

# UMass Law first-year student enrollment up more than 30 percent for fall 2020

Overall enrollment nearly doubled over past four years with academic stature soaring.

UMass Law begins its academic year today with 146 new students, a 30.4 percent increase over last year, bringing total enrollment of the Commonwealth's only public law school to 360 students.

At the same time, incoming student LSAT and undergraduate GPA medians set an institutional record, making this year's incoming class the most academically qualified in the history of the school.

"UMass law has a powerful national brand, a unique identity as the commonwealth's first and only public law school, and a critical public service mission that resonates with prospective students looking to make a difference in their communities," said UMass Dartmouth Chief Operating Officer and Acting Chancellor Mark Preble.

Before this record-setting class, UMass Law's enrollment growth over the past three years ranked third among the more than 200 ABA-accredited law schools in the country on a percentage basis.

"I think the reason for our growth is simple," said UMass Law Dean Eric Mitnick. "Students are looking to pass the bar exam and get a job without accumulating an inordinate amount of debt, and on each of those fronts, we deliver. We are both more affordable and we outperform in bar passage and employment outcomes."

UMass Law has seen dramatic performance increases among all key metrics:

- First-year enrollment – up 121%, from 66 in fall 2016 to 146 in fall 2020
- Overall enrollment – up 94%, from 186 in 2016 to 360 in 2020
- LSAT/Undergraduate GPA – record medians, making the incoming 2020 class the most qualified in the history of the school.
- Bar exam success – 82.6% of UMass Law first-time takers of the Massachusetts bar exam passed the test in July 2019, fifth-best among the nine Massachusetts law schools, and 80% passed in February 2020, third-best among the nine schools. UMass Law's rapid improvement in its bar passage rate was recently highlighted in a national publication.
- Employment success – 85% of UMass Law's 2019 graduates secured employment or were pursuing further graduate degrees, with 60.9% in "gold standard" (full-time, long-term, bar-required) jobs, fifth highest among the nine law schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- Practical Training – UMass Law was ranked among the top law schools in the country for practical training by preLaw Magazine for the past two years in a row, placing 3rd in Massachusetts and 5th in New England in 2020.
- UMass Law ranks 1st among the fifteen law schools in New England over the past five years (2014-2019) for the percentage of graduates (27%) entering public service.

UMass Law continues to have one of the most diverse student bodies among New England law schools, with over 30 percent being students of color, including approximately one-third of the first-year students. In 2019, students of color made up 39 percent of UMass Law's graduating class, a higher percentage than any other law school in New England.

The entering students were born in 16 different countries and come from 31 different states with the largest cohort (43 percent) being Massachusetts residents. They graduated from 110 different colleges and range in age from 20 to 55 with an average age of 26.

Established in 2010, the UMass School of Law is one of seven colleges and schools of UMass Dartmouth. Its students, through the law school curriculum and outreach clinics, have provided more than 150,000 hours of pro bono legal assistance and related community service across the Commonwealth.

Besides holding its tuition to about half the price of private law schools, UMass Law has established 3+3 programs with 13 colleges across Massachusetts to further reduce the cost of law school. These programs allow students to apply credits earned during their first year of law school to their final year of college, saving students thousands of dollars in tuition payments. Partner colleges include Assumption College, Anna Maria College, Becker College, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Regis College, Salem State University, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Lowell, Westfield State University, and Worcester State University.

In addition, UMass Law and Bridgewater State University offer a joint Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work program that allows students to earn both degrees in four years rather than five. By collaborating on the program, the schools are enabling students to enter public service with a uniquely defined skill set and less student debt.

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# New Bedford roadwork sites for the upcoming week of June 22, 2020 –June 26, 2020

The City of New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of June 22, 2020 –June 26, 2020 and they are as follows:

## **Eversource:**

Eversource will replace the gas mains at the following locations:

- Kings Hwy – Tarkiln Hill Rd. to Mt Pleasant St.
- Hill St. from Hillman St. – Mill St.
- Hillman St. from County St. – Pleasant St.
- Cottage St from Parker St – Campbell St

*Eversource will be doing final street and sidewalk restoration at various locations city-wide.*

## **Other:**

- Contractor (PA Landers) to continue drainage work at MassDOT Project #606709, New Bedford- Roadway Reconstruction and Related Work (including signals) along a section of Kings Highway and Tarkiln Hill Road, Construction to take place during regular working hours (Monday – Friday), police details and traffic controls will be in place.
- Department of Public Infrastructure will be filling potholes on a continuous basis throughout the city.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on Route 18 between Cove St. and Potomska St. to repair crosswalks on the east side of the roadway.
- Department of Public Infrastructure conducting its annual street sweeping program city-wide.
- The contractor (WES Construction) is scheduled to continue

construction of the new pumping station and installation of the site utilities at the Front St./ Elm St. site. Elm St, between JFK Memorial Highway (RTE 18) and Macarthur Dr. will be closed to westbound traffic. Westbound traffic will be detoured via MacArthur Drive. There will be detour signage and traffic controls in place.

- Due to ongoing construction at the High Hill Reservoir residents may experience discolored water. The water is safe, and the discoloration will be temporary. We recommend allowing the water to settle for a few hours and then flushing your service line by letting the bathtub run for a few minutes until the water clears.

*\*\* Please note: Contractors will continue to follow guidelines and protocol regarding COVID-19 social distancing while conducting work in construction zone.*

**Due to the current COVID-19 situation the Department of Public Infrastructure will be closed to the public entry. Office staff is available to assist by email and telephone.**

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## **Massachusetts Environmental Police and MassWildlife rescue and rehabilitate bald eagle**

Approximately three weeks ago, a juvenile Bald Eagle was reportedly found injured in a backyard. Officers from the Massachusetts Environmental Police, along with personnel from MassWildlife, captured the bird without incident and transported it to Tuft's Veterinary Medical Center in Grafton

for further evaluation.

It was determined the Eagle's flight feathers were not properly developed. After a short rehabilitation period, the Bald Eagle was released in the same general area where it was found – taking flight unassisted and continuing to fly on its own.

MEP would like to thank the individuals who reported the injured animal, Tuft's for their rehabilitation efforts, and Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for their assistance in the capture and release of the Bald Eagle.

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## **New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of June 15, 2020 –June 19, 2020**

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- Hill St. from Hillman St. to Mill St.
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# **FBI, Boston Police seeks identities of two relating to vandalism and arson**

The FBI Boston Division, the Boston Police Department, and the Boston Fire Department–Fire Investigation Unit are seeking the public's assistance in identifying two men who were seen around the intersection of Tremont Street and Bromfield Street in Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, May 31, 2020 between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Investigators would like to speak with them because they may have information relevant to the ongoing investigation into the vandalism and arson of a Boston Police Department cruiser.



On the night of Sunday, May 31, 2020, at approximately 9:25 p.m., two Boston police officers responded to a call for assistance and parked their vehicle in the area of the Beantown Pub near Suffolk University. Shortly thereafter, several individuals vandalized the cruiser, breaking its windows, and eventually setting it on fire.

A seeking information poster which includes newly released surveillance footage and enhanced photographs of two individuals sought for questioning in connection with this incident can be found [here](#). As seen in the video, unknown individual #1 appears to be a white or Hispanic male, approximately 18-20 years of age, and between 5'8" to 6' tall with a medium build. He wore a white hoodie, red bandana, and grey shorts. Unknown individual #2 is believed to be a Hispanic male, 18-20 years of age, approximately 5'8" to 6' tall with a medium build. He wore a black t-shirt, black shorts, and a black hat.

Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI at

857-386-2000. Tips can also be electronically submitted at [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov).

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and is asking anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact the Boston Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit at (617) 343-3324.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.

<https://youtu.be/fSmyQHxDUpE>

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## **Massachusetts man arrested after throwing burning American flag onto Boston Prisoner Transport**

"At about 7:10 PM on Sunday May 24, 2020, officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) arrested Daniel Lucey, 40, of Boston on multiple charges while on patrol in the area of the Boston Common. Officers were approached by several concerned citizens who stated that they had observed the suspect lighting fire to an American Flag and throwing it onto the roof of an unoccupied Boston Police prisoner transport wagon which was parked near the fountain inside the park.

Officers quickly responded and stopped the suspect who stated that he had burned the flag and thrown it atop the police vehicle as a form of protest. Officers noted that the suspect was in possession of several other flags which appeared to be similar to the ones which are planted in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument over Memorial Day weekend to commemorate the Massachusetts service members who have given their lives in defense of the United States of America. While speaking to the officers, the suspect then proceeded to spit at one of them, with saliva striking the officer's shoe. The suspect was then placed in custody on scene.

Daniel Lucey will appear in Boston Municipal Court on charges of Disorderly Conduct, Assault and Battery on a Police Officer, Malicious Destruction of Property and Malicious Destruction of Historical Monuments.”-Boston Police Department.

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## **Boston Police Officer's empathy and professionalism catches the eye of a grateful citizen**

“To the woman from Watertown who sent the enclosed letter to the BPD's official Facebook account on Thursday, May 7, 2020, praising Officer James Hosea of District C-11 in Dorchester for his empathy and professionalism, we say, ‘Thank you.’

In addition to being forwarded to the Office of Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, the letter will also be added to Officer Hosea's permanent personnel file.

The letter reads as follows:

'Good evening. I live in Watertown. I just wanted you to know what a wonderful person Officer James Hosea is. I was at the Angell Memorial in Jamaica Plain with my dog when I saw Officer Hosea bring a couple in with a dog that had been hit by a car. He was absolutely wonderful to those people. To the point of sitting on the ground with the woman to console her. He has a beautiful soul.

I feel grateful to have witnessed such a beautiful act of humanity. So much so, I actually took a picture of the moment and called Officer Hosea over to me so that I could tell him what a beautiful thing he did for that woman. He was very humble."

The facts and circumstances surrounding the original incident are included below:

At about 10:13pm, on Thursday, May 7, 2020, Officer Hosea responded to a radio call for a dog struck by a vehicle in the area of 538 Talbot Avenue in Dorchester.

On arrival, Officer Hosea observed Boston EMS on scene applying oxygen to a small dog wrapped in a blanket. When the dog's owners arrived on scene, due to the dog's grave condition, Officer Hosea asked and instructed them to get into his police cruiser so that he could transport them to the MSPCA Animal Hospital in Jamaica Plain."-Boston Police Department.

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# Man with roots in New Bedford seeks public's help in reconnecting with family after decades apart

"Hello, I am the grandson of Mrs. PORTAL Arminda and Mr. Rodrigues Albino who died on Saturday, January 3, 1998 in New Bedford.

I live in France now. I remember very well having seen my grandparents when I was young, twice at the age of 10 and 12 years old. We had come with my father (his son: Portal Manuel) and we had seen family, uncles, aunts, cousins. My father died 5 years ago and I would love to get back in touch with my family from back then that now live in New Bedford.

The problem is I don't remember their first and last names at all. If one of you remembers that time and us, I would be happy to get back to you. Thank you in advance.

Here are pictures of me in 1980, the 1st I am with my grandparents and the second I make fool with my grandfather."- Albino Portal.



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## **Federal Judge releases two more immigrant detainees from ICE custody due to COVID-19**

U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young ordered the release of two individuals from ICE's (Immigrant and Customs

Enforcement) custody at the Bristol County House of Correction on Tuesday.

ICE has not commented on whether they will enforce their right to monitor the individuals utilizing ankle bracelets.

While some of the 50 released to date were a result of a class-action lawsuit filed by the ACLU, an unknown number were voluntarily released by ICE.

Pre-existing medical conditions place many people at high-risk to the COVID-19 virus and are said to be the root cause for their release. Since by its very nature a jail or prison houses inmates in close quarters these inmates are considered at danger.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency's guidance for detaining immigrants is stated to be on their official website *"...to facilitate a speedy, whole-of-government response in confronting Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), keeping everyone safe, and helping detect and slow the spread of the virus."*

You can find out more about their policy and protocols when it comes to detaining immigrants [here](#)

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## **Massachusetts State Police introduce "Chat with a trooper" as a way to reach**

# out to the elderly during COVID-19 pandemic

The State Police Association of Massachusetts (SPAM) and the Massachusetts State Police today announced that they are starting a new program to help a vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Chat with a Trooper" connects a group of senior citizens with volunteer state troopers for a friendly conversation during the COVID crisis. The idea was the brainchild of Cathy Draine, the Director of Community Engagement for SPAM. Draine, who works part-time for SPAM, is a long-time community organizer who is familiar with the needs of the elderly population.

In order to identify grandparents who are most in need, the troopers are partnering with "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren". This is a state commission formed in 2008 to assist grandparents who are facing the challenge of raising another generation after bringing up their own kids. SPAM members who choose to be participants in this charitable effort will be partnered with a particular grandparent and simply have a friendly chat about how that individual and his or her family is doing during these unprecedented times.

"We should be concerned for all of the elderly who may face social isolation during this pandemic," said Draine. "However, grandparents who are raising their grandchildren may be particularly vulnerable because many are homeschooling children who also don't have the usual opportunities for interactions with their peers. We saw this as the way for our troopers to lend some support through a friendly phone call."



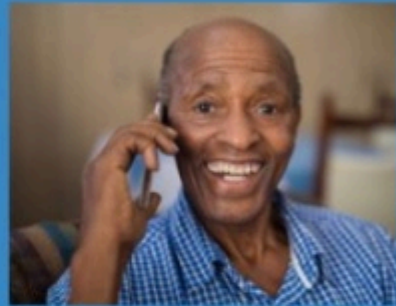
# CHAT WITH A TROOPER

Preventing the Social  
Isolation of Massachusetts  
Older Adults through Friendly  
Conversations

**The Massachusetts State Police in  
conjunction with the State Police  
Association of Massachusetts wants to  
help ensure all of our older adults in  
the Commonwealth feel connected and  
remembered during this time of social  
distancing. Calls will begin April 2020.**

**For More Information Contact:**

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"Thanks to the leadership of the State Police Association and the commitment of our personnel to that goal, we are already sharing the expertise of our fitness unit with young people through our online Workouts With A Trooper," said Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police. "Now, with Chat With A Trooper, we are reaching out directly to our senior citizens, to remind them they are not

alone and are in our thoughts during these anxious days. As we continue to seek ways to serve others amid these unprecedented times, I am grateful to SPAM and to the many Troopers who have volunteered to make these calls. I have no doubt these conversations with our treasured elders will be richly rewarding for our Troopers, and I hope the recipients of these calls enjoy them as much as I know the callers will."

Participating troopers will be given resource documents before making their first calls. These include tips for starting a conversation, responses to some anticipated questions and guidelines for the program. This initiative seeks to calm fears, provide companionship to those who are isolated and help the state police more fully integrate with the communities they serve.

The program is scheduled to run until the State of Emergency restrictions are relaxed. When it is safe to gather again, there will be some type of event held where the participants could meet each other in person. This would be a natural finale to the program. However, the hope is troopers, grandparents and perhaps the grandchildren will develop relationships that would continue well after "Chat With a Trooper" is formally concluded.