

To the Board:

Spring at the University of Massachusetts Boston was filled with events honoring our outstanding students, faculty, and staff as we counted down to our 47th commencement on May 29. On that celebratory day we conferred degrees upon more than 4,000 students.

This spring semester will also be memorable for the high-profile celebrations we were honored to host:

- The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate opened its doors with a series of events attended by President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and other dignitaries that drew a national spotlight to our campus (page 8).
- We celebrated the official opening of our magnificent Integrated Sciences Complex with the entire campus community and the help of many friends, including Boston Mayor Marty Walsh (page 9).
- In early May, I was privileged to host four former UMass Boston chancellors for an engaging dialogue about the university's past, present, and future as part of our continuing 50th anniversary celebration (right).

We also welcomed more than 2,800 prospective students and their families to campus for three highly successful enrollment management events (page 7). It is extraordinarily gratifying to acknowledge the hard work completed by our students, staff, and faculty this past year. I hope you enjoy this account of our progress.

—J. Keith Motley, Chancellor



J. Keith Motley, Michael Collins, Jo Ann Gora, Sherry Penney, Robert Corrigan, and Jean MacCormack discuss the past, present, and future of UMass Boston.

Chancellor's Roundtable and University Publication Celebrate UMass Boston at 50

Chancellor J. Keith Motley hosted a roundtable breakfast in early May and invited former UMass Boston chancellors Robert A. Corrigan, Sherry H. Penney, Jo Ann Gora, and Michael F. Collins to participate in a panel discussion about the past, present, and future of the university. Jean F. MacCormack, president of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate and former interim chancellor of UMass Boston, moderated the discussion, which included reflections by the chancellors on the joys and challenges each faced during their terms.

The university also hosted a book-signing reception in mid-May for the release of *UMass Boston at 50: A Fiftieth-Anniversary History of the University of Massachusetts Boston*. The book, available for purchase at the campus bookstore and on the UMass Press website, is described as telling “the remarkable coming-of-age story of an institution that has consistently defied the odds, risen to the occasion, and served tens of thousands of students, from Vietnam veterans to students with roots in more than 150 countries.”

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

University Begins Program to Address Shortage of Native American Early Childhood Education Teachers

The Institute for New England Native American Studies and College of Education and Human Development have developed the Native American Early Childhood Education Scholars (NAECES) Program, an integrated early childhood cohort program to help increase the number of highly qualified Native American early childhood educators and intervention specialists serving native children. The program is being developed in collaboration with New England tribes and with Head Start facilities serving significant numbers of Native American children throughout the region.

The NAECES Program is funded by a \$1,037,391 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education.



Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) speaks about college affordability during April's forum.

Senator Warren Co-Hosts College Affordability Forum

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD) co-hosted a college affordability forum in early April before a standing-room-only crowd as part of their Middle Class Prosperity Project. The project is a collaborative effort to focus greater public and congressional attention on challenges facing the middle class, and to develop and implement policy changes to address them.

The forum featured a panel of students that included two from UMass Boston, and a panel of experts that included Chancellor Motley. As a member of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, the chancellor shared that UMass Boston supports the reinstatement of year-round Pell Grants and the preservation of Pell funding. In 2014, 47 percent of in-state undergraduate students were Pell Grant recipients at UMass Boston; in 2010, 41.4 percent received Pell Grants.

ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE



Kevin Peterson (L) and Ron Bell (R) helped organize the trip for UMass Boston students to Selma, Alabama, to mark the 50th anniversary of the pivotal Edmund Pettus Bridge crossing.

Naomi King Visit to UMass Boston Caps Students' Journey through Civil Rights History

Naomi King, sister-in-law of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., visited UMass Boston in mid-April for a panel discussion, during which she spoke about her involvement in different movements with Dr. King. Her visit provided a rich context to the recent experience of a group of UMass Boston students who traveled from Boston to Selma, Alabama, in March for the 50th anniversary of the Edmund Pettus Bridge crossing. About 30 students retraced the steps of civil rights marchers who had originally attempted to cross from Selma to Montgomery, but were brutally attacked by police in a confrontation later dubbed Bloody Sunday. Televised images of the attacks reportedly hastened the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Professor Anthony Van Der Meer from UMass Boston's Department of Africana Studies collaborated with three individuals to make the trip possible, including Ron Bell, founder of Dunk the Vote; Kevin Peterson, founder of the New Democracy Coalition; and community advocate Leonard Lee. A reporter and photographer with *The Boston Globe* accompanied the students for a feature in the newspaper.

Five UMass Boston Students Selected as Commonwealth Diversity Fellows

Five students from the College of Public and Community Service were selected to participate in the Commonwealth Diversity Fellows Program (CDFP) this semester. Established in 2011, the CDFP was created for the purpose of offering exceptional and diverse students a semester-long internship, which in addition to providing students with work experience, also gives them critical insight into the operations of the public sector. CDFP fellows have been placed in state offices, including the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council, EOHHS Department of Public Health, the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, and the office of Senator Michael Moore.

ENHANCE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

The Marble Collection Establishes Partnership with UMass Boston

In a new partnership with UMass Boston announced in April, The Marble Collection (TMC), nonprofit publisher of the *Massachusetts High School Magazine of the Arts*, has moved its offices to the Campus Center, where it will offer UMass Boston and other college students the opportunity to help manage its operations and mentor teen artists and writers.

The nonprofit made the move with the support of the university's student-run newspaper, *The Mass Media*. TMC collaborates with a network of nearly 200 schools and organizations across the state to publish the only Massachusetts statewide print and online magazine of the arts, featuring jury-selected artwork, writing, poetry, and photography by students in grades 8 through 12.

Students at UMass Boston will have opportunities to intern at TMC, providing assistance in marketing, community and media relations, grant writing, and development as well as assessing teen work for publication.

STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE

Center for Survey Research Study Sheds Light on Life Before and After Marathon Bombing

UMass Boston's Center for Survey Research published a study in April revealing how residents of the Back Bay, South End, and Jamaica Plain felt about their neighborhoods before and after the April 15, 2013, Marathon bombing attack. The study offers a rare glimpse of how reactions to terrorism might differ across neighborhoods.

The researchers found that after the bombing Back Bay residents were much likelier to feel that "neighbors look out for each other" (some 75%, up almost 18%, agreed or strongly agreed with that statement). South End residents were somewhat likelier to feel that way after the bombing. But the proportion of Jamaica Plain residents who did so dropped from 73% to 57%.

The study determined that factors such as race, ethnicity, income, and home ownership did not explain the varying responses, but each neighborhood's geographic proximity to the bombing seemed to make a difference. Study team member Philip Brenner, assistant professor of sociology, said his team theorized that in neighborhoods close to the bombing, residents were able to see first responders, ranging from paramedics to police, do their jobs. However, in Jamaica Plain, further from the bombing, people only saw images of the response on television, and, therefore, may not have believed as strongly that neighbors pulled together.

Gerontology Institute's Report Shows Effect of Education and Income on Health

In March, the Tufts Health Plan Foundation released the second edition of the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Data Report: Community Profiles 2015, produced by the Gerontology Institute in the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies.

Providing the big picture about the health of older citizens in each of the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts, as well as the neighborhoods of Boston, the report showed that income and education levels had more influence on health than any other variable.

Associate Professor of Gerontology Elizabeth Dugan, the principal investigator, and the co-principal investigators, professors of gerontology Frank Porell and Nina Silverstein, have been working with a team of students to understand why some communities do better than others when it comes to healthy aging. The investigators recently earned a \$325,000 grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation to produce a study for Rhode Island. The team's ambition is to replicate the study nationwide. The study model that UMass Boston has developed has received global interest, and Silverstein recently presented the Massachusetts model at a conference in Turkey.

Maria Ivanova is One of 32 Recipients of an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship

Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance Maria Ivanova is one of 32 recipients, out of 301 nominees, to receive a \$200,000 grant as part of the inaugural class of Andrew Carnegie Fellows supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Ivanova, who teaches in the McCormack Graduate School, also serves as co-director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability, and director of the Global Environmental Governance Project. Her academic work has been recognized for bringing analytical rigor and innovative input to the international negotiations on reforming the U.N. system for the environment.

CONTINUE A FOCUS ON DIVERSITY AND POSITIVE CLIMATE



Internationally recognized expert on sports and social issues Richard Lapchick addresses UMass Boston students and student athletes on sports as a powerful platform for social change.

Race, Gender Expert Tells Athletes They Have the Power to Effect Change

Richard Lapchick, an internationally recognized expert on sports and social issues who is often described as “the racial conscience of sport,” visited campus in March and spoke to students and athletes as part of the Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects, and Programs speaker series. Lapchick told students the story of how protesters hung an effigy of his father, New York Knicks coach and famous Boston Celtics’ center, Joe Lapchick, in their front yard after his father had signed the first African American player to the Knicks. The image haunted Lapchick, who has made a career of fighting social injustices.

Lapchick, who established the DeVos Sports Business Management Program at the University of Central Florida in 2001, also helped launch the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport, or TIDES, in 2002. TIDES publishes the critically acclaimed Racial and Gender Report Card on racial and gender hiring practices in professional and college sports.

Lapchick also was on campus to discuss planning the creation of a sports management program at UMass Boston.

STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY’S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE (CONT.)

Major New Grants Awarded to UMass Boston Facility

- **Laura Bozeman**, associate professor, School of Global Inclusion and Social Development, was awarded a five-year, \$1,249,656 grant by the U.S. Department of Education in support of “Collaborative Partnerships in Orientation & Mobility.”
- **William Brah**, director of the Venture Development Center, was awarded a one-year, \$588,848 grant by the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to “Increase the Capacity of the Venture Development Center to Launch Additional High-potential Life Science Companies.”
- **Rosalyn Negron**, assistant professor of anthropology, was awarded a three-year, \$299,991 grant by the National Science Foundation for the study “Multiculturalism, Social Networks and Underrepresented Minority Students in STEM Fields.”
- **Carolyn Wong**, research associate, Institute for Asian American Studies, was awarded a two-year, \$454,992 grant by the National Institutes of Health for the study “Visualizing Highway Pollution: A Study of Intergenerational Health Communication.”
- **Lee Hargraves**, interim director, Center for Survey Research, was awarded a one-year, \$930,431 grant by Yale University to support the ongoing “Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS IV).” The National Institutes of Health is the prime sponsor.
- **ZhongPing Lee**, professor, School for the Environment, was awarded a three-year, \$557,952 grant by NASA for the study “Removing Bottom Effects and Restoring Water-Column Properties.” He also was awarded two additional grants by NASA: a three-year, \$144,264 grant, via the University of South Florida, to “Establish a Multi-Sensor Data Record of Ocean Chlorophyll-a Concentration,” and a one-year, \$430,551 grant for “Studies to Maximize the Retrieval of Hyperspectral IOPs.”
- **Crystal Schaaf**, professor, School for the Environment, was awarded a three-year, \$591,000 grant by NASA for the project “Suomi NPP VIIRS BRDF/Albedo/NBAR to Extend MODIS Record.”
- **John Steinberg**, senior research scientist, Department of Anthropology, was awarded a three-year, \$682,893 grant by the National Science Foundation for the project “Colonization and Christianity: the Development of Viking Age and Medieval Hierarchy.”
- **Stephen McGoldrick**, director, Collins Center for Public Management, was awarded a one-year, \$899,899 grant by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance to support the 2014 MassGOALS project.

RENEW THE FACULTY



Professor of Management Systems Jeffrey Keisler will spend January to June 2016 at Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland.

Faculty Member, Three Students Win Fulbright Awards

Professor of Management Systems Jeffrey Keisler has been awarded the Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair for the 2015-16 academic year. He will research methods for technology at Finland's premier science and technology institute, Aalto University.

Keisler is the first UMass Boston professor to earn such an honor. Only 40 scholars are chosen for the Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program each year, making it one of the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program, which awards a total of 8,000 grants each year.

UMass Boston student Sarah Chaves, who is pursuing her master's in English, has been awarded a U.S. Student Fulbright Award to Portugal for 2015-16. In addition to pursuing her master's degree full-time, Chaves also teaches ninth-grade English at Revere High School.

Placadina "Dina" Fico, a student majoring in women and gender studies, has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Fellowship. In addition, nursing student James Muchira received the Fulbright Africa Regional Research Scholar Award, which will allow specific research from August 2015 through September 2017 to help clarify the country-specific characteristics of athrogenic lifestyle behaviors in Kenya.

Fulbright-Hays Program Will Provide Cultural Enrichment

Wanli Hu, director of the China Program Center in the College of Advancing and Professional Studies, secured two grants for a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) program. The GPA program will provide two types of experiences: a short-term Chinese Language and Cultural Enrichment Program at a university in China for five weeks this summer for 15 teachers of Chinese, and a four-year Chinese Language Immersion Program for 16 students, including an internship experience. The four-year program was launched with a grant for \$1,174,301, making UMass Boston one of only two American universities to receive this grant.

Labor Resource Center Director Earns Fulbright Flex Award

Susan Moir, director of the Labor Resource Center, has earned a Fulbright Flex Award that will allow her to travel to India in 2016 and 2017 to study women in the construction industry. Moir, whose area of expertise is women in the construction trades, says that India has the highest rate of women's participation in that industry. She also notes that India's construction industry is unregulated and conditions there are often unsafe. She hopes to set up a sustainable transnational exchange to explore conditions and share best practices and trends.

INCREASE ENDOWMENT

UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Divina Grossman, Chancellor Motley, Dean Jorge Haddock, and Trustee Richard Campbell after presenting Micki Hall (center) with a Krystle Campbell Scholarship check.



Krystle Campbell Scholarships Awarded

The first Krystle Campbell Scholarships were awarded in April, including a \$5,000 scholarship to UMass Boston College of Management student Micki Hall '16. Present at the ceremony was Trustee Richard P. Campbell '70, who created the fund to honor the late Krystle Campbell '13, a victim of the Boston Marathon bombings.

The 2015 UMass Foundation's "Running for a Reason" Krystle Campbell Boston Marathon team raised money at this year's race to add to the fund's \$440,000 balance; the goal is \$1 million.

INCREASE ENDOWMENT (CONT.)

Golden Gala Honors Patrick, Kicks off Campaign

Led by Gala Committee Co-chairs Carol Fulp and Sean Curran, the university honored former governor Deval L. Patrick for his leadership and the many ways his governorship championed the university's growth at the Golden Gala on June 4. Proceeds from the gala will endow the Deval L. Patrick Chair in Social, Political, and Economic Innovation, which will address critical social and economic inequities that impact the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the nation, and the world.

Also at the Golden Gala, the university kicked off the public phase of its \$100 million capital campaign, *Just Imagine: The Campaign for the University of Massachusetts Boston*. The campaign is focused on three particular areas: promoting student success (\$50 million), building the research enterprise (\$30 million), transforming the campus (\$10 million), and annual support (\$10 million). It is led by trustee and campaign chair Richard Campbell '70.

Goddard House Gift Advances Mid-Career Nursing Students

Mid-career nursing students at UMass Boston will advance their careers through a new scholarship funded by the Goddard House, the oldest elder-care organization in Massachusetts. Currently, \$170,000 has been pledged to support nurses who have served in Boston for at least 10 years. The funder reached out to area nursing schools to distribute funds and selected UMass Boston because of its longstanding placement of significant numbers of graduates in Boston hospitals.

DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Servants Honored at Annual Community Breakfast

Annie Wilcox, a civilian community service officer who worked for the Boston Police Department for 28 years, received the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership at the 29th annual Community Breakfast in early April, which drew nearly 300 attendees. William "Willie" Ostiguy, who spent four decades working in the Employee Assistance Program for the Boston Fire Department and helped pave the way for the creation of recovery high schools in Massachusetts, received the Chancellor's Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service.

Initiatives Help Combat Pressing Issues

The Office of Community Relations partnered with Mayor Marty Walsh's office and other community organizations in March to establish a school-based drug prevention program, Too Good for Drugs, at the McCormack Middle School in Dorchester.

The university learned that another initiative, the revamped Overcoming Violence curriculum, which had been updated and rewritten by Professor of Human Services Sylvia Mignon and graduate students in the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), is already making an impact. The program, a partnership among the Office of Community Relations, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, and the Boston Public Schools, encourages an open dialogue with youth about violence and violence prevention. CPCS held a spring forum to continue discussion of the initiative's results, with a panel led by graduate student Tanya Brussa-Pagan from the MS in Human Services Program; she is one of the students who helped refresh the curriculum.

University Representatives Address Financial Issues

Two UMass Boston faculty members have been asked to contribute their expertise on pressing financial issues. William Kiernan, founding dean of the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, has joined Governor Charlie Baker's task force targeting chronic unemployment. The task force will lay out a plan to address chronic unemployment among specific target populations over the next eight months.

Ann Bookman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was named as a member of the Treasurer's Task Force on Financial Literacy. The task force will bring together policymakers, educators, banks, and advocates to examine the state of financial education in Massachusetts, with the goal of developing recommendations on how to empower citizens with the resources they need to budget their money, save for retirement, and better understand the impact of their economic decisions.

Gerontology Institute Partnering to Explore Making Boston Age-Friendly

The Gerontology Institute is partnering with Mayor Marty Walsh's Office and AARP to discover how to make Boston a more age-friendly city. In February, researchers at the Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging held a Civic Academy at Faneuil Hall to hear the voices of Boston seniors on topics such as housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, respect and social inclusion, civic engagement and employment, communication and information, community support, and health services. This initiative will inform an action plan as part of the World Health Organization's network of age-friendly cities.

DEVELOP A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE (CONT.)

Center Dialogues with Lt. Governor to Advance Gender Equity

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy organized a dialogue in March with Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito on policy issues to advance gender equity. The event was held at the UMass Club and drew some 30 stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The meeting focused on five key areas of the New England Women's Policy Initiative's call to action: wages and income security; workforce development; paid leave policies; early care and education; and elder care.

EPA Chief Gina McCarthy '76 Speaks at 2015 UMass Boston Commencement

Regina "Gina" McCarthy '76, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, delivered the principal address at the university's 47th commencement on May 29. McCarthy received a Chancellor's Medal for her advocacy on behalf of the environment and the public's health and well-being.

McCarthy was joined by fellow honorees: former Governor Deval L. Patrick; Jack M. Connors, Jr., a founding partner and chairman emeritus of Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolos, Inc.; Hubie Jones, community organizer and activist; Bernard Osher, founder of the Bernard Osher Foundation; and Zhang Haidi, chairperson of the China Disabled Persons' Federation and president of Rehabilitation International.

Degrees were conferred upon more than 4,000 UMass Boston graduates during the morning ceremony, which was held for the first time at TD Garden.

IMPROVE DELIVERY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND IT SERVICES

IT Undertakes Survey of Technology and Library Services

The Information Technology Division is conducting an assessment of technology and library services, asking for participation among select students, faculty, and staff. The web-based, voluntary survey to assess services could provide information to help IT better understand how the UMass Boston community views the IT services it receives, and help IT concentrate on improving the areas that survey respondents deemed most important. Data from the survey will also facilitate comparisons with other schools to determine best practices.

POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE

Jill Macoska Named to 2015 Women to Watch in Science and Technology

Director for the Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy and Alton J. Brann Distinguished Professor in Science and Mathematics Jill Macoska has been named one of the 2015 Women to Watch in Science and Technology by the *Boston Business Journal*. One of 20 recipients, Macoska was honored at the 12th annual Women to Watch Awards Breakfast in May.



Prospective students and families had time to get answers to their individual questions at the university's second Welcome Day event in April.

Enrollment Management Events Generate Record Attendance

Enrollment Management's inaugural year hosting two Welcome Day events for admitted students drew 2,000 accepted students and their families to campus, which was a 24 percent increase over last year. In order to meet the needs of prospective transfer students, the university hosted a Transfer Open House in mid-April that attracted 850 prospective transfer students and their guests. Staff from Enrollment Management cited an increased and more targeted marketing effort as contributing to the increased numbers. In addition, a new Customer Relations Management (CRM) system helped Undergraduate Admissions attract, recruit, and yield new students for fall 2015. The introduction of out-of-state merit scholarships to supplement the \$4.4 million of merit money available to in-state students also is expected to help attract more students from around the country.

POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE (CONT.)

NEASC Visiting Committee Completes Site Visit

The university hosted committee members from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for a site visit and open meetings in April as part of the university-wide accreditation process. Associate Provost Peter Langer, chair of the Self-Study Steering Committee, reported that through the tremendous effort put into writing the self-study, combined with the candor and openness of the many people who met with the team during its visit, the process went smoothly, with no surprises.

Daniel Fogel, chair of the NEASC Visiting Committee, praised the hard work evident in the self-study and the university's inclusive process, as well as the energy and enthusiasm of people on campus. Among the visiting committee's many comments, they noted that the university has "high and appropriate goals."

The visiting committee's formal report is expected within the next two months, when the university will have an opportunity to review it and make a response.



President Barack Obama speaks at the opening of the Edward M. Kennedy (EMK) Institute for the United States Senate. (photo courtesy of the EMK Institute)

Kennedy Institute Opening Draws National Spotlight

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate officially opened its doors in late March with a series of events that drew an array of dignitaries, including President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden. While the university was required by the Secret Service to close during the president's visit, the momentous event received national coverage and highlighted the UMass Boston campus.

A ceremony to officially open the institute's replica Senate chamber followed the formal dedication and brought together current and former U.S. senators with students from across the country, who made a collective commitment to continued service and leadership.

Coach Titus Receives NABC Guardians of the Game Leadership Award

During its annual convention in April, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) presented longtime men's basketball coach Charlie Titus with the Guardians of the Game Leadership Award. Titus, who closed out his 39th and final season as head coach at UMass Boston in February, is the first coach in Little East Conference history, and just the fourth Division III head men's basketball coach, to receive the award.

The leadership award recognizes the NABC coach who provides moral and ethical leadership on issues affecting the game of basketball and society.



Darren Kew, (far right) serving in his role as a presidential election observer in Nigeria.

Faculty Expertise Recognized Overseas

Executive Director of the Center for Peace, Democracy, and Development Darren Kew recently traveled to Nigeria as an observer of that country's presidential election. Kew reported that the vote was largely peaceful and that the election commission ran a credible process. The historic results saw a ruling party concede defeat to an opposition party for the first time in Nigeria's history.

The National Democratic Institute invited Kew, who is also an associate professor and chair of the university's Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance, to be a part of an international delegation observing the elections. Kew went to Nigeria with UMass Boston PhD student Modupe Oshikoya and CPDD fellow and post-doc researcher Jim Shyne. While there, Kew was interviewed by such national media outlets as CNN, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, NPR's *Here & Now*, and *Voice of America*.

POSITION UNIVERSITY IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION MARKETPLACE (CONT.)

Students Win Esteemed NSF Graduate Fellowships

Three undergraduate students—Jessica Helen Panzariono, Esra Mescioglou, and Jill Marie Arriola—have won prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships this year. The students will be conducting their graduate work at the following institutions, respectively: Harvard University, UMass Boston, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Eric Daniel Johnson, a student with an NSF Graduate Fellowship from Northwestern University, has chosen to pursue graduate studies at UMass Boston. Within the UMass system, only students at UMass Amherst and UMass Boston received NSF Graduate Fellowships this year.

Mark Warren Earns Prestigious Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Mark Warren has received the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for 2015. As announced in a full page ad in *The New York Times*, Warren is one of only 13 social scientists to receive the award.

Warren, who is in his third year of teaching in the McCormack Graduate School, will use funds from the award to help support his research project, “Building an Educational Justice Movement: Organizing Against the School-to-Prison Pipeline.” He has researched how harsh discipline practices often push students, especially young men of color and those with social needs, out of school and into the criminal justice system. He will spend the next academic year doing field work in Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, and the Mississippi Delta, conducting interviews and making observations about the movement against the school-to-prison pipeline.

Last month, Warren received the College Board Fellowship to Advance Educational Excellence for Young Men of Color at the W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute, which will support this same research. He will be in residence at Harvard University during the 2015-16 academic year.

DEVELOP FIRST-RATE INFRASTRUCTURE



Chancellor J. Keith Motley prepares to cut the ribbon, officially opening the Integrated Sciences Center.

Ribbon-Cutting Marks Opening of the Integrated Sciences Complex

The campus celebrated the official opening of the state-of-the-art Integrated Sciences Complex in April with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony. Dignitaries attending the event included Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, UMass System President Robert Caret, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center President Susan Windham-Bannister, UMass Board of Trustees Chairman Victor Woolridge, and head of the Sanofi Boston R&D Hub and member of the UMass Boston Board of Visitors James Burns.

Work on Bayside Expo Building Underway

Phase 1 of the demolition of the former Bayside Expo building is underway, beginning with removal of the 100- by 250-foot section of roof that collapsed from this winter's unprecedented snowfall. Later this summer, Phase 2 will commence and will include remediation and removal of the remainder of the building, eventually making way for additional parking spaces, a reconfigured shuttle bus way, and enhanced pathways to the waterfront.

University Named to Princeton Review's Green Colleges Guide

For the sixth year in a row, UMass Boston has been included in the *Princeton Review's Green Colleges Guide*, making the university one of the 353 greenest colleges nationwide. The university's green efforts include its extensive recycling and composting program; hydration stations, which keep plastic bottles out of landfills; and a solar voltaic array on the roof of Wheatley Hall. The university also is seeking LEED® Silver Certification for the Integrated Sciences Complex and for General Academic Building No. 1, currently under construction.