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VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBERED



The city of Lynn comes together every year to honor its Veterans. Above, Lynn English MC-ROTC Honor Guard salutes Vietnam Veterans – Precious Akande, Yubitza Meono, Diana Cuevas, and Yareliz Coriano. Right, guest speaker National Senior Vice-Commandant Warren C. Griffin USMC Vietnam Veteran with Lynn Veterans' Services Michael Sweeney US Army. See Page 8 for more photos.



Boston Pride Win the Isobel Cup

Katie Burt helps team capture Premier Hockey Federation title

By Cary Shuman

When the Boston Pride needed Katie Burt to be at her best, she was.

And because of the Lynn superstar's stellar goaltending and the clutch play of the entire team, the Boston Pride are the Isobel Cup champions of the Premier Hockey Federation following a 4-2 victory over the Connecticut Whale Monday night in Tampa, Fla.

Burt stopped 83 of 86 shots in the Pride's three playoff games in four days, carrying over her excellent performance from the regular season when she was the PHF's top goaltender.

In the Isobel Cup championship game televised live on



Katie Burt.

ESPN2, Burt and the Pride held the Whale scoreless over most of

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Hirsch set for alumni hockey game

By Cary Shuman

Stephen Hirsch, owner of Hirsch Landscape Services in Lynn, played in the Lynn Youth Hockey program and briefly at Lynn Classical High School where was a 6-foot defenseman.

Hirsch, who is the clerk on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Lynn, will be returning to the ice for his annual appearance competing against the Boston Bruins Alumni team.

The proceeds from the benefit game, to be played April 10 at Warriors Arena in Brighton, will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Hirsch has been working with Swampscott's G Bar and Kitchen restaurant owner and chef Gregg Backman and Peabody health inspector Randy Suckney in preparations for the game.

"Greg's the main organizer of this game and one of the leading sponsors," said Hirsch. "Randy

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Smith announces candidacy for State Representative

Special to the Journal

Tristan Smith, a life-long resident in the 8th Essex District, which includes the entire Towns of Marblehead and Swampscott as well as several precincts in Lynn, has announced his candidacy for the open State Representative seat being vacated by current State Rep. Lori Ehrlich, who has accepted a new position within the Biden Administration.

Smith, who is scheduled to complete his Juris Doctor Degree from Suffolk University School of Law in May 2022, graduated from Swampscott High School in 2014.

During his time at Swampscott High, Tristan was a varsity track and field athlete, qualifying for the MIAA Divisional Meet in



Tristan Smith.

the 110m Hurdles his final year. He was also elected by his peers to be their student representative to the Swampscott School Committee in his senior year.

Tristan then went on to graduate from Salem State University,

summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 2018.

During his time in academia, Smith has been a consistent and forceful advocate for national and international social advocacy, heading efforts which resulted in raising tens of thousands of dollars for several organizations using the online streaming platform Twitch.

The first two, in 2015 and 2016, raised money for Thirst Project, a youth-driven organization bringing clean water to drought stricken Africa, and the final two, in 2020 and 2021, secured funds for Know Your Rights Camp, whose mission is to promote the empowerment of minority communities.

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EDITORIAL

TOXIC MASCULINITY AT THE OSCARS

When we first heard the joke by Chris Rock that was directed at Jada Pinkett-Smith at the Oscars, we didn't get it. It was not until Will Smith stepped up to smack Rock that we grabbed our laptop to do a Google search for "G.I. Jane" and "Jada Pinkett-Smith" to figure out what the incident was all about.

We've admired Chris Rock and Will Smith throughout their careers, both on and off the stage.

But the behavior exhibited by both of them at Sunday's Oscars show was inexcusable.

Chris Rock's joke (which wasn't even funny) was obnoxious, in bad taste, and hurtful. Mocking a person with a disease (Ms. Pinkett-Smith suffers from alopecia) or a disability never is appropriate in any setting.

This sort of bullying behavior is a characteristic of many men. Recall for example, when our former president mimicked with his body language a New York Times reporter who has a physical disability.

Similarly, Will Smith's subsequent assault and battery upon Rock exemplified another variation of a uniquely-male noxious attitude in which men justify the use of their fists (or guns) either to salve their bruised egos or to get what they want by brute force (e.g., Vladimir Putin).

We have read in various media that some have attempted to justify Smith's criminal behavior on the grounds that he was defending his wife's honor. However, women are more than capable of taking care of themselves. They don't need a man to do so. That attitude prevails only in societies where women are treated like second-class citizens.

In our view, both Chris Rock and Will Smith should be banned from the Oscars until further notice. Their toxic masculinity has no place anywhere in our society, but especially on a stage as big as the Oscars.

RECALLING THE APRIL FOOL'S DAY BLIZZARD OF 1997

This Friday, April 1, will mark the 25th anniversary of the great April Fool's Day blizzard of 1997.

As often is the case when a major storm strikes, the forecasters had not predicted the extreme severity of the storm.

We recall going to bed that night of March 31 and preparing to go to work the next day, only to wake up to discover that Mother Nature had dumped more than two feet (25.4 inches was the official total at Logan Airport) of heavy, wet snow on our area, making it the fourth-largest snowstorm in Boston history, exceeded only by the 27.5 inches in the President's Day blizzard of 2003; the 27.1 inches in the famous Blizzard of '78; and the 26.3 inches in the blizzard of February, 1969.

The storm was the biggest on record in the month of April and made April 1997 Boston's snowiest April ever, nearly doubling the previous record of 13.3 inches. It also set a record for Boston's greatest 24-hour snowfall in April.

We vividly recall waking up to the wonder of that morning. "Are we still dreaming?" was our first thought when we opened our front door, only to be greeted by a huge drift of snow that had been driven by winds that reached 70-90 miles per hour in many areas.

Ironically, that winter had been fairly uneventful (there had been only 26 inches of snow in total that winter season).

Although the storm essentially paralyzed the Boston area for that entire day, it was not a particularly dangerous storm. We recall a lot of downed tree limbs that were laden with the heavy, wet snow, which in turn brought down power lines in some places. The only deaths were the result of heart attacks by persons trying to shovel the heavy snow. In addition, there was no coastal flooding.

Our overall memory of the blizzard is the picture in our mind's eye of a Winter Wonderland amidst temperatures that reached the 50s by mid-day.

It was a joyful event, an unexpected day off from work (and back then, the internet was still barely a thing, so no one worked remotely). We took our young children sledding and walked around the neighborhood with our Golden Retriever, Jake, who loved the snow.

Yes, it was a ferocious, record-breaking storm. But for us, we always will have only warm memories of the April Fool's Day Blizzard of 1997, a particular point in time when we, and our now-adult children, were 25 years younger.

GUEST OP-ED

Ukraine refugees are coming

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been good to help people and more are on the way.

Refugees from Ukraine are coming to America, up to 100,000 would be welcomed as recently announced by President Biden. The population of some communities will grow depending on where the federal government places these people.

Since the passage of the refugee act there are already over 3 million refugees in America. They are located throughout the United States with large populations in some towns and cities.

A refugee is "a person who is unable to return his or her country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group." A refugee legally resides in the country of resettlement and is eligible for federally funded cash assistance for up to 8 months. Refugees are resettled in the United States by the federal government and are afforded specific refugee assistance to help them rebuild their

lives in America. This federal funding is limited in both duration and amount. It is important to note that most refugees arrive with very little in terms of possessions, beside a few bags of luggage, and if they are lucky, all of their family members.

All refugees arriving in the United States are entitled to 8 months of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) from the date of their U.S. arrival. The RCA amounts vary based on the size of the family: Single person (\$230/month), Family of 2 (\$363/Month), Family of 3 (\$485/month), Family of 4 (\$611/month), etc. If a family qualifies for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), offered by the State Department of Health and Human Services, they will not receive RCA funds, but will immediately begin receiving TANF funds, which provide the same amounts of funds as outlined above for families (Refugee or American), yet unlike RCA, there is 5 year time limit to their receipt of funds which can be reviewed and extended depending on need. All TANF recipients must be participating in verified educational courses,

volunteer placements, and/or employment searches in order to access these funds. Source, Catholic Charities

The Ukrainian people appear to be hard working people. Once they make it to America I would not be surprised if some of our worker shortage will start to disappear. These people have nothing. If you still want a job you probably should take one and go to work.

At this point we have no choice but to help these people as the economy and infrastructure of the countries surrounding Ukraine cannot absorb them all.

Can you imagine if Russia and China combined to attack America? What if we had to run to Canada to survive? We would appreciate anything anybody would do to help us.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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When asked about why he has chosen to seek office this year, Mr. Smith responded, “public service is a tradition in my family. The truth is I’ve been taught my entire life that government can and should matter, and that improving the lives of others does matter. To me that means things as basic as educating our kids; caring for our seniors; ensuring that our local air and water remain clean; combating the effects of climate change; providing appropriate funds for public safety; and finally, making sure the entire Eighth District receives its fair share of state funds.”

Mr. Smith went on, “I know Rep. Ehrlich successfully did all that and more during her tenure as our State Representative, and I intend to do the same as our next State Representative.”

Mr. Smith is not the first in his family to enter into politics. His father, former Democratic State Rep. Jim Smith represented Lynn serving four terms, and then ran for US Congress. His aunt Deborah Smith Walsh served on the Lynn School Committee, the Lynn City Council, and ran for the State Senate. His cousin Steve Walsh represented Lynn and Nahant as a state representative from 2005 to 2014.

Smith has been a member of the Swampscott Democratic Town Committee since he was a teenager. He has worked as a K-12 substitute teacher in the Swampscott Public Schools and

last year taught constitutional law in Boston Public Schools through a fellowship program at Suffolk. He also currently serves as the head coach of boys and girls track and field and cross country at St. Mary’s High School in Lynn. During his time as head coach, the teams have witnessed a revitalization in student engagement as well as accolades. Most recently, the indoor track team qualified almost 20 athletes for the MIAA Divisional Meet, up from just two in Smith’s first year coaching.

“My experiences working in schools is what really drives my passion for public service,” said Smith. “I had so many opportunities growing up. When I think about the kids I’ve taught and coached over my career, I want every kid across the Commonwealth to get those same opportunities, because they all deserve it.”

Besides the issues noted earlier, priorities for Smith would include increasing our state’s investment in public transportation; providing equitable funding for K-12 public schools and public higher education; insuring care for our veterans; and implementing criminal justice reform.

Mr. Smith continued, “I’m running to be a full-time state representative, and I’m committed to devoting my time, energy, and talents to serving the district.

Mr. Smith concluded, “Marblehead, Swampscott, and Lynn deserve no less.”

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the final two periods while rallying for three unanswered goals to erase a 2-1 deficit.

Burt, who was a four-year standout goaltender at Boston College after leaving Buckingham Browne and Nichols prep

school a year early, was interviewed on national television immediately following the game.

Jillian Dempsey, the Boston Pride captain from Winthrop, had a goal and an assist in the game.

Syeeda Rahman guest speaker Alumna at Girls Inc. of Boston and Lynn Annual Celebration Luncheon April 7

Syeeda Rahman will be the alumna speaker at the Girls Inc. of Boston and Lynn Annual Celebration Luncheon on April 7 at the Hilton DoubleTree in Danvers. Rahman, a sophomore in Suffolk University’s Honors Program, is a community engagement coordinator at ASG, a Boston-based multicultural marketing agency. She is a resident assistant, serves as the Honors Council secretary, and is a Suffolk Votes Scholar, leading a program of over 15 ambassadors to educate students on voting and civic processes. Rahman worked on the Vaccine Equity Initiative, a Massachusetts Department of Public Health program that set up vaccination events in hard-hit communities; and the Eviction Diversion Initiative, a cross-agency team focused on housing and financial challenges caused by the pandemic. She also served as a team captain for the state’s COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team, distributing over 10,000 PPE items each week for several months.

“Girls Inc. helped me find my voice which I use now to work with marginalized groups,” says Rahman. “I always knew what I wanted to say, but Girls Inc. gave me the tools and opportunities to gain confidence to speak in



Syeeda Rahman.

public.” Rahman was involved with Girls Inc. throughout middle school in a variety of STEM programs and worked as a Peer Leader and Teen Health Ambassador in high school. She also participated in the organization’s Woke Women program. “I am excited to speak at the Annual Celebration. Girls Inc. has helped so many young girls find their voices and develop as strong, smart, and bold young women,” says Rahman.

“We are excited to hear what Syeeda has to say at the Annual Celebration. We know we have succeeded when our girls grow into women who are game

changers making the world a better place, like Syeeda,” says Deb Ansourlian, executive director of Girls Inc. of Boston and Lynn.

This year’s guest speaker is Stephanie J. Hull, president, and CEO of Girls Inc. in New York City. Latoyia Edwards, Emmy Award-winning anchor on NBC10 Boston, will mark a decade emceeing the event.

Girls Inc. thanks the sponsors of its Annual Celebration Luncheon. At press time, ANNUAL PARTNERS include Girls Inc., PwC, Someone Else’s Child, and United Way of Mass Bay and Merrimack Valley. STRONG SPONSORS are Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, Lorant Charitable Foundation and Old Neighborhood Foods. SMART SPONSORS include Comcast Universal, GE Aviation, HP Hood, Nick and Chris Meninno, People’s United Bank, and Sally P. Thompson. BOLD SPONSORS are Lynne M. Bohan, DeJulis Brothers Construction, Dino and Annalisa Di Palma, D+R Paving, Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation, Salem Five Charitable Foundation, Solimine Funeral Homes, Sunstein Law, and TQM Wealth Partners. MEDIA SPONSORS are Lunchpail Productions and Northshore Magazine.

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and I are his helpers.”

Brackman, Suckney, and former Lynn resident Bill Veiga will also be competing in the game.

Hirsch said he is looking forward to the game that will face off at 2 p.m. There will be a pre-game auction and raffle drawing at the rink, which is the Boston Bruins’ practice site and the two-time Isobel Cup champion Boston Pride’s home arena.

Hirsch stopped playing hockey in high school to take a job at the Boys and Girls Club of Lynn to help pay for his college education. He later graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in Education.

“It will be great to lace up the skates once again,” said Hirsch. “We had to cancel the game because of COVID-19 the past two years, but we’re ready to go this year.”



Looking forward to the Boston Bruins Alumni Benefit Game on April 10 at Warriors Arena in Brighton, are, from left, game founder Randy Suckney, lead sponsor Gregg Brackman, and perennial participant Stephen Hirsch of Hirsch Landscape Services.

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Ward 3 Councillor Coco Alinsug, Mary Skalkos, George Skalkos, Councillor-at-Large Brian Field, and Ward 4 Councillor Richard Colucci.



Ward 4 Councillor Richard Colucci, Ward 3 Councillor Coco Alinsug, State Rep. Peter Capano, Estelle Revelotis, Peter Kopoulos, Mayor Jared Nicholson, State Sen. Brendan Crighton, the Rev. George Tsoukalas of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, and Councillor-at-Large Brian Field.



Pictured at the Greek flag-raising ceremony at City Hall, are, from left, Estelle Revelotis, Peter Kopoulos, Basil Manias, Mayor Jared Nicholson, the Rev. George Tsoukalas, Lena Triantos, and Aspasia Pazaetes.

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DUNKIN' NEXT GEN RESTAURANT HOLDS GRAND RE-OPENING ON LEWIS STREET

Dunkin' at 116 Lewis St held a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 26 for its newly remodeled Next Gen restaurant.



Mayor Jared Nicholson presents a Citation to the Mello family, congratulating them on the grand opening of their newly remodeled Next Gen Dunkin' restaurant at 116 Lewis St., Lynn.



The Mello family, joined by Cuppy the Mascot, presents a check to Brian Theirrien, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Lynn.



Members of the Mello family, with Mayor Jared Nicholson and his son, Henry, and Lynn Police Officers Brendan Powicki and Nick Pevrie at the grand opening ceremony for the newly remodeled Dunkin' Next Gen restaurant.



Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson joined Ward 3 Councillor Coco Alinsug, Councillor-at-Large Brian LaPierre, Lynn Police Officers Nick Peveri and Brendan Powicki, Mayor's Office Communications Director Valerie Vong, and other guests to celebrate the grand opening of the newly remodeled Dunkin' Next Gen restaurant on Lewis Street.



The Mello family cuts the ribbon for its newly remodeled Next Gen restaurant, Dunkin', located on Lewis Street.



City officials and the Mello family and friends enjoyed the Dunkin' grand opening festivities Saturday.

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Having an imagination can create a warm and inviting acceptance to learn. This new Peabody daycare center feels like home. An attractive environment with a colorful scheme offers a friendly pleasurable welcome. This new daycare is located at 58 Pulaski Rear Street, Unit 101 in Peabody.

Peabody Mayor Ted Bettencourt expressed his joy when one walks into this well-planned daycare as he said, "It is beautiful, spacious, and a nice place to have children attend."

A big void is being filled with this new childcare facility according to Ward 3 Councilor Stephanie Peach as she stated, "As a mother I know how hard it is to find childcare, especially quality childcare. You have done a wonderful job making it so bright and spacious. I can see more families bringing their children here."

Imagination Station Learning Center Owner Elizabeth Castro is extremely happy, to open a third location. "We service in-

fants, toddlers, preschool, and up to Grade 5 children. We have an afterschool program and offer therapy that includes Speech,

Occupational Therapy (OT), and Physical Therapy (PT)."

Imagination Station Learning Center locations in Lynn are at 10

Keslar Avenue and 319 Lynnway Suite 200. Call at 781.353.9042 for more information.



Peabody Mayor Ted Bettencourt welcomed Elizabeth and Oscar Castro of Imagination Station Learning Center to the community.



Official Grand Opening for Imagination Station Learning Center in Peabody.



Matt Cubetus from State Senator Joan Lovely office presented a MA State Senate Citation to Elizabeth and Oscar Castro, with NSLBA Exec. Director Frances Martinez, Dianna Moreno, and Obed Matul of Full Color who created the colorful wall mural.



State Rep Tom Walsh presented the MA House Citation to Elizabeth and Oscar of Imagination Station Learning Center.

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VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBERED FOR THEIR SACRIFICES

Vietnam Veterans of Lynn were remembered for their sacrifices during that war. Veterans' Services Director Michael Sweeney explained the importance of having respect for these Veterans as he stated, "The city of Lynn comes together every year to honor these Veterans. They sacrificed so much when fighting a fierce force and returning home without receiving any acknowledgement. It was a very difficult time in our history. Today we honor the Vietnam Veterans for their service to America."

Mayor Jared Nicholson extended a thank you to all who attended with a special thanks to the Vietnam Veterans. "Veterans deserve the best care from our Veterans' Services as well as to be honored and remembered."

A City Proclamation was presented to Michael Sweeney from Mayor Nicholson as he read, "Whereas the men who served in the Vietnam War with the highest standards of bravery and courage, whereas the ones who served from our city with great distinction especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and whereas we honor these brave men and women on the 49th Anniversary of Recognition of the Vietnam War and proclaim Tuesday March 29th, 2022 to be Vietnam Veteran's Day."

Recognition was given for the two occasions the Vietnam Traveling Wall came to Lynn sponsored by the David Solomine Family. City Councilors Buzzy Barton and Fred Hogan of the Lynn Council Veterans' Services Committee were acknowledged for their support of this Vietnam Veteran's Day event. Michael Sweeney said the Pledge of Allegiance. Korean Conflict Veteran James Smith US Army sang the National Anthem. Father Brian Flynn gave the opening prayer and convocation. A Moment of Silence remembering the Lynn Veterans who died in the Vietnam War was followed by a gun salute from Essex County Marine Corps League Rifle Team.



Lynn Officials remember Vietnam Veterans – Ward 3 Richard Colucci, State Rep. Peter Capano US Army, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, and State Senator Brendan Crighton.



Lynn City Officials attend Vietnam Veteran's Day Ceremony – At Large Brian Field, Mayor Jared Nicholson, Ward 5 Dianna Chatkoutis, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, Ward 1 Wayne Lozzi, Ward 6 Fred Hogan, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, At Large Buzzy Barton, and State Rep. Dan Cahill.



Vietnam Veterans with other Veterans who served the United States during the Korean Conflict and the Middle East.

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ForsythKids receives MDS Foundation grant

The Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) Foundation recently awarded a \$15,000 Expanding Access to Dental Care Grant to the Forsyth Institute in Cambridge, MA, on behalf of the ForsythKids Program. These funds will be used to provide oral health care to middle school students in the city of Lynn. "This grant allows our team the wonderful opportunity to support high-risk children and their oral health during a critical time in their lives. Bringing care to middle school children is essential because children transition completely to adult teeth at this age," shared ForsythKids Public Health Dentist Helen Nguyen, MPH, DDS. This expansion will allow a continuum in oral health care and education for grades 1-12 in the city of Lynn.

The mission of the MDS Foundation is to improve the oral health of residents across Massachusetts by supporting sustainable programs that enhance access to dental care. "Expanding the Lynn program to serve all

students will have a ripple effect on that community," shared MDS Foundation Chair Dr. Robert Lewando. "The Foundation is proud to support this dynamic program which can quickly refocus efforts to where there is a need. This program encompasses the essence of our mission."

With the potential to reach 600-800 new patients, the grant will be used to maintain the quality of care for the current population, target more at-risk children for treatment, and continue operating a sustainable service model. Dr. Nguyen added, "We are grateful for the MDS Foundation's support because it allows us to serve more children that may not have had access to dental care otherwise. Our goal is to protect as many teeth as we can, and this support allows us the opportunity to instill good oral hygiene habits and provide services that help keep smiles healthy long-term."

The ForsythKids portable dental program provides preventive oral health care and education to

underserved children throughout the Commonwealth. The program focuses efforts on patient populations with poorer oral health and more significant challenges to accessing dental care, such as children living in poverty, communities of color, and patients with disabilities. The ForsythKids staff sets up functioning dental offices with up to five chairs in almost any space, including a school stage, gymnasium, or resource room.

The MDS Foundation is the charitable arm of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS). The MDS Foundation recently awarded almost \$80,000 in Access to Dental Care Grants to six organizations in Massachusetts and two Targeted Grants to two Massachusetts oral-health-focused initiatives. The Foundation is dedicated to directing its charitable resources to improve the oral health of Massachusetts residents. To learn more, visit massdental.org/Foundation.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

STUDENTS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS DURING THE 2021 FALL SEMESTER

John Carroll of Lynn has been named to the 2021 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

LOCAL STUDENT EARNS DISTINCTION AT WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Wichita State University has announced the names of 3,246 students who were on the WSU dean's honor roll for fall 2021 including Janaya Kernizan of Lynn.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12

credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Wichita State University serves as the Kansas urban-based research university, enrolling more than 16,000 students from every state in the U.S. and more than 100 countries. Wichita State and WSU Tech are recognized for being student centered and innovation driven.

Located in the largest city in the state with one of the highest concentrations in the United States of jobs involving science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), Wichita State University provides uniquely distinctive and innovative pathways of applied learning, applied research and career opportunities for all of our students.

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The MBTA Board approves fare changes

The MBTA Board approved several fare changes that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders, minimize pandemic-related revenue implications and budget uncertainties while increasing ridership where possible, and simplify fare tariff rules as the MBTA's Fare Transformation moves forward. These fare changes go into effect on July 1, 2022, with the exception of the 5-Day Flex Pass being made permanent, which goes into effect immediately.

"We're grateful to the Board for approving these fare changes, which prepare us for technology updates to come through Fare Transformation, increase equity through improvements to LinkPasses, especially for our Reduced Fare Riders, and make the 5-Day FlexPass permanent for Commuter Rail riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "These fare updates allow us to continue to meet the needs of riders while minimizing revenue implications in this time of continued uncertainty."

Permanent 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket for Commuter Rail: First introduced as a pandemic fare pilot in June 2020, the 5-Day FlexPass available on mTicket for the Commuter Rail is a bundled fare valid for any five days of travel within a 30-day period.

Good for unlimited travel within a 24-hour period, these five passes are available for 10% off the cost of 10 one-way trips. An attractive option for riders whose travel patterns have changed due to hybrid work schedules and the availability of remote-work options, the 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket is now permanent effective immediately.

Reducing Price of the 1-Day LinkPass: Effective July 1, 2022, and in an effort to increase ridership by encouraging more riders to buy passes and increase equity for low-income and minority riders who often purchase this fare product, the cost of the 1-Day LinkPass will be lowered from \$12.75 to \$11. An \$11 LinkPass pays for itself with five subway rides taken in 24 hours.

Expanding Second Transfers on Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway: Currently, the MBTA only allows one transfer between Bus and/or Subway with one recent addition - CharlieCard riders may transfer from Bus to Subway to Bus. To simplify complexities in the T's transfer policy, the transfer process will be standardized to allow all combinations of second transfers involving Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway, including Bus-Bus-Subway, Subway-Bus-Bus, and Express Bus-Express Bus. This second transfer

on Subway and Buses and transfers between Express Routes goes into effect on July 1, 2022.

Changes for Reduced Fare Riders: Some riders are eligible for reduced fares, including people with disabilities and Medicare cardholders, people 65 and older, some middle and high school students, and people 18 - 25 with low income. Three fare changes that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders will go into effect on July 1, 2022:

- Introducing the 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders:

Aiming to increase equity by increasing the benefits of purchasing fares in bulk for Reduced Fare Riders, a 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare riders will be available for \$10, which breaks even after nine subway rides. This product is designed to meet the needs of individuals who might not have enough cash on-hand to afford a monthly pass, but who qualify for Reduced Fare programs.

- Introducing Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus:

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Cataldo Ambulance Service donates bus to Lynn's elder services

The Lynn City Council voted to accept a donation of a shuttle bus to the City of Lynn from Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc. The shuttle bus will provide transportation services to Lynn's senior population going to and from the anticipated senior center.

Dennis Cataldo is the Vice President of Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc., a family-owned business, which was founded by both of his parents. This prominent business has been providing emergent and non-emergent transportation and support throughout the communities of Greater Boston and North Shore

area for over 45 years. "We are happy to support the seniors of Lynn by donating this much needed shuttle bus," said Cataldo. "Mayor Nicholson is passionate about the new senior center and we know how important transportation is for so many that are active there. This is a wonderful community resource".

The donation of the vans by Mr. Cataldo were the result of a conversation with Lynn's Director of Elder Services, Chris Gomez-Farewell, about the ongoing accessibility issue that has negatively impacted seniors. The lack of handicap-accessible vans has been a continuous obstacle in get-

ting seniors around the City. The COVID-19 pandemic has also exacerbated isolation amongst seniors, leaving them unable to make use of many utilities or services that help minimize the negative physical or social effects of senior living.

"Due to the chip shortage and the pandemic, handicap-accessible buses and vans have been extremely hard to come by," said Gomez-Farewell. "Everywhere we inquired about these buses, there would be a year and a half wait, so this donation will help a great deal with transportation access for Lynn's seniors who wish to attend the senior center. I

would like to thank Mr. Cataldo, Cataldo Ambulance and Atlantic Ambulance for this awesome gift as it will fill a huge need".

The goal for the vans is to be utilized for various activities, such as providing transportation to seniors to attend local events, activities, medical appointments, retail needs, and even out-of-town events planned by the senior center.

"I want to thank Chris Gomez-Farewell for all his hard work and dedication to the seniors," said Councilor Dianna Chakoutis. "I think this is a great opportunity for the seniors to have buses donated. I am look-

ing forward to the opening of the senior center and seeing all of Chris' plans that he has to bring".

"On behalf of the senior residents of Lynn, I want to express my gratitude to Cataldo Ambulance Service who have been an excellent community partner for the City," said Mayor Jared Nicholson. "This outstanding act of generosity will truly connect Lynn's residents with a sense of community through social gatherings and events. Thank you to Dennis Cataldo for this wonderful donation and also to Chris Gomez-Farewell for his commitment to the City of Lynn."

Federal, state and local officials push for commuter rail electrification

A coalition of 24 federal, state and local officials, who represent the communities served by the Newburyport-Rockport line, signed a letter urging the MBTA to prioritize electrification of the Commuter Rail in its upcoming five-year capital improvement plan (CIP). The Coalition con-

sists of representatives from the following municipalities: Beverly, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Swampscott.

In 2019, the MBTA's Fiscal Management and Control Board (the current MBTA Board's predecessor) approved the electri-

fication of the Fairmount and Providence lines along with portions of the Newburyport/Rockport Line known as the Environmental Justice Corridor. In addition to electrifying the lines, the vote included reducing fares to levels comparable to the subway and increasing frequency.

"The electrification of the Commuter Rail, coupled with reduced fares and increased frequency, will provide overall growth for the City of Lynn and its residents," said Mayor Nicholson. "We must continue to invest in public goods that will push communities towards inclusive growth, such as public transportation. The electrification of the Environmental Justice corridor will help tackle long standing equity issues as well as improve connectivity for Lynn's residents and increase access to jobs and housing."

The letter has identified key components of the project that need to be funded including:

- \$400 million for the costs associated with the actual electrification of the Newbury-Rockport line. This includes power distribution and catenary installation, modifications to appropriate maintenance facilities and pur-

chasing a new electric fleet.

- \$260 million for step-free access to speed up boarding for everyone and to give riders with reduced mobility easier access to the train.

- \$120 million for infill stations that will be built on the existing line in address areas that have demand, but currently no stops.

- \$35 million for trolley rapid transit that would serve as a link between downtown Peabody and the Salem Commuter Rail Station, attracting hundreds daily.

"We need a commuter rail system that works for everyone and with electrification we can accomplish this by ensuring that service is affordable, reliable, frequent and environmentally friendly," said Senator Brendan Crighton. "We strongly urge the MBTA to immediately make these investments that will reduce carbon emissions and congestion while also creating economic mobility for all".

The CIP prioritizes MBTA investments over the next five years. A process of weighing the costs and benefits of each proposed projects is what shapes the CIP. A draft will be published on March 24th, which includes

preliminary program sizes and project budgets. After the draft is released, the MBTA will hold a 30-day public comment period and public engagement campaign, where they will welcome comments through many channels such as public meetings, letters, emails and online forms. In May, the MBTA Board will vote on a final CIP to be published.

"Our region has an unprecedented opportunity to abandon the status quo and invest in the future. If we electrify the Newburyport-Rockport Commuter Rail line—making it greener and more accessible—we'll be setting the standard for other communities," said Congressman Seth Moulton. "The MBTA should prioritize rail electrification and show that the Commonwealth is serious about leading on economic recovery, environmental justice, and improved mobility."

"I am proud to work in a united front with my colleagues from across the North Shore to request for the electrification of the Newburyport/Rockport line," said State Representative Dan Cahill. "We realize the immense potential that this investment in infrastructure would have for the workers and families of North Shore. The faster and more reliable connection between cities and towns will have positive economic benefits for those municipalities and their residents."

"Investments into the commuter rail system are long overdue," said State Representative Peter Capano. "I join my colleagues in urging the MBTA to prioritize electrification, affordable fares, and reliable service so that residents of the North Shore have access to clean, equitable, and dependable transportation."

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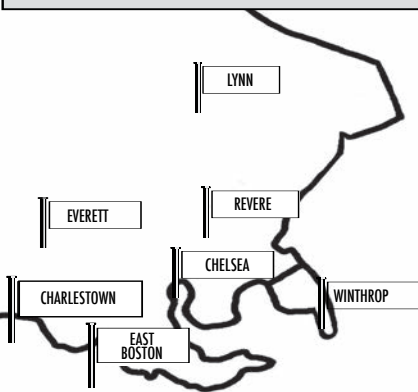
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Setting goals produces motivation. This was the Lynn Tech Swim team theme. Everyone involved noticed how the team was achieving each incremental goal which set a record pace for the program.

With a team of 42 swimmers participating, Head Coach John Hogan said, "This season started off with an amazing win against Greater Lowell which was a surprising victory. Moving into the season the swimmers were beginning to accumulate many wins. Toward the end of the season, the team won the Dual Meets, Male-Female Meets, State Vocational Championship along with the Commonwealth Conference

Championship." As John noted, "We had a very good season with every swimmer contributing. Next season we have a nucleus of 36 swimmers returning and look forward to being much stronger and better in competition."

Lynn Tech Swim program had a great season according to Asst. Coach Richard Bucko. "Our team had great spirit, the students had a great time, and it is all about our swimmers. Our coaching staff thanks the parents and the Booster Club for our successful season."

Congratulations to Lynn Tech Swim Team having a tremendous season.



Lynn Tech Swim Award Recipients: Head Coach John Hogan, Logan Lindquist – Booster Club, Addison Brown – Michael & Michelle Conlon, Kailey Brown- Peter Sawin, Morgan Bourgeois – Booster Club, Zakariya Bidoudane - Male MVP, and Assistant Coach Richard Bucko.



Booster President Paul Coulon, Alex Reddy – Senior and Tiger Award, Former LVTI Swim Coach Brad Tilley, Jeremiah Arzola – Senior Award, Coaches Richard Bucko and John Hogan.



Lynn Tech Student Athlete and Tiger Award – Assistant Coach Richard Bucko, Mario Rivera – Tiger Award, Addison Brown, Aleya Hill, Sobrina Hong – Student Athletes, Kyle Lindquist – Tiger Award, and Head Coach John Hogan.

April School Vacation Activities

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Boys/Girls ages 15+

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We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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