

February 14, 2005

Dukakis to Give Keynote Speech

Former three-term Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis will be the keynote speaker for Fitchburg State College's eighth annual Leadership Conference at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

The event will take place in the Hammond Center main lounge. It is open to the public, with limited seating.

Dukakis, Democratic nominee for the

presidency in 1988, is now on the faculty of Northeastern University in

the political science department. He also teaches courses at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Dukakis won the governor's seat in 1974, 1982 and 1988, serving an unprecedented three four-year terms. His first term was focused on cost-cutting and reducing Massachusetts debt. He was recognized for his efforts and in 1986 was named the most effective governor in the United States by his fellow governors.

Most recently, Dukakis served on the National Board of AMTRAK and continues to be a leading advocate for better health care for U.S. citizens.

Fitchburg State College's eighth annual Leadership Conference has a theme of "Unmasking Your Inner Leader." The event is open to college students and includes sessions such as sorority life, going wireless writing as a profession and politics as a profession.

For information, contact the Student Activities Office in the Hammond Campus Center at (978) 665-3160.



Michael Dukakis courtesy of Craig Bailey/ Northeastern University

Student Groups Make Their Mark

Three Fitchburg State student groups gave the college positive exposure in January with their performances in regional and national competitions.

The honors began Jan. 10 and 11 in Orlando when construction management students earned the Rookie Award at the International Builders Show.

Ten students, under the guidance of coach and instructor James Andrews, submitted three months of hard work at the competition. Sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders, the show includes a student competition. This year's task was to create six housing designs, each with six variations, for a 130-lot subdivision in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

College teams were given project guidelines in October, and were asked to create the full management of the proposed subdivision. In addition to determining the cost to develop the site, the cost to purchase it, costs for constructing each house variation and other financial matters, such as calculating the return on an investment plan. Teams also worked on marketing and community development, as well as a schedule of 36 months to complete the subdivision. The task required hours of researching rules and regulations for this out-of-state subdivision site.

Fitchburg State's student team created a 450-page plan for its entry.

Six of the team members outlined their plan in front of a panel of professionals during two days of competition in January. The team's efforts earned 19th

Fierce Competitors

(Right) Angela Kelley and Miranda Profit advanced to the second day of competition and finished in the top 16 at The American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Tournament. (Below) Construction Management students earned the Rookie Award and 19th place at the International Builders Show.



place and the Rookie Award, which includes a \$200 prize.

"Overall, placing 19 out of 29 is a major accomplishment for a school the size of Fitchburg," Andrews said. "Their accomplishment shows that Fitchburg State College is one of the best of the best."

Success continued with the Moot Court Team's participation in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Tournament. The event was held Jan. 21 and 22 at the University of Texas at Arlington. Sixty-four college teams competed at the tournament.

Angela Kelley and Miranda Profit advanced to the second day of competition and finished in the top 16 at The

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In Brief

■ Alternative Spring Break Valentine's Luncheon today (Feb. 14) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Underground Pub. The Volunteer Center invites you to help send 15 students to Morehead City, North Carolina during spring break to build homes with Habitat for Humanity.

For more information, contact Kim in the Volunteer Center at ext. 3649.

A donation of \$10 per person will be greatly appreciated.

■ Fitchburg State's spring semester film series begins with the screening of "The Triplets of Belleville" at 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Hammond Building's Ellis White Lecture Hall.

The film series is part of CenterStage at Fitchburg State, which also presents performances, lectures and other events.

Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students and seniors. For more information, call (978) 665-3709 or (978) 665-3347.

■ "Spirit in Exile," a photography exhibition by New Hampshire artist Susan Nicolay, will be on view in the Fitchburg State College Campus Center Art Gallery through March 4. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Hammond Campus Center overlooking the Hammond Main Lounge. Admission is free. Call (978) 665-3162 for more information.

■ Newman Center Lenten Schedule During the season of Lent, a daily Mass will be held at 12:25 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Wednesday, March 23.

Fr. Joseph Dolan, administrator of St. Camillus Parish and the Newman Center Chapel, will be our celebrant. Meet Fr. Joe and spend some quiet time in the chapel.

■ First floor 3-bedroom apartment available for rent in Fitchburg on April 1. Security and first month's rent requested. For more information call (978) 235-2087.

Student Teams

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American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Tournament.

Their advancement makes Fitchburg State the only college team to consistently advance to the second day of the national tournament each year since 1998. Fitchburg State's performance is earning the team invitations to compete at additional tournaments.

"They came together at the right time," said Political Science Professor Paul Weizer, a member of the college's moot court faculty, of Kelley and Profit. "They weren't partners in November. They came and they did good work. I always tell them as long as they do their best, that's all we want."

Four students were award winners or finalists in the recent Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival - Region I New England.

The regional festival, held through Jan. 30 in Warwick, R.I., is sponsored by Rhode Island College of Providence, R.I. Winners advance to the national Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held April 18-24 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Michelle Egerton is one of two regional winners of the Irene Ryan Acting Award, and will advance to national competition. Her partner was Erica Prance.

Matt Babcock won a design award for "Playing for Time."

Other finalists included Lindsay Flathers and Evelyn Garcia for the Irene Ryan Acting Award. Flather's partner was Ryan DeCarolis. Garcia's partner was Jessica Bleakly.

Students who qualified for final performances at the regional in the 5 X 10 Theater performances include Elizabeth Ashton, Michael Babineau, Randy Barnes, Matt Cogswell and Dan Rios. These students were chosen from 32 semi-finalists.

"It's a very impressive showing for us," said Richard McElvain, associate professor of theater. "We've got a good theater program that's growing. It's a remarkable thing to have here on campus."

Faculty News

Eric Budd (Social Sciences) had an article accepted by "Kasarinlan," an internationally reviewed journal published by the Third World Studies center of the University of the Philippines. He was a Research Fellow at the Center while doing his doctoral research and research for his book.

Maria Mercedes Jaramillo (Humanities) wrote the introduction to *Colombian Theatre in the Vortex*, an anthology of Colombian plays translated to English by Judith Weiss. This book was released in 2004 by Bucknell University Press.

Vanessa Ruget (Social Science) is scheduled to present a paper "Social Rights and Citizenship in Kyrgyzstan, A Communitarian Perspective" at a conference this month on citizenship at Wayne State University. The college's Center for the Study of Citizenship is holding the Second Annual New Scholarship in Citizenship Studies Conference.

Carnegie Awards

Six Fitchburg State faculty have been selected for the Carnegie Awards.

The awards committee received nine proposals for research funding. Dr. Shirley Wagner, associate vice president for academic affairs, determined that funding from Academic Affairs would be given to six faculty. Each faculty member will receive \$500 for their research, which will begin spring semester 2005 and continue to fall 2005, when they will present their work to the college.

Faculty receiving Carnegie Awards:

Laura Baker, History. Project Title: "Using Technology to Engage Students and Enhance Learning in the U.S. History Survey Courses."

Christopher Cratsley, Biology. Project Title: "Problem-Based Cooperative Learning in a Science Course."

Brady Chen, Computer Science. Project Title: "Teaching Systems Analysis and Design: Bringing the Real World into Class."

John Chetro-Szivos, Communications Media. Project Title: "Constructing Better Stories About Learning."

Lynne Kellner, Behavioral Sciences. Project Title: "Facilitating Student Process of Emotional Reactions to Aid in Theory Integration in an Undergradu-

ate Child Abuse and Neglect Course.”

Susan Wadsworth, Humanities.
Project Title: “How Does the Smart Board and Technology Improve Student Effectiveness?”

Civic Discussion

The college has secured a Presidential Initiative Grant from the National Student Campus Compact. The grant will allow Fitchburg State to host the third annual night of civic engagement on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Ellis White Lecture Hall of the Hammond Building. Invited guests include Fitchburg Mayor Dan Mylott, Trustee Robert Pontbriand, Fitchburg Police Chief Edward Cronin and members of the faculty, staff and student body.

The program will be moderated by President Antonucci and Student Trustee Nate Forest. Refreshments will be served.

International Visitors

Fitchburg State will be hosting a group of 10 public health professionals from Cherkasy, Ukraine, on Feb. 16 through March 8. The group is on campus for a three-week professional development program as part of the college’s Community Connections grant, funded through the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The group consists of public health physicians and directors of non-profit organizations whose work focuses primarily on prevention, education and treatment of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse.

The program will feature a combination of site visits, discussions and hands-on training. For more information or to get involved in the program, please contact Miriam Meyer in the Grant Center at (978) 665-3331.

Celebrating Black Heritage Month

Black Heritage Month events at Fitchburg State include a number of events, from talks to performances, to an evening banquet and ball.

The month kicked off with actor Barry Scott and a tribute to Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. Scott spoke on Feb. 1. He was followed on Feb. 11 by Yvonne Bogle, director of diversity programs for Western New England College, who gave a presentation on “Jamaicans in America.”

On Feb. 15, Galen Abdur-Razzaq will lead a poetry slam and performance at 8 p.m. in the Underground Pub in the Hammond Building. Abdur-Razzaq is a flutist, arranger, composer, director, educator and writer.

Events continue on Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. when Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria presents “Cape Verdeans in America” in the Main Lounge of the Hammond Building. Mohler-Faria is president of Bridgewater State College, the first person of color to take the president’s seat at Bridgewater, and the second Cape Verdean college president in the United States. Later that night, the 23rd Heritage Awards Banquet and Ball will be held at 8 p.m. at the Leominster Elks Lodge. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. They can be purchased by calling (978) 665-3399.

In addition, the Fitchburg State Bookstore is displaying new works on the African-American experience through Feb. 28.

For information on Black Heritage Month events, call Fitchburg State’s ACCESS office at (978) 665-3399.

Athletics Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 15:

Men’s basketball at Framingham, 7:30 p.m.

Women’s basketball at Framingham, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17:

Men’s basketball vs. MCLA, 7:30 p.m.

Women’s basketball vs. MCLA, 5:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs. Suffolk, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19:

Men’s basketball at Bridgewater, 7 p.m.

Women’s basketball at Bridgewater, 5 p.m.



Inspiration ■ Actor Barry Scott portrays Dr. Martin Luther King during the kickoff for Black Heritage Month Feb. 1 in the Hammond Center. Scott first heard King’s “I Have a Dream” speech at age 12 when his father played a film of it for his family. “It captured me,” Scott said. “It seemed that he was singing, not just talking.”

Track and field, NE Division III Meet, TBA (Men at Tufts: Women at Smith)

Ice hockey at Salve Regina, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23:

Men’s and women’s basketball MASCAC Tournament, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 26:

Track and field, All New England (at BU), TBA

Men’s and women’s basketball, MASCAC Tournament, TBA

Ice hockey, ECAC tournament, TBA

Saturday, March 5:

Track and Field, ECAC Championships, TBA (at St. Lawrence)

Saturday, March 12:

Track and Field, NCAA Championships, TBA (at Whitewater, WI)

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A Classic on Stage ■ Actors rehearse a scene of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The play, directed by Fitchburg State Professor Richard McElvain, can be seen at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 and 19 in Weston Auditorium. Matinee performances are scheduled at 6 p.m. Feb. 17. Admission is \$7 for the general public, and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the door. For more information call (978) 665-3555.

Jazz It Up

The New Life Jazz Orchestra with jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany will perform at Fitchburg State on Friday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in Weston Auditorium as part of the college's Center Stage program.

Tickets, \$22 for the general public; \$20 for faculty, staff, seniors, groups and alumni (\$7 for Fitchburg State students and children under 18) are available at the college's box office or by mail order. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the performance. Call the Weston Box Office at (978) 665-3347 Monday through Friday 12:30-3:30 p.m. or (978) 665-3709 for more information.

CenterStage is underwritten by the Fitchburg State College Foundation.

Bandleader Kendrick Oliver has honed the New Life Jazz Orchestra and

defined its style as an electrifyingly dance-floor revival meeting style. New Life expresses wild joy with an artistic precision that is authentic to the reckless spirit of the 1930s and uniquely their own.

There will be a spotlight talk by Oliver at 7:15 p.m. Oliver encapsulates the spirit and expression of Count Basie's music, its contribution to the Swing Era, and how Basie's influence and impact is very much alive today.

Let's Dance

Fitchburg State College's CenterStage series continues with Battleworks Dance Company on Saturday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in Weston Auditorium.

Tickets for the performance are \$22 for the general public; \$20 for Fitchburg State staff, seniors and groups; and \$7 for students and children under 18.

They are available at the college's box office or by mail order. Call the Weston Box Office at (978) 665-3347 Monday through Friday 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., or call (978) 665-3709 for more information.

CenterStage and Battleworks Dance Company also present an arts-in-education program with "In the Wings." The event is scheduled for Friday, March 4, at 10 a.m. in Weston Auditorium.

Tickets for "In the Wings" are \$10 for seniors; \$5 for area school students. The performance will have reserved seating.

Battleworks is funded in part by the Expeditions Program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, which receives major funding support from the National Endowment for the Arts with additional support from the State Arts Agencies of New England and the Andrea W. Mellon Foundation. Additional funding comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Local dancers will have an opportunity to work with choreographer Robert Battle, who is bringing the Battleworks Dance Company to Fitchburg State College.

The "Oh, Those Dancing Feet" series continues in a dance master class on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center's Dance Studio. Members of the company will teach this master class that examines the unique dance language of Battle. The event has limited enrollment and is open to dancers with experience.

Tickets for the class are \$15 for the general public; students are admitted free. For more information call the Weston Box Office at (978) 665-3347 Monday through Friday 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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