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SIX NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN TO LYNN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Six new officers in the Lynn Police Department were sworn in during an impressive ceremony at the police station. Pictured at the ceremony are Mayor Jared Nicholson, Officer Anthony DeLeo, Officer Genesis Encarnacion, Officer Lashaunda Hogan, Officer Rosely Ovalles, Officer Marcus Tucker, Officer Rafael Velez Rodriguez, and Police Chief Christopher Reddy.

Lynn Tech High School adds biotech program

Special to the Journal

Plumbing, electrical, cosmetology and ... biotechnology?

Yes, indeed, biotech is coming to Lynn Tech with the addition of a biotechnology course of study starting in the 2024-25 school year.

Biotech will be added to the list of programs that all freshmen will experience in the first half of the school year before deciding on which shop they want to pursue, according to Principal Fred Gallo. Then the first group of students will start in the course in January.

The goal, Gallo said, will be to start with 18 students and add a class of 18 in each of the next

three years, bringing the total to 72 when the first group are seniors. There will be a biotech lab created in the Tech annex building.

"Adding biotech as a course of study at Lynn Tech first perfectly with our continuing efforts to position the City as a viable option for the biotech sector," Mayor Jared C. Nicholson said. "We want to prepare students to succeed in the innovation economy."

Biotech will be one of 17 shops offered at Lynn Tech, which will have a freshman class of about 340, taken from an applicant pool of more than 600. This year's incoming class will be 13 percent larger than last year, with plans to continue expanding in order to meet the demand for seats at the

vocational school.

After spending at least a week exploring each of the shops in the first semester, freshmen narrow down their choices to three and are placed on one of those three.

"We look at the availability of jobs to make sure a program is viable," Gallo said. "Lynn is looking to attract biotech companies and there are a lot of biotech jobs in the area."

The biotech lab will be built in two phases, in space formerly occupied by the IT department at Tech. A teacher has been hired to tech the class and has been involved in the planning and implementation of the new course of study. A second teacher will be added in the future.

Element Care PACE appoints Eric Reines, as Chief Medical Officer

Special to the Journal

Element Care PACE, a non-profit healthcare organization helping older adults live safely and comfortably in their homes, announced Eric Reines, M.D., has been promoted to Chief Medical Officer. Reines has served Element Care PACE for nearly 16 years as an internist and geriatrician.

"The Element Care PACE team of dedicated professionals bring medical and nursing care to peoples' homes, where they are

most comfortable. We provide medication, transportation, social activities, as well as physical therapy, occupational therapy, social work and other services. After trying solo, HMO, and hospital practice, I found this model of healthcare so rewarding and successful that I have stayed with it for sixteen years. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Medical Director," said Dr. Reines.

As a leader in the field of geriatric medicine, Dr. Reines sees

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Phil Castinetti's Sportsworld will welcome television legend Jerry Mathers to Saugus

By Cary Shuman

Jerry Mathers, one of television's most beloved childhood stars of all time, will be appearing at Phil Castinetti's Sportsworld store in Saugus on Sunday, Aug. 25.

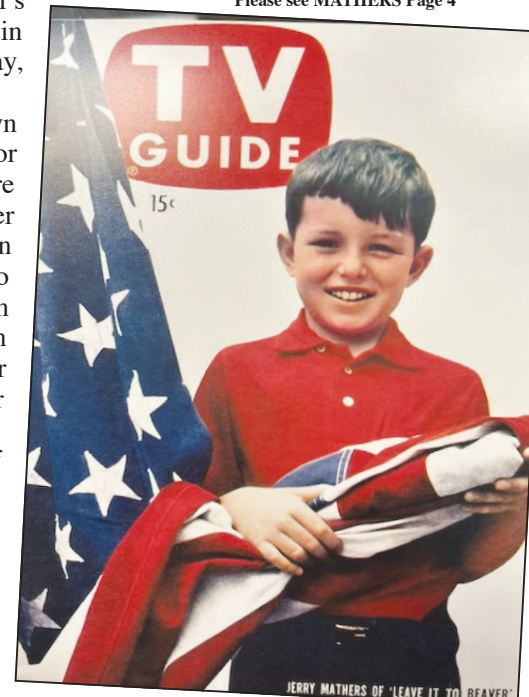
Mathers is known internationally for his role as Theodore "Beaver" Cleaver on the hit television series "Leave It To Beaver" that aired in 234 episodes from 1957 to 1963. Beaver and his older brother Wally (Tony Dow) played the sons of Ward Cleaver (Hugh Beaumont) and June Cleaver (Barbara Billingsley).

A 1974 graduate of Revere High School, Phil Castinetti has owned Sportsworld for 38 years. He is widely

regarded as one of the foremost sports memorabilia experts in the United States.

Castinetti said the response

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Jerry Mathers, known as Beaver Cleaver on the successful "Leave It To Beaver" TV series, is pictured on the cover of TV Guide.

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EDITORIAL

NOAH LYLES' — AND OUR — OLYMPIC MOMENT

The quadrennial Summer Olympics turns even the least of sports fans among us into active, if not rabid, rooters of the athletes who captivate our hearts and imaginations, both in sports with which we are familiar (basketball, soccer, gymnastics) and those that we get to see only once-every-four-years (pole vaulting).

The Olympics are the ultimate shared experience for people of all ages. The shots of the jubilant young gymnasts who gathered in their home gyms to root on Simone Biles and the U.S. team reminded us of our youth, when we sat in our living rooms with our parents and siblings to watch seemingly every minute of Olympics coverage (in those days, the Olympics took on greater meaning thanks in large part to the atmosphere of the Cold War-era when the competition between the U.S. and the Soviet bloc was a proxy for world politics at the time), and then doing the same with our own children decades later.

Those memories of past Olympics cascade in our mind's eye, with one memory leading to a host of others:

-- The 1968 Mexico Olympics, when Tommy Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in the Black Power salute on the medals podium, and when the long jump of Bob Beamon, which was almost two feet further than the then-world record, led Beamon to completely break down in sobbing when his result finally was posted (it took almost half-an-hour because his jump so far exceeded the measuring equipment at the time that the judges finally had to resort to using a tape measure);

-- The tragedy of the 1972 Munich Olympics when Palestinian terrorists kidnapped and murdered Israeli athletes, which overshadowed Russian Olga Korbut's historic gymnastics beam performance and swimmer Mark Spitz's seven gold medals (and his iconic photo);

-- Bruce Jenner's decathlon gold in 1976 in Montreal, which also featured Romania's Nadia Comaneci's first-ever perfect 10 in gymnastics;

-- Carl Lewis's track feats in the 1980s;

-- Michael Johnson's amazing feat of winning gold in the 200 and 400 in the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 (which also included a tragic bombing that killed one person and injured more than 100);

-- Michael Phelps winning eight golds in 2008;

-- The incomparable Usain Bolt winning the 100 and 200 dashes in 2012 and 2016 that turned all of us into Jamaican track fans;

-- And of course, the Winter Olympics of 1980, when Winthrop's Mike Eruzione captained the U.S. hockey team to a gold medal at Lake Placid over a heavily-favored Soviet team -- all of us can remember where we were that Friday afternoon when Mike scored the winning goal, and then two days later when the Americans beat the Finns to win the gold medal (we missed that game because we were playing in the Chelsea YMHA's Wild Animal basketball league on Sunday mornings).

So it was with a lifetime's worth of Olympic memories that we tuned in to watch the men's 100 meter finals on Sunday afternoon in which America's Noah Lyles was competing in the first of what he hoped would be a Bolt-like 100-200 double.

As we all know, that 100 meter race will forever be etched in Olympic history. Lyles was dead last through the first 40 meters. The NBC commentator (the Australian guy who otherwise does a great job) called it right away for Jamaica's Kishane Thompson -- "Jamaica's going to do it! Kishane Thompson is a gold medalist!" -- a mistake worthy of the historic "Dewey Beats Truman" newspaper headline.

In the announcer's defense, even Lyles himself thought that Thompson had won. But then the waiting game began -- and for 29 seconds the entire world waited for the official announcement (vs. the 29 minutes it took to measure Bob Beamon's jump). When Lyles was declared the winner by five one thousandths of a second (that's .005), the joy and emotion, epitomized by Lyles's mom almost collapsing in the stands, but then rallying to give her son a big bear hug when he fell into her arms -- was shared by all of us.

Even diehard sports fans such as ourselves learned something new from that race. We always had assumed that the first part of the body to cross the line is what counted. But unlike horse racing (for which the phrase "wins by a nose" is accurate), a human race is determined by the torso, which effectively means the clavicle (commonly called the collarbone) because the runners are leaning forward as they hit the line.

So even though other parts of Thompson's body had crossed the finish line ahead of Lyles's, Noah's clavicle had reached the line ahead of Thompson, and thus he was awarded the gold medal. It was an Olympic moment for the ages -- and one that we and the hundreds of millions of people watching worldwide will never forget.

GUEST OP-ED

What could have been: Amendment No. 105 as changed to Bill H4876

By Chris Marchi with AIR, Inc.

The basic idea is that all Americans have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, right? So it follows that if families living in areas near power plants, chemical factories, or airports get asthma, COPD, or any number of other chronic health problems because of exposure to pollution that comes from those types of facilities, their constitutional rights are being violated. That's what environmental justice, also known as "EJ", is all about.

Very often, polluting facilities end up located away from where wealthy people live, and closer to where working class and lower income people live. Environmental justice laws strive to ensure that families who are living near polluting facilities get equal protection from environmental damage. These families are often non-English speaking people, people with lower educational attainment, and people of color.

Not everybody recognizes this, but living next to a major international airport comes with serious environmental consequences. Most of the East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere area has large environmental justice communities. As a volunteer for Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated (AIR, Inc.) I've worked to achieve environmental justice for 30 years. AIR, Inc.'s work to push for air filtration programs alongside Mothers Out Front and others, our work with the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and others to extend the East Boston Greenway, etc., is all about achieving

environmental justice.

The biggest problem we've faced over AIR, Inc.'s 60+ years of activism has been the lack of environmental accountability at the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) which owns and operates Logan Airport. One of the main reasons we've had so much trouble getting Massport to accept accountability for the impacts of Logan's noise and pollution is that it has not been in Massport's job description to worry about the negative environmental consequences of aviation. Massport was established by an act of the state legislature back in 1956, at a time when politicians and planners weren't thinking about environmental damage and people's environmental rights as much as they were trying to support and grow economic benefits of aviation, building highways, and bulldozing urban communities through urban renewal plans.

When our partners at Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom reached out about the effort to im-

prove Massport's enabling language, we saw that there was an opportunity to strengthen the language from just mentioning equity, to specifically requiring the Port Authority to consider environmental justice in their mission. This language became Amendment #105 to Bill H4876 ("The Climate Bill"), which was formed in the legislative session that closed on July 31.

With the help of Representative Adrian Madaro and many of his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, we came up with much stronger language for "The Climate Bill" than what was originally proposed. The new language required that Massport consider "environmental resiliency and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and incorporating environmental justice principles". After passing to the final stages of the legislative process with enormous support from advocates across Massachusetts, Bill H4876 was declined

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Metro Credit Union announces first round of 2024 Charitable Foundation Grant recipients

Special to the Journal

Metro Credit Union, the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, today announced that it has awarded \$52,500 in grant funding to six local non-profit organizations through the Metro Credit Union Foundation. Metro launched the Foundation in April 2023, and these grants represent the most recent round of awards to support non-profit organizations, initiatives, and programs that contribute to the economic wellbeing of local communities and their residents through grant funding. The Metro Credit Union Foundation has awarded \$157,500 in grants to date.

“Empowering individuals and families to advance their financial capabilities and wellbeing is essential for the overall wellbeing of our communities,” said Robert Cashman, President and CEO, Metro Credit Union. “Giving back is a key component of what we do at Metro, and we are

pleased to award grants through the Metro Credit Union Foundation in support of the important services and programs that these recipient organizations offer.”

The following organizations have been awarded grants:

Entrepreneurship for All, (EforAll) Lowell, MA — Expanding Inclusive Entrepreneurship in Roxbury, Lynn, and the Merrimack Valley - \$7,500

LEO Inc., Lynn, MA — LEO Financial Empowerment Program - \$10,000

Merrimack Valley YMCA, Inc., Lawrence, MA — Food Insecurity Program - \$7,500

One Family Inc., Boston, MA — Family Self-Sufficiency Coaching Program - \$10,000

Pathways Inc., Lynn, MA — Financial Literacy Savings Match Program - \$10,000

The Salem Pantry, Inc., Salem, MA — Mobile Pantry Program - \$7,500

The Metro Foundation awards grants to organizations with a focus on:



Front row: Joyce Grippen, Chief Development and Marketing Officer, Merrimack Valley YMCA; Robert Cashman, President and CEO, Metro Credit Union; Sophan Smith, Executive Director – Merrimack Valley, EforAll; Lilian Romero, Chief Program Officer, LEO, Inc. Back row: Alain Montes, Executive Director – Lynn, EforAll; Josh Shepherd, Executive Director, Pathways, Inc.; Robyn Burns, Executive Director, The Salem Pantry; Yetzaira Bonilla, Financial Empowerment Program Coordinator, LEO, Inc.; Shira Lewin, Director of Development and Communications, One Family, Inc.; Charlene Bauer, SVP Outreach and Advocacy, Chief Development Officer, Metro Credit Union

Community Development — creating vibrant and equitable neighborhoods.

Securing Safe & Affordable Housing — providing opportunities for affordable housing and home ownership with down-payment assistance and homebuyer education programs.

Financial Wellness & Advancement — promoting financial competency by providing

knowledge and skills.

For more information about the Foundation, application guidelines, and upcoming application deadlines visit Founda-

tion.MetroCU.org.

Each year, Metro gives back to local communities through a

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last week when conference committee negotiations broke down.

We thank Representatives Madaro, Peisch, Cataldo, Gordon, Gentile, Ciccolo, and the numerous other representatives who signed the Climate Bill for their advocacy. We were thrilled with the proposed new language, and we were disappointed to learn that the Climate Bill was abandoned at a late hour on the final legislative workday for the session. We are disappointed that Massport has not yet been given a legislative mandate to work collaboratively with the neighborhoods who support it to reduce environmental impacts. We are worried for our futures, and for our children’s futures.

Under the Port Authority’s current charter, Massport’s staff, board, and leadership has no explicit responsibility to reduce environmental impacts. They see their calling as boosting the economy. The unspoken paradigm is “It’s

the economy versus the environment” and without the requirement to address environmental costs, Massport has routinely chosen the most environmentally destructive alternatives.

Over the past 65 years or so that Massport has been in existence, the “grow first at any and all environmental costs approach” which has prevailed at the Massachusetts Port Authority has resulted in massive and ongoing environmental damage. To grow Logan, Massport has consumed 1,500 acres of Boston Harbor, 3 harbor islands, and 2 urban parks. Massport and the state have taken hundreds of homes and businesses in East Boston by eminent domain, bulldozed 3 urban neighborhoods. Today, Massport’s Logan airport releases 35,000 LBS of EPA criteria air pollution into the air in East Boston every day. We experience hundreds of night time flights which destroy our sleep, and Logan’s traffic in the air and ground

grows worse by the day. Hanscom residents deal with disproportionate burdens as well.

We cannot continue to ask residents in airport impacted communities to fight the Authority for every gain at every turn. With the language in Amendment 105, hopefully we would not have needed to. However, the Massachusetts’ legislature has decided yet again to prioritize profits and political posturing over the wellbeing of residents.

Chris Marchi is from Air inc that is an East Boston based environmental group focused on improving the quality of life of all people – especially the most vulnerable: children, elderly, the more susceptible and those with fewer means – living in communities surrounding New England’s Logan International Airport, by mitigating the noise, air quality and traffic impacts of our large and growing airport.

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NEWS BRIEFS

SUMNER TUNNEL REOPENS

The Sumner Tunnel reopened to traffic on Monday at 5 a.m. before the morning commute. The tunnel had been completely shut down since July 5 as part of a multi-year restoration project. The closure was the next phase of a project that began in April of 2022 and included work on the tunnel roadway, walls, drainage and additional improvements which will increase safety and climate resiliency. The project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth's infrastructure.

During the 31-day shutdown, the existing asphalt was removed from the length of the roadway and the concrete below was rehabilitated. Granite curbing and drain inlet were replaced and the installation of new fireboard was completed. The entire length of the roadway was repaved. The new pavement will be lined, and the tunnel cleaned prior to re-opening.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project offered a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points. Mitigation options included free trips on the MBTA Blue Line; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport.

A limited number of weekend closures are planned for the fall. At their conclusion, no later than the end of November, the project will be complete.

SUMNER SUMMER PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS:

- The tunnel was closed for 31 days during which construction was ongoing 24/7.
- 3 shifts a day over 31 days equals 93 work shifts.

- 13,516 square yards of concrete roadway were rehabilitated.

- 3,122 tons of asphalt paving was laid.

- 320 linear feet of granite curbing was replaced.

- 69 new drainage inlets were installed.

- 13,988 square feet of fireboard were installed.

- Mitigation costs for FY24 and FY25 totaled \$13 million dollars.

LOW NUMBER PLATE LOTTERY APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 16

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding the public that eligible vehicle owners have two weeks left to submit applications for the 2024 Low Number Plate Lottery at myRMV Online Service Center.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16.

The Low Plate Lottery will be held on Tuesday, September 10 – details of the event will be announced soon. Winners will be notified by mail if selected for a low number plate.

This year, there are 298 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of the available low plates include 34, 255, 1912, 2X, 33V, B8, and Z88. Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply for the lottery. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a special plate fee that will be required, as well as a standard registration fee. In addition, lottery plate applicants will be sent a notification from the RMV to the email address they provided with lottery event details including the livestream link and location of the event. The lottery results will be posted after the drawing on the RMV's website, Mass. Gov/RMV.

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number of philanthropic initiatives, partnerships, scholarships, and volunteer programs. Metro has been recognized for its charitable contributions with the Boston Business Journal Corporate Citizenship Award for the past four years.

Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$3.4 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to close to 200,000 members in Barnstable, Bris-

tol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham counties in New Hampshire. Metro is the credit union of choice for employees at over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Dorchester, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Medford, Melrose,

Newton, Peabody, Reading, Salem, Tewksbury, and West Roxbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos ("Together We Advance") designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal. Learn more at Metro-CU.org.

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patients enrolled in the Massachusetts Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and has played an instrumental role in leading interdisciplinary teams to deliver highly coordinated care for adults 55 and older. He also serves as an advisor to the Massachusetts Medical Society's Committee on Geriatric Medicine and is affiliated with Salem Hospital and Beverly Hospital.

"Dr. Reines brings a wealth of elder care and PACE experience to his new position and is poised to lead us into a successful new chapter," said Robert Wakefield, Jr, Chief Executive Officer at Element Care PACE. "He helped Element Care provide care to vulnerable patients during challenging COVID surges and his work has made a lasting impact on our patients for nearly two decades. He is well positioned to oversee our clinical operations to ensure quality care with an emphasized focus on preventative medicine, and a commitment to personalized attention."

The Medicare and Medicaid-funded Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides comprehensive medical services, helps reduce barriers to care and offers a proactive and person-centered approach

to senior healthcare, particularly for low-income seniors. PACE unified care teams cover the facilitation of several aspects of medical care including basic well and sick visits, dental, eye, and hearing care, rehabilitation, along with screenings, therapy appointments, and more. Studies show PACE participants have lower rates of hospital stays and readmissions and improved quality of life.



Dr. Eric Reines.

"In today's fragmented healthcare landscape, the vision of a holistic approach to well-being remains elusive, particularly for seniors grappling with complex medical needs," said Wakefield.

"Dr. Reines's patient-first approach and expertise as a practicing internist and geriatric care professional will be invaluable in leading our PACE program as the population of seniors continues to grow."

"We also want to thank Dr. Joanna Duby for her 21 years of service as Element Care's former Medical Director, providing exceptional care to countless participants and making a lasting impact on our community."

The Element Care PACE Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a non-profit healthcare organization with a simple mission: to help older adults live safely and comfortably in their homes and communities for as long as they can, keeping their stays in hospitals and nursing facilities as minimal as possible. Founded in 1994, Element Care PACE was established as a joint venture of the Lynn Community Health Center and Greater Lynn Senior Services to bring PACE to seniors in the community. Element Care PACE has six PACE Adult Day Health Centers in Massachusetts covering the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and the Northeast region of Middlesex County. Learn more at www.elementcare.org

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to the upcoming appearance by Mathers, 76, has been "phenomenal."

"I've been doing events like this for a long time, and we're getting more responses for Jerry than any athlete ever – it's been

wild," said Castinetti. "I used to watch the show when I was a kid, and I always loved it. Jerry Mathers is a legend."

Castinetti said individual autographs and photos with Mathers will cost \$35.

"We welcome everyone to show up with their own items to be autographed and we will also have pictures of Jerry at the store," said Castinetti. "I've talked to Jerry on the phone, and he's excited about meeting his many

fans in Saugus."

There are other notable child stars like Jay North (Dennis The Menace), Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster of The Munsters) and Ron Howard (Opie in the Andy Griffith Show) from that gold-

en era of television, but Jerry Mathers, forever the "Beaver" – reigns at the top of the all-time list.

SUDS UP LAUDROMAT HOLDS GRAND OPENING

Suds Up Laudromat held its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, July 27 at its location at 391 Lynnway.

North Shore Latino Business Association President Frances Martinez joined city officials in

congratulating business owners Ralph and Meryl Sevinor and their son, Jared Sevinor, on the opening of their laundromat that has 48 state-of-the-art washers and 60 state-of-the-art dryers.

“We’ve really done everything

to have the best options and to provide the best cleaning experience possible in the industry,” said Jared Sevinor, a graduate of the prestigious Wharton School

of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mayor Jared Nicholson sent a letter of congratulations to the Sevinor family welcoming them

to the Lynn business community. Frances Martinez read the letter aloud at the ceremony.

Vanessa Leon is the manager of Suds Up Laundromat.



North Shore Latino Business Association President and CEO Frances Martinez reads a congratulatory letter from Mayor Jared Nicholson during the grand opening celebration, welcoming business owners Jared Sevinor, Ralph Sevinor, and Meryl Sevinor, to the Lynn business community.



Ralph and Meryl Sevinor are ready to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Suds Up Laundromat located at 392 Lynnway.



North Shore Latino Business Association President and CEO Frances Martinez, Lynn City Councilors Brian LaPierre and Fred Hohan, and Amari Gaston, Legislative Aide to Sen. Brendan Crighton business owners Ralph Sevinor, Meryl Sevinor, and Jared Sevinor for a photo inside the spacious Suds Up Laundromat at the grand opening July 27.



Suds Up Laundromat owners Jared Sevinor, Ralph Sevinor, and Meryl Sevinor proudly hold the congratulatory citations they received from the Offices of Mayor Jared Nicholson and Sen. Brendan Crighton, and the Lynn City Council, at the grand opening celebration July 27 for new store located at 391 Lynnway.

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NORTH SHORE LATINO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HOSTS ITS ANNUAL ALL WHITE PARTY

Photos by Cary Shuman

The North Shore Latino Business Association hosted its Annual All-White Party July 26 at the Bayside Harbor View in Nahant. NSLBA President and CEO

Frances Martinez welcomed the large crowd to the festive event that included a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. The guests were dressed splendidly in all-white attire.



Jose Abreu, NSLBA Board President Sergio M. Espinoza, Thalia Batista, Lucas Moya, and Ana Perez.



Rafael Maduro and Nicole Maduro, with their baby, Andrew.



Jayleane Hearn, Josenny Duran, Grace Duran, and Darby Connolly.



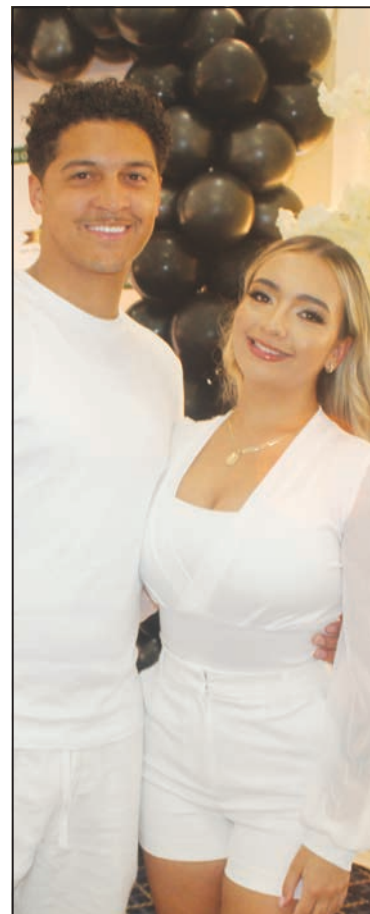
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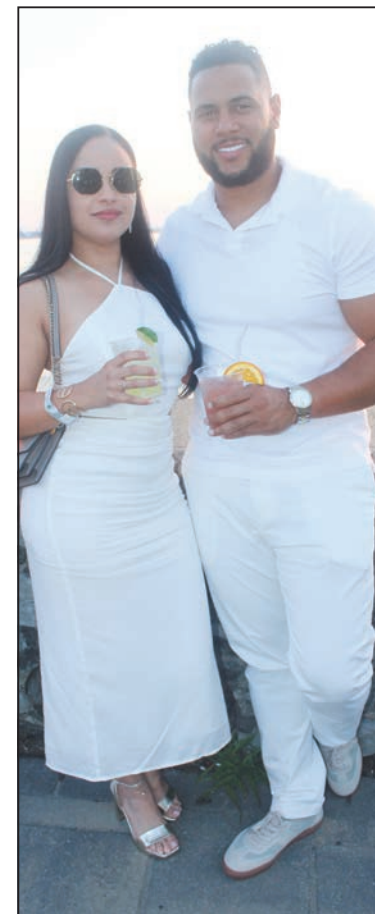
NSLBA President Frances Martinez, pictured with her daughters, Franshelin and Franselena, at the gala.



NSLBA Board Member Diana Moreno and her husband, Eric Moreno Sr.



Attorney Schuyler Hogan and Isabella Suarez.



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Reading Cooperative Bank Vice President Maureen Bernard, David Zeller, Ginger Zeller, Reading Cooperative Bank Vice President Kerry Ranieri, and Leslie Lawyer.

NORTH SHORE LATINO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HOSTS ITS ANNUAL ALL WHITE PARTY



NSLBA President and CEO Frances Martinez welcomes the board of directors to the Annual All-White Gala at Bayside Harbor View in Nahant. Some of the board members of the North Shore Latino Business Association, pictured at the party, from left, Alicia Seam Cham, Diana Moreno, Ircania Valera, Rosa Feliz, Frances Martinez, Schuyler Hogan, Eliud Alcala, Sergio Espinoza, David Zeller



Alejandra Alvarado, Indiana Alvarado, and Soila Sabillon.



Magnolia Contreras and David Solimine Jr.



Lissette Olaverria, Nicauly Mata, and Frances Martinez.



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ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOCKEY RECEIVES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS



The St. Mary's High School girls hockey players (pictured above) received their Division 1 state championship rings and trophies for the 2023-24 season during a celebration at the Fox Hill Yacht Club in Saugus. Pictured (left) are assistant coaches Lauren Vaccaro, Ashley Wojewodzc, and Tatiana Doucette, and head coach Frank Pagliuca.

Eileen Duff picks up endorsements in race for Southern Essex County Register of Deeds

Special to the Journal

Southern Essex County, MA – August 5, 2024 – Eileen Duff, Democratic candidate for Southern Essex County Register of Deeds, is proud to announce the endorsement of former Register of Deeds, John O'Brien, and Essex County District Attorney Paul Tucker. These endorsements highlight Duff's qualifications and her vision for the future of the Registry.

John O'Brien, who served the county with distinction, expressed his strong support for Duff, stating, "Eileen Duff is the natural choice to be the next Southern Essex Register of Deeds. She is deeply familiar with the workings of the Registry as a user and is the only candidate with the necessary management experience to lead the Registry into the future. I give her my full support and endorsement."

The endorsement of District Attorney Paul Tucker is a significant milestone for Eileen Duff's campaign for Southern Essex County Register of Deeds. District Attorney Paul Tucker's endorsement signals trust in Eileen Duff's ability to manage the Register of Deeds office effectively.

This endorsement also highlights Duff's dedication to transparency and fairness, values essential to maintaining public confidence in the integrity of the Registry. "Eileen Duff is a dedicated public servant with extensive experience in real estate, management and community engagement. Her commitment to transparency and efficiency will bring positive change to the Southern Essex County Registry of Deeds."

Eileen Duff has served the people of Essex County in various capacities, bringing a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to public service. Her career has been marked by a dedication to transparency, efficiency, and community engagement. Eileen Duff's candidacy for Essex County Register of Deeds is rooted in her dedication to public service and her vast experience in real estate. With the support of state leaders and the community, she aims to bring positive change to the office and enhance the quality of service provided to all Southern Essex County residents.

For more information about Eileen Duff's campaign and her vision for the Essex County Register of Deeds office, please visit www.voteduff.com.

Free Community College for all in the Commonwealth

Special to the Journal

Expanding on the success of MassReconnect, which the Healey-Driscoll administration unveiled last year, MassEducate will now offer tuition- and fee-free community college to all Massachusetts residents, regardless of age, who have yet to earn a bachelor's degree.

The newly signed budget includes \$93.5 million for the creation of MassEducate, a new pro-

gram making community college free for all students, beginning in fall 2024, who do not currently have a bachelor's degree, regardless of age.

Together, MassEducate and MassReconnect will provide the opportunity for ALL pMassachusetts residents, regardless of age or income who have yet to earn a bachelor's degree the opportunity to earn an associate degree or certificate at any one of Massachusetts' 15 community colleges, if they meet all eligibility

requirements and complete the proper steps to enroll and matriculate.

While both MassReconnect and MassEducate offer free community college to MA residents, the two programs have different qualifiers:

MassReconnect is geared to students aged 25 and older without an associate or bachelor's degree

MassEducate will cover students who are under 25, as well as students who are over 25 who

have already received an associate degree.

Both programs include an allowance for books and supplies for certain students.

Last year, thanks to MassReconnect, MA community colleges saw a historic 8% rise in enrollment, including a 45% increase in enrollment of students over the age of 25, reversing a decade of decline.

"We're thrilled to now offer free community college to our communities," said North Shore

Community College President William Heineman. "Education is the key to betterment. At North Shore we say if you have the will, we have the way - now the state is backing that up by removing the financial barrier to achieving that betterment."

For more information on MassReconnect and MassEducate go to <https://tinyurl.com/ysekxcze>.

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Reid piles up endorsements in State Representative race

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School Committee Member Sean Reid, who is running to replace outgoing Rep. Peter Capano for the West Lynn and Nahant seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, has continued to pile up support from labor unions and advocacy organizations throughout this race.

These endorsements thus far include: the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), Iron Workers Local 7, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters Local 339, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) State Council, Carmen's Union Local 589, Mass Retirees, Neighbor to Neighbor, Sierra Club, and Mass Voters for Animals.

"These groups represent workers from a variety of key sectors from education to health care to the environment," said Reid. "I am so grateful for their support and we will work collaboratively to address the many challenges that residents across the district are facing."

"Sean understands the impor-

tance of public service and the need to ensure that public retirees are not forgotten," said Frank Valeri, President of the Mass Retirees Association that represents the 104 public retirement systems within the state. "His experience in the State House will serve the people of the 11th Essex District well."

Sean is currently a state employee himself, working as Legislative Director for State Senator Brendan Crighton.

"We believe [Sean] will be a strong advocate for improving the lives of working families, and those that are underserved in the communities where we live and work," said Local 339 President Tom Geary.

"Sean has and will continue to fight for everyday, working people like our members," said Local 589 President Jim Evers,

The MTA, which represents 117,000, teachers, faculty, and support professional and the MNA, which represents 23,000 registered nurses and health professionals, are also both proud to endorse Sean's candidacy

"The professionals that these two unions represent are the backbone of their respective fields. In recent years, they have



School Committee member Sean Reid.

faced unprecedented obstacles that have many leaving these professions", said Reid. "We need to do better in supporting them, both for their sake and for the sake of our communities."

Sean also stated that education has another personal connection to him with his wife being a special education teacher here in Lynn.

Mass Voter for Animals said they endorsed Sean because he would be a strong advocate for the protection of animals from cruelty and exploitation.

The primary election that will decide the next State Representative for the 11th Essex District is on September 3rd.

NHTSA reminds drivers: Drive sober or get pulled over

Special to the Journal

Through September 15, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will be working alongside local law enforcement for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over high-visibility enforcement campaign. The goal is to deter impaired driving and prevent the tragedies seen in previous Labor Day weekends from happening again.

During the 2022 Labor Day holiday (6 p.m. September 2-5:59 a.m. September 6), there were 490 crash fatalities nationwide. Of these 490 traffic crash fatalities, 39% (190) involved a drunk driver, and a quarter (25%) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit (.15+ BAC). Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday in 2022, 47% of those drivers were drunk, with BACs of .08 or higher.

"We want our community members to understand that it's our first priority to keep people safe, so we're asking everyone to

plan ahead if they know they'll be out drinking," said Chief David J. Callahan "The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is an awareness effort to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal and it takes lives. Let's make this a partnership between law enforcement and drivers: Help us protect the community and put an end to this senseless behavior."

Drivers should be safe during this Labor Day holiday by planning ahead if they intend to drink. They shouldn't wait until after drinking to plan how to get home. Impairment clouds a person's judgment. Drivers should secure a designated sober driver or call a taxi or rideshare for a sober ride home.

If a driver finds they are unable to drive, they should give their keys to a sober driver so that person can get them home safely. When a friend has been drinking and is considering driving, friends should be proactive — take away the keys and help them get a sober ride home. If anyone spots a drunk driver, contact local law enforcement.

For more information on impaired driving, visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

STONEHILL COLLEGE'S DEAN'S LIST ANNOUNCED

Over 1,000 students earned a spot on Stonehill semester's roster including:

- Ashleigh O'Haire of Lynn
- Aidan Cole of Lynn
- Caroline Nerich of Lynn

College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lathrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

ON HONOR ROLL AT ST. JOHN'S PREP

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year, which ended on March 24, 2023. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Fourth Quarter 2023-2024.

Head of School List

- William Bochnak '26
- Max Kuleszka '29
- Edward MacDougall '29
- Marcus Magloire '28
- Denzel Ovando '26
- Anthony Smart '24

Principal's List

- Zachary Marino '28

Honor Roll

- Willem Hofeldt '24
- Nicholas Kokonezis '27

- Thomas Marino '25
- Chase Ronningen '30
- Anthony Sorrentino '27
- Edwin Valenzuela Castro '25
- Jarrold Wallace '27

REGIS COLLEGE CELEBRATES 94TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Regis College celebrated its 94th Commencement Ceremony on May 11, 2024 at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston, where more than 1,100 students received degrees ranging from associate to doctorate.

Members of the Class of 2024 celebrated their accomplishments with an inspirational commencement ceremony at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston featuring humanitarian and nurse Alix Dorsainvil, '14, who delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree. Social justice advocates Dr. Alix Cantave and Charlotte Cramer Wagner received honorary degrees.

"Not only are you college graduates, you are Regis College graduates," said President Antoinette Hays, PhD, RN in her message to the graduates. "That really means something. It means that each of you have engaged in a journey of learning in which the university has contributed to forming your character and confidence in preparing you for a career, and more importantly, a life of meaning."

"Never stop learning, for learning is a lifelong journey," Hays continued. "Use the knowledge you gained at Regis to make the world a better place."

Trang Nguyen of Lynn, graduated with a BS in Medical Imaging

Dariana Noyola of Lynn, graduated with a BSW in Social Work

Julissa Paz of Lynn, graduated with a BS in Financial Planning

Joshua Perez of Lynn, graduated with a BA in Business Management

SNHU ANNOUNCES WINTER 2024 DEAN'S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2024 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Heidi Figueroa of Lynn
- Unique Campbell of Lynn
- Stephanie Martinez of Lynn
- Bonnie Natola of Lynn
- Matthew Mehan of Lynn

SNHU ANNOUNCES WINTER 2024 PRESIDENT'S LIST

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Joe Clifton of Lynn

Thanayri Rodriguez Ortiz of Lynn

- Hannah Kromah of Lynn
- Ryan Rotcavich of Lynn
- Carlos Alvarez of Lynn
- Rosalie Rivera of Lynn
- Elizabeth Soc of Lynn
- Dan Duong of Lynn
- Samantha Centola of Lynn
- Kelvin Robles of Lynn
- Julia Nickolau of Lynn
- Gabriella Figueroa of Lynn
- Anthony Gandolfo of Lynn
- Carrie Baird of Lynn
- Cameron Lahue of Lynn
- Kirsy Vasquez of Lynn
- Kayla Reynolds of Lynn
- Alyssa Copithorne of Lynn
- Paul Bridges of Lynn

SOE AWARDED THE BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lehigh University student, Ghay Soe of Lynn, MA, was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship in the spring semester of 2024.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State funds study and intern abroad opportunities with minimal financial cost, enabling high-achieving students to gain proficiency in diverse languages and cultures, skills that are critically important to national security and economic competitiveness.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provide opportunities to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

CURRY COLLEGE WELCOMES EDDOWS INTO BELL HONOR SOCIETY

Curry College welcomes Christina Eddows of Lynn, MA into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society.

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The objective of the Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic excellence at Curry College. The Society is named for the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College. It was founded in 1971 to recognize and promote academic excellence through a variety of activities at Curry.

The Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is one of Curry's most distinguished organizations. Membership in the Society is limited to those students who have achieved Dean's List every semester while enrolled at Curry College.

RAPLEY RECEIVES BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT WPI'S 155TH COMMENCEMENT

On Friday, May 10, Lynn, resident Ravyn Rapley, who majored in Civil Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 155th Commencement. Over 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

President Grace J. Wang, PhD, and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the exercises.

Wang told the graduates that in a changing world, where new technologies and industries are rapidly emerging, and where they could be doing jobs that have not yet been invented, they should dream boldly, persevere, be a team player, and enjoy the journey.

"WPI has prepared you for this future," Wang said. "During your time here, you have been immersed in a transformative, leading-edge, and inclusive environment to ready you for jobs, careers, and, also, exciting opportunities to come."

STERITI RECEIVES BS/MS DEGREE

On Friday, May 10, Lynn, Massachusetts resident Stephanie Steriti, who majored in Mechanical Engineering, was bestowed a BS/MS degree at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's (WPI) 155th Commencement. Nearly 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

President Grace J. Wang, PhD, and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the

exercises.

LETCH AWARDED MBA FROM SALVE REGINA

Stephanie Letch of Lynn was awarded a MBA in Business Administration - 5YR Prg degree during Salve Regina University's 74th commencement.

Salve Regina President Kelli Armstrong conferred 503 bachelor's degrees, 271 master's degrees and 22 doctoral degrees to members of the Class of 2024. In total, this year's graduating class was the University's largest ever at 823.

In presenting the Commencement address, renowned author, scholar and policy analyst Susan Eisenhower spoke to graduates in the context of Salve's focus on mercy leadership and service. "As you begin your post-graduation journey, embrace the unexpected -- even the assignments that may at first disappoint you. Learn from them. Reflect on them. Don't shortchange yourself by living so fast and ambitiously that you miss the enduring lessons that come every day, no matter what job or assignment. You will be the better for it, as will everyone who will come to depend on you."

Eisenhower's recent book, "How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decisions," has earned critical acclaim nationally and internationally, highlighting the qualities of successful leadership demonstrated by her grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She is the founder of the Eisenhower Group, Inc., a Washington D.C.-based consulting company, and Chairman Emeritus at the Eisenhower Institute. Eisenhower has been a Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and a Distinguished Fellow at the Nixon Center, now called The Center for the National Interest.

In offering his congratulations, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) said, "I am confident that all of you in the Class of 2024 will make your own mark and serve a purpose higher than yourself. Today more than ever, our world needs your combination of knowledge, talent and, most of all, mercy."

LOCAL EMERSON COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN DEAN'S LIST FOR SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

The following students are

named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Derek Lane of Lynn. Lane is majoring in Sports Communication and is a member of the Class of 2026.

Oluwatimileyin Oladunjoye of Lynn. Oladunjoye is majoring in Political Communication and is a member of the Class of 2026.

Cameron Hunt of Lynn. Hunt is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2026.

Jael Beato of Lynn. Beato is majoring in Journalism and is a member of the Class of 2026.

PELLETIER NAMED TO SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Emma Pelletier of Lynn excelled during the spring 2024 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List. Emma's major is Filmmaking.

Emma Pelletier also graduated from Hofstra University in May 2024, earning a degree in Filmmaking.

Hofstra University's primary mission is to provide a quality education to its students in an environment that encourages, nurtures, and supports learning. At Hofstra, new ideas take shape through collaboration, engagement, and interaction. Hofstra students create their success with small classes and dedicated faculty, alongside a beautiful campus, plus all the opportunities of New York City within easy reach.

BRYANT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS NAMED TO SPRING 2024 DEANS' LIST

Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement and have been named to the Spring 2024 Deans' List.

To earn a place on the Deans' List, students must have a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

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Lynn Community Health Center awarded funding from Atrius Health Equity Foundation to improve health and longevity in Lynn

Special to the Journal

Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC) is one of eight awardees selected through a highly competitive and rigorous process for a Youth as Health Care Change Agents grant by the Atrius Health Equity Foundation.

This grant program is a new initiative that funds community organizations in Eastern Massachusetts to support youth in their full potential as health educators, health navigators, future health care professionals, and community health advocates. LCHC will be utilizing the funds to launch a first of its kind Community Health Center Student Fellowship Program for Lynn students ages 14-18, focused on empowering them and their families to monitor hypertension at home; providing them with cultural and age-appropriate health education, training, and advocacy opportunities; and explore healthcare career pathways through direct mentorship and on-the-job shadowing.

In Lynn, health is shaped by social and economic factors such as access to safe housing, healthy and consistent food availability, reliable and affordable public transportation, childcare, and fair wage jobs. Lynn Community Health Center has been actively innovating in the community since our founding in 1971 to remove and reduce all barriers to high-quality, comprehensive healthcare. The Community Health Center Student Fellowship Program is one more way LCHC will work upstream to build strong foundations for the future of Lynn's youth. LCHC's key collaborators for this program will include Lynn Public

Schools, LEAP for Education, Mass General Brigham, and the Lynn Education District.

"This multi-faceted program will empower Lynn youth to explore dynamic healthcare roles, become patient advocates, and address the biggest health challenges impacting their families and community," said Brenda Rodriguez, CEO, Lynn Community Health Center. "We are excited to partner with LPS, LEAP, the Ed District and MGB, and are grateful to the Atrius Health Equity Foundation for recognizing the potential this program has to promote youth as change agents.

As part of the application process, LCHC conducted a community design session that engaged youth of Lynn in co-creating the program that will be made possible by this grant. "We've seen the positive impact of young people having opportunities to develop skills, experience the benefits of mentorship and feel their future is being invested in," said Sarah Eilers, LICSW and Director of LCHC's School Based Health Center Behavioral Health Program. "Students will be able to learn and see behind the scenes of how our organization proactively addresses real needs in our community."

"The City is thrilled that LCHC has been awarded this grant, which will provide aspiring youth unparalleled opportunities to enter the healthcare field," said Mayor Jared Nicholson. "Through the new Community Health Center Student Fellowship Program, we aim to empower our students to pursue diverse pathways in health education. This grant will cultivate a new generation of Lynn healthcare professionals who are passionate about making a positive

impact in their community."

"LEAP for Education is excited to bring its expertise in career mentoring to this innovative program led by LCHC," said Linda Saris, Executive Director. "We look forward to connecting healthcare mentors with Lynn's talented teens who will become tomorrow's healthcare workforce and change agents."

"Providing educational and economic mobility opportunities to our youth is critical to dismantling generational health inequities," said Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Community Health and Health Equity Officer at Mass General Brigham. "We look forward to expanding our long-standing relationship with Lynn Community Health Center through our support of the Community Health Center Student Fellowship Program. We are excited about the tremendous impact this program will have on the Lynn community."

Established in 2022 as an independent organization, the Atrius Health Equity Foundation carries forward Atrius Health's historic focus on improving health outcomes for all. The Atrius Health Equity Foundation aims to close life expectancy gaps across Eastern Massachusetts by offering funding responsive to community priorities and that centers community leadership and collaboration.

"The Atrius Health Equity Foundation heard directly from community leaders in 2023 that economic mobility, educational opportunity, and youth as a population of focus are important to close the life expectancy gap. As a result of this community engagement and the Foundation's belief that we must all come together to ensure everyone in

Eastern Massachusetts lives a longer, healthier life, we created the Youth as Health Care Change Agents grant program," said Dr. Ann Hwang, President of the Atrius Health Equity Founda-

tion. "These efforts recognize organizations for their deep roots in the communities served and collaborative approach and drive forward our vision for youth as powerful agents of change."

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