

LATE FALL 2019 IN REVIEW

The Fall 2019 semester provided many opportunities for continued collaboration, traditions, and new initiatives throughout the COF. Some highlights include:

COF JAZZ BAND PERFORMS AT THE TOPSFIELD FAIR. CHECK THEM OUT!



COF OFFICES MOVE TO MASSART & WENTWORTH

In late September, COF moved offices to our new homes at MassArt and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Nine COF staff members moved into MassArt's Smith Hall and the Global Education Opportunities (GEO) Center can now be located in Wentworth's Annex Central.

We invite all students, faculty, and staff to stop by either office anytime with questions or to find out more about COF!

You can always reach us at: cofadmin@colleges-fenway.org or individual staff contacts at www.colleges-fenway.org



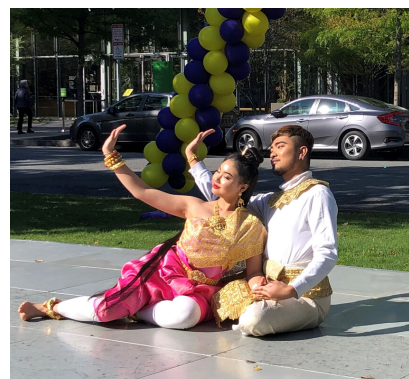
CROSS-REGISTRATION LAUNCHES ONLINE

In November, the COF Cross-Registration process went online! Students were able to apply to cross-register for a course through the new online system.

On the first day online cross-registration launched, over 100 applications were submitted. To date, 330 students have submitted a total of 493 applications for the Spring 2020 semester.

The online process was developed after receiving student feedback and was the result of the work of the Cross-Registration Automation Task Force and Implementation Team.

Click [here](#) to see all staff members who made this possible!



COF DANCE PERFORMS AT OPENING OUR DOORS

On Monday, October 14, 2019, Colleges of the Fenway Dance participated in the Fenway Alliance's Opening Our Doors Festival. This interactive event is Boston's largest free art festival with a mission to "open doors to the heart and soul of cultural Boston." Activities took place in 18 locations throughout the Fenway Cultural District

New work was premiered by student choreographers Roza Lay (Mass Art), Melissa Mirza (Simmons), and Abi Tringale (Emmanuel).



FALL 2019 INTRAMURALS HALL OF CHAMPIONS

The Fall 2019 intramurals season concluded in late November with winning teams being recognized and added to the Hall of Champions. Hundreds of students competed in Soccer, Volleyball, Flag Football, the Turkey Trot, and our inaugural Esports League. Recreational events included kayaking, Boda Borg questing, and Bowling Night.

Click [here](#) for the Hall of Champions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

On November 15, MCPHS University completed a full-scale shelter in place exercise at the Boston campus. Students, faculty and staff across the facility responded immediately upon the exercise communication being sent by MCPHS Public Safety. Overall, response was excellent. Personnel from across the campus took leadership in their areas/ classrooms and followed appropriate shelter in place procedures. Campus response was observed by Public Safety as well as other staff from across the institution.

The completion of the exercise at MCPHS helped complete the COF Emergency Management Program goal of completing full-scale shelter in place exercises at each COF Institution within a calendar year. Through conducting the same exercise across all five campuses, COF was able to identify common successes and areas for improvement. Click [here](#) to read the feedback that was shared with each individual COF campus.

GEO CENTER KICKS OFF REVAMPED ADVISORY BOARD

The GEO Center Advisory Board will effectively guide the direction and priorities of the GEO Center based on member institution strategic priorities and vision. The Advisory Board will make recommendations regarding opportunities for collaboration and effective sharing of resources.

Members will serve as a pivotal resource to help ensure that GEO Center resources are effectively utilized and considered early in the planning process for campus internationalization strategies.

FALL 2019 TEACHING & LEARNING CONFERENCE

The COF Teaching & Learning Conference took place on October 24-25 at Wentworth. This year's theme was "Teaching in a Racialized Environment" and featured two interactive sessions. The first, "Inclusive Excellence: Fact or Fiction," with The Playback Experience was an interactive performance that used the Playback Theatre technique to create a space of exploration, courage, and solidarity. It is a form of community building improvisation in which audience members share true stories about their lives; then a team of actors and musicians perform those stories on the spot. The second session was Upstander Training with True Story Theater. This workshop helped faculty and staff practice skills to act in greater solidarity with people who are targets of oppression and build a culture of courageous conversations.



COF HOSTS SUCCESSFUL FALL COUNSELOR TOUR

Colleges of the Fenway hosted the 2019 Fall Counselor Tour on November 3-4.

The campuses welcomed 68 high school counselors from nine states, 40 of which were provided complementary hotel accommodations. A networking dinner and COF presentation for overnight attendees was held the first evening. The next day included campus tours, information sessions, and a luncheon with a student panel.

MASSART STAFF MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

The Leading by Example Awards “recognize outstanding efforts among Commonwealth agencies, public colleges and universities, and municipalities that have implemented policies and programs that have led to significant and measurable environmental and energy benefits.” Congratulations to Claudine Ellyin, MassArt’s Sustainability/Environmental Health and Safety Officer, who was a 2019 Individual Award Recipient for promoting clean energy and sustainability initiatives. Claudine’s collaborations with Dimeo and Facilities resulted in a 80-92% recycling rate of construction and demolition debris during the construction of the South building. She also worked with Chartwell’s to increase recycling and organics diversion within the MassArt cafeteria and worked to expand MassArt’s sustainable energy efforts and to promote these efforts across campus.

Additionally, MassArt was also the recipient of the 2019 MassRecycle award for the institution’s outstanding partnership with their food service vendor, Chartwells, in implementing and maintaining their successful front and back of the house recycling and organics diversion programs. MassRecycle is the statewide 501c3 nonprofit coalition of individuals, all 351 municipalities, the recycling industry, and other green organizations dedicated to increasing recycling and waste reduction in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



FALL PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS STUDENT TALENT

Hundreds of COF students showcased their talents this fall in one of the five performing arts ensembles. COF Dance closed their fall season with three performances at MassArt, including the popular annual alumni dance. COF Orchestra, under the direction of Kathleen Berger, held their fall concert for friends and family at Simmons University. The COF Chorus and Jazz Bands both held their fall shows at Simmons University, highlighting "Music of New England" and a selection of holiday tunes. COF Theater closed the curtains on their fall season with a performance of the classic "Pride and Prejudice" at MassArt. Stay tuned for dates for the Spring 2020 performances.

SPRING 2020 TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



The COF Training and Development Program is a collaborative professional development experience sponsored by Colleges of the Fenway (COF). The program was initiated to recognize and cultivate excellence among employees throughout the COF. The sessions are facilitated by external trainers and COF colleagues with expertise in content area. The program also provides each participant with the invaluable opportunity to meet and learn with colleagues from other campuses. The program is planned and coordinated by the Colleges of the Fenway Human Resources Committee.

1 Motivating Others for Workplace Change

February 12
10:00-11:30am

Change in the workplace is constant and to be expected. We work hard to adapt to change that is brought to us. This training is for the individual who is bringing the change. Do you have a new program, initiative or procedure you need others to buy into, adopt or champion? Then this training is for you. Those who attend this seminar will leave with specific strategies for motivating others to adopt change by appealing to logic (i.e. stats, ROI and bottom line) and, more importantly, to emotions.

TO REGISTER: <https://cofmotivatingothers.eventbrite.com>



2 Creative & Innovative Thinking

February 26
9:30-11:00am



Grow, tone, and stretch your creativity. You, your department, and your organization all benefit from exercising innovation. Come and explore how to overcome creative blocks and generate new ideas. As a result of attending this seminar, you will be able to tap your creativity while helping others to access their innovative side.

TO REGISTER: <https://cofcreativethinking.eventbrite.com>

3 I Pay Your Salary

March 24
1:00-2:30pm

While getting the job done efficiently and safely, employees are expected to retain a positive public image for their department and institution. When confronted with a someone's disappointment, anger or entitlement, what we want to say versus what we should say are often two very different things. Participants in this seminar will learn specific techniques for defusing and resolving difficult situations.

TO REGISTER: <https://cofsalary.eventbrite.com>



4 Working Smarter (Not Harder)

April 7
10:00-11:30am



We all wish we had one more hour in the day. While a day is, and always will be, 24 hours, there are ways to maximize those hours to create greater productivity. Learn to tap into more of the brain's potential. This seminar takes a psycho-educational approach to improve focus, attend to details, minimize distractions, and have better quality of control. Expect to engage and practice new skills for better time management

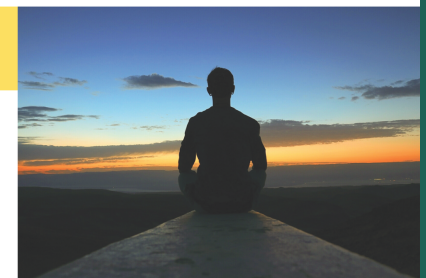
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5 Mind and Body Connection

April 30
9:30-11:00am

What people think and believe can affect their health. Research indicates that keeping the body in a relatively calm state is crucial to well-being and optimal health. Becoming aware of how your body feels when it is in a tense or anxious state is important to keeping the body in a relaxed and calm state. In this seminar you will learn relaxation and stress management techniques to help you maintain a calm state during stressful situations.

TO REGISTER: <https://cofmindbody.eventbrite.com>



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