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## FUNDING FOR CAMP FIRE NORTH SHORE



Camp Fire North Shore received a donation from Camp Lions and the Lynn Lions Club for \$50,000.00 for capital improvements. Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation also donated \$25,000.00 as well as the Geronelis Foundation who will donate a \$100,000.00 over a three year period. This total donation amounts to \$175,000.00 for the initial improvements. Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill was so excited to begin the overdue renovations to the camp located on Cain Road. She continued to explain, "Thank you to these amazing benefactors; we can move forward on the first phase of the project to allow us to serve more North Shore youth and allows us to offer year round programs." The future improvement program will provide a safe and inclusive curriculum helping young people to become "caring and confident leaders". Pictured, the \$50,000 check presented to Camp Fire North Shore – (L-R) Richard Alfonsi, John Baker, Sean Crowley, Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill and Camp Fire Board Members Steve Antonakes, Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Matthew Lamothe.

## Short-range shot

### St. Mary's basketball star Nicolette D'Itria will attend Endicott College in Beverly

By Cary Shuman

Nicolette D'Itria's legacy as one of the most successful players in the history of the powerful St. Mary's High School girls basketball program is already assured.

A superb 5-foot-6-inch senior guard from Revere, D'Itria was a starter and major contributor the last two seasons as St. Mary's played Hoosac Valley in the 2018 state championship game and defeated Rockland in the 2019 state semifinal at the TD Garden (The state final, a rematch with Hoosac Valley whom the Spartans had bested earlier in the season, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Basketball observers will agree that St. Mary's, currently in first place in the Catholic Central

League, would have been one of the favorites for the 2021 state title but the ongoing pandemic has forced the cancellation of the entire MIAA Basketball Tournament.

St. Mary's head coach Jeff Newhall said D'Itria is worthy of all the accolades.

"Nicolette's record of success here is one of the best in the history of our program," said Newhall. "I think if we didn't have a pandemic she would have been the first person here to start in three consecutive state championship games."

As her exciting high school varsity journey winds down (and her now legendary 30-point JV explosion as an eighth grader remains a record), D'Itria has

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## St. Pius School is soaring amidst the challenges caused by the pandemic

By Cary Shuman

When it looked like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic last spring would affect the current school year, St. Pius School Principal Paul Maestranzi and his staff immediately went to work on a comprehensive plan.

"We're doing great," said Maestranzi, a highly acclaimed educator and the school principal since 2000. "We started planning for our September opening last April because it looked pretty imminent that we were not go-



Paul Maestranzi  
St. Pius School Principal

ing to be able to do the regular school procedure."

Parents have responded with their support and gratitude for the professional, caring delivery of education by the St. Pius teachers and the meticulous approach to public safety that the school has demonstrated since it opened on Sept. 14. School enrollment is up 10 percent to 280 students (pre-K through grade 8) and that number would be greater if space allowed. The school has intentionally limited its enrollment in some classes due to social distancing guidelines. There

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NEXT STOP ENDICOTT: St. Mary's High School basketball star Nicolette D'Itria is pictured with her proud family, parents, Mike D'Itria and Tami D'Itria, and brother, Anthony D'Itria.

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# EDITORIAL

## MINIMUM WAGE SHOULD BE AT \$15

In 1971, the minimum wage across the United States, as mandated by federal law, was \$1.60.

Today, the federal minimum stands at \$7.25.

One might look at those two numbers and think that because the minimum wage has increased by more than four-fold in the past 50 years, America's lowest-paid workers are doing alright compared to their grandparents.

But the reality is far different.

In fact, had the federal minimum wage kept pace with workers' productivity in the past five decades, the inflation-adjusted minimum wage would be \$24 an hour.

The reality of the \$7.25 minimum wage, which has been at that level since 2009, is that a person working a full-time job at the minimum wage officially falls below the national poverty level, a reality that would be laughably absurd if it were not so harmful to millions of Americans.

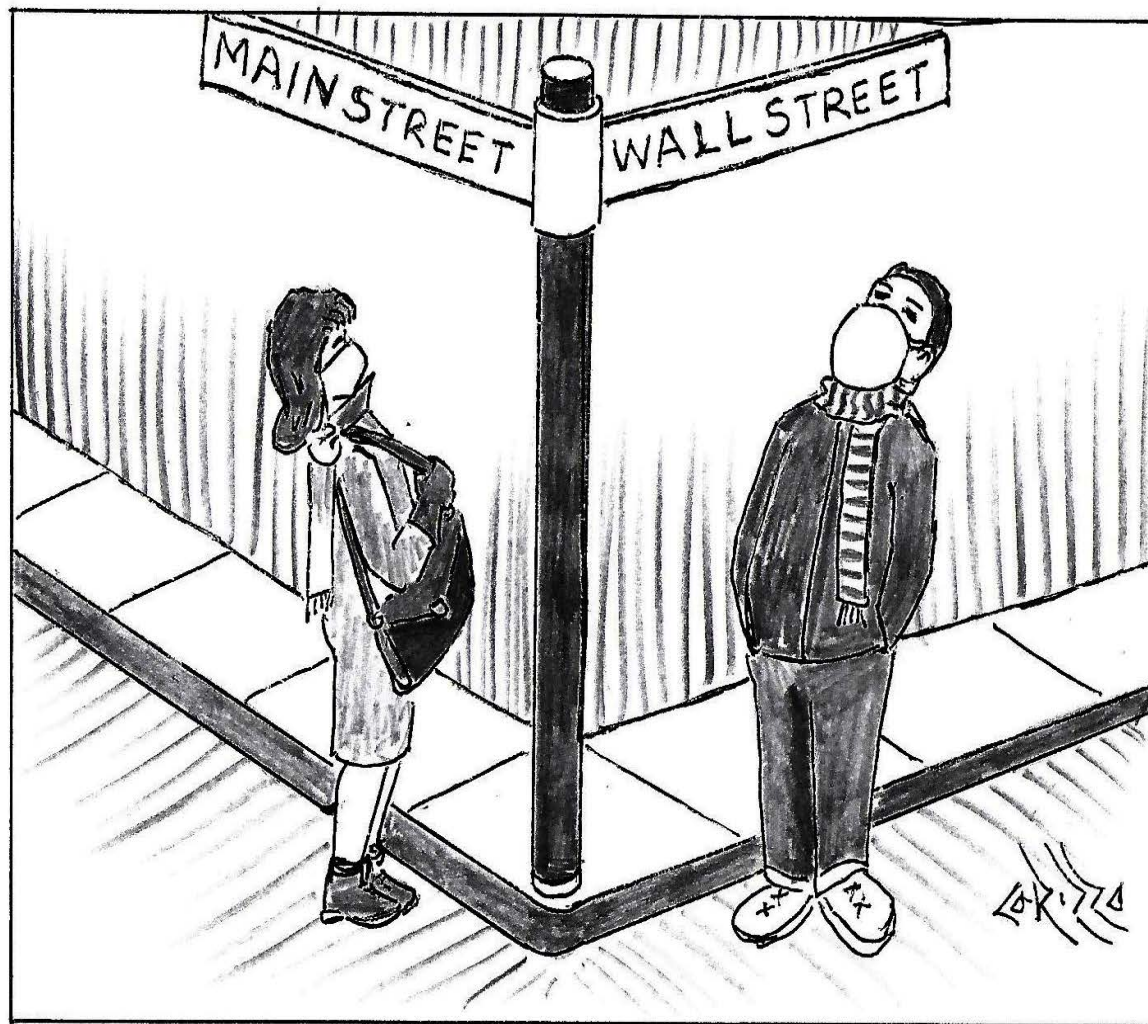
President Joe Biden has proposed increasing the minimum wage across the country to \$15.00 by 2024, essentially bringing it into line with Massachusetts and a few other states that already are near or at that level. (The minimum wage in Massachusetts presently stands at \$13.50 and will increase incrementally here and in seven other states to \$15.00 within the next two years.)

Raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025 would raise wages of up to 27.3 million workers -- almost 20 percent of American workers -- and lift 1.3 million families out of poverty, according to a report by the Congressional Budget Office.

Some on the political spectrum speak exultingly about the dignity of work.

But they ignore the other side of the equation, which is that it is below the dignity of anyone to work for wages that amount to not much better than slave labor.

The time has come to raise the minimum wage and yes, to Make America Great Again -- for everybody.



THE ECONOMY IS A TWO WAY STREET

## OREGON LEADS THE WAY ON DRUGS

For more than 50 years, America has been fighting the "war on drugs," an endeavor that began under the administration of President Richard M. Nixon, who had the avowed purpose of arresting and incarcerating as many Blacks and other minorities as possible, especially for simple possession of marijuana.

The war on drugs has been a failure by any measure. Not only have we spent hundreds of billions of dollars on failed law enforcement efforts both in this country and around the globe, directly leading to the destabilization of many nations that has had profound effects both for those countries and ours, but it is fair to say that the drug war has destroyed the lives of more individuals, families, and communities than the drugs themselves.

Thanks to the war on drugs, the prison population in the United States exceeds every other nation on earth, both in terms of sheer numbers and based on population.

At long last, after 50 years of fruitless and costly failure, things are about to change.

Voters in the State of Oregon recently approved a ballot question that decriminalizes the possession of illegal drugs. Instead of throwing people in jail, the state will view drug use as a health issue, offering addicts treatment instead of prison time.

In Portugal, this approach has been used for 20 years. The result has been stunning. Drug overdose deaths and HIV and other drug-related infections have decreased dramatically. In addition, the removal of criminal penalties did NOT increase the rate of drug use.

The time has come for our society to acknowledge that the war on drugs, which was based on racism to begin with, must come to an end.

Oregon is leading the way -- and change is coming none too soon.

## 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 1,687 with 63 new cases today. 12,800 Lynn residents have recovered and 180 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 14,667. Please visit the City of Lynn COVID-19 Data Dashboard which is updated daily.

The University of Massachusetts (Amherst) Department of Economics and the School of Public Policy and Indiana University are conducting a national study that examines the profound direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on households. The survey includes questions on several areas: impacts on finances, food security, physical and mental health, as well as the effects that school and daycare disruptions are having on work and family lives. The study aims at informing equitable policy interventions and resilience plans.

The survey will take 5 minutes for respondents without children and 8-12 minutes for respondents with children. You can learn more about the project here.

Survey Link: <https://tinyurl.com/UMass-socioeconomic-policy-lab>.

Schedule a COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment at Lynn Tech: <https://www.lchcnet.org/covid-19-vaccine-scheduling>

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for the most up to date COVID-19 testing information, as well as more detailed information on the State and City of Lynn's Reopening Guidelines. We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 through the City website ([www.lynnma.gov](http://www.lynnma.gov)), social media, and the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)).

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announced that she will be continuing her academic and basketball career at Endicott College in Beverly.

"I made the decision the other day after I had a phone conversation with the coach," said D'Itria. "I had talked about it with my parents before and we decided that it would be my best option to go to Endicott."

D'Itria also considered Framingham State, Suffolk, UMAss/Dartmouth among her final choices before making her decision.

D'Itria has toured Endicott's beautiful, picturesque campus, met the basketball coastarches in person, and attended a Lady Gulls' game. D'Itria will play her home games at the Dr. George MacDonald Gymnasium inside the Post Center, which is an excellent facility for college basketball.

**A rising star from her start in Revere**

Nicolette D'Itria's skills and fundamental on the basketball court were obvious from the beginning, a product of her father Mike D'Itria's teachings.

She first played organized

basketball in the fourth grade for the Revere Runnin' Rebels travel team coached by Tim Spinney and Anthony Palermo.

Spinney is currently an assistant coach at St. Mary's. "Mr. Spinney has been with me in basketball the whole time and I'm grateful for all of his support and coaching," said D'Itria.

She attended Immaculate Conception School and excelled as a leading scorer for the school team in grades five through seven.

D'Itria attended Jeff Newhall's Spartans Summer Basketball Camp and enrolled at St. Mary's as an eighth grader.

**A promotion to the varsity as an eighth grader**

Once Nicolette D'Itria arrived in the St. Mary's girls basketball program, Coach

Newhall recognized her potential to contribute at the varsity level right away.

Newhall moved the talented eighth grader up to the varsity and there was no looking back after that. D'Itria became a four-year starter and this season she again pairs with Jirsy Queliz and forms one of the state's best

backcourts.

Though she has exhibited her outside shooting ability in virtually every game (and she has a 25-point performance in Florida that earned a special 'Player of the Game Award'), D'Itria is known widely as "a complete player."

D'Itria can finish drives with either hand. She is an adept dribbler. She is a strong rebounder and tenacious defender. She is generous in her distribution of the basketball, making her a perfect complement to her teammates, including 1,000-point scorer Maiya Bergdorf, Alyssa Grossi, Kelly Preira, Van Nguyen, Pe'jae Parent, and her aforementioned backcourt partner, Yirsy Queliz, a future college basketball prospect herself.

Nicolette's work ethic - a key facet in her consistent improvement instilled in her by her father, Mike - is second to none, according to Newhall.

"Nicolette has worked on her game more than any player we have had in our program and she deserves everything she gets," said Newhall.

She has sharpened her game in the off-season playing AAU

basketball for the MCW Stars under the leadership of coaches Mandy Zagarowski and Jesus Rodriguez.

**Basketball has been a great experience at St. Mary's**

During her career, the St. Mary's basketball team has traveled to play games at Disney World and in South Carolina, New York, and Cape Cod.

"The whole experience has been a lot of fun," said D'Itria. "I have great teammates and friends at the school. You're able to do a lot more on the court with them and it's just an overall better game because of their talent and teamwork."

An excellent student and a member of the National Honor Society who performs community service, D'Itria said the coaches at St. Mary's have been awesome mentors.

"I want to thank Mr. Newhall and all the coaches for everything they have done for us," said D'Itria. "Coach Newhall is always very honest with us and pushing us to do our best."

Nicolette said she truly appreciates Head of School Dr. John

Dolan for attending the team's games, including the meaningful Senior Night Ceremonies. "Our administration and teachers are always so supportive of our team," she said.

One of her favorite teachers is also one of her basketball coaches, Mike Jalbert, who teaches U.S. History at St. Mary's.

"Mr. Jalbert always been there for my basketball and my schoolwork," said D'Itria.

**A lot of support from her family**

Nicolette, 17, is thankful for the support and inspiration of her parents, Mike and Tami D'Itria, and her brother, Anthony, a stellar Steph-like shooter and perhaps the next member of family to help bring home a state title to St. Mary's.

"I want to thank my family for always having my back on everything - my dad, for always taking me out to the gym for extra hours just to put up some more shots and put me through some drills and always pushing me to my limit," said D'Itria. "And my brother is always there to tell me what I can do better on the court."

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have been minimal issues related to COVID-19 positive cases.

Maestranzi said the school initially looked at a two-platoon model (half of the students in morning classes and half of the students in afternoon classes) and modified its plan around that approach.

"The students have half a day of academics with their teachers and the other half of the day they have an academic assistant for classes in physical education, music and art," said Maestranzi.

Students in groups of no more than 15 remain in their classrooms for academic instruction from individual teachers who rotate to the classrooms.

"The students do go out and enjoy a lot of fresh-airtime," related Maestranzi. "The windows are open all the time so there's fresh air coming in and out of the room. Everyone wears a mask. And there are sanitizing protocols that they are following."

St. Pius did institute a 14-day closure (Jan. 4-Jan. 18) following the Christmas holiday vacation as a health precaution. "We went completely remote and we do have 30 students who are offered a half day of virtual learning," said Maestranzi. "But all other students get a full day at the school (from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.)."

Maestranzi can see the joy in

the faces of the students who are happy to be learning and interacting (from a minimum of six feet away) with their friends for the entire school day.

"When we opened in September, the kids were so happy to be here even though it's hard for them - they don't get to move around a lot," said Maestranzi.

Maestranzi began his career at St. Pius as a teacher in 1982. His wife, Cherie, is a kindergarten schoolteacher at St. Pius.

In fact, the esteemed husband-

and-wife Maestranzi duo was the subject of some heartfelt praise from St. Pius' successful alumna Michelle Roach (who holds a graduate degree from Harvard) in a recent feature story in the Lynn Journal. Her brother, Stephen Roach, also one of Mr. Maestranzi's former students at St. Pius, became the class valedictorian at St. Mary's High School and is a Boston College graduate.

The future is bright for students at St. Pius. The school is adding an after-school bell choir

and a knitting club. There are also remote, after-school STEM and robotics programs and a new diversity and sensitivity training program advancing an "everybody is special" philosophy.

Maestranzi said overall the students are in great spirits - and the path of an excellent, well-rounded, Catholic school education at St. Pius is being navigated as smoothly as possible during these unprecedented times in the nation's history.



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Salem State University's annual festival in celebration of Charles Darwin's birthday will be held virtually February 8 through 12, 2021 with a week of lectures. In its 42nd year, The Darwin Festival is a community-oriented event for scientists and non-scientists alike. This year's festival will feature two webinars a day, one at 11 am and one at 2 pm. Topics include: the evolution of skin color; the biology of cities; the biochemical signatures of disease; the origins of wound repair; the mating habits of cannibalistic spiders; the diversity and adaptation of coral reefs; the impact of human behavior on evolution, and more. All talks will be followed by a moderated Q and A are free and open to the public. Registration required. Visit for salemstate.edu/darwinfestival for more information.

"Due to the pandemic this year's festival is entirely virtual,

allowing us to welcome speakers and audiences from across the country," remarks festival coordinator Ryan Fisher, a professor of biology at Salem State. "In true Darwin spirit, the festival is adapting and evolving to meet the time. We are excited for the possibilities."

The Darwin Festival was founded in 1980 by Virginia F. Keville and Philip A. DePalma as part of the course "Human and Social Biology," a biology course for non-science majors. The event was a way to celebrate the impact of Charles Darwin's work while providing students with an opportunity to connect humanity and culture with scientific research. The festival has since evolved into a community-wide event that draws students, scholars, and curious minds from around the region.

The 2021 Darwin Festival is organized by Salem State University's department of biology with support from the Charles Albert Read Trust Fund, the Student Government Association through the Biological Society and the Scuba Club, the Kev-

ille-DePalma Darwin Festival Endowment Fund, Salem State University administration, contributions from Academx, and other individual supporters.

Topics and speaker bios can be found at salemstate.edu/darwinfestival.

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 about 7,300 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 Mil-

itary 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.

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# ST. MARY'S SPARTAN GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM HOSTS SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

The Spartans of St. Mary's Girls Hockey Team hosted a game against Malden Catholic last Saturday night at home in Connery Rink. Prior to the start

of the game Head of Schools, Dr. John F Dolan led the teams and visitors in prayer and welcomed all, as well as congratulating the seniors for their dedication on

and off the ice. St. Mary's went on to win the game and posted another shut-out.



Senior Captain, Felicia D'Alessandro with her parents John and Natalie and her brother Johnnie.



Dr. John F Dolan led the crowd at Connery Rink in prayer prior to the start of the game.



Senior Captain, Makayla McGrath with her mother Cheryl and brother Dougie and her Uncle Nick Napolitano.



Senior Captain, Marina DiBiasio with her parents Bobby and Margo and her sister Mia.



Senior Captain, Samantha Porazinski with her parents Mark and Amalia and Gale Page.



St. Mary's Spartan Senior Captains, Makayla McGrath, Samantha Porazinski, Marina DiBiasio and Felicia D'Alessandro.

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# ST. MARY'S SPARTANS HOST SENIOR NIGHT AND WIN OVER PANTHERS

St. Mary's Spartans top Senior Night off with a win against Cathedral' Panthers 45-44 in boys basketball Wednesday night.

Last Wednesday night prior to the start of the game, St. Mary's Spartan seniors were recognized, Captain Sammy Baptista, Keon Griffin, and Zach Barden. The Spartans completed the evening by defeating Cathedral in a very tight game, 45-44.



Zach Barden with double coverage, looks to set a play for the Spartans.



Derick Coulanges fights to make a play.



Senior Captain Sammy Baptista with a three-pointer.



Keon Griffin with his dad, Jermaine.



Zach Barden with his parents, Michele and Gary and sister Maggie.

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Captain Sammy Baptista, with his mother Raquel, brothers Damonte and Eli, sisters, Mya and Larisca and his Grandmother Lucy.



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# Super Sunday: No Super Bowl team, no problem

By Seth Daniel

The New England Patriots might not be front and center this year, and maybe our quarterback is wintering in Florida this time around, but Boston still ranks as the third best city for football fans this season, according to the annual Super Bowl rankings done by WalletHub.

Every year, the company does an analysis based on several metrics about which city has the best football fans. Naturally, with the Patriots on top – and despite a meager following of college football, which is also ranked – Boston has come out in the top part of the list for years. Even with some of the magic missing, this year Boston landed and #3 for the best football town.

“Boston is the third best foot-

ball city for fans,” said WalletHub Analyst Jill Gonzalez. “The Patriots’ performance level is the sixth highest among NFL teams, and they’ve won six NFL Championships, topping all the other teams. They also have 21 division championship wins, the fourth most, and the second highest franchise value in the country. Other reasons why Boston ranks so high include fan engagement, attendance, popularity, and the fact that they’ve had the same coach for the past ten seasons.”

This year, Boston ranked only behind Pittsburgh and Dallas, and Pittsburgh ended up on top mostly because it has a much higher following of college football than Boston.

Dallas, of course, is Dallas.

The numbers were as follows:

•Pittsburgh – 62.61

- Dallas – 55.55
- Boston – 54.19
- New York City – 49.88
- Miami, FL – 48.61

In order to determine the best and worst cities for football fans, WalletHub compared 245 U.S. cities based on 21 relevant metrics. Each metric was graded on a 100-point scale, with a score of 100 representing the most favorable conditions for football fans.

For their sample, they chose cities with at least one professional football team (NFL) or at least one college football team (NCAA, including FBS and FCS). They grouped the cities by division – “Pro Football” and “College Football” – and assigned weights to each divisional category based on its popularity among fans.

Finally, they determined each city’s weighted average across all metrics to calculate its overall score and used the resulting scores to rank-order our sample.

Due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the NCAA schedule for the 2019-2020 season, for some metrics we considered the values up to the 2018-2019 season. This helps to ensure a level comparison field among the teams.

Interestingly, Boston also tied Las Vegas and San Francisco for the most expensive ticket prices for a football game.



A new office location for Cetera Advisors Brian Thomas, Registered Principal, and Jessica Loughnane, Registered Administrative Assistant

## Cetera Advisors opens new location

Longtime Cetera Advisor, Brian Thomas, former Lynn English High School graduate, relocated to the Lewis School Professional Building. He is an experienced Financial Advisor who can offer many different options toward retirement savings.

Being located in the Wyoma Square district for many years, Brian decided to relocate. He is so excited to be in a new location with more office space along with ample parking for clients.

Brian said, “My office works with many city employees and businesses in the Lynn commu-

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## ‘Collecting Stories: The Invention of Folk Art’

Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), “Collecting Stories: The Invention of Folk Art” reflects on benefactor and donor Maxim Karolik’s quest to champion the “art of the people.” The exhibition examines the creation of folk art as a collecting category in the early 20th century.

It will run from February 6 to Jan. 9, 2022.

Throughout the 1940s and ’50s, Karolik championed the then-radical notion of incorporating American “folk art” into the Museum’s collection and disrupting long-held standards and definitions of so-called “fine art.” Through Karolik’s enthusiasm and generosity, the MFA became one of the first encyclopedic museums in the country to actively collect works by artisans, craftspeople, women, schoolchildren, sailors and other artists who were free from the strict rules of traditional Western academic training. Karolik’s expansive vision of American art proved to be ahead of his time—while MFA curators ultimately accept-



Lake Ontario, N.Y., pastel and graphite on sandpaper, unidentified artist.

ed its value, the reluctance to display folk art alongside fine art remained for decades to come. The exhibition features 59 works on paper shown in two successive rotations and 20 sculptural objects drawn primarily from the MFA’s Karolik Collection of American Folk Art, generously supported by the Henry Luce Foundation.

“Collecting Stories: The Invention of Folk Art” is the third

in a series of three Collecting Stories exhibitions funded by the Henry Luce Foundation that presents understudied works from the MFA’s collection to address critical themes in American art and the formation of modern American identities. Previous exhibitions include “Collecting Stories: A Mid-Century Experiment and Collecting Stories: Native American Art.”



## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### FALL 2020 DEAN'S LIST AT DEAN COLLEGE

Dean College is pleased to announce the students that have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Daniel Lilja of Lynn

Abigail Morris of Lynn

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### PERRY NAMED TO THE PRESIDENT'S LIST AT DEAN COLLEGE

Dean College is pleased to announce that Ava Perry of Lynn, MA has earned a place on the President's List for the fall 2020 semester. Students named to the President's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

### RUSSELL NAMED TO LASELL UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Kelly Russell of Lynn was named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Lasell University in Newton, Massachusetts.

Russell was named to the Dean's List for their academic performance in the fall semester. Students who receive this honor have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### RYAN NAMED TO COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON DEAN'S LIST

Sarah Ryan of Lynn, was named to the College of Charleston Fall 2020 Dean's List. Ryan is majoring in Marketing.

To qualify for President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

To qualify for Dean's List (Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.600 or higher

and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

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### DIAZ SANCHEZ NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Emy Diaz Sanchez of Lynn has been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at The College of Saint Rose.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and who achieve a semester average of 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete grade.

The College of Saint Rose ([www.strose.edu](http://www.strose.edu)) is a dynamic, progressive college in the heart of New York's capital city where teaching is the first priority. The Saint Rose experience empowers students to improve themselves and the world around them.

### BIRD HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE BECKER COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Becker College is proud to announce that Seth Bird, of Lynn, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Bird is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media Design, Game Production & Management.

The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

### PELLETIER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Emma Pelletier of Lynn excelled during the Fall 2020 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

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### LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL 2020

Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 547 students representing 24 states and 3 countries received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following Lynn students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire:

Hannah R. Bates, 2023, Biology

Jenna D. Foley, 2023, Edu Studies: Elem Educ

Jackson P. Heath, 2021, Politics

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S DEAN'S LIST FOR THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2020 semester.

Matthew Woodward of Lynn earning Highest Honors

Stella Bourgeois of Lynn earning Honors

Steven Saing of Lynn earning Honors

Thomas Hazard of Lynn earning High Honors

Mia Serino of Lynn earning

High Honors

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL 2020

North Shore Community College Interim President Dr. Nate Bryant is pleased to announce that the students listed below were Dean's List students for the Fall 2020 semester.

Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

Olanike Abiri, Charity Ailemen, Jessie Alas, Gilberto Alcantara, Elijah Almendarez, Elijah Alouidor, Ritchel Altidor, Adaeze Amadi, Jaelyn Angelo, Samantha Anthony, Elizabeth Arias Alfaro, Efosa Asiruwa, Kathryn Ath, Kayleigh Atkinson, Lindsey Ayala, Stella Aziegebe, Seyni Wesley Bamba, Edward Barber, David Barnard, Jennifer Barrientos-Aguilar, Maria Barrios, John Barry, Elisee Baswa, Joel Baswa, Christopher Bates, Brenda Bechara, Jennifer Benedict, Brittney Bernabel, Freddy Berroa, Janissa Best-Foster, Danielle Bethune, Bony Biga, Alyssa Bitina, Amy Blake, Shiriyia Bond, Julio Bonifacio Santos, Arielle Brisbon, Jonathan Callejas, Rachel Calnan, Gabriella Cannata, Patricia Cardenas, Jennifer Carmany, Timothy Carnevale, Marlin Castillo, Siol Castillo Santana, Raquel Castro, Daniela Chavez Gonzalez, Marie Cherville, Jerry Chhun, Jacob Chipella, Marc Churchill, Dallis Colella, Ketty Collado Rojas, Tia Colton, Steven Comeau, Bettina Conde, Fatima Contreras Aguilar, Genise Cooks, Roselys Cordeiro-Guerrero, Katherine Coughlin, Sarah Cox, Frank Cruthird, Evely Cruz, Marco Cuellar, Nicole Curcis, Ngoc Dang, Kathy Davis, Victor De Leon, Regina Defuria, Jalen Delgado, Gianna Destefano, Jillian Dion, Alija Dizdarevic, Darion Dodge, Allan

Dominguez, Nadia Donator, Michah Dublin, Chelsea Edo, Dorrene Ellison, Cecilia Erhabor, Anna Espinal, Nathaniel Espinal, Ivette Espinal, Leonard Ezeudu, Kanil Fabian, Ayoub Fangar, Tina Farulla, Amalfi Fernandez, Samantha Fernandez, Ariana Flores, Mary Flores, Diana Flores, Harold Fonseca Mendez, Adeline Fosung, Natalie Fresco Estevez, Suzanne Gallo, Gabriela Garcia, Abraham Garcia, Carol Garcia, Clarisa Garcia, Sean Gately, Angela Gathii, James Gaylord, Patricia Geisinger, Kristy Gensel-Hrubes, Mairelin Geraldino, Miguelina German, Raul German Garcia, Destiny Gerrish, Charles Gheringhelli, Jaydn Glassett, Vanilda Gomes, Jakelin Gomez, Nachary Gomez, Lesley Gomez, Nathalie Gomez, Monique Gonyea, Milvio Gonzalez, Karel Gonzalez, Kyle Graham, Cameron Greenleaf, Gisselle Grijalva, Vasiliki Grimanis, Ty-Ghier Guerrero, Maria Guillen, Carol Hernandez, Julio Hernandez, Brandon Higgins, Carolina Hilario Tavarez, Madison Hines, Anthony Hul, Kaitlyn Hulse, Kevin Ilunga, Camille Inumerables, Ana Irizarri Pena, Carl Jacques, Aylin Jimenez, Chidinma Joseph, Charles-Yvena Jules, Jasna Kantarevic, Gail Karakoudas, Vivian Khalaf, Malaika Khan, Ismot Khan, Kurtis King, Jerry Koch, Amanda Labonte, Meghan Leavitt, Anthony Lewin, Susanna Lewis, Franciny Lichtenberg, Alexander Lopez, Tommy Lor, Yanira Lora, Michael Lugo, Lynda Luk, Katherine Luna Garcia, Odalis Macario, William Macmillan, Tammy Mai, Lauren Malloy, Lester Marengo Zeledon, Genesis Marmolejos, Catherine Marmolejos King, Jeasa Marshall, Grabiell Martinez Zorrilla, Teresa Mason, Lorimer Mateo Rondon, Christopher Matias, Edgar Matias, Josephine Mayard, Rachel Mazola, Taira Meas, Younes Mejdi, Daniel Mejia, Tarsi Melenciano Lara, Laure Meleu Talla, Shane Melisi, Elisa Mendez, Ylonka Mendez Cardenas, Yvette Mercado, Christina Michael, Crismeili Mieses Reyes, Casey Migliacci, Aya Mohamed, Khadijo Mohamed, Jessica Morrow, Sheila Moscat, Thomas Mosychuk, Joan Olivia Mott, Mark Munoz De Leon, Julie Muy, Caloline Namutebi, Adriano Nannini, Daniel Neary, Taylor Newhall, Charlotte Ngandjui, Jesse Ngassa, Phong Nguyen, Thuan Nguyen, Mireille Ngwelebe, Aliyah Nieves, Madeline Nieves, Pauline Njoroge, Fonge Njunkeng.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## CHA STAFF NEARLY FULLY VACCINATED

CHELSEA - The good news on the hospitalization front from CHA Everett is that not much has changed in either direction, but the hospital is handling the load according to plan and well on their way to having the staff fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

The numbers of those testing positive in the hospital's catchment area seems to be on the decline, and the hospital is reporting that there are cases in large numbers, but nothing has gotten out of control.

"The good news is there isn't too much different from two weeks ago, but that also might be the bad news," said Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett. "We're getting back into the rhythm of care and coordination. Overall, in the last two weeks, while we may have fewer overall admitted patients and more available room to get patients into the hospital, it's also been a time of

figuring out the care of patients who are beyond the acute phase and still need eyes on them."

That has meant some patients are now being sent to field hospitals in Lowell and Worcester for the longer recovery times, but at the same time there isn't a panic going on.

"There's nothing about it that is frantic," she said. "Everything has been good, calm and measured...Rather than complacency, the hospital has enforced our plan. All that planning from last summer and fall that's we see in action here now...We're happy to press on and there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Statistics show that in the catchment area of the hospital (Malden, Chelsea, Revere, Everett, Winthrop, Cambridge and Somerville), there was a peak of cases in the week of Jan. 11, with 3,100 cases. Now, however, the same area is reporting 2,500 positive cases. At CHA, since March, they have tested 100,000 people, and about 8,000 have been positive.

Now, a new precaution has been implemented on the testing front to make sure the hospital is monitored for COVID-19. Now, every four days one is in the hospital or Emergency Department, they are tested for their COVID status.

### •VACCINATIONS FOR STAFF MOVING WELL

Though there have been glitches and line-jumping at some institutions, that is not the case at CHA Everett when it comes to vaccinating the staff. Dr. Lai-Becker reported that about 75 percent of the CHA staff has received the first dose of the vaccine and 25 percent have received both doses. By the end of the month, they expect to be able to vaccinate everyone who wants to be vaccinated on the staff.

### •PLANNING FOR VACCINATIONS OF THE PUBLIC

The hospital and its networks are now in the planning stages for figuring out how to vaccinate all of their patients when the time comes for that.

"CHA as a whole is working on how we can vaccinate all 140,000 of our patients, those who come to CHA for their Primary Care. We are prepping now. It's a very intentional rollout due to the face we're in the phase where the two part vaccine is being used...A lot of it is that every shot you get today is a shot you'll need to get in three weeks. That's an incredible amount of logistics, and calculations and back to the old conversation about the supply chain."

At CHA Everett, the vaccine rollout will be through the primary care doctors, with major assists from all others like the Emergency Department. With testing to administer and follow-ups to book, many primary care doctors will need a tremendous amount of help. She said they will likely be using visits to the hospital, the health care centers, pop-up vaccination sites and maybe a larger site that isn't Fenway Park.

She said many are at the point where there's a lot of familiarity with the plan and they simply want to let it loose.

"We know where the bottlenecks are," she said. "Let's just get everybody vaccinated. We're at a point where we could get everyone vaccinated within a time-frame and thinking less about trying to prioritize the elderly or essential workers."

She said she believes the area is near an inflection point where it will simply be about anyone

getting vaccinated can get vaccinated.

"I would think we'll hit this inflection point in the next two to four weeks where they start giving the vaccine to every person no matter who they are - get vaccinated if you want it because that's just one more and it gets us closer to herd immunity."

### •NO NEED TO HORD PPE

About one week ago, a momentous occasion took place at the hospital.

Everyone had enough N95 mask.

Dr. Lai-Becker said for the first time since the pandemic broke out, they do not need to recycle or use the viral decay system they have been doing so long to preserve their mask supply.

Instead, they can go to the supply area and get five masks to use for five shifts. Before, they used every mask five to eight times and then got rid of it. Now, they can use one mask per shift, and then get rid of it, while still having confidence they will have more waiting for them the next shift.

"I never thought that would ever happen," she said with a laugh. "When that news came out, you can imagine people began to ask if it was wrong to hoard masks. And did they even need to?"

## UPPER BROADWAY BUILDING CONTINUES

CHELSEA - The massive re-building of Upper Broadway continues to progress through Phase 1, with crews now at Cary Avenue and one-third of the way done on their trek to the Revere City Line.

The DPW's Fidel Maltez said the water and sewer replacement work that started in September is divided up into three zones, and crews are now 100 percent done with the zone from City Hall to Cary Avenue.

"Now we're doing Cary Avenue to Webster," he said. "We did break it up in zones and we're 100 percent done in that first section now."

Work began in front of City Hall in August 2020 and has steadily progressed northward. As typical in construction, the deeper utilities are installed first, with each subsequent utility installed becoming shallower; for this project, that has meant that sewer main has been installed first, followed by sewer service transfer, water main installation, water service transfer, and then,

for areas that are part of the first phase of sewer/stormwater separation, drainage.

Work on water main installation is wrapping up between Cary Ave and Eleanor Street, which means over the next several weeks, residents in this area will have their water services transferred to the new water main. Chelsea Police and the Department of Public Works have been working with the contractor and the MBTA to keep bus stops open and to try to limit the impact this project has on the community.

The project is on schedule and is slated to be complete by its October 31, 2021 deadline.

The second part of the project will be the improved streetscape and sidewalks.

Alex Train, director of Housing and Community Development, said they are in the process of designing the streetscape improvements, which will begin in the spring of 2022.

"In parallel with utility construction, the City, through the Dept. of Housing & Community Development and Dept. of Public Works, has been finishing up the design of comprehensive streetscape improvements," he said. "Slated to break ground in April of 2022, the streetscape project is fully financed by a federal grant from the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The project calls for the reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalks, and drainage system, as well as the installation of new bus stops, bike lanes, and street trees. Over the course of 2021, the City will host public meetings on the new design."

The Capital Improvement projects are designed to replace aging water, sewer and drain infrastructure. Aging sewers can allow sewage into the groundwater and infiltrate groundwater into the sewer; both are detrimental to the environment, and increase the cost to the water and sewer system.

Separating stormwater from the sewer system reduces the amount of water sent to the MWRA, resulting in reduced costs to residents. Replacing the water main eliminates problems with water quality and leaking pipes. At the completion of this project, nearly a mile of both water main and sewer main will have been replaced from City Hall to the Revere city line. Additionally, all homes in the corridor will receive a new 1-inch copper water service and all

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sewer services will be replaced or cement lined at no cost to the property owners.

Finally, any lead water service lines encountered in the project will be replaced.

"It's an incredible project and an exciting project," said Maltez. "It's Broadway, so it's our main artery and this will change that entire corridor."

**CRIMSON HIGH BAND GETS INVITE**

EVERETT - Everett High Band Director Gene O'Brien couldn't say "unbelievable" and "improbable" enough when he appeared before the School Committee.

And by all rights, he wasn't wrong to stress the unbelievable nature of the invitation extended recently to the Everett High Crimson Tide music program asking them to represent Massachusetts on Dec. 7 at the 80th Pearl Harbor commemoration event in Hawaii. It's a solemn and honorable event that, along with the band, will feature dignitaries and, likely, President Joe Biden and a number of military leaders. It will also be the last commemoration held, as the only two Pearl Harbor survivors living will be present and it has been agreed there will not be another official commemoration at the 85th anniversary.

"This started way back about two years ago and has become an invitation for us to represent Massachusetts at the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor," said O'Brien on Jan. 19 at the School Committee meeting. "At first, that is like 'What?' Well, the folks that run the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., saw how good the Everett band was when we went there and said we had to get an invite to represent the state of Massachusetts at the 2021 Pearl Harbor commemora-

tion... This is going to be the last time they do it. There are only two survivors left from the Arizona. It's going to be an extraordinary occurrence... It's historic. It's the biggest thing we've ever done. For us to represent Everett and Massachusetts and be part of this event - it will be with us forever."

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and O'Brien have been working for several months to figure out how to make the trip happen, and he said he is excited to see Everett play a part in an historic occasion.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students, and it was a month's long process to bring us to this point," he said. "I am so excited to see our students be a part of history as they play at Pearl Harbor. Gene O'Brien's relationships with organizers and the reputation of our band has put our school at the top of the list and given our kids a chance to show people around the country how amazing and talented our students are. Our kids deserve this, and I am happy to be a small part of this journey. I can't wait to be there, as we were in Washington, D.C., to see them perform for our veterans, their families, and dignitaries from around the world."

O'Brien said the plan would be to take 100 kids this coming December to Hawaii for the occasion. He would take the entire Crimson Tide Marching Band, some of the choral students and some of the string students. The ceremony would take place on Dec. 7, and O'Brien plans to begin practicing outside in June for the event - hoping that things would be safe enough by then to begin rehearsals such as were done last summer.

The Band has a long history of accolades, going to Washington, D.C., parades seven times and, 20 years ago, playing at the Orange Bowl with a large group

at the halftime of the College Football National Championship game. So, saying this is the biggest thing they've ever done gives quite a perspective as to what this event will be.

The School Committee was enthusiastically in favor of the request to approve the trip, and threw their full support behind it.

"I throw my full support behind this," said School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros. "This is going to be amazing. I'm glad it's in December and hopefully the pandemic, if not gone, will have subsided by then."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he would do everything in his power to help raise the money it will take to transport and provide for the band in Hawaii.

"For public school students from Everett to go to Honolulu and represent us there, that's amazing," he said.

"You and your young people never cease to amaze me," said School Committeewoman Millie Cardillo.

The Committee approved the project by a 9-0 vote.

"Aloha!" quipped O'Brien before signing off from the meeting.

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