



Highlighting the faculty, staff, and students who comprise the Colleges of the Fenway

Synergy Newsletter

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## Cross-Registration is Not Just for Students!

Colleges of the Fenway offers cross-registration privileges for current full-time, benefited faculty and staff of its member institutions. Take advantage of interesting and challenging courses at any of the six institutions. Check out classes such as: *The Poetry of Photography*, *Intro to Entrepreneurship*, or *The Irish in America*. Cross- registration begins **Monday, November 10**. For more information, policies, and steps to register, visit: <http://www.colleges-fenway.org/cross-registration/>

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## COF UPDATES

### COF Performing Arts

The COF Orchestra is excited to announce the David S. Browder Commemorative Contrabass\* Challenge! The goal of this campaign is to raise money for a contrabass-also called an upright bass-for the orchestra. You can donate to the Indiegogo campaign [here](#).



[Read more](#)

## COF Spotlight

### Welcome Tasha Baclawski!

We are pleased to another new staff member Colleges of the Fenway As Director of Programs & Communications, Tasha will serve as the administrator working with a variety of committees including Admissions, Human Resources, Student Activities, Residential Life, Registrars, and the Center for Sustainability and the Environment. She will be responsible for working with those groups to support collaborative initiatives including Cross-Registration, the Leadership Management Program, professional





## Fall Intramural Sports

On Saturday, October 4th, 50 teams set out to conquer the 7th

installment of the Great Race Boston. The event, hosted by the Colleges of the Fenway Intramural and Recreational Sports program, is their version of CBS' The Amazing Race. Teams of two had to use their knowledge of Boston trivia, navigate the subway system, and work as a team to decipher clues to make it to the finish line - the Skywalk at the Prudential Tower.

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development training, MLK Breakfast, the Block Party, Earth Day, joint Resident Assistant Training, and the Muddy River Symposium, to name a few.

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## Leadership Management Program



The cohort of 32 staff members attended their first session on October 15th.

Facilitated by

Adam Sutton from Breakthrough Collaboration, the topic was Emotional Intelligence and The Inner Leader. This session introduced and applied the concepts of Emotional and Social Intelligence to effective management and leadership in an academic setting. All participants completed the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) to use as a framework for greater self-awareness of one's work-style lens. [Read more](#)

## 2014 Turkey Trot Preview



The Colleges of the Fenway Intramural and Recreational Sports program is gearing up for the 9th Annual Turkey Trot. The "just over" 5k Fun Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. The event takes place at the Back Bay Fens at Clemente Park, directly across from Simmons' Main Campus Building. [More](#)

## Implementing an Effective Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Program

How does a college or university implement an effective Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Program? One option is to implement the continuous improvement model, which is demonstrated below:

## COF Fall Training & Development Sessions



Introverts and Extroverts: Two Temperaments, One Workplace

Simmons College, LeFavour Hall, Kotzen Meeting Room

Presented by: Cally Ritter  
Dec. 3rd from 12:00-1:00 PM

To Register: <https://cof-introverts-extrovert.eventbrite.com>

There are countless ways in which our workforce is diverse: age, race, gender, etc. Our workplaces are also diverse with regard to temperament! Two-thirds of the U.S. population is extroverted; consequently, one third is introverted. It's safe to say it's an extroverted world...

[Read more](#)

## International education continues to grow around the COF!

### Fall highlights:

\* The Study Abroad Fair in September attracted over 100 students from Simmons, Emmanuel, Wheelock, and Wentworth who explored hundreds of opportunities to study, intern, and volunteer overseas.

\* GEO Center partnered with the Boston Architectural College to provide immigration services for Exchange Visitors attending the BAC as part of a University Partnership program sponsored by the US Department of State Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan.

### Upcoming events:

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As indicated by Figure 1, the first step is to assess. One important factor in assessing an EH&S program is identifying the hazards associated with the



institution. Jennifer Bosselman, Director of EH&S at Colleges of the Fenway, has developed a Laboratory Hazard Identification Survey to accomplish this task. This survey is broken down into the following hazard categories, which are applicable to laboratories. [More](#)

## Title IX Session with Janet Judge



On Wednesday, October 16 Janet Judge presented a follow up Title IX training to Colleges of the Fenway staff and students. One hundred and eight total participants attended two sessions offered at Wentworth

Institute of Technology.

[Read more](#)

## Ebola Virus Disease - What Should Universities Do to Prepare?

As of October 14, 2014, the number of Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) cases world-wide is 9,216



## Meet The Artist: Kristen Duffy Young, COF Dance Project Director

As the founding director of the COF Dance Project, Kristen Duffy Young has committed the last nine years to growing this exciting program. Starting with just 22 students and one instructor, she has put her soul and energy into expanding the Dance Project into what it is today - the largest COF performing arts ensemble with over 200 students and five instructors. She is passionate about helping students develop confidence through creative exploration and performance, and has seen many transformations over the years. "I am fortunate to have the opportunity to see students grow and flourish once they've found their artistic voices. Many of them develop into strong, courageous and confident individuals because of this opportunity to dance on stage. It takes guts to do that and the personal reward is enormous for them." [Read more](#)

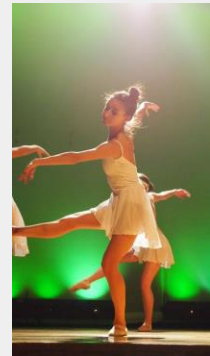


resulting in 4,555 deaths, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). According to WHO, there have been three cases with one death in the United States.

In preparation for the upcoming holiday breaks, universities should perform the following activities as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Read more](#)

## Fall Concerts and Theatre Production Not To Be Missed!

Enjoy a night out supporting COF students in the performing arts by attending one of their upcoming concerts or the fall theatre production.



### Saturday, November 15

COF Jazz Band: Around the World Fall Concert  
Simmons MCB Common Grounds  
7 p.m.  
Free admission

### Thursday, November 20

COF Chorus and Orchestra: Fall Concert  
Simmons Residential Campus, Alumnae Hall  
7:30 p.m.  
Free admission

### Friday, November 21

COF Dance Project: Fall Concert  
MassArt Tower Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.  
\$5 COF Students, Faculty, Staff, Seniors  
\$10 All others

### Saturday, November 22

COF Dance Project: Fall Concert

MassArt Tower Auditorium  
2 p.m.  
\$5 COF Students, Faculty, Staff, Seniors  
\$10 All others

**Friday, December 5**

COF Theater Project: Almost, Maine by John Cariani

MassArt Tower Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

Free admission

**Saturday, December 6**

COF Theater Project: Almost, Maine by John Cariani

MassArt Tower Auditorium

2pm (Matinee performance)

7:30 p.m.

Free admission

Synergy provides information about collaborative efforts and initiatives across the Colleges of the Fenway. Send your stories to Erin Holmes at [eholmes@colleges-fenway.org](mailto:eholmes@colleges-fenway.org).

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