As we prepare to conclude the 2020-2021 academic year, we reflect on a year unlike any other in our College’s long history. However, in the extremely challenging environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic, our commitment to strategic planning, strong financial resources, and the concerted efforts of all members of the Curry College community to fulfill our mission for student success have ensured that together, we continued to move our College forward.

We offer this update on the latest at Curry College: Our continued investment in providing a rich academic environment where students can thrive, with state-of-the-art resources and exciting new programs; our new partnerships and expanded learning opportunities; and the many significant accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff and alumni, in which our entire community takes pride.

Together, we will continue to build on Curry’s legacy of success and ensure our bright future in 2021 and beyond.
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Majors, Minors and Concentrations
5
Master’s Degree Programs
12:1
Student-to-Faculty Ratio
11
Honor Societies
100%
of Courses Taught by Faculty

STUDENT LIFE
Picturesque 131 Acre Campus
7 miles from Downtown Boston
80% of First-Year Students Live on Campus
Almost 30 Clubs and Organizations
15 NCAA Division III Athletic Programs
16,000+ Alumni in Every State and 34 Countries

FINANCIAL STANDING
Financial Reserves and Endowment $100M+
Assets $221,721,488
Cash and Investments $106,851,240

National Survey for Student Engagement Scored Higher than Peer Colleges on:
Participation in internship/field experience
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CURRY AT A GLANCE
Google Exec Addresses Business Students on Digital Marketing

Students Learn Real-Time Global Economics in the Age of COVID

State-of-the-Art Analytical Technology Incites New Era of Research

The Science and Research Center is now home to a series of new state-of-the-art analytical instruments that will allow students to uniquely identify and quantify organic compounds at the part-per-billion level, which is equivalent to measuring one drop of ink in a giant tanker truck.

Epidemiology Students Study the Science of COVID-19

Students examine the patterns of the coronavirus and how that data informs public health programs and policies.

School of Nursing Awarded Grant to Educate Future Nursing Faculty

Curry Ranked in College Consensus’ Top 30 Best Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities

Transformative Healthcare and Curry College Create New Training Program in Emergency Medicine

New White-Collar Crime Minor Prepares Students for Booming Job Sector

The business and criminal justice programs partnered to add a five-course minor in white-collar crime offering business, accounting, and criminal justice students a direct career path to one of the fastest-growing job sectors today.

Cordage Park is the New Home for the Plymouth Campus

New Career Development Platform Handshake Launches at Curry

Students and alumni now have access to thousands of new job and internship opportunities through leading job-search and networking platform, Handshake.

Massasoit Community College and Curry College Create Pathway to Business Administration Bachelor’s Degree

By Joining the ‘Massachusetts Guarantee,’ Curry College Provides Community College Students a Transfer Pathway to a Four-Year Degree

Students Lead Real-Time 2020 Campaign Analysis and Predictions

Students act as political analysts to research and examine the hundreds of factors that influence the outcome of the presidential race.

Curry Launches New Graduate Certificate for Special Education Teachers and Counselors

The Early Intervention Program is Among the Selected Few Approved by the State for Training Specialists That Serve At-Risk Children
A New Home For Curry Creatives: The ThinkTank

At Curry, we strive to build not only a culture, but also a campus that supports our academic community. Walk through the third floor of the Kennedy Academic Building this year and you’ll see creative artists and designers at work in the new industry-inspired open-plan design studio. The state-of-the-art “ThinkTank” was keenly designed to replicate the industry atmosphere, with a digital photography studio, industry-standard Wacom tablets, and large format printers. In this space, students can brainstorm, conceptualize, and develop dynamic systems that facilitate meaningful, consumer-based interactions, and graduates of the newly-reimagined graphic design program and the studio arts program are prepared to effortlessly transition from student to professional.

This powerful new feature of the Curry campus is an embodiment of the College’s mission and strategic vision for the future.
Dr. Ishani Tewari's work started in research with a focus on development economics, studying the various issues related to growth in developing or emerging markets, including economies in South Asia or sub-Saharan Africa. Though an accomplished research scholar who has published and presented at prestigious conferences, Dr. Tewari finds great meaning and professional fulfillment in teaching and says Curry's small campus community is critical for connecting with students.

"Unlike an ECON 101 class at a large university, I don't just walk into a class of 200, throw up a PowerPoint lecture and walk out," she says. "I remember the name of every student I have taught and at least one other thing about them—a conversation we had, a frustration they expressed, a particularly good grade they got, or a memorable comment they made in class. This dynamic improves the educational experience for both the student and the professor."

Though she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses—including Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Strategic Managerial Economics—Dr. Tewari doesn’t expect students will walk out of her class and step into a career as an economist. Instead, she takes pride in teaching the critical learning habits and skills that are invaluable to success at the College: consistent class attendance, smart notetaking, framing class questions, completing homework, studying effectively, and taking tests. "My classes are intro classes, and one of my goals is to create a solid foundation for all the subsequent classes students have to take in their major."

She’s excited to see interest among students grow for economics, which is often known as a difficult or demanding subject. "Economics classes have a reputation for being hard and I embrace that because I want students to set the highest expectations for themselves and work towards fulfilling them. I challenge them but am always available to help them along the way."
When Kate McDermott arrived at Curry, you could say she was undecided – both about her major, and about her own potential. It was her deep bench of supporters – from her PAL advisor, faculty mentors in psychology and studio arts, as well as the Center for Career Development – that helped her to refine her academic focus, lead others as a PAL Peer Mentor, secure competitive internships, and find her passion for working with children on the Autism Spectrum as an Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapist.

Kate first found her interest in the ABA field when she served as an intern during her sophomore year with the Charles River Center (CRC) as part of its Futures Program, which pairs adult clients from the CRC with psychology student interns each week on campus. Students in the internship take turns developing a lesson plan that provides cognitive enrichment and social skills training. She then secured an internship at the May Institute, observing ABA Therapists working with young children diagnosed with ASD.

“The internship was life-changing. I fell in love with the career,” she says. “I created art projects that allowed the clients to express themselves creatively, learn to work with the other children, and develop their motor skills. I am excited to apply my art education to my future work as an ABA Therapist and to discover other ways to utilize art to help my clients grow and succeed.”

After graduating this spring, Kate aims to become certified as a Registered Behavioral Technician and will also apply for positions at ABA clinics such as New England’s Children Center while also pursuing graduate school to ultimately become an ABA Therapist.
When Nate Almeida pictured himself after graduating from Curry with a degree in criminal justice, he imagined a hero FBI agent, kicking in doors and saving the world from criminal masterminds. As he advanced in his studies, he soon realized, “that’s not me at all.” But, the young alum found his own way of saving the world—after working as an emergency management intern at Boston Children’s Hospital. “I knew then that I wanted to be in healthcare and that I wanted to help other people.”

He now serves as the Physical Environment Coordinator at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to direct emergency preparedness and security operations. “I make sure that we are prepared for the unexpected.” From natural disasters to a cyber-attack, Almeida helps manage any crisis by executing the hospital’s emergency management plans to ensure continuity of operations for hundreds of cancer patients.

Even as a young professional, he is often relied on by top level executives, and says his success and confidence stems from the experiences he had at Curry. “I was the student representative on many advisory boards and so I had opportunities to influence change and work with senior leaders. It’s because I had that exposure at Curry that I feel confident and comfortable now when I am sitting at the table in a crisis meeting with the CEO.”

At Curry, the criminal justice major graduated magna cum laude in three years and held numerous leadership positions at the College including serving on the board of the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society and the Curry College Strategic Planning committee, on top of roles with the criminal justice honor society and as a student admissions ambassador. Most recently, Almeida earned a master’s degree in emergency management from Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He was also appointed to the International Association of Emergency Management as the state representative and he hopes to teach as an adjunct faculty member in the future.

Curry alumni succeed—whether they run their own businesses, develop a new generation of leaders in the classroom, care for patients, work in front of the camera (or behind it), advance new technology, create visionary art, or serve their local, national and global communities, they make their mark on the world.

With the small classes, you could not hide if you were struggling. It pushed me to be at my very best every single day. I knew that if I put in the time and effort that I could excel, and that’s exactly what happened.

Dr. Zachary Gross ’11
Public Health and Wellness
Geriatric and Internal Medicine Physician, Cape Cod Healthcare

I learned so much in my time at Curry College, from life experience to time management to the actual classroom and industry lessons. I’ve thought a lot about how much my time at Curry shaped me into who I am and who I am going to be in this field going forward.

Cole McNanna ’18
Communication
Sports and Education Editor, The Sealy News

All of my education courses have prepared me to become the elementary educator I am. The field experiences at Curry have given me the experience and confidence needed to be a classroom teacher. They set the foundation for my future success.

Courtney Lima ’20
Education
Third Grade Teacher, New Bedford Public Schools
Our Mission

The Curry College mission is to educate and graduate students prepared to engage in successful careers and active citizenship with a global perspective. We are an inclusive community of diverse learners and educators, committed to continuing our legacy of developing effective communicators with reflective and critical thinking skills. We mentor and empower our students, building meaningful relationships that inspire them to achieve their ambitions.

Curry College provides rigorous and relevant academic programs to undergraduate and graduate students, and our rich blend of liberal arts and career-directed programs is enhanced by practical field experiences and co-curricular activities. Learning at Curry extends beyond the classroom and is embedded in all that we do.