April 13th, Mother Nature Network reported, "As more people are sheltering at home, they're deciding

to do it with a new temporary or permanent family member. Many rescue groups and shelters across the country are reporting success in finding homes and fosters for their furry residents."

When normal times return, some of those animals will need to be rehomed. Foster families will work with shelters and rescue groups to find permanent homes for the animals in their care. Some of those who adopted animals will discover that a dog or cat that fit into a work-athome, stay-at-home lifestyle is not manageable when they return to a regular workday, social life and travel schedule.

How to Help Those You Know Begin close to home by keeping a watchful eye on the prob-

lems friends and family face caring for their animals. You might be able to use your connections, in addition to theirs, to discover a way forward.

If housing is the issue, you could help find a pet-friendly place. You might know of a second friend or family member who could use a housemate.

When time is the issue, consider matching-making a pet share that would let someone without a dog take over a few of the daily walks, or let the dog visit while their guardian works some extra shifts. If your dog gets along well with a neighbor's dog, you might offer to take the two for a walk from time-to-time.

Offer to play cat sitter for someone who has to work long

hours. By checking on and playing with the cat during the day, you can help ensure a friend a bit more sleep when they don't have to deal with a cat who is a bit too full of energy at night.

When money is the problem, consider gifts that will allow those who need to care for their animals to do so. Instead of a specific physical gift that they might not need or want, try giving a gift card that could let them buy pet food, pay for a vet visit, or grooming if that's more important to them.

Collect and Support Community Resources

There are some community resources in place that might help support the effort to keep animals with their families. Something as

simple as using a low-cost rabies clinic rather than paying for a full veterinarian visit to update that required vaccination helps There are also some lower-cos spay and neuter programs.

However, we are going to need more community-based programs to assist families to keep their animals as they recover from a loss of income and opportunities. In the Greater Boston area, the MSPCA and Boston Animal Rescue League will take a leadership role and will need al of us to support their efforts.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

City of Lynn COVID-19 Update

The Lynn Public Health Department has confirmed that as of today, the number of active, confirmed positive COVID-19 cases is 2,095 with 20 new cases today. 858 Lynn residents have recovered and 82 have died. The total number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Lynn since March 21, 2020, including those who have died and recovered, is 3,035.

Governor Charlie Baker announced a four-phase plan for re-opening Massachusetts. All individuals should continue to wear face coverings, wash your hands, social distance, be vigilant for symptoms and stay home if you feel sick. Residents are still encouraged to stay home unless they are conducting essential business, seeking medical attention or engaging in an outdoor recreational activity under the Safer at Home Advisory. The limitation of gatherings of no more than 10 people remains in effect and people over the age of 65 and who are high risk are advised to continue to stay home. Please visit www.mass.gov/reopening to read the State's entire reopening plan.

Today, May 18th, marks the beginning of Phase 1 where essential businesses will remain open in addition to the reopening of construction, manufacturing and places of worship. All workplaces that are open in Phase 1 must follow the Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces

and sector specific protocols put together by the Governor's Reopening Advisory Board. These standards are designed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to employees and customers during the first phases of reopening, and are applicable to all sectors and industries. Please visit www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-mandatory-safety-standards-for-workplaces to learn more.

The Mayor and Public Health Director have updated and extended both the Curfew and Social Behaviors and Essential Services orders within the City of Lynn until Monday, June 1st.

We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 through the City website (www. lynnma.gov), social media, and the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at www. smart911.com).

Actualización de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn del 18 de mayo de 2020.

El Departamento de Salud Pública de Lynn ha confirmado que a partir de hoy, el número de casos activos, confirmados positivos de COVID-19 es 2,095 con 20 casos nuevos hoy. 858 residentes de Lynn se han recuperado y 82 se han muerto. El número total de casos positivos confirmados de COVID-19 en Lynn desde el 21 de marzo de 2020, incluyendo los que murieron y se recuperaron, es 3,035.

El gobernador Charlie Baker



City of Lynn COVID-19 Daily Update May 18, 2020 12:00PM



CONFIRMED CUMULATIVE TOTAL CASES: 3,035

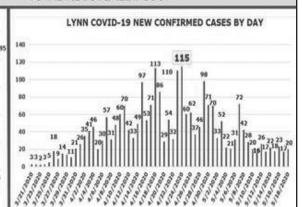
LYNN COVID-19 CONFIRMED DAILY ACTIVE CASE COUNT

CONFIRMED ACTIVE TOTAL CASES: 2,095

CONFIRMED NEW CASES TODAY: 20

TOTAL DEATHS: 82

TOTAL RECOVERED: 858



anunció un plan de cuatro fases para reabrir Massachusetts. Todas las personas deben continuar usando cubiertas faciales, lavarse las manos, practicar el distanciamiento social, estar atentos a los síntomas y quedarse en casa si

anuncio un pian de cuatro fases para reabrir Massachusetts. To-das las personas deben continuar usando cubiertas faciales, lavarse las manos, practicar el distanciamiento social, estar atentos a los síntomas y quedarse en casa si se sienten enfermos. Se alienta a los residentes a que se queden en casa a menos que realicen negocios esenciales, busquen atención médica o participen en una actividad recreativa al aire libre bajo el aviso de estar seguro en casa. La limitación de las reuniones de no más de 10 personas sigue en efecto y se recomienda a las personas mayores de 65 años y de alto riesgo que permanecen en sus hogares. Visite www.mass. gov/reopening para leer todo el

plan de reapertura del Estado.

Hoy, el 18 de mayo, marca el comienzo de la Fase 1, donde los negocios esenciales permanecerán abiertos además de la reapertura de la construcción, la fabricación y los lugares de adoración. Todos los lugares de trabajo que estén abiertos en Fase 1 deben seguir los estándares de seguridad obligatorios para los lugares de trabajo y protocolos sectoriales específicos elaborados por la Junta Asesora de Reapertura del Gobernador. Estos estándares están diseñados para reducir el riesgo de transmisión de COVID-19 a los empleados y a los clientes durante las primeras fases de reapertura, y son aplicables a

todos los sectores e industrias. Visite www.mass.gov/info-de-tails/reopening-mandatory-safe-ty-standards-for-workplaces para obtener más información.

El alcalde y la directora de salud pública han actualizado y extendido las órdenes de toque de queda y comportamientos sociales y servicios esenciales dentro de la ciudad de Lynn hasta el lunes, 1 de junio.

Continuaremos brindando actualizaciones periódicas sobre COVID-19 a través del sitio web de la Ciudad (www.lynnma.gov) las redes sociales y el sistema de notificación de emergencia Smart 911 (regístrese en www.smart911.com).

Hundreds gather at Salem State for drive-by commencement celebration

The student-organized driveby celebration was followed by a virtual conferral of degrees as the university works to reschedule the Class of 2020's commencement

SALEM - A student-organized Drive-by Commencement Celebration brought cheers, honks, and decorated cars to Salem State's O'Keefe parking lot on Saturday, May 16, where students and their families lined up in cars for the start of a celebratory drive around campus. About 100 cars holding about 300 people took part in the procession as approximately 40 Salem State faculty, staff, and administrators - including President John Keenan - spread out in their masks and cheered on the Class of 2020.

The event was organized by 2020 business administration graduate Marc Centrella, of Everett, and it involved collaboration with Salem State's university police and the Salem Police Department. It was followed by a brief online conferral of degrees as a way to officially recognize graduates' success while the university works to reschedule the Class of 2020's commencement.

"No matter what life throws at you, there's always a way to find moments of light and joy," said Centrella. "With everything going on in the world, we made something great out of nothing. We made it and we did it as one. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!"

"This drive-by celebration showed that the spirit of com-

mencement cannot be dampened," said Keenan, who donned an appropriate orange mask at the event. "The class of 2020 has shown tremendous resilience, and it's no surprise that they found a safe and creative way to come together on what would have been our undergraduate commencement day. It was an honor to be there to cheer them on."

The university arranged for students to pick up their caps and gowns the week before the virtual conferral of degrees, while keeping masks and social distancing guidelines in place. As the university works to reschedule this year's commencement, celebratory videos and emails have been shared with students.

The more than 2,000 gradu-

ates in the Class of 2020 include about 1,600 undergraduates and nearly 600 graduates receiving master's degrees or certificates of advanced graduate studies. Graduates represent 32 countries and 23 states. This year, 279 students are becoming Double Vikings by receiving their second Salem State degree.

Salem State University, established in 1854, is a comprehensive, public institution of higher learning located approximately 15 miles north of Boston, Massachusetts. One of the largest state universities in the Commonwealth, Salem State enrolls more than 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students. It offers 32 undergraduate programs and graduate programs that offer degrees in 24 fields. The university

also has a continuing education division that offers both credit and non-credit programs. Known for the academic strength of its faculty, Salem State was named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars in 2011 and for the 2016-2017 academic year. The university is designated a Top College and University by Military Advanced Education and a Best for Vets College by Military Times. Salem State proudly participates in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement and has shown a student voting rate well above the national average, earning the university a gold seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.

Girls Inc. of Lynn honors 2020 Girl Hero Scholars via Zoom on June 4

Girls Inc.of Lynn will honor its Girl Hero Scholars on Thursday, June 4 at noon via Zoom. The 30-minute event will feature 2020 Strong, Smart, and Bold Honoree Suzanne Iovanna, president of Pride Motor Group, Lani Sanethong, Girls Inc. of Lynn alumna, and Emmy Award-winning anchor on NBC 10 Boston Latoyia Edwards. The celebration will also provide an update of how Girls Inc. of Lynn has pivoted to creatively bring online education, activities, and programs to local youth.

"We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our Girl Hero Scholars, hear from our Strong Smart and Bold Honoree, and give you a glimpse of how our team is staying connected with our girls at this unprecedented time. We are grateful to our many supporters who continue to inspire our girls to be stronger, smarter, and bolder and we look forward to seeing them at our Zoom celebration," says Executive Director Deb Ansour-



Syeeda Rahman.

Meet the Girl Hero Scholars The Girl Hero Scholars include Fatoumata "Haja" Ba, Syeeda Rahman, and Caloline Namutebi.

Fatoumata "Haja" Ba Fatoumata "Haja" Ba is a senior at KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate. A staple leader in her community and school, as a senior Haja was elected as ex-



Fatoumata "Haja" Ba.

ecutive president of the Student Council and into the National Honor Society. Active involvement in her school's Black History Month events led Haja to co-found her KIPP's first Black Student Union. She has planned and facilitated multiple events and fundraisers that promote the academic excellence and cultural prosperity of Black students at her school.

Haja has been active at Girls Inc. since the sixth grade. In



Caloline Namutebi.

the middle school Girls Inc. National Scholarship. As a junior, Haja became a co-facilitator of a social justice-based afterschool program called Woke Women and, co-facilitates and plans weekly program meetings for high school girls.

Syeeda Rahman

Syeeda Rahman is a senior at Lynn English High School. She moved to the U.S. from Bangladesh 10 years ago. She has been team captain of English's mock

years. She is also a homeroom representative, secretary of Latin Club, an officer for the Asian American Club, and a member of the National Honor Society.

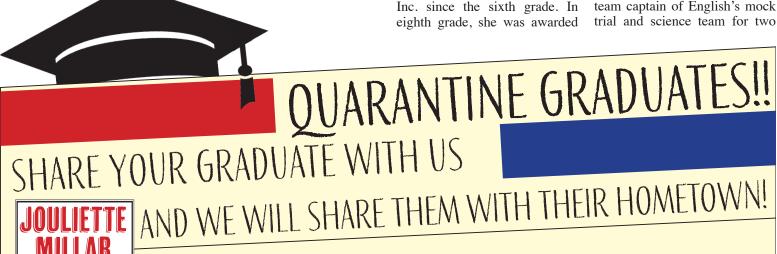
At Girls Inc. Syeeda works as a Teen Health Ambassador to teach young girls about reproductive health. She has hosted events such as World AIDS Day. National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day, and has presented at Take Back the Night events. With the support of this nationwide organization, she spoke before the School Committee during its public forums on the contraceptive ban in Lynn Public Schools. Sveeda has also worked on the Taking Action campaign and the Mental Health Awareness campaign at Girls Inc. After high school, she plans to pursue a double major in political science and public health with a minor in psychology. Syeeda hopes for a career in law where she can help create policies to help low-income communities.

Caloline Namutebi

Caloline Namutebi is a senior at Lynn English High School, arriving from Uganda in January 2019. At Girls Inc. she has attended programs including Career Path, Teen Leadership Academy, Woke Women, and Senior and Junior Mentoring. She is currently a Teen Health Ambassador at Girls Inc. Caloline worked at North Shore Medical Center Salem as a catering associate to orient herself to working in a hospital and with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. She also participated in the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program at Harvard Medical School.

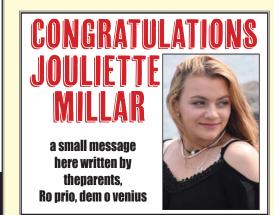
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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNOUNCES MAY 2020 GRADUATES

The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, May 16, 2020, during a virtual celebration. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined

Nelson Idahosa of Lynn graduated with a BA degree in Political Science.

Matthew Desilets of Lynn graduated with a BSME degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Terrence Bowers of Lynn graduated with a BS degree in Sport Studies.

Brendan Morrison of Lynn graduated with a MS degree in Accounting.

Kosta Triantafillakos of Lynn graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in BusAdm:-Finance.

Megan Dolan of Lynn graduated with a BS degree in Nutr:Nutrition&Wellness.

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ship public institution, enrolling 13,000 undergraduate and 2,500 graduate students.

WILKINSON NAMED TO SPRING 2020 DEAN'S LIST

Colby-Sawyer College has named Lauren Wilkinson of Lynn to the Dean's List for spring 2020. Wilkinson majors in child development education prep and is a member of the class of 2023. To qualify for the Dean's List students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

U.S. News and World Report has recognized Colby-Sawyer as a Best Regional College in its category - North (#8), Best Value College (#4) and Best Undergraduate Teaching (#4) in its 2020 Best Colleges issue. Founded in 1837 in the heart of the scenic Lake Sunapee Region of central New Hampshire, Colby-Sawyer is a comprehensive college with an emphasis on the liberal arts and sciences, a focus on professional preparation and a commitment to individualized experiences. Students choose from a variety of innovative majors in the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Social Sciences, and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Colby-Sawyer's transformative teaching and learning community, which includes an enhanced partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, promotes students' academic, intellectual and personal growth. Graduate outcome data indicates that 98% of 2019 graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation. Learn more at colby-sawyer.edu.

Mayor McGee will deliver Memorial Day address on Veteran's Office Facebook page

Special To The Journal

Mayor Thomas McGee will deliver his Memorial Day address Monday via the Lynn Veterans' Office Facebook page. The time of the virtual ceremony will be announced on the Veterans Office and City of Lynn Facebook pages.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional, outdoor Memorial Day ceremonies in Lynn have been canceled. McGee is pre-recording his Memorial Day

message in coordination with Lynn Veterans Services Director Michael Sweeney, who has been deployed to active duty in the Massachusetts National Guard at this time.

Director Sweeney, Sgt. Major Ken Oswald, leader of the Lynn English JROTC, and Gold Star Mother Doris Sarakis are among the dignitaries who will be reading the names of Lynn men and women who died in military service to the country.

As part of the City of Lynn

Memorial Day Tribute, Sweeney is asking residents to join in a display of patriotism in the city. Sweeney is encouraging residents to decorate their front porch, windows, or lawn in patriotic fashion to honor the fallen.

Sweeney would also like residents to share a photo of their tribute to veterans with others on Facebook.

Local veterans will be placing flags at veterans' gravesites this weekend at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

SBA and Treasury release paycheck protection program

This week, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.

The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). SBA will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities

The form and instructions include several measures to reduce compliance burdens and simplify the process for borrowers, including:

•Options for borrowers to calculate payroll costs using an "alternative payroll covered period" that aligns with borrowers' regular payroll cycles. •Flexibility to include eligible payroll and non-payroll expenses paid or incurred during the eight-week period after receiving their PPP loan.

•Step-by-step instructions on how to perform the calculations required by the CARES Act to confirm eligibility for loan forgiveness.

•Borrower-friendly implementation of statutory exemptions from loan forgiveness reduction based on rehiring by June 30.

•Addition of a new exemption from the loan forgiveness

reduction for borrowers who have made a good-faith, written offer to rehire workers that was declined.

The PPP was created by the CARES Act to provide forgivable loans to eligible small businesses to keep American workers on the payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. The documents released today will help small businesses seek forgiveness at the conclusion of the eight-week covered period, which begins with the disbursement of their loans.



Today we pause to honor those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms.

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Potatoes as a leftover platform

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Good things can come out of hard times. One of the handiest tips we picked up while sheltering in place was the concept of using baked potatoes as a way to use up leftovers. As sweet potato lovers, we extended this idea to include that tuber.

Picture this - supper time's approaching and there's a mishmash of leftovers in the refrigerator. Let's say you have a bit of stew that everyone is slightly tired of after a few days of dining on it. Another container has a few spoonfuls of Indian chickpea curry. However, there is nothing for the picky eater in the family who wants pizza.

We're here to tell you that you can make your family happy by scrubbing a few potatoes - russets, sweet potatoes or both. Cut shallow crosses on the top, rub them with butter or oil, and bake until the skin is crisp and the center tender. (Plan on turning and/ or checking for doneness of the sweet potatoes before the rus-

When roasted to perfection, you can toss a hot potato to each eater and tell them to top it with what they can find on hand. The family carnivore will be quick to grab a bit of the stew to microwave and serve over one regular potato. Your vegetable-forward eater will grab a sweet potato as a base for those chickpeas. A few pantry staples like a jar of pizza sauce and some cheese and pepperoni and a few minutes in that already-hot-oven can turn a baked spud into a twice-baked pizza potato!



Here, roasted planks of sweet potatoes became a base for a bit of goulash left in a take-out container, adding flavor, nutrition, and fiber to the meal.

What if Time Is Short?

While we both prefer long slow-baked potatoes with oven-crisped skins, we have been known to resort to a microwave when time is of the essence. For those who dine solo, you can microwave a single baked potato in about five minutes. If you have a toaster oven, you can microwave to cook the inside and then pop it in the oven for a few minutes to crisp the skin.

Be sure to poke a few holes in raw potatoes with a knife or fork to let the steam that builds up inside as it heats to escape. If you microwave more than one potato at a time, try to choose similar sizes and add a bit extra to your cooking time for each addition.

Another way to get those potatoes under something fast is to roast potato planks. For this, you cut your scrubbed potatoes lengthwise into half-inch-thick slices. Toss these with oil, bake in a hot oven, turning to brown both sides, and when done, top with whatever you have on hand.

Make it Your Way

While we love the idea of using potatoes as a platform for leftovers, they can also become a platform for creativity. Our minds went immediately to some of our favorite fillings for tacos. dumplings, or empanadas.

Online you'll find endless pages of recipes for stuffed baked potatoes and stuffed sweet potatoes. If you put the phrase "stuffed potato fillings" into a search box, you'll find pages that lead you to 50, 14, 18 or 35 recipes and suggestions for fillings. Some are as simple as bacon and cheese, others help create a specific flavor profile like the pizza potato we mentioned above Many are vegetarian, vegan, or easily adapted to other dietary restrictions. A few have inspired us to do some batch cooking to freeze containers of fillings for future baked potato meals.

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Baker-Polito administration releases phased reopening plan

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Monday announced the phased reopening plan for Massachusetts, and urged residents to continue being vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The plan has been the task of the governor's Reopening Advisory Board for the past several weeks, where it has met with leaders from many sectors and industries across the Commonwealth.

"Our collective success depends on everyone," Baker said. "We cannot move forward until we commit to slowing the spread."

Before getting into specifics of the plan, Baker said that it will progress through four phases, each lasting at least three weeks but could last longer "if the public health data doesn't support moving forward."

He also said that the plan lays out what businesses and individuals must do in order to be able to reopen during each phase. "The advisory board made every effort to be as clear and direct as possible," Baker said. "This is something no one's ever done before."

In Phase One, called "start," which began on May 18, places of worship were allowed to open "with guidelines," and "outdoor services are encouraged." Additionally on May 18, essential businesses, manufacturing, and construction were allowed to operate.

Beginning on May 25, lab space, office space (except in Boston), limited personal services—hair salons, pet grooming, and car washes—and retail with remote fulfillment and curbside pickup are allowed to open. On June 1, office space can open again in Boston.

Last week, Baker announced a list of employers who have committed to continuing their work from home policies "for the foreseeable future," including Wayfair, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Liberty Mutual, and several others. He encouraged employers to continue work from home policies where it's possible to reduce the number of people coming into contact with each other.

On May 18, hospitals and community health centers were also permitted "upon attestation" to "provide high priority preventative care, pediatric care and treatment for high risk patients and conditions," and on May 25,

additional health care providers will be permitted to do the same.

On May 25, beaches, parks, drive-in theaters, some athletic fields and courts, many outdoor adventure activities, most fishing, hunting, and boating, and outdoor gardens, zoos, reserves, and public installations will be permitted to open with specific guidelines.

Baker said that people are still to cover their noses and mouths when six feet of distance cannot be maintained, wash their hands and surfaces often, continue to social distance, and stay home if sick

"Sticking with these critical tasks is everyone's responsibility," Baker said. "State and local governments will continue to step up testing capabilities alongside the community tracing program. Positive case rates are moving in the right direction," he added.

Baker said that the steps taken in the first phase are for businesses that have "limited face-to-face and customer interactions." He said that people are going to have to change their behaviors and things will not be the same as they were before the virus.

"At some point there will be treatments and a vaccine," he said, but "for the foreseeable future, everyone needs to continue to do the same thing."

This goes hand-in-hand with the Baker-Polito administration's new "Safer At Home" advisory, which advises people to stay at home "unless going to a newly opened facility or activity," he said. Those over the age of 65 and who are at high-risk for the virus should remain at home.

"The virus will be with us throughout the reopening process," Baker said. "How well everyone does these things will determine how well we move into later phases."

He also said that "we'd all prefer to believe that the virus is less serious now and that it's behind us," but "if we don't keep up the fight and do things we know we have to do and can do we run the risk of creating a second spike in the fall."

He thanked those who have been vigilant in playing their part to reduce the spread of the virus and asked that everyone continue everything they've been doing.

"This plan required a tremendous amount of thought, planning, and preparation by the board," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Our work would not have been possible without

an extensive municipal engagement," she added.

Polito said that things like campgrounds, community pools, playgrounds, restaurants and more, could resume in Phase Two with specific guidelines, and in Phase Three, arts and entertainment, gyms, and other activities "push us towards Phase Four of all resumption of activity," in what will be called the "new normal."

However, as the governor has said several times over the past few weeks, public health data will determine whether the state will enter a new phase, and he said it is possible to revert to a previous phase if necessary.

Polito said that a restaurant, accommodations, and tourism work group has met and will continue to have discussions with these industries about "industry specific protocols for meeting safety standards."

She also said that the business community will continue to be supported "as they implement the mandatory workplace safety standards" that the administration announced last week. She added that businesses opening up in Phase One will be required to comply with these standards before they are allowed to open.

"The administration will require businesses to self-certify," Polito said, adding that they must develop a COVID-19 control plan and implement the safety standards.

The state has also created sector-specific guidance that "aim to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmissions in each industry." Materials for these guidelines and safety standards are available on the Reopening Massachusetts section of the mass.gov website.

Childcare And Transportation

Polito also said that "key components" of beginning to reopen the state include childcare and public transportation.

In March, the administration created an emergency childcare system for children of essential workers and others on the front-lines of fighting the virus.

She said that the emergency childcare system already in place will be used to meet the needs of "people with no alternative for care" as people slowly return to work in Phase One. She also encouraged families to find alternatives to group care, and that currently, only 25 percent of emergency childcare is occupied. "The system we established

has capacity for 10,000 children statewide," Polito said.

"Summer camps serve an important purpose," Polito added, saying that additional health and safety standards are being reviewed in preparation for the opening of summer camps. She said that these health guidelines could be implemented in over 1400 camps across Massachusetts, and "pending public health data," camps could open in Phase Two "with limitations and standards in line with CDC guidance."

On the transportation front, "the MBTA has been and will continue to implement measures to prevent the spread," Polito said. "We cannot significantly reduce transmission" without the support of everyone in the state.

She said that riders of the MBTA are required to wear face coverings, and employers should implement work from home practices and stagger the workday to "reduce demand on rush hours."

Polito said that in Phase One, the MBTA will "support the transit needs of essential workers and those returning" by continuing with limited service. By Phase Three, there will be a modified version of full service, and the MBTA will continue to provide protective supplies to workers and clean stations and vehicles often, as well as "actively communicate public health guidance in stations, online, and over social media," Polito said.

"Today, as we move forward in implementing this plan for reopening, I am confident in everyone's ability to play their role," Polito said. "Everyone must do their part."

She said that the "next few weeks are really important," and by helping businesses incorporate workplace safety standards and making sure everyone follows guidelines, "the Commonwealth can stay ahead of this virus." Polito said.

"As we balance the shared goals of activating economy and public safety...our roadmap provides us with a plan and a direction point to get started," Polito said. "The people of Massachusetts are strong; we're resilient, we've come through tough times before and we will come through this tough time again."

To download the full Reopening MA report with details about which industries fit into which phase, visit https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts.



FCBL MVP Lawlor, all-star Malgeri return to Navigators outfield

The North Shore Navigators rounded out their outfield for the 2020 season with the signing of two more Futures Collegiate Baseball League All-Stars returning to the Fraser Field grass for a second straight summer.

Before transferring to Division 1 schools this fall, reigning Futures League Most Valuable Player Sean Lawlor (Maine) and fellow 2019 All-FCBL outfielder Ben Malgeri (Northeastern) will spend another summer together as Navigators. President and General Manager Derek January made Friday's announcement.

Lawlor posted a .291 average with 17 home runs and 107 RBI during his 146-game career at Flagler College and will move on to play his final college season at the University of Maine. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound left-handed swinger from Boca Raton, Fla., became North Shore's first-ever FCBL MVP last summer after leading the circuit in hits (66), extra-base hits (26), and total bases (111). He also finished second in average (.351), RBI (40), runs

scored (44) and slugging percentage (.590) and tied a single-season franchise record with eight hom-

As for this spring, Lawlor hit .286, drove in 16 runs and led the Division 2 Saints in both runs scored (21) and triples (3) over his 22 contests. He was an All-Peach Belt Conference Second Team honoree last season after hitting a career-best .308, matching his sophomore extra-base hit total of 20, and pacing the team with seven homers and 44 RBI.

Scouting Report: Complete player ... excellent hitter with sneaky power ... can run too ... MLB comp: Andre Ethier.

Malgeri is set to transfer to Northeastern University from New Mexico Junior College, where he hit .314 with four homers, 12 RBI, 18 runs scored, a 1.137 OPS and five stolen bases in 18 games as a sophomore. The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Stratham, N.H., native joined the Navs after beginning his career at Holy

Malgeri earned FCBL All-

Star and All-FCBL Second Team honors last summer as he placed seventh in the league with a .333 average and third in runs (42). He also reached base at a .427 clip, finished second to Lawlor for the team's RBI lead (27) and became just the fourth player in franchise history to record a five-hit game while helping the Navs to a 30win regular season and league semifinal appearance.

Scouting Report: Big, strong and fast ... middle-of-the-order bat ... very good outfielder ... MLB comp: A.J. Pollock.

In addition to their 2019 FCBL All-Star and All-FCBL honors, Lawlor and Malgeri were two of the three starting outfielders named to the Navs' FCBL All-Decade Team last month.

The Navs are now preparing for the 13th season of collegiate ball at Fraser Field and their ninth in the Futures League, which will begin on a date to be determined this summer. Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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Lazy Dog Sports Bar	328A Broadway, Lynn 01904	Take out only Mon-Sat (11am-1am) Sun (11am-11:30pm)	yes	(781) 477-1988
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Lucille Wine Shop	776 Washington St, Lynn 01902	Sundays/Mondays - OPEN (12-6pm) Tuesday-Saturday- OPEN (11am-8pm)	yes	(781) 584-4695
McDonald's on the Lynnway	567 Lynnway, Lynn 01905	Drive-thru, Take out & Delivery	yes	(781) 581-2050
Monte's	141 Eastern Ave, Lynn 01902	Sunday - Thursday (12-8pm) and Friday - Saturday (12-9pm)	yes	(781) 599-0478
Nightshade Noodle Bar	73 Exchange St., Lynn 01901	Take out, local delivery & curbside pickup available E-Giftcards now available, Use code HELPNOWEATLATER	yes	(781) 780-9470
Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt	124 Broadway, Ste B, Saugus 01906	Take out & Delivery (12-9:30pm)	yes	(781) 558-5644
Patriot Lobster	48 Broadway, Salem 01970	Curbside Pickup Delivery for 10lb min (\$10 fee for surrounding towns)		(978) 740-2900
R.F. O'Sullivan's	151 Central Ave, Lynn 01901	Take-out, Curbside & Free Delivery thru UberEats (11-7pm)	yes	(617) 997-1184
Rolly's Tavern on the Square	338 Broadway, Lynn 01904	Limited Menu Curbside Pickup/Delivery (4-8pm)	yes	(781) 599-2160
Rossetti's Restaurant	47 Sutton St., Lynn 01901	Take out & Delivery Tuesday-Sunday (4-8pm)	yes	(781) 599-2051
Skinny Hanks BBQ	45 Lewis St., Lynn 01902	Thursday -Friday (5-9pm) Saturday (3-9pm) Sunday (2-7pm)	yes	(339) 440-5685 or (978) 239-3680
Tacos Lupita	129 Munroe St., Lynn	Take Out Monday- Saturday 10:30 am - 9pm		(781) 593-6437
The Blue Ox	191 Oxford St., Lynn	Preorder Curbside Pickup, Every Thursday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm Order on Toast Takeout App or online: www.theblueoxlynn.com	yes	(781) 780-5722
Tropical Smoothie Cafe	450 Paradise Rd, Swampscott 01907	Take out Monday-Sunday (11am - 7pm) + Mobile App is available	yes	(781) 842-4697
Uncommon Feasts Cafe	271 Western Ave, Lynn 01904	Take out, curbside and local delivery 7 days a week (11am - 10pm)	yes	(781) 592-5500 ciao@uncommonfeasts.com
UNO's Pizzeria	970 Paradise Rd, Swampscott 01907	Take out & Delivery (11am-11:30pm)	yes	(781) 595-8667
Walnut Street Coffee Cafe	157 Walnut St, Lynn 01905	Take out Available Mon-Fri (5am-12am) Sat-Sun (6am-12am)	yes	(781) 596-1690
Yan's China Bistro	146 Humphrey Street Swampscott MA 01907	Take Out Everyday 1130am- 10pm		(781) 593-3308

NSCC to Host First Virtual Commencement June 25

Senior Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren will be the Commencement keynote speaker at North Shore Community College's 54th Commencement, its first virtual one ever.

Elizabeth Warren was the first woman ever elected to the United States Senate from Massachusetts in 2012, and is now serving her second term. She was a recent candidate for the US Presidency.

The college expects to bestow approximately 1,000 associate degrees and certificates at the graduation, which will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pre-recorded Commencement Ceremony will be broadcast via You Tube on Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m. and will feature every eligible graduate, including a quote, picture or video from those wishing to share such.

Larissa Louissaint of S. Hamilton will be the Commencement student speaker. Louissaint, the president of the college's Multicultural Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and Chief of Staff for the Student Government Association, was recently named to the state PTK MA All State team, made up of high student achievers and leaders. Louissaint plans to attend Suffolk Law School and hopes to become an advocate for the betterment of others.

Luis Navarro of Peabody, a native of Venezuela, will be this year's Commencement soloist and will perform the National Anthem a capella. Navarro started the college's popular Music Club and planned many open mic events at the college.

"Making the difficult decision to forego an in-person, tradition-



Senator Elizabeth Warren.

al graduation was heart wrenching as we know how much our graduates look forward to the ceremony and being able to walk across the stage in front of their



Luis Navarro.

family and friends to celebrate all they have accomplished through sheer determination, persistence and grit," said NSCC President Dr. Patricia A. Gentile. "We have a very dedicated team working



Larissa Louissaint.

diligently to ensure that the virtual graduation will be as robust and memorable as ever, and something each of our graduates will be proud to participate in."

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Massachusetts weekly unemployment claimant data

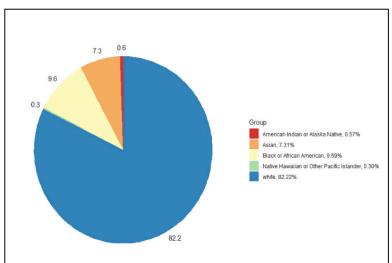
From May 3 to May 9, Massachusetts had 44,274 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI), a decrease of 10,949 over the previous week, and the sixth consecutive week of fewer initial claims filing over the previous week

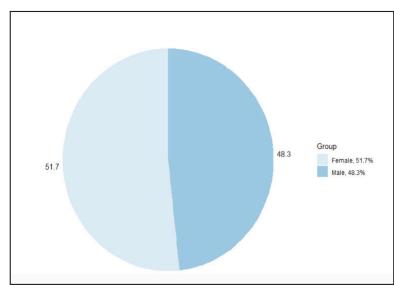
Since March 15, a total of 821,506 initial claims have been filed for UI. For the week of May 3 to May 9, there were a total of 576,172 continued UI claims, an increase of 3.6% over the previous week.

Since April 20, over 255,000 claimants have filed for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PLIA)

Between both the UI and PUA programs more than 1 million unemployment claims have been filed in the Commonwealth.

Over the last month, the customer service staff at the HY-PERLINK "https://www.mass. gov/orgs/department-of-unemployment-assistance"\t"_blank" Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has grown from around 50 employees to over 1800. The remote customer service operation is now making over 32,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls - which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese - and have been attended by over 240,000 constituents.





Massachusetts was one of the first states to successfully launch the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. Due to DUA's previous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud,

the first unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms for both regular UI and PUA has maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.