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Vote By Mail

Rowe leads Lynn's election effort for Sept. 1 Primary

By Cary Shuman

By now, Lynn's registered voters should have an "Official 2020 Vote by Mail Application" which was sent this week by mail from State Secretary William Galvin.

Lynn City Clerk and Election Chief Janet Rowe said that residents must fill out the application and send it to her office by Aug. 26.

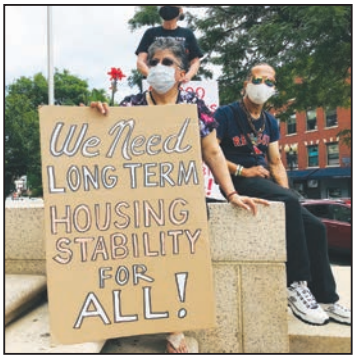
"If you email it [to Karen Richard] - as long as the signature on the application is visible,

we'll take it," said Rowe.

Many more voters will be casting their votes by mail, a new option made available this year due to the coronavirus health crisis.

"We really want to get the word out there how safe it is to vote by mail," said Rowe, who expressed confidence in the process. "I know there's a lot of people saying, 'voter fraud,' and all that, but you have to ask for the ballot. You still have to fill out

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COURTESY PHOTOS FROM JUAN GONZALES PHOTOS

Lynn residents and community groups spoke out at a rally in front of City Hall Wednesday to demand that state government enact legislation to protect against an unexpected wave of evictions and foreclosures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Water quality report card for Kings Beach in Lynn announced

By John Lynds

With summer in full swing and beach goers enjoying sun, surf and sand, while social distancing Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released its annual report on the water quality at Kings Beach in Lynn.

According to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Annual Beach Water Report Card, Kings Beach's water quality went up four points in the summer of 2019.

Kings Beach scored a 79 percent last summer after posting a perfect 75 percent in 2018. In 2017 Kings Beach scored a 92 percent; an 83 percent in 2016; a 76 percent in 2015; and an 88 percent in 2014.

Last year's score elevated Kings Beach's six year average to 82 percent.

The drop in some scores at beaches like Kings Beach was not surprising. Though places like Lynn, Swampscott and Boston continue to track down and correct old combined outfall sewer connections and broken pipes, it is a slow go and there are no easy fixes.

Old combined outfall hook-ups mix stormwater and sewage together after a big storm and pump it out into the harbor.

Berman has long said that there are two ways to fix an urban beach problem. One way is to sever every pipe that goes into the beach like the city did in South Boston years ago but that is very expensive.

The other way to ensure cleaner water is for residents to look at their own water and sewer hook

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Newhall: Our Best Season Ever

St. Mary's girls basketball holds awards banquet

By Cary Shuman

"When St. Mary's High School girls basketball coach Jeff Newhall calls it "our best season ever," you know it's been one for the all-time record books.

Newhall made that declaration at the team's awards banquet held outdoors July 15 at Rolly's Tavern in the Square. There was much to celebrate: a 2020 Division three state championship, a record-breaking 25-2 record, and titles in the Hoosac Valley Christmas Tournament, Boverini Tournament, Coaches Versus Cancer (South Carolina), Spartan Classic, and North Sectionals - along with a victory over Rockland in the state semifinal at the TD Garden.

Newhall was joined by his assistant coaching staff of Jim Foley, history teacher extraor-

dinaire Mike Jalbert, Victoria Ault, Allison McCarthy, and Tim Spinney in honoring the state champions.

St. Mary's administrators James Ridley and Jacqueline Foley extended the congratulatory wishes to the team from the school.

"From start to finish, in my opinion, this was the best season we've had, not just because what happened with wins and losses - but we really had limited to no issues the whole year," said Newhall. "It's a real tribute to the girls and the senior leaders on this team. I hope our younger student-athletes picked up one or two things that you saw that worked to keep the team together."

Each player received several gifts in recognition of being a state champion, including a repli-

ca of the "MIAA State Champions" trophy, which is really an impressive piece of hardware.

Newhall presented the major individual awards to Co-MVPs Gabby Torres and Maiya Bergdorf, Offensive Player of the Year Olivia Matela, Unsung Player Nicolette D'Itria, Coaches Award recipient Jannise Avelino, and Spartan Award recipient Alyssa Grossi.

Rising sophomore guard Yirsy Queliz, who was unable to attend the banquet, was the recipient of the Most Improved Player Award.

After receiving her Unsung Player award, D'Itria credited the seniors for their leadership.

"I thank the seniors for leading a great team to a great season and

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EDITORIAL

CHANGE MILITARY BASE NAMES

IMMEDIATELY

If you're like us, then it truly has been a revelation in these past few weeks to learn that U.S. military installations throughout the South were named in "honor" of Confederate heroes in the Civil War.

Whenever we would hear the name, "Ft. Benning, Georgia," for example, we never gave it a second thought. However, it turns out that Henry Benning was a general in the Civil War who led a number of campaigns against the North.

In short, he sought to destroy the United States -- so how does a guy like that get a U.S. military base named after him?

Well, the short answer is that Benning was an avowed racist who wanted to destroy the Union so that the South could maintain slavery.

Here's what he said at the Secession Convention in Virginia in February, 1861: "If things are allowed to go on as they are, it is certain that slavery is to be abolished. By the time the North shall have attained the power, the black race will be in a large majority, and then we will have black governors, black legislatures, black juries, black everything. Is it to be supposed that the white race will stand for that?"

It was not a coincidence that almost all of the military bases in the South are named after Confederate war heroes who, like Benning, also were notable for the roles they played in advocating for slavery before the Civil War and for white supremacy after the Civil War, including one general who was a founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

Almost all of these military installations came into existence during WWI and WWII when the U.S. was mobilizing millions of Americans from all around the country. The naming of the bases for Confederate war heroes was a concession to southern political leaders, who wanted to send the message that although the South had lost the Civil War, their belief in white supremacy nonetheless had prevailed.

And why did the military and Northern political leaders placidly go along with such a disgraceful tactic? The short answer is that racism was (and is) endemic in our country from North to South and East to West. During both WWI and WWII, the entire U.S. military was segregated, something that did not change until 1948 when President Harry S. Truman desegregated our armed forces.

These military base names are not merely a vestige of slavery, they also represent the entire history of our country's racist past.

The sooner they go, the better.

A DEPRESSING THOUGHT – SUMMER IS HALF OVER

The summer of our discontent -- the summer that hasn't been -- is just about half over. June has come and gone and we are just past the midway point of July, which means that there are only seven weeks left until Labor Day.

The arrival of summer has been a blessing for just about all of us during this pandemic. We can go outside and enjoy the fresh air (which, by the way, has been the cleanest it has been in decades in our area thanks to the reductions of emissions from automobile, jet aircraft, and cruise ship traffic).

Although our gyms have been closed, we can run, walk, bicycle, and swim for exercise. Our children can go outside and be children. And for those who simply like to relax, the beaches and our boats have been a welcome respite from our months of lockdown.

But if we look beyond these next seven weeks, the future does not seem to be very pleasant.

The lockdowns and quarantines that first began in mid-March were ameliorated by the imminent arrival of spring weather. But as the weather soon begins to turn colder and stormier after Labor Day, and the days grow shorter, our outdoor activities will be limited.

The phased reopenings this summer have been difficult enough, but as the weather turns for the worse, we fear that so too, will our mental and physical health worsen. The winter of 2020-21 promises to be the most challenging of our lifetimes on many levels.

So as we enter the second half of the summer season, let's make the most of the weeks we have left -- always with masks and social distancing -- to create memories for ourselves and our children that will bolster us for the difficult days to come.



SCHOOL CHOICES ARE STILL UP IN THE AIR

GUEST OP-ED

How many friends do you have?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

How many friends do you have? Thousands? If you are on Facebook you may have close to 5000 friends and tens of thousands of more "friends" via Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat or various other social media connections. Are you really connected? Can you really call these social media friends, "friends?"

How many of these people do you talk to or have ever had a verbal conversation, in person or on the telephone? How many of them have you met or would like to meet? In most cases if your social media "friends" wanted to meet you and visit you it would scare you to death. Although, I know a little bit about most of mine and in most cases I think I would probably enjoy it. If I wouldn't enjoy it then why have that person in my circle of "friends?" The larger the number of people you have in your social media circle the less likely you are to know much if anything about them and then you have to ask yourself "why?" Most people would never have that much

time to talk on the phone with all their social media friends.

I receive friend requests everyday but seldom accept many because often they are from people who I'm clueless about. Why do I want to know what they are doing or what I'm doing if I don't even know anything at all about the person?

There is a verse from scripture that says "A friend sticks closer than a brother." Often in life you discover your friends aren't who you thought they were but often are the people you might never imagined. A true friend steps in when the others have walked away. All you need to do is fall on your face, make some mistakes in life and you'll lose the majority of your "friends." They'll disappear. The handful of people who stay with you or show up to help you will become the greatest people in your life.

I once heard someone say, "The person who loves God most is at his post when all the others have walked away." It's true with a friend. A real friend will be there regardless. How many people do you have in your life who

will come to you if you are 200 miles away and your car is broke down? Who will try to wire \$500 to you if you are in a distant town and lose your wallet?

What if your business fails, you file bankruptcy, divorce, get a terminal illness or do some stupid things in your life? You may have already found out how people shy away from you during life upheaval. Often, they don't know what to say or do and so they walk away or become distant. They aren't real friends. A real friend doesn't walk away. A real friend doesn't tell you what you want to hear but may tell you their thoughts without trying to wound you. They talk to you in love and in friendship.

How many friends do you really have?

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this application and you have to sign it. And we have people's signatures from when they registered to vote. That signature has to match the one on the ballot when it's sent back to us. We check those to make sure."

Rowe said she and her staff "take every precaution" when they receive a ballot, just as they do in the absentee balloting process. "I like to say that we're 99.99 percent safe," said Rowe.

Rowe said the state is picking up the cost of the postage for the Vote by Mail applications. "It's a savings – and it just makes it a little bit easier," said Rowe.

Once the ballots arrive, the Lynn Election staff will send

them to voters who have mailed in their Vote by Mail applications.

Rowe assured voters that, "We're going to do everything we can to make sure the polling places are safe. We want people to come to the polls and vote, but if they don't feel safe, just mail in your ballot and we'll take care of it."

Rowe announced that the Ward 1, Precinct 2 polling place at the Pondview senior center has been moved to the Sisson School gymnasium.

"All of our polling locations are now in school gyms that are huge," said Rowe.



Preparing for the Sept. 1 Primary Election, Early Voting, and Vote by Mail applications are the Lynn Election Staff, from left, City Clerk Janet Rowe, Election Intern Deb Santos, Election Coordinator Sarah Bullock, and Election Administrator Karen Richard.

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State continues to advance solar progress with incentive program updates

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced final updates to the Commonwealth's Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program after filing emergency regulations in April. As a result of a robust stakeholder and public comment process, the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) implemented revisions to land use regulations and grandfathering provisions in order to balance increasing the development of solar energy production in Massachusetts with protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources. This next phase of the SMART program promotes the continued growth of solar in the Commonwealth by doubling the program capacity to 3,200 megawatts (MW).

"Massachusetts' solar industry plays a critical role in meet-

ing our clean energy and climate goals, and today's updates to the SMART program reflect our continued leadership in advancing solar energy and reducing emissions," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The updated program will support twice as much solar capacity while encouraging thoughtful solar siting and increasing protections for the Commonwealth's most important natural resources."

Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in solar, with over 105,000 projects and 2,700 MW installed across the state. On April 14, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration filed emergency regulations related to the SMART program with the Massachusetts Secretary of State. Regulations went into effect immediately on April 15, 2020. The filing of the emergency regulations commenced an extensive three-month process of

stakeholder engagement, public comment, and virtual tutorials.

Notable updates to the regulations included expanding the capacity of the program by 1600 MW to 3200 MW, expanding eligibility for low-income projects, promoting solar paired with storage, modifications to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources, and several changes aimed at diversifying the types of projects.

"The next phase of the SMART program showcases our commitment to both protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth as well as advancing the adoption of clean energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "Protecting our natural environment is important to meeting our ambitious net zero emissions target while increasing resilience to climate change impacts throughout

the state."

Key changes to the program since the April 2020 filing include updates to the land use eligibility and expanded accommodations for solar projects that were previously in development. As in the April filing, the DOER continues to prohibit development on land classified as Priority Habitat and Core Habitat. DOER modified the regulation to allow projects sited on Critical Natural Landscape if the project is qualifying under the first 1600 MW of program capacity. As in the April filing, DOER prohibits development on land classified as Critical Natural Landscape if the project is qualifying in the second 1600 MW of available capacity. This change strikes a balance between protecting key endangered species habitat and continuing clean energy development.

The SMART program, which

launched in September 2018 and is administered by DOER, promotes cost-effective solar development in the Commonwealth through an incentive paid directly by the utility company to the solar generation owner. In January 2019, DOER began the review of the program regulations once the program reached 400 MW of solar projects.

"These updates to the SMART program will ensure that our clean energy industry maintains stability in the short term while advancing key energy and environmental objectives long-term," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. "Additionally, the many other updates to the program will allow for Massachusetts to maintain its national leadership role in the solar industry while protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources."

Massachusetts logs highest unemployment rate in the nation for June

Staff Report

The state's June total unemployment rate is up eight-tenths of a percentage point at 17.4 percent following a revision to the May rate of 16.6 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development an-

nounced Friday.

It is the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

The national unemployment rate for June was 11.1 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts added 83,700 jobs in June. This fol-

lows last month's revised gain of 55,000 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 97,300 jobs as gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Construction; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; Education and Health Services; Manufacturing; and Other Services. Losses occurred in Financial Activities and Information.

Government lost jobs over the month.

From June 2019 to June 2020, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 529,800 jobs.

Losses occurred in each of the private sectors, with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and Construction.

The June unemployment rate was 6.3 percentage points above the national rate of 11.1 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 130,800 from 3,540,900 in May, as 79,200 more residents were employed and 51,600 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 14.5 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last

four weeks – increased to 64.9 percent. Compared to June 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by 2.7 percentage points.

For the most current week in July, From July 5 to July 11, Massachusetts had 23,535 individuals file an initial claim for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) a decrease of 3,084 over the previous week, the fifth consecutive week of decline. From March 15 to July 11, a total of 1,107,650 have filed an initial claim for regular UI. For the fourth week in a row, continued UI claims at 527,307 were down 7,894 or 1.5 percent over the previous week.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending July 11, at 12,832, were slightly less than the previous week. Since April 20, 2020, 664,046 claimants have filed an initial claim for the PUA.

The Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13 weeks of extended benefits, was implemented on May 21. For the week ending July 11, 4,689 PEUC initial claims were filed bringing the total of PEUC filings to 70,356 since implementation.

June 2020 Employment Overview

•Leisure and Hospitality gained 29,500 (+18.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 192,100 (-50.8%) jobs.

•Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 27,900 (+6.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 87,600 (-15.2%) jobs.

•Construction gained 19,700 (+16.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 21,500 (-13.3%) jobs.

•Professional, Scientific and Business Services added 7,600 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 33,000 (-5.5%) jobs.

•Education and Health Services gained 5,900 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 83,300 (-10.3%) jobs.

•Manufacturing added 5,500 (+2.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 13,200 (-5.4%) jobs.

•Other Services gained 4,100 (+4.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down 41,700 (-30.0%) jobs.

•Information lost 1,200 (-1.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 2,600 (-2.8%) jobs.

•Financial Activities lost 1,600 (-0.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 4,600 (-2.1%) jobs.

•Government lost 13,600 (-3.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 49,900 (-10.9%) jobs.

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MS-13 members plead guilty to 2018 Lynn murder

Two members of the violent transnational criminal gang known as “La Mara Salvatrucha” or “MS-13” pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to RICO conspiracy and admitted to their participation in the July 2018 murder of a teenage boy in Lynn.

Erick Lopez Flores, a/k/a “Mayimbu,” 31, of Lynn, and Marlos Reyes, a/k/a “Silencio,” 20, of Chelsea, pleaded guilty in separate proceedings before Senior U.S. District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf to one count of conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, also known as RICO conspiracy, on behalf of the MS-13 gang. As part of their plea, the defendants admitted

that on July 30, 2018, they participated in the murder of a teenage boy who was murdered with extreme atrocity and cruelty, and with deliberate premeditation, in violation of Massachusetts law. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 14, 2020

According to court documents, MS-13 is a violent transnational criminal organization whose branches or “cliques” operate throughout the United States, including Massachusetts. MS-13 members often commit acts of violence against rival gang members, those suspected of cooperating with law enforcement, and others. In recent years, dozens of MS-13 members have been convicted of RICO conspiracy and other serious felonies in

the District of Massachusetts.

Both Lopez Flores and Reyes belonged to the “Sykos Locos Salvatrucha” clique of MS-13, which operated in Lynn, Chelsea and other parts of Massachusetts. Lopez Flores was one of the leaders of the Sykos clique. Both defendants admitted that their racketeering activity on behalf of MS-13 included acts involving murder.

Specifically, Lopez Flores and Reyes admitted that they participated in the July 30, 2018 murder of a teenage boy, whose body was found in a wooded area in Lynn on Aug. 2, 2018. The victim was found dead with dozens of sharp force trauma wounds consistent with being stabbed numerous times. The investi-

gation revealed that Lopez and others had lured the victim to the wooded park a few days prior, where they murdered him because they did not believe he was sufficiently loyal to the group.

Lopez Flores and Reyes are two of six alleged MS-13 members arrested in October 2018.

The charge of RICO conspiracy involving murder provides for a sentence of up to life in prison, five years of supervised release, a fine up to \$250,000 and restitution. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of

the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Boston Field Division; Michael Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and Lynn Police Chief Michael Mageary made the announcement. The Boston, Chelsea, and Peabody Police Departments, as well as the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, provided valuable assistance with the investigation.

The details contained in the charging documents are merely allegations. The remaining defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Pressley, Moulton amendment to protect international students from deportation adopted

Congressman Seth Moulton (MA-06) and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) announced the successful inclusion of their amendment that would codify protections in the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for international students who recently found themselves the target of xenophobic guidance released by the Trump Administration earlier this month.

The amendment affirms that international students can continue to enroll in online coursework without fear of deportation through the entirety of the public health emergency. The effort comes after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released guidance earlier this month that threatened to deport students if they were enrolled in an educational program that offered courses online or via distance learning in order to keep students and faculty safe. The guidance was later withdrawn following a lawsuit led by Harvard and MIT, and Congressional backlash and organizing from students, advocates and other institutions of higher education throughout the country. The amendment serves as an important legislative protection to prevent the Trump Administration from attempting to target these students again while the COVID-19 crisis continues.

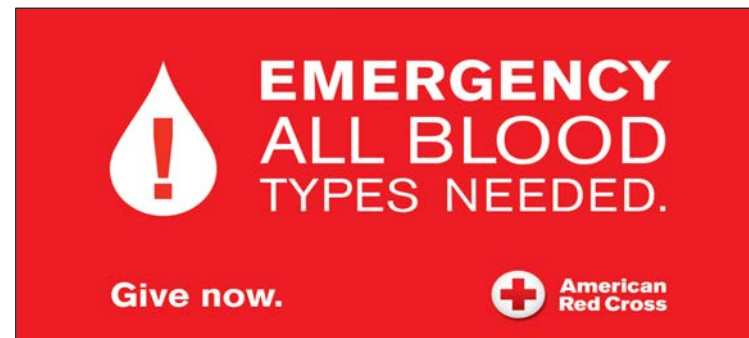
“Taking visas away from students studying at American

colleges and universities just because they’re learning remotely during the pandemic is not only xenophobic, it’s going to make us less safe. When international students can learn in America, many stay and bring their valuable perspectives, languages, and talents to institutions that protect our national security,” Congressman Moulton said. “I’m going to keep fighting so international students studying here can stay and worry about their classes, not about a president who wants to demonize them.”

“ICE’s proposal to threaten international students at our colleges and universities with deportation was a blatantly xenophobic effort to hold these students hostage in an attempt to pressure colleges to reopen for in-person classes despite the ongoing risks to the public health and safety of students, faculty, and staff,” said Congresswoman Pressley. “While I am relieved that this administration heeded our calls and bowed to public pressure by rolling back this bigoted policy, we know all too well that we cannot trust them to keep their word. This amendment will protect international students while allowing our higher education institutions to take the appropriate steps to keep their communities healthy and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.”

Earlier this month, Congresswoman Pressley and Congressman Moulton led a bicameral

group of nearly 100 lawmakers incalling on Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf to withdraw the xenophobic guidance.



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Kennedy tours Lynn Community Health Center, meets with frontline workers

On Sunday, Joe Kennedy III visited the Lynn Community Health Center to meet with health care providers and frontline employees. Kennedy's visit was part of his Jobs and Justice Initiative (JJI), which is a working legislative proposal intended to guide our country's economic recovery efforts towards building a better, stronger, more resilient post-COVID America.

Kennedy was greeted upon arrival by Dr. Kiame Mahaniah and followed stringent COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols before entering the facility. On the tour, Kennedy spoke with Dr. Mahaniah, nurses, and other employees about their challenges and received feedback on his Jobs and Justice Initiative.

"The burden of this pandemic has rested on the shoulders of doctors, nurses, and health care staff like no other time in our history," said Congressman Joe Kennedy. "It's time we finally protect these frontline workers, and not just during this pandemic. We need to make sure every single person in Massachusetts and in our country has access to health care, and we can only de-

liver on that promise if we take care of the workers who will make it possible. To everyone at Lynn Community Health Center who took the time to share your experience, thank you. We are fighting for you."

Joe Kennedy's Jobs and Justice Initiative (JJI) has been geared towards meeting with working families, business owners, Black and Brown communities, organized labor, essential workers, and other community leaders in order to hear feedback from those most affected by the virus.

The Kennedy Jobs and Justice Initiative (JJI) proposes a large-scale public works and federal hiring program designed to both address the acute needs of COVID-19 response, and to remedy the profound injustices of our modern economy, which long predated this pandemic. With a focus on equality, intersectionality, and anti-racism, the proposal builds on Kennedy's earlier "moral capitalism" platform and continues his efforts to reorient federal economic policies to center American workers.



COURTESY PHOTOS

After being cleared by the stringent COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols, Joe Kennedy III entered the Lynn Community Health Center to meet and talk with frontline employees about their challenges and receive their feedback. Shown in the photos above and below, Kennedy talks with Health Center members.



GOVERNOR BAKER THANKS SALVATION ARMY



Great works have been going on at the Lynn Salvation Army facility since Covid-19 pandemic erupted. Many volunteers from within the city including the City Councilors kept this food bank up and running each day. Governor Charles Baker along with Lt. Governor Karen Polito expressed a deep thank you for all the volunteers who distributed over one million food packages to Lynn residents. As Governor Baker said, "The volunteers who work at this facility make enormous personal contributions helping the residents in need. I am deeply grateful to the support from the City of Lynn stepping up under these current circumstances" Pictured are Governor Charles Baker and Lt. Governor Karen Polito with Lynn Salvation volunteers at distribution center

Still fighting on the Front Lines

A day in the life of a nurse during Covid-19

Nicole Branzell, has been a Licensed Practical nurse with All Care for the past nine years. On a typical day, she leaves her house in the morning, works an eight-hour shift, and returns home to her husband and two boys. However, things have changed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and Nicole, like all of us, is now adjusting to the “new normal.”

Over the past several months, the way we provide care to our patients has changed. Nicole and many other healthcare professionals take the highest precautions as they enter healthcare facilities and patient’s homes, donning masks, gloves, using hand sanitizer, etc. Nicole admits that increased stress from COVID-19 can take its toll, noting some days are tougher than

others but “this is what I signed up for.”

While this virus takes a large toll on healthcare workers, it can be devastating for some families of patients who contract COVID-19. Nicole experienced this with one of her patients she has cared for over the past eight years. The patient’s daughter called Nicole one afternoon to tell her that her father (who was not a patient) tested positive for COVID-19. This was especially worrisome as the mother, Nicole’s patient, was immunocompromised and suffering from multiple health issues.

The husband was immediately taken to the hospital and they were told that his condition was very serious, and it was only “a matter of time before he passed.” Both their daughter and son were

devastated by this news and consulted Nicole about how to best share this information with their mother, with whom Nicole had developed a very close relationship. The couple had been married for over 50 years and would now not be able to see each other due to visitation restrictions at the facility.

With the help of hospital staff, Nicole came up with a solution. She went to the home and set up a FaceTime call with her patient, the husband, and their children so they were able to say goodbye. The family was thankful they had a way to communicate one last time, as the husband passed within two days of being hospitalized.

Nicole cannot stress enough how important it is for the public to remain vigilant about wearing face masks, practicing social distancing, and proper hand washing techniques. She notes,



#ICannotStayHome
I'm a Nurse

We fight when others can't anymore

Nicole Branzell.

“This man was homebound, yet he still contracted COVID-19.” She hopes this case can serve as an example of the potency of the

virus and encourage people to do their part to stay home and prevent the spread.

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ups and make sure they are not old hook ups that lead out into storm water drains.

Both Lynn and Swampscott have planned improvements to their sewer and stormwater systems, which Berman said he expects will result in significant improvement in water quality on Kings Beach when they are completed.

However, things are a lot better than they were 25 years ago when the Deer Island treatment facility was in disarray and a broken outflow just off the harbor beaches was pumping 200 million gallons of raw sewage back into the water after heavy storms.

“Changes in the intensity and frequency of summer storms often explain the variations we see on our beaches from year to year,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Bruce Berman. “These seasonal variations are why Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is reluctant to draw conclusions from a single year’s sampling results, preferring to rely on the multi-year average we have included in this report.”

In 2019, weekly water quality testing at Boston’s regional beaches began on May 23 and concluded on September 1.

“These scores reflect the percent of samples that complied with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s single sample limit for bacteria which

Beach	2014-2019 Average	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Pleasure Bay	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
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Nahant	98%	93%	100%	100%	97%	98%	100%
Revere	96%	87%	98%	98%	98%	92%	100%
Winthrop	94%	78%	100%	94%	100%	100%	94%
Constitution	93%	90%	94%	95%	96%	89%	96%
Savin Hill	92%	79%	100%	94%	100%	94%	87%
Wollaston	91%	87%	93%	92%	93%	86%	94%
Short	90%	88%	100%	80%	88%	84%	100%
Malibu	90%	83%	91%	91%	97%	87%	93%
King's	82%	79%	75%	92%	83%	76%	88%
Tenean	80%	67%	78%	81%	92%	71%	95%
All Beaches	93%	88%	94%	94%	96%	91%	96%

Save the Harbor’s Annual Water Quality Report Card for the Metropolitan Beaches

is the most straightforward way of evaluating beach water quality and potential impacts on human health,” said Berman.

Lynn was not alone in 2019 and the overall water quality safety rating for Boston Harbor’s regional beaches owned by the Commonwealth and managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation was 88 percent, a decline from the previous year’s score of 94 percent.

“2019 was one of the wettest years on record for Mas-

sachusetts, part of the wettest 12-month stretch in the state’s 124 years of record keeping,” said Berman. “Some summer storms dropped a month’s worth of rain in just a few hours. It was a summer of extremes, with July also being the hottest one on record, making beach accessibility even more critical to the region’s residents.”

Berman added that 2019 marked a change in beach posting protocol by the Department of Public Health, which resulted in 39 additional days when area

beaches were incorrectly flagged as unsafe for swimming, including over the 4th of July weekend.

“While we recognize the importance of protecting public health, the current system is severely flawed and needs to be improved,” said Berman. “One critical weakness of our beach posting and flagging program, where bacteria testing triggers advisories, is that postings are always a day late because beach managers must wait 24 to 36 hours after a sample is collected to obtain test results. Beach

water quality may have already changed significantly during this period, and the prior day’s test does not necessarily reflect current conditions.”

Berman said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay had hoped to resolve this situation before the start of the 2020 beach season, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced public agencies, advocates and other stakeholders to direct their attention and resources to other pressing public health concerns.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

BRIGHTENING UP THE DOWNTOWN

CHELSEA - Most people think of chalk as being a key ingredient of math problem reviews or homework assignments at school, but Chelsea's Melissa Gallego has seen chalk as a way this summer to beautify the downtown with colorful – albeit temporary – art.

Chelsea Prospers has unveiled Chalk Art Saturdays through the months of June and July, each with a unique theme and a local artist to do their handiwork in decorating a secret location that is unveiled later. Some have been on the side of the TD Bank, another was on the stairs to City Hall, and Gallego got to show her handiwork in the center of Bellingham Square by the clock.

Gallego is the 15-year-old daughter of Chelsea's, Juan Gallego, a builder in the community who has spent a great deal of time helping with the City's downtown planning efforts.

While he's a builder, his daughter Melissa is on the creative side.

Melissa attends Malden Catholic School for Girls, and has lived her whole life in Chelsea.

"I have drawn and painted my whole life with inspiration from my father," she said. "I find painting relaxing, but drawing with pencil is my favorite way of making art."

In late June, she created a colorful chalk enhancement near the clock in Bellingham Square – the theme being 'Embracing New Rituals.'

Another Chelsea artist who has contributed is Max Pro, who was born and raised in Chelsea, but left to pursue his dreams. However, he said he always knew he belonged in Chelsea and has returned.

His family migrated to Chelsea from Cuba many years ago, and he said he spends most of his time with his wife, daughters and siblings.

His creativity began when he was exposed to comic books – that combined with a curiosity about the theory of time travel. Those things mixed together launched his creative side when he was younger. Now, he owns a clothing design business called All Planets that also represents suicide awareness and mental health wellness.

He said he loves being in-

involved in the community and wished he had more time in the day to be active.

"I always remain thankful for everyone's support, kind words and good energy," he said. "Without it, I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am today."

KNIGHTS STILL ACTIVE

CHELSEA - While the Knights of Columbus in Chelsea might have vacated their building in Chelsea Square, members this week said they have not folded and continue to actively meet and help the church community in Chelsea.

Member Frank Pegnato – a Chelsea native and long-time Knight – said the organization is still active, despite much discussion lately about the Christopher Columbus Statue and the Chelsea Knights being defunct.

It's not so, said Pegnato.

"The Knights of Columbus has not folded," he said. "Unfortunately there was an issue with taxes and we found out we owed a lot of taxes we didn't know about. We ended up finding out though that the City had overcharged us \$80,000 and got that money back from the City. However, because of that, we ended up selling our building across the street from the statue. That said, we still meet one time a month at the Chelsea Yacht Club. We're still very active giving money to the churches in the community."

The organization started in Chelsea in 1898 and was founded to help the Catholic church community in the city. Pegnato said just recently Our Lady of Grace was being threatened with closure if they didn't rebuild a critical retaining wall. The Knights were able to provide \$110,000 to replace the wall and keep the church open.

The statue of Christopher Columbus has come under fire recently in Chelsea Square – across the street from where the Knights building used to be. Several City Councilors asked that the statue be removed and a tribute to the indigenous people that once populated Chelsea be erected in that location. That request has been sent to a Committee on Conference for further discussion.

The statue in Chelsea was put up not to honor Columbus, but to designate the Knights of Columbus location. It was funded by more than a half-dozen organizations in the City in the 1930s, and out of a response, the Knights said, to defend those without a voice in those times. The Knights were founded in

America to help people without a voice who were being persecuted in the early 1900s, many of them being Italian immigrants or Roman Catholics suspected of espionage, treason or anarchist beliefs.

Statues of Columbus were put up all over America to denote the presence of a club in that town. The one in Chelsea was put up after significant fund-raising to denote the Knights location across the street.

Still today, Pegnato said they may no longer have a building, but they certainly have a presence – unlike what many have recently said in the statue debate.

"The Knights of Columbus is still active and still very much alive in Chelsea," he said. "We don't have a building now, so we're not as visible as we were, but we're still active and our meetings are held every month – like they have been for more than 130 years in Chelsea."

DeMARIA MARRIES COUPLE ON CAPE

EVERETT - It was supposed to be a weekend getaway for Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his family on Cape Cod – a break from the long haul of COVID-19 – but a day on the beach turned the mayor into a reverend.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria reported last week the incredible story of his weekend getaway where while on the beach in Cape Cod on Saturday, he was able to help two strangers, who are surgeons from Cape Cod Hospital, to get married when their minister couldn't make it.

Dr. Matt Kalliath and Dr. Naomi Wiens were about to be married on Saturday in a sunset wedding on the beach in West Yarmouth. As the time came to start the ceremony, panic set in when they couldn't find the minister. Soon, they found that the minister wasn't coming due to a last-minute emergency.

Now, with the sun setting, their wedding was in crisis mode.

Wiens set out for the beach, and while in her wedding gown, began searching for anyone who might be able to marry them. Wiens's mother also set out trying to find some stroke of luck.

She found the luck in DeMaria.

After explaining the situation to the mayor, they asked if he would step in and marry the couple so that the show could go on. DeMaria told her he would love to help, but he didn't have the authority as mayor to marry anyone.

All was not lost, though, as DeMaria said he would call Gov. Charlie Baker and find out if there was any way he could get temporary authority as Justice of the Peace.

As luck would have it, Gov. Baker answered and told DeMaria he could grant him special authority for the day to marry the couple. So, Gov. Baker did grant the permission and the bride, groom and the mayor headed over to the altar for the wedding.

The wedding took place as planned, and Baker even called the couple afterwards to congratulate them.

It was an unbelievable turn of events, and one that DeMaria said was an incredible experience – though absolutely unexpected.

On Tuesday afternoon, Kalliath and Wiens held a special luncheon in Mashpee to thank the mayor, and present him with a special gift.

It was a welcome turn of events, because the couple had already been forced to cancel their big wedding plans due to COVID-19. Instead, they had planned to have the smaller, sunset wedding on the beach. When that began to fall apart, they were distraught.

Now, all is well, and the happy couple tied the knot – with the help of Mayor DeMaria – and Kalliath is preparing to join Cape Cod Hospital.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO WORK ON POLICY BOOK

EVERETT - Supt. Priya Tahiliani has met with several students who were upset over public inappropriate Tweets allegedly posted by an Everett High teacher in June following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the protests and vigils that followed across the country – including in Everett and Boston.

Those Tweets were detailed in a story in the Independent last month, and Tahiliani told students recently the district condemns the Tweets, is working on discipline for the incident, but most importantly, is working on clear policies that will allow termination of an employee that isn't conforming to the value statements of the district.

The situation with the teacher was not covered under any such policy, and his speech was protected through his Constitutional

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rights and an unclear social media policy that Tahiliani said is being reformed.

"I share your frustration as you constructively and thoughtfully react to tragic national events as well as this specific incident here in Everett," she wrote. "The social media comments made by one of our teachers were insensitive, hostile, and failed to comprehend the driving forces behind the protests that were held in the wake of the murder of George Floyd.

"While we condemned these posts and are still in the process of imposing progressive consequences, I am aware that we have not implemented the particular consequence you seek," she continued. "In our attempts to build a district we are all proud of, we cannot bypass or ignore the protections that are afforded to all individuals, be they as citizens of our country or, in this case, as a member of the school community."

She said what can be done is "institute long term sustainable changes" that address the systemic and institutional racism that plague the nation and the school district. She said the district is working on long-term changes to put in place clear policies that ensure those working for Everett Public Schools will follow the core values of the district both professionally and privately.

"While we all retain our first amendment right, now is the time to make both the statement and the policies that, in the future, ensure that our district reserves the right to terminate those who demonstrate views that are grossly unaligned with the values we know to be right and just," she said. "I am neither frustrated nor intimidated by having these difficult dialogues."

Supt. Tahiliani thanked the students for bringing the Tweets to the attention of the public, and pushing the public schools in Everett to have conversations about the subject.

"I am proud that the district is finally discussing these subjects publicly," she said, noting that the district has been implementing a three-phased Elevating Equity for Everett plan. "I firmly believe that you, our young leaders, are the strong voice we need in advocating for change to denounce institutional racism. As a school district, I thank each and every one of you for being a positive change agent in this work. This conversation is just

beginning, and this work is only at its initial stages. We have a long way to go, but I feel confident we will get there."

DATA SHOWS PPP SAVED JOBS

EAST BOSTON - Data released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury showed that the federal Paycheck Protection Program, or "PPP", was able to save thousands of jobs in East Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The data was released by the Treasury's Small Business Administration (SBA) and showed that 46 small businesses in Eastie benefited from the program by receiving more than \$150,000 in loans.

These 46 businesses were able to save 1,943 local jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic when many businesses were forced to scale back significantly or close all together.

The data also showed 377 Eastie businesses that received SBA loans less than \$150,000 were able to save 1,497 local jobs.

"Small businesses are the driving force of American economic stability, and are essential to America's economic rebound from the pandemic," said the SBA in a statement.

Places like Zumix, Angela's Cafe, East Boston Central Catholic, and Little Folks Community Day Care Center all received PPP loans from the SBA. Some like Zumix, Central Catholic and Little Folks were forced to close in March due to the pandemic and others like Angela's Cafe were forced to cease dine-in service until late June.

The SBA said they released the data as a key aspect of the SBA's Values Transparency program.

"SBA is maintaining a balance between providing transparency to American taxpayers and protecting small businesses' confidential business information, such as payroll, and personally identifiable information," continued SBA's statement. "SBA is committed to ensuring that any release of PPP loan data does not harm small businesses or their employees."

LOCAL SUMMER CAMPS ARE FULL SWING IN

EAST BOSTON - Adjusting summer camp programs to comply with state regulation during

the state's phased COVID-19 reopening hasn't been easy, but East Boston's four premier youth camp program providers are adapting well.

"Summer camp is in full swing at the East Boston Y at our Ashley Street location," said East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta. "We have taken all the necessary safety precautions laid out by the Department of Public Health in order to ensure a safe and fun summer for all our children and staff."

Gaeta said the Y is currently at capacity with 60 children and has been practicing the proper amount of social distancing and cleaning techniques daily.

"Each day the youth take part in awesome STEAM activities, physical activities, teamwork activities, and educational activities--including virtual field trips," said Gaeta. "This year we are intentional about working as much education into fun as possible to help with the "Covid Slide." Each activity is a ton of fun for kids without knowing they are learning core educational building blocks at the same time."

Gaeta said being able to provide the community with a safe place for children to be during the summer months is the Y's top priority.

"It's fun to see the kids return to some sort of normalcy given they haven't been in school since March," said Gaeta. "Staff are energetic to engage our youth each day and provide them with ample space to have a good time"

Over at Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said while it is such a challenging summer and a difficult time for many Eastie families the kids have been having a blast.

"They are doing a great job following the rules, and we appreciate parents and guardians that are always wearing a face covering and keeping a safe distance from program areas," said DeFronzo. "Socialization is such an important part of youth development and being outside makes it as safe as reasonably possible. While we've had to forgo some of our favorite parts of the summer like lunch parties and weekly island trips we've added a few new activities like weekly Friday races right in front of Piers Park."

Now in its third week the Sailing Center's three major programs are well underway.

"We have Harbor Explorers for 6-9 year olds, Science of Sail-

ing for ages 10 and over, and our Future Leader/Instructor Trainee teen program," said deFronzo. "All three are fully booked. Our boats and hands are collectively cleaner than they have ever been and we are going to do all we can to make it through the summer safely and with as much fun as possible."

Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant said the club kids have been having a good summer so far.

"We have had a great camp thus far," said Triant. "This is week three for us and the kids are having a great time. I think just being out of the house and being around friends, even though it is such a limited number of people they interact with, is having a positive impact on the behavior

of the kids. All the parents seem very comfortable with our processes and procedures. We are still growing and now have close to 80 kids in the camp."

Justin Pasquariello, executive director of the East Boston Social Centers, said the Social Centers took a bit longer to reopen and started summer programs on Monday.

"We ended up taking a bit longer to reopen so today is our first day back," said Pasquariello. "We reopened one early learning facility in a new location due to pending displacement from Orient Heights public housing and reopened more school age programming summer camps at 68 Central Square for the same reason and all is going well so far."

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Hurricane season doesn't stop because of a pandemic, and 2020 has been widely predicted to be even busier than recent years. Now, the Red Cross of Massachusetts is looking to virtually train new volunteers in sheltering, health services, and other crucial aspects of mission delivery.

The Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters per year, with a workforce that is 95 percent volunteer. Usually, that gives us the ability to deploy specially-trained disaster volunteers from all over the country – but with COVID-19 travel restrictions in place, we're looking to local residents to answer the call and train up for emergencies that may arise in our region.

The biggest areas of need are

in sheltering and health services. Tasks may include registration, feeding, dormitory and information collection in both associate and supervisory roles. The Red Cross is also looking for RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with active, current and unencumbered licenses to help assess the health of shelter residents.

Since the beginning of July, more than 60 disaster volunteers have already been deployed in Massachusetts, many of those in response to severe flooding from recent storms. A heavy rain storm on June 29 caused a partial roof collapse at a Malden apartment building, forcing the residents of 30 apartments to seek shelter with the Red Cross.

The Red Cross provided

rooms at a nearby hotel for all affected residents, as well as a few people displaced by flooding in other communities. In-person volunteers helped serve residents three meals a day and made sure all areas used by Red Cross clients were properly cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. At the same time, our virtual teams were working with the apartment's property management company to ensure residents had regular updates on the status of repairs and access to alternate housing arrangements as needed. While the immediate need for sheltering services has been met, our recovery casework teams will continue to follow up virtually with clients as needed.

Volunteering with the American Red Cross is a rewarding and life-changing experience that benefits everyone we serve in a time when many Americans feel helpless in the face of this coronavirus pandemic. To make a difference in your community, email MAVolunteers@redcross.org, call 1-800-564-1234 or reach out to us online.

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Students recognized for this honor include:

Kaylee M. Maher,

Belen I. Novoa

Reyes, Sonita S. Rin.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

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DIXON INDUCTED INTO EMERSON COLLEGE GOLD KEY HONOR SOCIETY

Allison Dixon of Lynn is among the 2020 Gold Key Honor Society Inductees. Dixon, of Lynn, MA, a Media Arts Production major, is a member of the Emerson College Class of 2020.

The Gold Key Honor Society is an interdisciplinary organization founded at Emerson College to recognize and encourage outstanding academic achievement.

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About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart

of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

VAUGHAN NAMED TO UA PRESIDENTS LIST

Jada Vaughan, of Lynn, was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for spring 2020.

A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

OLOGUNTERE RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 2 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each Worcester Academy student has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students is:

Precious Ologuntere of Lynn, 12, First Honors.

About Worcester Academy

Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educational independent school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to "Achieve the Honorable" as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond.

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The following Lynn students received degrees from Quinnipiac University:

Jordan Corbishley, Bachelor of Science in Biology

Hadassah Cormier, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

About Quinnipiac University

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 7,000 full-time undergraduate and 3,000 graduate and part-time students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 385 Colleges." The Chronicle

of Higher Education has named Quinnipiac among the Great Colleges to Work For(r). For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook at [facebook.com/quinnipiacnews](https://www.facebook.com/quinnipiacnews) and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE NSCC GRADUATES

North Shore Community College Interim President Nate Bryant is pleased to announce that the individuals listed below graduated from the college on June 25, 2020.

Lynn

Tabitha Adams, Yahya Adan, Alex Aguilar, Abimbola Akinniyi, Vanessa Albornoz Garcia, Cheryl Amadi, Ugochukwu Amadi, Kadeem Antoine, Albeny Arcangel, Monique Argueta, Carlos Arias Reyes, Deanna Armenio, Brina Armstrong, Kayleigh Atkinson, Kerri Atwood, Brandan Baker, Jennifer Benavides-Amaya, Kely Benavidez, Matthew Bistany, Dylan Bogart, Sean Bohannon, Nora Bokila, Chenna Bonilla Mercedes, Shannon Calnan, Gabriella Cannata, Yadira Carvajal, Bi-technide Casseus, Derek Chigas, Jessica Chilel, Scarlen Ciriaco Hernandez, Yuniore Crispin, Rupert Crossley, Yenifer Cruz, Jennifer Damico, Hieu Danh, Alexandra De La Rosa Ventura, Rony Deleon, Assitan Dembele-Boiro, Daniela Derderian, Walkiria Diaz Liranzo, Sinda Diazabakana, George Dimis, Erin Doherty, Allan Dominguez, Jared Downs, Diandra Drivas, Paula English, Anna Espinal, Adrianna Espino, Ayoub Fangar, Joseph Fannon, Gabrielle Farewell, Angel Fernandez, Jacob Fernandez, Njinju Fonge, Kyle Gagnon, Catherine Gallo, Sarah Garang, Shanttal Garcia, Diana Garcia Peguero, Dona Guerrero, Heidi Gutierrez, Anabel Guzman, Daither Guzman, Leilani Guzman, Arlette Hernandez, Julissa Hernandez, Ellis Hobby, Jasia Hutchinson, Cristal Irizarry, Doune Jean Pierre, Tamba Johnson, Cynthia Kim-Castro, Chelsy King, Soyanna Kouch, Eileen Leavey, Metega Leon, Richardson Leopold, Steven Lesnikoski, Nicholas Levy, Yalexis Lopez, Jenna Lucien, Tammie Lugo, Lynda Luk, Emanuell Maldonado, Alla Manukyan, Alicia Martin, Se-

quoia Martin, Cesar Matul, Olga Mbuyu, Belgis Mejia, Manny Mon, Edgardo Montoya, Kelly Morales, Boniface Mungai, Angelina Munoz, Richard Murphy Janaya Nash, Luis Navarro, Karina Nhes, Marc Nickerson, Fonge Njungkeng, Jonniel Nunez, Ashu Oben, Stephen Obrien, Temitope Odumuyiwa, Yafreyri Olea, Hope Omorogbe, Roberto Orelana Gonzalez, Yvonne Osornio, Freda Otaru, Jonathan Paulino, Loan Pech, Carleni Pena, Debra Pickering, Marissa Pike, Dennis Popovs, Juanita Portillo, Stacy Randall, Althea Reeves, Raisa Reyes, Dominee Rivera, Lilibeth Rodriguez, Tyda Rom, Janessa Saimbert, Bryan Sanderson, Arisleidy Santos Abreu, Sophyady Sar, Fabio Silva, Erna Smajilovic, Jasmine Sneed, Yuchana St Germain-Brown, Brandi Sychampanakhone, Brittany Sychampanakhone, Ryan Tavares, Frank Tejada, Sarah Tobin, Sophanna Toh, Jean Baptiste Tokam, Maura Tomaz, Melissa Tombeno, Brenda Vargas, Kirsy Vasquez, Gisselle Ventura, Joanny Vittini, Adriana Wallis, Valerie Wallis, Elizabeth Weeks, Patricia Wheeler, Hunter Whittredge, Crystal Woodworth, Susaty Ynojosa Ruiz.

GIGUERE NAMED TO THE SPRING SEMESTER 2020 DEAN'S LIST

Western New England University is pleased to announce that Eric Giguere, of Lynn, MA has been named to the Spring Semester 2020 Dean's List. Giguere is one of over 950 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Giguere is graduating with a BSBA in Sport Management.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

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keeping the team together and always pushing us to do our best, the same with the coaches - I just want to thank them all, especially Coach Newhall and Coach [Tim] Spinney," said D'Itria.

St. Mary's is regarded as one of elite girls' basketball programs in the state. During the last 10 years, the Spartans have averaged 20 wins per season, which is anything but average: it's ex-

ceptional.

The Spartans should be right back in state title contention next season with the return of Maiya Bergdorf, a Division 1 (Sacred Heart) commit who is ranked among the top five players in Massachusetts; the North Shore's premier backcourt of Nicolette D'Itria and Yirsi Queliz; and outstanding reserves Alyssa Grossi and Van Nguyen.



Assistant Director of Athletics Joe Farrell congratulates graduating player Gabby Torres on her outstanding, four-year varsity basketball career at St. Mary's High School.



Coach Allison McCarthy (center) and Junior Varsity award recipients Madison Spencer (Coaches Award) and Julianna Fama (Spartan Award),



Graduating player Olivia Matela (right), who will be remembered for her game-winning basket at the TD Garden, is pictured with her sister, Reese Matela, who will carry on the family tradition in the St. Mary's High School girls basketball program.



Coach Allison McCarthy (center) and Junior Varsity award recipients Madison Spencer (Coaches Award) and Julianna Fama (Spartan Award),



Coach Jeff Newhall and Gabby Torres, recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award.



Coach Jeff Newhall and Olivia Matela, recipient of the Offensive Player of the Year Award.



Coach Jeff Newhall and Nicolette D'Itria, recipient of the Unsung Player Award.



Coach Jeff Newhall and Maiya Bergdorf, recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award.



Coach Jeff Newhall and Jannise Avellino, recipient of the Coaches Award.



Coach Jeff Newhall and Alyssa Grossi, recipient of the Spartan Award.



Coach Victoria Ault (far right) and freshman team award recipients, Reese Matela (Most Valuable Player), Brooke Moloney (Most Valuable Player), and Gianna Korisianos (Defensive Player of the Year).



2020 STATE CHAMPIONS: The players and coaches of the 2020 Division 3 state champion St. Mary's High School girls basketball team, led by Head Coach Jeff Newhall, are pictured at the awards banquet July 15 at Rolly's Tavern in the Square. School Administrator James Ridley (far right) congratulated the team on behalf of Head of School Dr. John Dolan and Principal David Angeramo.