



OUR CAMPUSES AND STUDENTS HAVE WAITED FOR TOO LONG

Reinvestment in public higher education must begin now



The campaign to **CHERISH PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION**

The campaign to Cherish Public Higher Education seeks the necessary funding in the FY 2021 budget to move Massachusetts toward having a debt-free future for students; to boost wages and build access to benefits for adjunct faculty and part-time staff while adding more full-time educators; and to properly fund campus budgets so capital expenses will stop eating into staff and programs. Ultimately, we need the Legislature to pass the *Cherish Act*, which will restore \$600 million to public higher education over the next five years.

Our goals this year are:



Debt-Free Future

- ⇒ **\$20 million for MassGrant Plus** to ensure that the state's lowest-income students can pursue higher education.
- ⇒ **\$6 million for debt relief for graduates** of Massachusetts public colleges and universities who go to work in the state's public schools. This program will increase the diversity of the teaching population at a time when districts will be hiring many new educators, thanks to the funding provided by the *Student Opportunity Act*.



Invest in Student Success

- ⇒ **\$15 million to hire more full-time faculty and staff** and to support programs that improve student success by relieving campuses of some of their capital debt burden.
- ⇒ **\$64 million for basic operating expenses**, allowing all state colleges and universities to freeze tuition and fees.



Adjunct Justice

- ⇒ **\$13 million to provide adjunct faculty with access to health insurance.**
- ⇒ **\$7 million to create pay equity** between full-time faculty and adjunct faculty, who now teach the majority of courses on some campuses.



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