As a Five College student now in my senior year at Mount Holyoke, I was pleased to learn about the development of accelerated master's programs at five campuses. These programs, which are offered at the end of five years, allow students to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in a shorter amount of time than it would typically take to complete both degrees. This is a valuable opportunity for students who want to pursue advanced degrees in their field of study, and it reflects the commitment of the Five College consortium to providing students with flexible and innovative options for education.

In the Pioneer Valley, the bus is my base for studying higher education issues. As a graduate student at Smith College, I've had the opportunity to attend meetings and workshops on higher education topics, such as faculty governance and student affairs. I've had the chance to network with people and institutions, both within and outside of the Five College consortium. I've also had the chance to contribute to the consortium's efforts to improve higher education in the region.

I hope to continue these efforts in my future career as an educator. The Five College consortium has been a pivotal role in my professional development, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this organization. I look forward to seeing how the consortium will continue to evolve and meet the needs of its members in the future.
UMass student is recipient of the second annual Lorin M. Peterson Prize

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Students gain experience and contacts at Five College symposia

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Spring arts festivals honor student work and promote collaboration

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Mount Holyoke’s O’Shea leaving consortium for New College presidency

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