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LOWELL**

Enhancing the Value of a US Education

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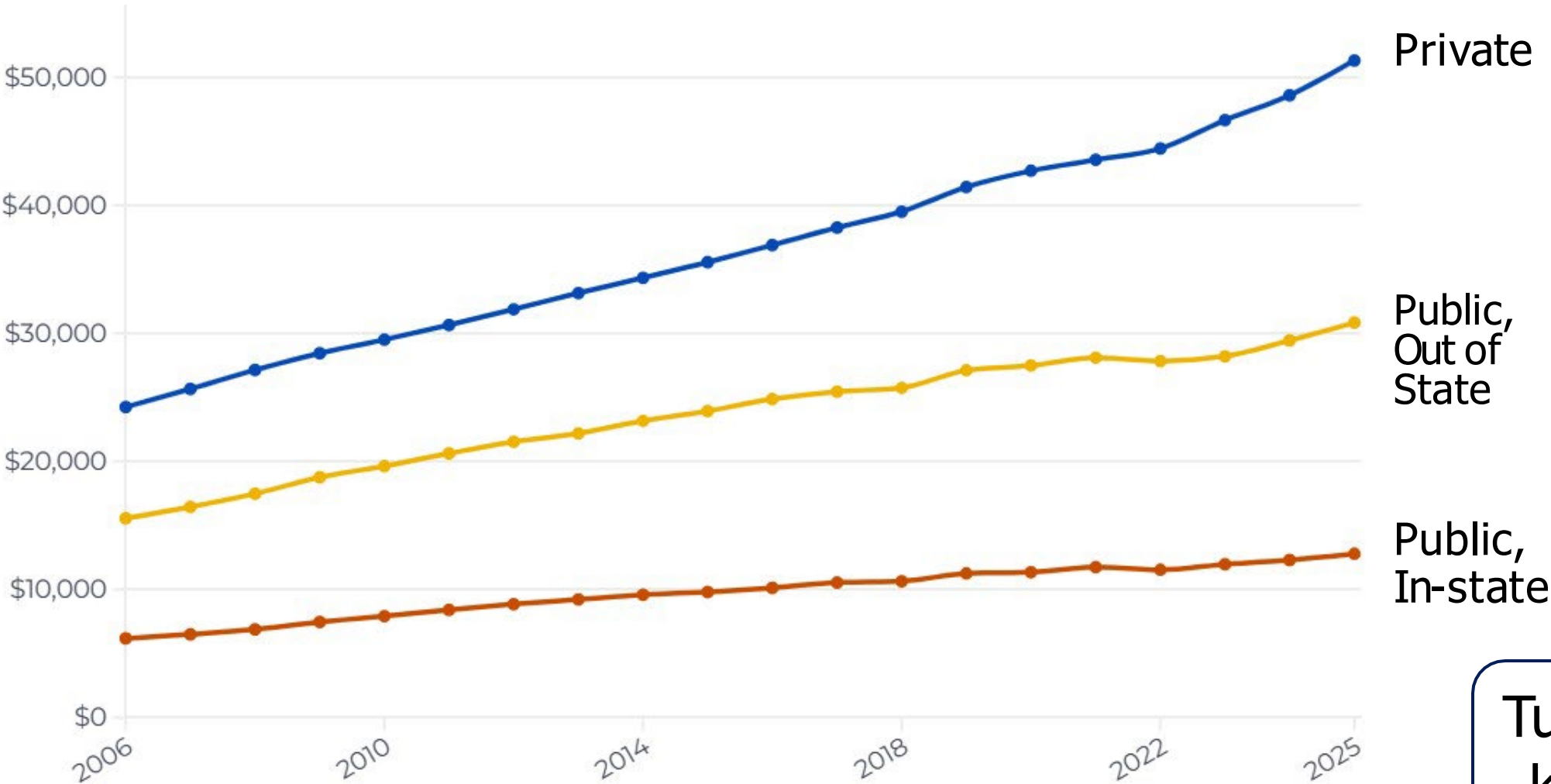
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20-Year Average Tuition Growth Among National Universities, 2005-2025

Private Out-of-state In-state



Private

Public,
Out of
State

Public,
In-state

Tuition costs
keep rising

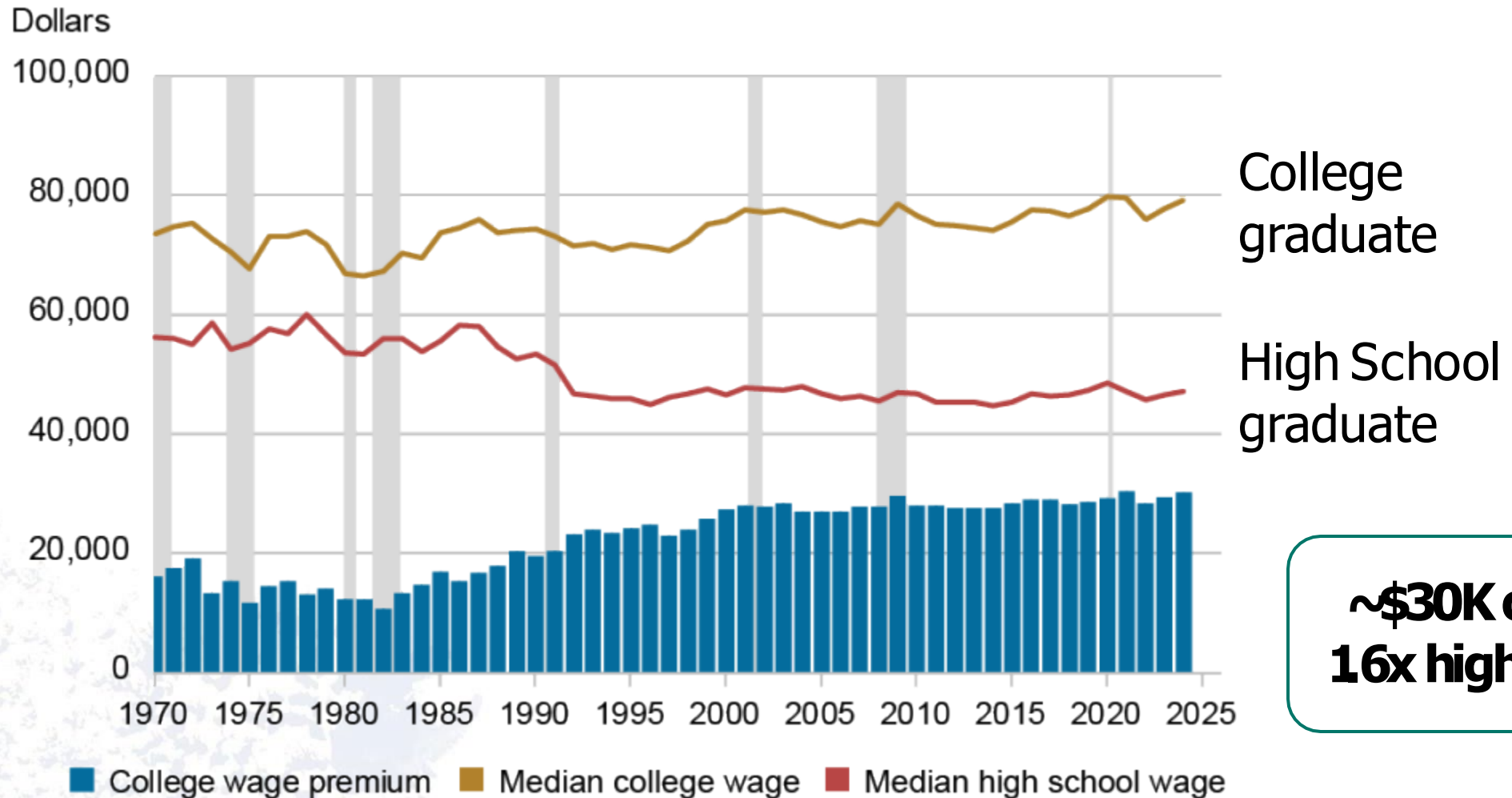
Source: [U.S. News Best Colleges 2026](#)



**Is College
Worth It?**

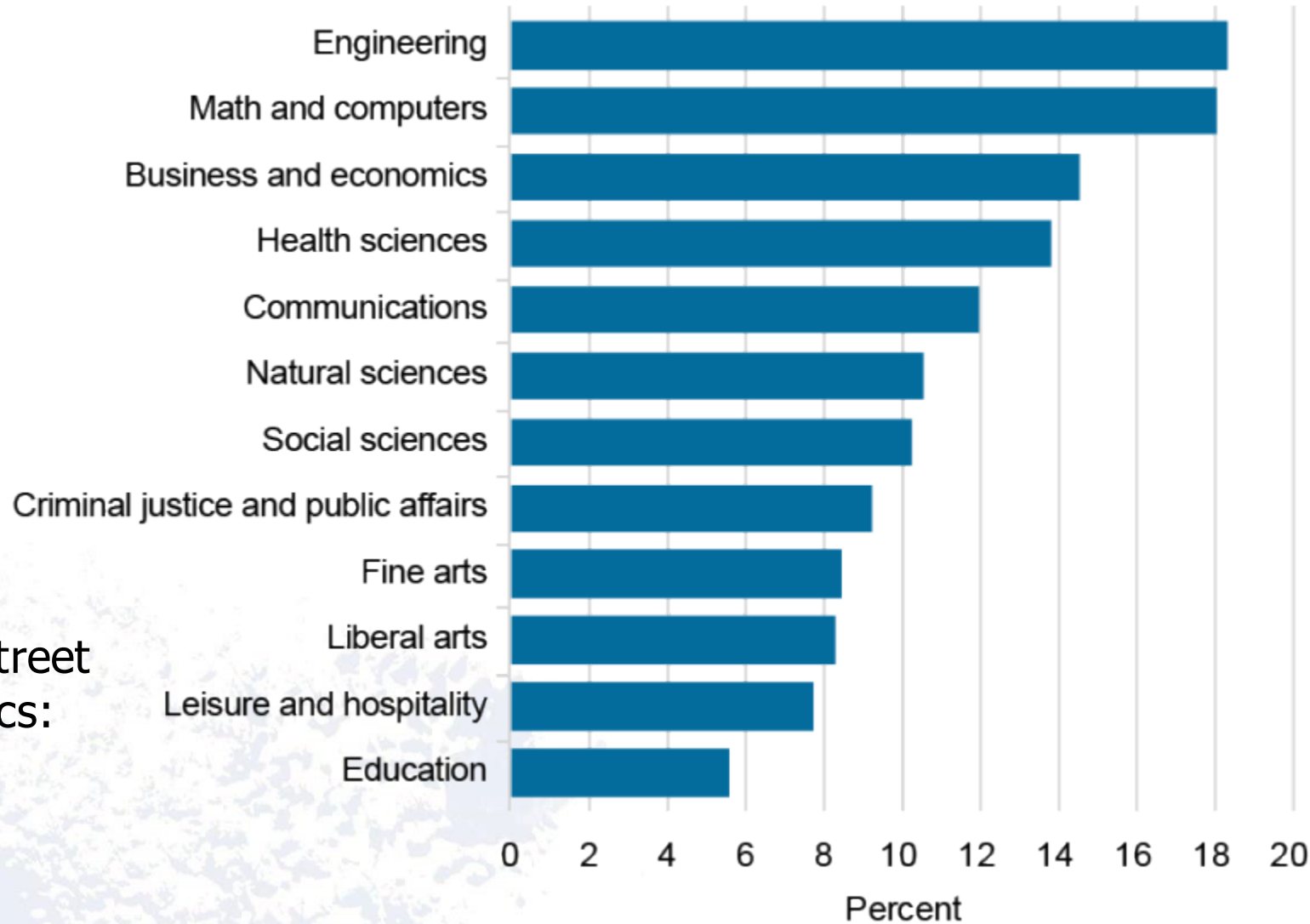
The College Wage Premium Remains Near Its All-Time High

Liberty Street
Economics:
Analysis



Sources: US Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, March Supplement (IPUMS); US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index. Notes: Shaded areas indicate periods designated as recessions by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Amounts are expressed in 2024 dollars.

Median Rate of Return Differs by Major



Rate of return for college investment not the same for all majors



Goal is not for everyone to pick highest salary careers, but to make informed decisions

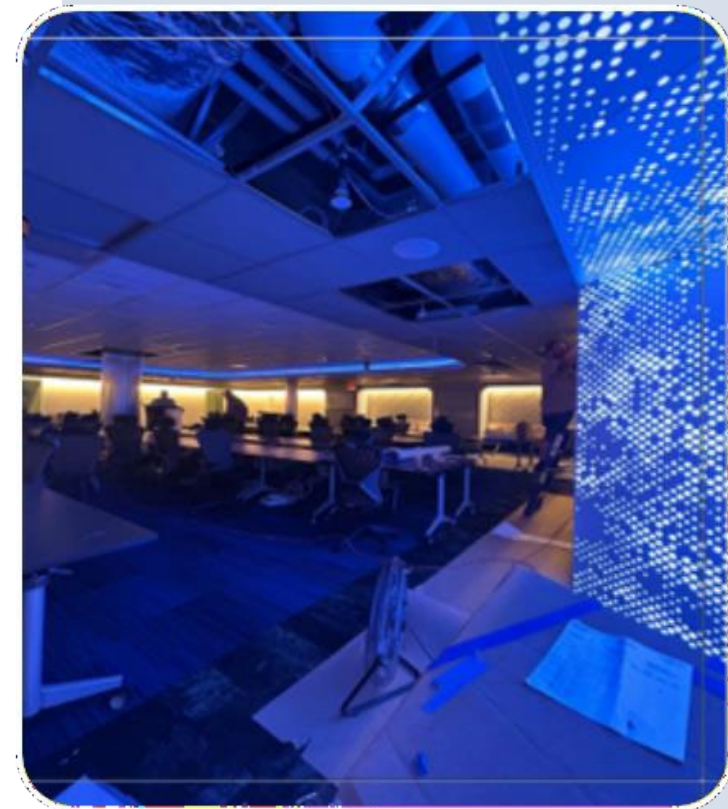
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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 American Community Survey (IPUMS); the College Board; U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

The UMass Lowell Guarantee

Every first-time, first-year UMass Lowell student will have the opportunity to pursue at least one Career Connected Experience during their undergraduate program....

- earning pay, credits, or both before they graduate



Opportunities include:

- Industry Co-ops & Internships
- Government & Non-profit Internships
- Research with faculty
- Clinical Placements
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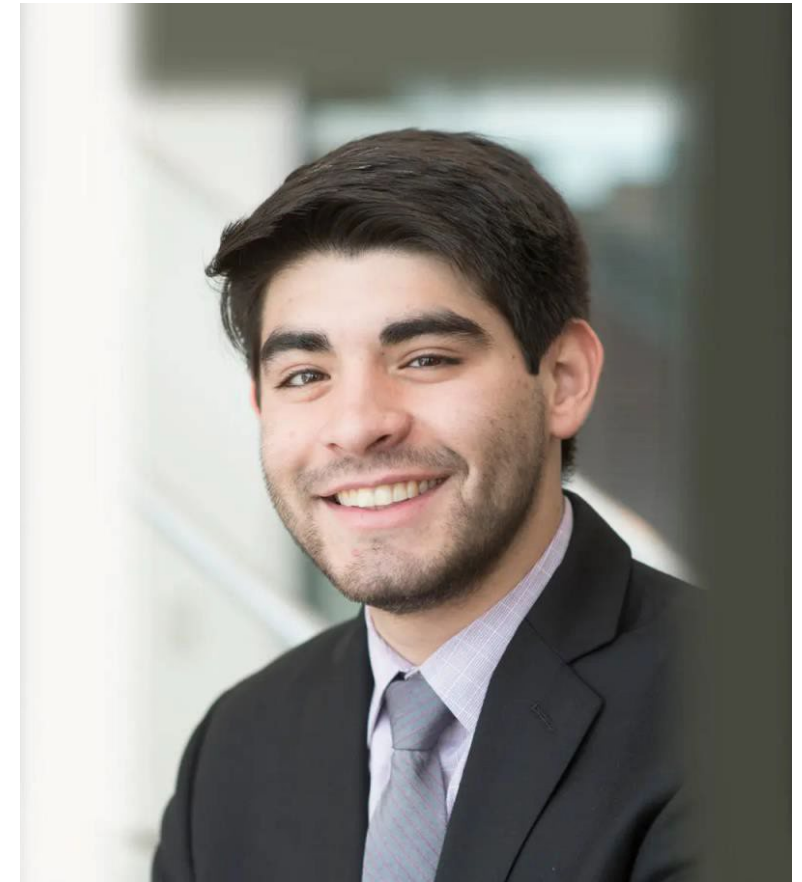
Abdullah Abou Mahmud, '23 Computer Science

Microsoft

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Alejandro Lopez, Economics
The Washington Center, Model UN

MassDevelopment

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Arielle Joasil, '20, Electrical Engineering
UML Ctr for Adv Computation
Harvard-Smithsonian Ctr for Astrophysics
Thermo Fisher Scientific

PhD, Columbia

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David Nguyen, '21, Nursing
Tufts/Lowell General Hospital, Boston
Children's Hospital, Boston Medical Center

Boston Medical Center, Medical Intensive
Care Unit

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Pre-med major trained and worked as an
Emergency Medical Technician



Emerson Tully, '28 Nursing

Grant writing for Refuge Art

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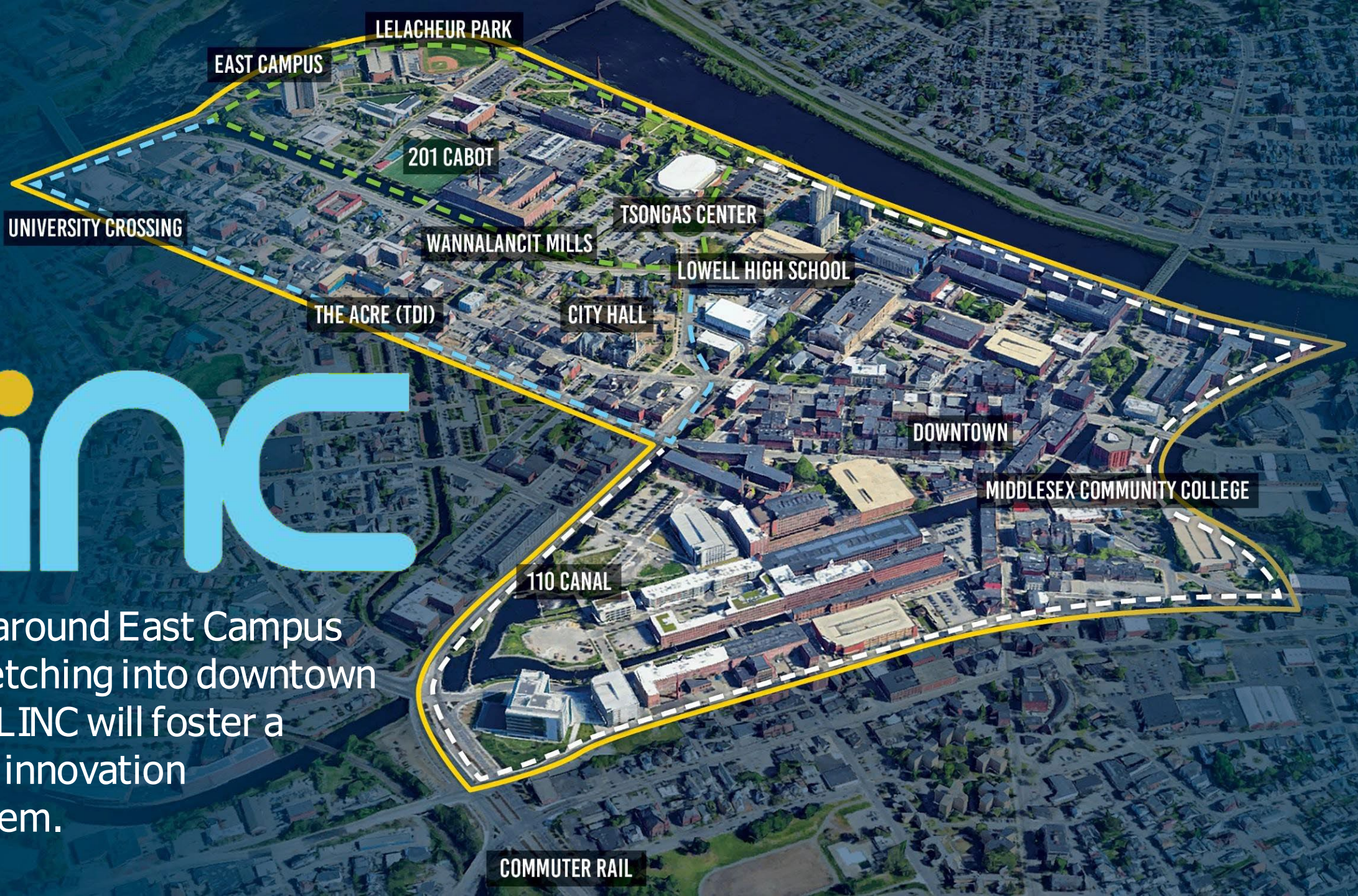
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- Comparative Criminal Justice in London, England
 - Art, Music & Culture in Paris, France
 - **Exploring Educational Systems through Service in Placencia, Belize**
 - Lisbon Through the Ages in Lisbon, Portugal
 - **Immersive Audio Production in Belfast, Ireland**
 - Comparative Arts, Paris, France
 - Intensive Spanish and Culture in Cadiz, Spain

Career-Connected Experiences – Preparing Every Student

- Year 1: Exploring Options, Resumes, Interview skills, LinkedIn, Mosaic
 - Preparation, Confidence building
 - Immersive Scholars, On-campus, Community
- Year 2: Alumni mentors
 - External experience =reflection
- Year 3: Addtl CCEs
- Year 4: Career Launch or Grad School



On and around East Campus
and stretching into downtown
Lowell, LINC will foster a
thriving innovation
ecosystem.

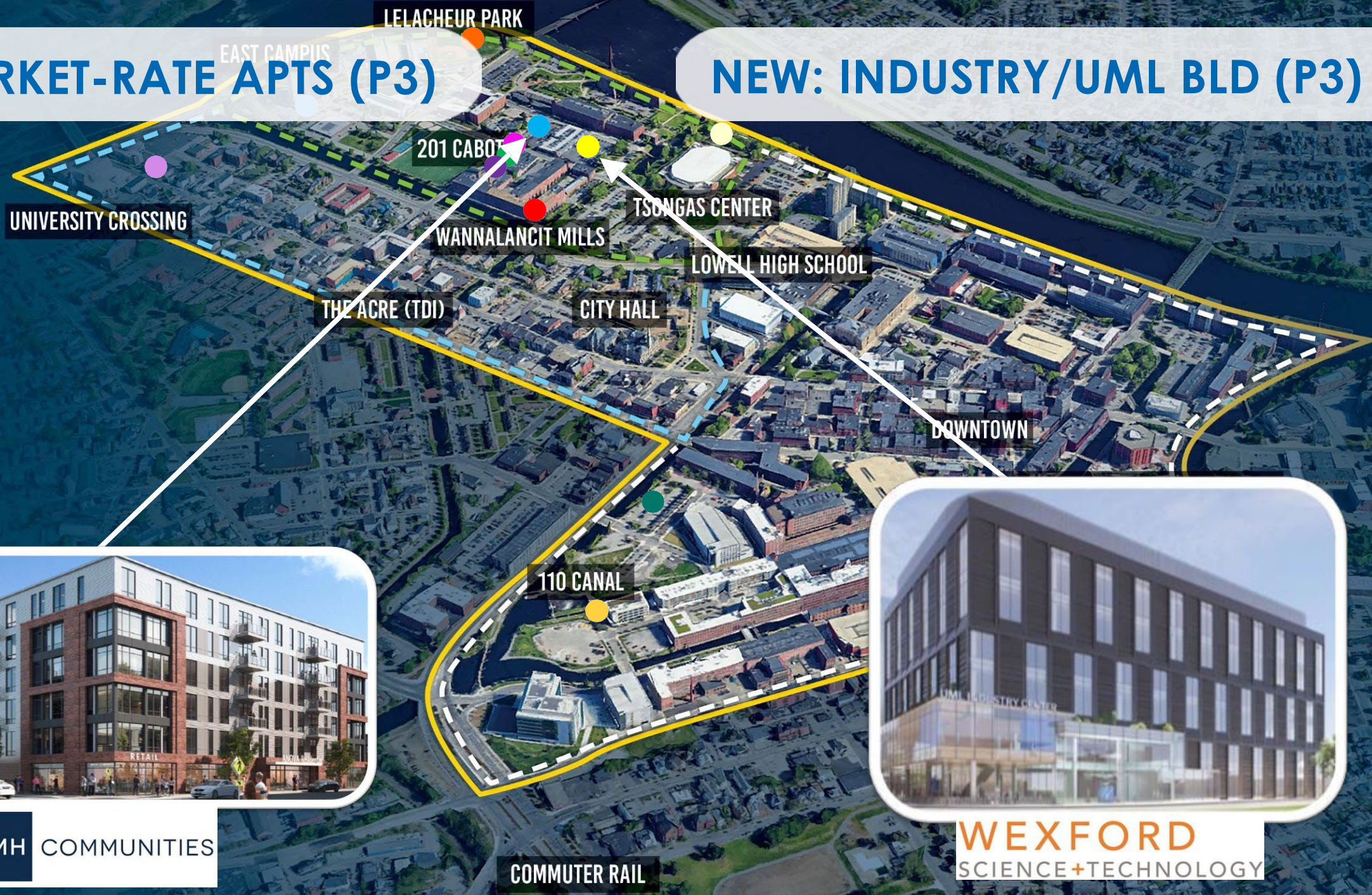


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NEW: MARKET-RATE APTS (P3)

NEW: INDUSTRY/UML BLD (P3)



GMH COMMUNITIES



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SCIENCE+TECHNOLOGY



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