

Spring 2010



**A Message from the President**

Greetings and Happy Spring! It has been an ambitious and challenging academic and fiscal year for public higher education. Through all of the changes we are going through, Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education, Inc. is very grateful for your continued support of our conferences, scholarships, awards and membership. In these tough economic times we received 100% membership from each and every public higher education institution. Thank you!

Our fall conference was a tremendous success. President Mary K. Grant (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts), President Mary L. Fifield (Bunker Hill Community College) and Chancellor Jean MacCormack (University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth) took part in a lively panel discussion titled, "Lessons in Leadership: Breaking Barriers". It was a memorable day that provided an up close and personal look into these three dynamic leaders, their road to success, the obstacles they faced and what they did and often still do to rise above them for the sake of their missions, goals and institutions. We cannot thank our distinguished guests enough for taking time out of their very busy schedules to address our audience. After the panel discussion the room was still buzzing, it was an impressive day.

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## 2010 SPRING CONFERENCE

AT THE MANOR RESTAURANT  
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010

### HEALTHY LIVING IN A STRESSFUL WORLD

How do we stay fit, eat right and stay sane in our busy lives?

**Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Jean Anliker, Professor of Nutrition, and Director of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's Extension Nutrition Programs will tell us all about the Beauty and the Beast: Healthy Lifestyles and stress can be good partners. We will learn how lifestyles and stress affect each other and ways to make them work together for our benefit.



Dr. Anliker is a registered dietitian and has over 30 years of experience providing nutrition education to diverse audiences – from professionals at international conferences to Native American children. As director of NEP, she is responsible for large state-wide nutrition education programs that target diverse, low-income families with children. These programs are offered in partnership with a variety of community agencies

and organizations through seven field offices across the state. Dr. Anliker also develops the curriculum, writes materials and conducts evaluations for these two programs in Massachusetts.

Please join us to hear Dr. Anliker speak about juggling family and work while staying healthy



## SPRING CHARITY

The Worcester County Food Bank's mission:

**To engage, educate, and lead Worcester County in creating a hunger-free community.**

Please help to donate by bringing to the conference all types of canned and boxed goods to give to this charity.

Worcester County Food Bank is the largest anti-hunger organization in Central Massachusetts. They service the Hunger-Free Network of 178 partner agencies in the 60 towns across Worcester County to bring relief to 93,000 individuals/35,000 households while educating and advocating for a hunger-free community. Here is the list of programs in the Hunger-free Network for you to contact directly either for help or to help.



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Dr. Jean Anliker, Professor of Nutrition, Director of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's Extension Nutrition Education Programs (NEP) and Registered Dietitian will be our keynote speaker for our spring conference titled, **"Healthy Living in a Stressful World"**. She will tell us how healthy lifestyles and stress can go hand in hand in a positive way.

We will also bestow our 2010 Student Achievement Scholarships and Professional Development Awards. One of our student scholarships will be given to a Quinsigamond Community College student in memory of MWPHE's former secretary, **Mrs. Robin B. Simonelli**.

I have had a wonderful year as president; this is one of my favorite organizations to be a part of. I have learned a lot from such dedicated and passionate individuals and it has enriched my experience professionally and personally. I look forward to handing over the presidency to Mrs. Kelly A. Galanis. I know she will make a great president and I look forward to supporting her and wish her the best of luck.

I hope that the rest of this semester goes well for everybody and we hope to see you on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Manor in West Boylston.

Sincerely,  
Judith A. Graham, MSPA  
President, MWPHE  
Associate Dean of  
Academic Affairs  
Bunker Hill Community College

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## LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP: BREAKING BARRIERS 2009 FALL CONFERENCE

A beautiful fall day, in a great venue, with anticipation in the air of the arrival of three outstanding leaders in public higher education set the tone for a memorable conference.

President Mary K. Grant (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts), President Mary L. Fifield (Bunker Hill Community College) and Chancellor Jean F. MacCormack (University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth) made for a wonderful panel discussion. The audience was captivated by their rise to success, the hurdles they overcame and the challenges each leader currently faces with their institution in these hard economic times.

It was a powerful and inspirational morning of listening to these three exceptional leaders tell us about their journey and encourage the audience to take risks, be proactive and do the best job they can do while focusing on their passion, regardless of what it is. There were also light-hearted moments as Dr. Grant, Dr. Fifield and Dr. MacCormack told the audi-

ence of some funny and humbling stories from when they first began their quest for public higher education.

There were many questions from the audience asked such as, what do they do to boost morale in the workplace? What do they like to do with their leisure time (if they have any to spare)? And if there was one thing they regretted doing in their current job what would it be? It was an engaging conversation for the audience and our distinguished guests who were equally impressed with us as we were with them.

I would like to thank all of you who donated baskets and purchased raffle tickets. The

organization raised \$412.00. The entire proceeds from the raffle will go towards our spring student achievement scholarship and professional development awards. I would also like to thank you for donating

personal care items and inspirational cards and books for Battered Women's Resources, Inc. in Leominster, MA. These items went to their annual retreat they host for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Ms. Yolanda Link, director of BWRI accepted and thanked the audience for their generous donations.

The day was an amazing success. A big thank you goes to all of the executive board and campus coordinators for organizing another great conference and of course to all of the attendees for your continued support.



## MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education Inc., (MWPHE) is to strengthen the status of women as professionals. The organization advances the role of women in public higher education by presenting speakers, workshops, and forums which advance our agenda of funding professional development opportunities, influencing the quality and diversity of public higher education in Massachusetts, articulating the concerns of women, providing recognition awards to women students who exemplify the objectives of the organization, and granting automatic membership to all eligible women whose schools are on the Member Institutions list.

Visit our Website at:  
[www.mwphe.org](http://www.mwphe.org)



2009 FALL CONFERENCE



Guest Speakers: Dr. Mary L. Fifield, Dr. Mary K. Grant and Dr. Jean F. MacCormack



Mums in Memory of Robin Simonelli



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 2010 SPRING MWPHE CONFERENCE

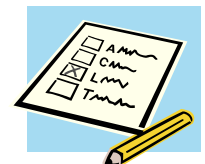


It's easier than ever to register for a conference. All you need to do to access the registration form is go to [www.mwphe.org](http://www.mwphe.org), click on the "registration form" link to the right of the home page. Complete the form and e-mail it to [mwphe@hotmail.com](mailto:mwphe@hotmail.com). Please forward your payments as soon as possible after you have registered. Remember, there are no cancellation dates after [March 24, 2010](#). Substitutions are allowed for those who are originally registered but are unable to attend.

If you would prefer to mail a printed copy of your registration form, please do so to, Tracy Charbonnier, Bridgewater State College, C/o Academic Affairs, 131 Summer Street, Bridgewater, MA 02325

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS REGISTER TO RUN FOR OFFICE

MWPHE's executive board has two vacancies open this spring for election. During our Spring 2010 Conference, we will be taking votes to fill one spot for the Community College sector and one spot for the State College sector.



If you or someone you know would be interested in running for the board, please send a picture (if possible) and a short bio of yourself as well as why you they are interested in becoming a member of the board to [TCharbonnier@bridgew.edu](mailto:TCharbonnier@bridgew.edu) no later than April 2, 2010.

Each person's bio information will be shared with everyone at the conference to cast their vote. The winners will be announced at the end of the conference.



Executive Board Members

**AWARDS**

**Student Achievement Scholarship Awards**



The Student Achievement Scholarship Award committee will be granting scholarships in the amount of \$750 to four deserving women at the spring conference. Awards are based on academic and personal achievement. Please see our website for information on applying and to view last year's recipients.

This year, in honor of the passing of Robin Simonelli, MWPHE is happy to dedicate one of the scholarships to a Quinsigamond Community College student. Robin will be remembered as an active MWPHE board member, primarily serving as the organization's secretary. She was also a vocal supporter of the students she served and of the campus she worked for.

**Professional Development Awards**



Consider applying for one of the three Professional Development Awards that will be presented at our Spring Conference. The awards of \$1,000 each are granted to MWPHE members from each sector - University, State College and Community College.

In reviewing applications, the Committee seeks to support members of MWPHE in professional development opportunities that are of high quality and that are congruent with the organization's mission and goals.

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to Patricia Hanrahan at [phanrahan@stcc.edu](mailto:phanrahan@stcc.edu) no later than March 5, 2010. If you would like to apply, download guidelines and application at <http://www.mwphe.org/professionaldevelopment/guidelines.html>



**Achievements & Awards**

**Dr. Pat Mercaitis**, MWPHE Executive Board Member-at-Large from UMass Amherst, was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick as a member of the Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

**Linda Balzotti**, who worked at Bridgewater State College, until she won the mayoral race in Brockton making her the first female mayor in Brockton's history.



## NEW HIRES / PROMOTIONS



August 2009–December 2009

**Bridgewater State College**

Cynthia Calderon, **promoted** Clinical Director Health Services

Rosamaria Carlozzi, Assistant Director International Programs

Elizabeth Coon, **promoted** Associate Director of Development Institutional Advancement

Mia Enright, **promoted** Acting Director Grants & Sponsored Projects

Kelly Hess, **promoted** Staff Assistant External Affairs

Karen Jason, **promoted** Associate Vice President Facilities Management & Planning

Patricia Jones, **promoted** Assistant Director Computing Support Services

Shelly Kenniston, **promoted** Associate Director Residence Life & Housing

Kathleen Kirby, **promoted** Executive Director of CONNECT

Melinda Lamoureux, **promoted** Assistant Director Facilities Management & Planning

Jessica Lang, **promoted** Director of Office of Student Conduct

Sasha Link, Staff Assistant, Coordinator of Government Relations

Eileen O'Sullivan, **promoted** Director of Web Services

Dr. Evelyn Pezzulich, **promoted** Acting Associate Dean Arts & Sciences

Jennifer Thibodeau, Staff Assistant Jumpstart

Suzanne Tjoelker, **promoted** Assistant Director of Registrar

**Greenfield Community College**

Rita Hardiman, Interim Human Resources Director

**Holyoke Community College**

Michele Snizek, Title III Activity Director

**Mount Wachusett Community College**

Stephanie Pinto, Graphic Arts Manager

**Quinsigamond Community College**

Deborah Ryder, Clerk III, Disability Services

Paula Ogden, Financial Aid Director



Michelle Tufau, Associate Dean of Enrollment

Mary Knittle, Outreach & Program Development Specialist

Jacqueline Rodriquez, Senior Financial Aid Counselor

Faith Wong, Director of Career Services

Shanna Erickson, **promoted** Staff Assistant to Vice President Administration Services

Margaret Kelly, **promoted** Senior Financial Aid Counselor

**Roxbury Community College**

Marie Magloire, **promoted** Library Administrative Assistant I

Florence Craig, **promoted** Assistant Comptroller

Monica Murkison, **promoted** Nursing Administrative Assistant I

Angela O'Neil, **promoted** Development Office Administrative Assistant II

**Springfield Technical Community College**

Jodine DeVargas, **promoted** Grants Administrator, MassGreen Institute/Clean Energy Center

**University of Massachusetts—Dartmouth**

Victoria Crayhon, Associate Professor

Maureen Hall, Associate Professor

Lisa Maya Knauer, Associate Professor

Gail Russell, Professor

Mari Blanton, Professor

**Westfield State College**

Meaghan Arena, Director DGCE Development and Outreach

Lisa Clark, **promoted** Staff Assistant, Online Faculty Technical Support Specialist

Deborah Gentile, **promoted** Staff Assistant, Payroll Manager

Alyssa Goodreau, **promoted** Staff Associate, Marketing Department

Waleska Lugo-Dejesus, Staff Assistant to Vice President Advancement and College Relations

Mary Kathryn Wicks, **promoted** Assistant Director of Center for Teacher Education and Research

Kathryn Quigley, Staff Assistant of Student Affairs

**Worcester State College**

Tammy Bourakis-Nigosian, Director of Administration and Finance, Worcester Craft Center

Eileen Perez, Staff Assistant, Math Laboratory Coordinator

Catherine Goodwin, Staff Assistant, ESL Instructor

Julie Kazarian, **promoted** Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

Melissa Moore, **promoted** Director of Conference & Event Services

Debra Kuczka, Staff Assistant for the Vice President of Administration and Finance



**College Presidents**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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| Dr. Paul Raverta<br>Berkshire Community College      | Dr. John J. Sbraga<br>Bristol Community College           | Dr. Mary L. Fifield<br>Bunker Hill Community College   | Dr. Kathleen Schatzberg<br>Cape Cod Community College | Dr. Robert L. Pura<br>Greenfield Community College              |
| Dr. William F. Messner<br>Holyoke Community College  | Dr. Carole M. Berotte Joseph<br>MassBay Community College | Dr. Charles Wall<br>Massasoit Community College        | Dr. Carole A. Cowan<br>Middlesex Community College    | Dr. Daniel M. Asquino<br>Mount Wachusett Community College      |
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**STATE COLLEGES**

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|--|---|---|---|--|
| Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria<br>Bridgewater State College         | Dr. Robert V. Antonucci<br>Fitchburg State College  | Dr. Timothy J. Flanagan<br>Framingham State College | Dr. Katherine H. Sloan<br>Massachusetts College of Art and Design | RADM Richard G. Gurnon<br>Massachusetts Maritime Academy |
| Dr. Mary K. Grant<br>Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservy<br>Salem State College | Dr. Evan Dobelle<br>Westfield State College         | Dr. Janelle C. Ashley<br>Worcester State College                  |  |

**UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES**

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|--|--|--|--|---|
| Dr. Robert C. Holub<br>University of Mass. Amherst | Dr. Keith Motley<br>University of Mass. Boston | Dr. Jean MacCormack<br>University of Mass. Dartmouth | Martin T. Meehan, J.D.<br>University of Mass. Lowell | Michael F. Collins, MD<br>Office of the Chancellor<br>University of Massachusetts Medical |
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**2009—2010 Executive Board**

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| Judith A. Graham<br>President<br>Bunker Hill Community College                        | Kelly A. Galanis<br>President-Elect<br>Westfield State College | Tracy Charbonnier<br>Past President and Treasurer<br>Bridgewater State College | Dr. Patricia Hanrahan<br>Professional Development Chair<br>Springfield Technical Community College | Limari Rivera<br>Campus Coordinator Liaison<br>Northern Essex Community College                   |
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**2009—2010 Campus Coordinators**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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|--|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Christine DeGregorio</b><br>Berkshire Community College | <b>April Bellafiore</b><br>Bristol Community College         | <b>Beverly Lewis</b><br>Bunker Hill Community College  | <b>Phyllis Whitney</b><br>Cape Cod Community College                               | <b>Karen Phillips</b><br>Greenfield Community College                   |
| <b>Karen Desjeans</b><br>Holyoke Community College         | <b>Nina Keery</b><br>MassBay Community College               | <b>Linda DiPasqua</b><br>Massasoit Community College   | <b>Kathleen Sweeney</b><br>Middlesex Community College                             | <b>Diane Ruksnaitis</b><br>Mount Wachusett Community College            |
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**STATE COLLEGES**

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| <b>Ann Schulman</b><br>Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | <b>Amie Goodwin</b><br>Salem State College      | <b>Teri Sheil</b><br>Westfield State College      | <b>Martha Scheffer</b><br>Worcester State College              |   |

**UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES**

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| <b>Yvonne Kielb</b><br>University of Massachusetts Amherst | <b>Julie Sanabria</b><br><b>Rita Labad</b><br>University of Massachusetts Boston | <b>Dr. Juli L. Parker</b><br>University of Massachusetts Dartmouth | <b>Robin Toof</b><br><b>Judith Zanni</b><br>University of Massachusetts Lowell | <b>Wendy Judge</b><br>University of Massachusetts Medical |
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