



Celebrating 2025

**Annual Years of Service
& Employee Recognition Celebration**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

2:30-4pm

The Marketplace



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WELCOME

Annual Years of Service and Employee Recognition Celebration

Program of events

2:30pm **Introductions**

Chancellor's Remarks

Mark A. Fuller, PhD

**Presentation of Years of
Service Awards**

**Presentation of Employee
Recognition Awards**

**Presentation of Commonwealth
Citation Awards-Performance
Recognition Program**

Closing Remarks

Deborah A. Majewski,
Vice Chancellor of
Human Resources

4:00pm **Reception**

Celebrating 5 Years

Amir Masoumi Akhavan

Joshua Botvin

David Cabral

Yuchou Chang

Griffin Cottle

Melissa Desroches

David Green

Megan Hennessey-Greene

Melissa Kinney

Gail Knell

Peeranuch LeSeure

Erin Lopes

Frank Lucca

Geoffrey McDonald

Jonathan Mellor

Brittany Morgan

Timothy Murphy

Brian Plummer

Chelsey Puza

Kristin Rainey

Rekha Rosha

Moise Saint-Louis

Mirinda Tyo

Eugene Vitale

Jess Worby

Mark Yanni

Jiawei Yuan

Nicholas Zambrotta

Computer & Information Science

English & Communication

Medical Laboratory Science

Computer & Information Science

Management & Marketing

Community Nursing

Facilities

Office of Research Administration

University Marketing

Management & Marketing

Adult Nursing

Bursar

Religious Resource Center

Law School

Civil & Environmental Engineering

Fisheries Oceanography

University Marketing

Decision & Information Science

University Marketing

Economics

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Frederick Douglass Unity House

Adult Nursing

Financial Aid Office

Media Arts

Financial Aid Office

Computer & Information Science

Psychology

Celebrating 10 Years

Michael Aaronson	Facilities Operations
Rowland Barrett	Psychology
Sara Dalton Bildik	Mathematics
Donna Bosworth	Athletics
Wencheng Joseph Chang	Management & Marketing
Douglas Chapman	Athletics
Annemarie Currie	Budget & Finance
Marta Del Pozo Ortea	Global Languages & Cultures
Katherine DeLuca	English & Communication
Eli Evans	English & Communication
Meghan Fair	English & Communication
Lauren Ferrari	Charlton College of Business
David Gomes	Office of Civil Rights
Paul Gracia	Computer & Information Science
Shipeng Han	Accounting & Finance
Ali Hasaba	Medical Laboratory Science
Anne Henley	Library
Peter Holt	Athletics
Meghan Houghton	International Student & Scholar Center
Jenny Howe	English & Communication
Rui Huang	Decision & Information Science
Patricia Jefferson	Medical Laboratory Science
Erin Krafft	Crime and Justice Studies
Kristen Kupiec	Provost Office
Jamie Lawton	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Michael Levinson	Management & Marketing
Alyssa Lynch	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Vincent Maher	Management & Marketing
Ellen Mandly	Office of Faculty Development
Jacqueline O'Dell	English & Communication
Natasha Ostrowski	Economics
Christine Piva	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Daryl Poeira	University Marketing
Nathan Rubien	Medical Laboratory Science
Matthew Ryckebusch	Workers' Education Program
Diane Sinclair	Law School
Zak Sitter	English & Communication
Alyssa Snizek	Career Center
Raul Soares	Facilities
Yingjie Wang	CITS

Celebrating 15 Years

Brian Ayotte	Psychology
Lisa Ayotte	Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality
Benjamin Baumann	University Records
Leslie Becker Wilson	Law School
Steven Cadrin	Fisheries Oceanography
Annette Cain	Law School
Yanlai Chen	Office of Research & Innovation
Philip Cleary	Law School
Spencer Clough	Law School Library
Michael Costa	Mathematics
Cynthia Costa	Graduate Admissions
José Domingo Mora	Management & Marketing
Dwight Duncan	Law School
Justine Dunlap	Law School
Patrick Francomano	Law School
Monica Godinho	College of Arts & Sciences STAR Center
Joseph Gray	CITS
Beste Gucler	Department of Education
Daniel Guertin	Athletics
Pingguo He	Fisheries Oceanography
Kimberly Hogan	Law School
William Kennedy	SMAST
Sandra Leger Silva	Law School Financial Aid
William Manganiello	Law School
Pia Moisander	Biology
Selyna Murray	Health Services
Stacy Ploskonka	OSEL
Mehdi Raessi	Mechanical Engineering
Christopher Rillahan	Fisheries Oceanography
Frances Rudko	Law School
Elton Santos	Law School
Brenda Shepherd	Law School
Mark Silby	Biology
Ryan Struthers	Athletics
Mazdak Pour Tootkaboni	Civil & Environmental Engineering
Yibin Wei	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Megan Wood	Health Services
Tryon Woods	Crime and Justice Studies
Tecia Xifaras	Law School
Zhaojin Xu	Accounting & Finance

Celebrating 20 Years

Ana Abreu	Facilities
Linda Aguiar	Facilities
Alexander Austerman	Civil & Environmental Engineering
Diego Bernal	Biology
R. Thomas Boone	Psychology
Shuowei Cai	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Vijaya Chalivendra	Mechanical Engineering
Shari Evans	English & Communication
Tracie Ferreira	Bioengineering
Jillian George	Budget & Finance
Wenzhen Huang	Mechanical Engineering
Maria Lourenco	Health Services
Stephen Nadeau	Facilities
Jessica Oliveira	College of Arts & Sciences
Lucia Oliveira	Facilities
Gregory Paciulan	CITS
Jianhua Qi	Fisheries Oceanography
Kenneth Quicho	Facilities
Jean Salgado	Campus Master Planning / Capital Projects
Zhengzhong Shi	Decision & Information Science
Glaucia Silva	Portuguese
Roy Silva	Facilities
Steven Splinter	CITS
Michael Sullivan	Facilities
Matthew Sylvain	Library / Systems & Digital Services
Bridget Teboh	History
Renee Trial	Graduate Admissions
Alan Ventetuolo	Biology
Jia Wu	Accounting & Finance
Soheil Yousefsibdari	Decision & Information Science

Celebrating 25 Years

Christopher Aguiar	Library Access Services
Susan Alves	Workers' Education Program
Ramprasad Balasubramanian	Provost Office
Dario Borim	Portuguese
Elizabeth Cordeiro	Facilities
Victoria Crayhon	Media Arts
Holger Dippel	CITS
John Fobanjong	Political Science
Kristin Hagopian	College Now
Mahzad Hojjat	Psychology
Gregory Homol	Athletics
Jamie Jacquart	Sustainability
Robert Jones	Economics
Sokratis Koumas	Academic Resources Center
Bruce Maddocks	Media Arts
Mary McCurry	Adult Nursing
Carla Melo	Workers' Education Program
Richard Pacheco	CITS
Joanne Pinsonneault	Workers' Education Program
Carolyn Schwartz	Biology
Iren Valova	College of Engineering

Celebrating 30 Years

Mark Altabet
David Brown
Antoinette Cabral-Graca
Leonard Costa
Keith Depaco
Margaret Emanuello
Wayne Finney
Suzanne Melloni
Catherine Neto
Michelle Plaud
Lisa Porto
Glenn Volkema
Arlene Wilkinson
Wayne Williams
David Witkowicz

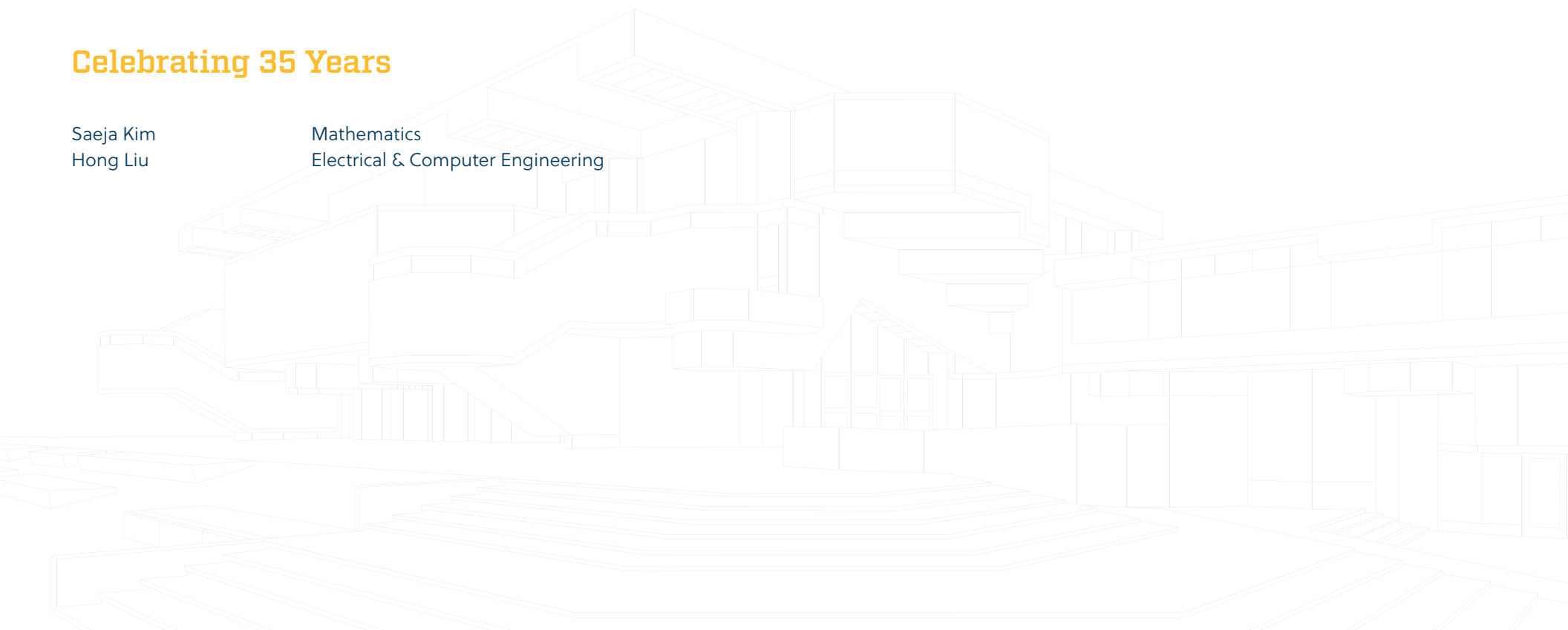
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Facilities
University Police
University Police
Civil & Environmental Engineering
Power Plant
Office of Academic Partnerships
Chemistry & Biochemistry
Office of Research Administration
Political Science
Physics
SMAST
OSEL
Facilities

**Congratulations to those celebrating
2025 Anniversary Milestones!**

Celebrating 35 Years

Saeja Kim
Hong Liu

Mathematics
Electrical & Computer Engineering



Employee Recognition Awards

Behind the Scenes

Jillian George, Budget & Finance

Awarded to an employee whose role is not regularly visible and whose superior work and dedication is not often recognized.

Exceptional Hire

Nicole Picard, Community Standards

Awarded to a new employee hired in 2025, who is exceeding all expectations and set a benchmark for future recruits with their great work.

Superstar

Karen Barnett, Nursing

Awarded to an employee at the top of their game, slayer of deadlines, and is the best at what they do (no matter the time or circumstances).

Team Player

Office of Student Leadership and Engagment

Chris Laib, Stacy Ploskonka, Caitlyn Gebert, Wayne Williams, and Maria Antao

Awarded to an employee who holds the team together, from their willingness to provide support to effective communication to recognizing the contributions of others.

The Client Whisperer

Addis Alemtsehay-Ackah, Financial Aid

Awarded to an employee who consistently goes beyond their call of duty to keep customers happy.

The Inspirer

Christine Piva, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Awarded to an employee who is a leader and/or mentor and has made a significant difference through their guidance helping others unlock their true potential.

Outstanding Volunteer *New This Year!*

Shelly Scott, New Student and Family Programs

An employee whose exceptional dedication, reliability, and spirit are shown through consistent volunteer service at Commencement and other campus events, significantly enhancing the university community and its mission.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Citation Award Performance Recognition Program Recipients

2025 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Performance Recognition Program Award

Counseling and Care and Advocacy Group

James Alston

Erin Carter

Richard Dufault

Kathleen Gobeil

Nancy Harper

Michael Murgo

Nicholas Oldenzki

Elizabethe Plante

Kathleen Westgate Vena

International Student & Scholar Center

Daniel Pirbudagov, International Student & Scholar Center

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Congratulations to the honorees of the 2025 Annual Years of Service & Employee Recognition Celebration!



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