



# MERRIMACK COLLEGE



## Message from the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

I want to sincerely thank all of you for such a wonderful welcoming reception last week. I was deeply touched and energized by the evening, which reinforced once again what a warm and inclusive community we have on this campus.

Go Warriors!

Allan Weatherwax, Provost

January 30, 2017

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## Open Office Hours with the Provost Start this Week

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop-in every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say “hello,” all faculty are welcome to visit.

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## Provost Innovation Fund: Call for Proposals

### Employing Academic Technology to Enhance Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship

The Office of the Provost is now accepting applications. Click on the button below for more details.

**Provost Innovation Fund**

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## Sponsored Programs News

Melissa Siegel, Director of Sponsored Programs, will hold hours in the the Office of the Provost every Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. This is your opportunity to stop by with any and all questions about sponsored activities, programs, or grants. Please e-mail [siegelm@merrimack.edu](mailto:siegelm@merrimack.edu) to set up an appointment or just plan on swinging by to say "hello." Melissa is excited to learn more about you and your teaching and research interests.

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## HURON CONSULTING GROUP Presenting the LS Core Evaluation

Peter Stokes from the Huron Consulting Group will be presenting the results of the Liberal Studies Core evaluation to each school. The schedule is below. Please try to attend your school's meeting if possible, but if you have a conflict, feel free to attend another meeting.

### School of Education and Social Policy

February 6, 2017

Cascia Hall / 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

### School of Science and Engineering

February 6, 2017

Cascia Hall / 11 AM - NOON

### School of Liberal Arts

February 6, 2017

Murray Lounge / 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

### Girard School of Business

February 6, 2017

O'Reilly Hall room 310 / 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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## CETL Course Design Tip



This week's tip: **Make the dock on your iPad work for you** - By default, the IOS puts four icons in the dock area. Did you know you can change this and even add two more for a total of six? To add or remove apps from the dock, tap AND HOLD any

icon on your home screen until the icons begin to wiggle. Once they start to wiggle, they become moveable. Tap and drag an app out of the dock or tap and drag an app into the dock. Once you have the icons arranged the way you like them, press the HOME button on your iPad to set the new arrangement. Remember, you can also add folders to organize your apps. I have one for "Mindmapping" where I house all of my mind mapping apps. Make your dock work for you!

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## **New CETL Faculty Fellow Announcement**

The CETL is pleased to announce that Dr. Jimmy Franco, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been awarded a Faculty Fellowship. Dr. Franco's research will center on how technology can be used to tailor course content to better meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population. Guided by this research, look for CETL programming on iBook Creation, leveraging virtual office hours, creating video resources, and the implementation of augmented (AR) or virtual reality (VR) glasses to improve pedagogical techniques in the upcoming semesters.

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## **Interested in Guided Meditation?**

With support from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Dr. Christina Hardway from the Department of Psychology will be offering 20 minute guided meditations on campus at noon every Monday this semester.

These brief, guided meditations are open to all in the Merrimack Community and will be held from 12:00 to 12:20 in Sullivan Hall, room 205, beginning on February 5th and extending to May 1st. No formal meditation experience or equipment is required. There is no need to register in advance; feel free to drop in if you are interested. Please direct all questions or inquiries to [hardwayc@merrimack.edu](mailto:hardwayc@merrimack.edu) or [nielsenk@merrimack.edu](mailto:nielsenk@merrimack.edu)

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## **Hamel Health Sick Note Update**

Effective January 2017 Hamel Health will no longer provide students with notes for brief illnesses. They will however, continue to notify faculty via the Academic Success Center when students need extended absences.

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## **Other Events this Week**

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### **January 31st**

#### **FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**4:00PM - 5:00PM**

**Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center**

For more details and meeting agenda, visit the [Faculty Senate Blackboard Site](#)

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### **February 1st**

## PROVOST OPEN OFFICE HOURS

8:30AM - 10:00AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hi", all faculty are welcome to visit.

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## February 1st

### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT DEADLINE

Applications and materials must be delivered to Laura Hall-Seelig, Mendell Hall 256, Mail Stop N5 by the end of the day. Click the button below for more details.

**Faculty Development Grant**

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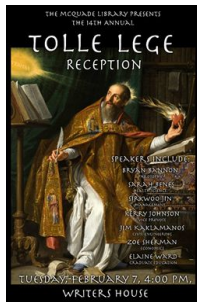
## February 4th

### ACCEPTED STUDENT DAY

The Office of Admission is hosting an upcoming Admitted Student Day on Saturday February 4th. As a crucial part of the day's events, faculty will be hosting tables at the Academic Colloquium from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact your Department Chair or Program Director.

## Future Events

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## Tolle Lege

Save the date: February 7, 2017

4:00 PM

To recognize the academic scholarship of the Merrimack College community, in 2003 McQuade Library and the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy established the **Tolle Lege Collection**. Each February, authors published during the previous academic year are honored with a reception, and selected contributors speak about their work.

Please plan to congratulate your colleagues on their 2016 contributions to this collection of Merrimack scholarship and creativity. This year's celebratory reception will be held at the **Writers House** on **Tuesday, February 7**, at **4:00pm**.

Speakers will include:

- Bryan Bannon, Philosophy
- Sarah Benes, Health Science
- Sirkwoo Jin, Management
- Kerry Johnson, Vice Provost

- Jim Kaklamanos, Civil Engineering
- Zoe Sherman, Economics
- Elaine Ward, Graduate Education

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## O'Brien Center for Career Development Spring 2017 Programs & Events

### **2017 TECET Engineers Week Career Fair | February 9th from 4-7pm | Wyndham Hotel, Boston, MA**

The Engineering Center Education Trust (TECET) would like to invite students who are majoring in engineering or land surveying to attend the 2017 TECET Engineers Week Career Fair at the Wyndham Hotel in Boston. This event is expected to attract more than 20 employers with engineering and land surveying-related job openings and internships. Some companies who will be in attendance: Arora Engineers, Beals and Thomas, Gale Associates, GEI Consultants, HAKS Engineers, P.C., Howard Stein Hudson, Mott MacDonald, Resource Options, Smith + Nephew, US Army Corps of Engineers, VHB, Weston & Sampson. Students can register for the event [here](#), and can RSVP for a spot in the Merrimack van [here](#).

### **Professional Development Retreat for the Junior Class | February 16th & 17th | Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center, Boston, MA:**

A career development initiative for upperclassmen students designed to build emotional intelligence and skills to assist in professional development and preparation for students to land and succeed at their first jobs after graduation. All faculty and staff are invited to join us on February 16th at 6-7:30pm for a Networking Reception featuring President Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D. - your support and participation is key to making this a successful event! Click here to RSVP: <http://bit.ly/pdrspring2017>

### **Ask an Employer: Engineering and Life Sciences | February 28th from 2-4pm | Mendel First Floor Lobby:**

Informal meet-and-greet with employers in the lobby of Mendel. Students are encouraged to talk with employers to learn about their company and what opportunities they may have. Targeted to engineering and life science majors. Some companies who will be in attendance: CDM Smith, Schneider Electric, Weir Valves & Controls, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.

### **What Every International Student Should Know about US Employment featuring Dan Beaudry | March 21st - 11:00am-1:30pm, Murray Lounge**

Speaker and author [Dan Beaudry](#) (Power Ties: The International Student's Guide to Finding a Job in the United States) will be coming to Merrimack to share his insights into the job search process for international students.

**Spring Career Fair | March 22nd from 2-4:30pm | MPR** - All majors and all class years are encouraged to attend our spring career fair where employers are hiring for internships, co-ops, and full-time positions. Some companies who will be in attendance: Albanese D&S, EBI Consultants, Weston & Sampson Engineers, ARC Technology Solutions, Watts Water Technologies, Triumvirate Environmental, Cutler Associates, Blackduck Software, Northeast Dermatology.

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**Hold the Date: May 2, 2017**

**Merrimack College Research and Creative Achievement  
Conference**

The Office of the Provost and the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning is pleased to announce the second annual Merrimack College Research and Creative Achievement Conference that will take place on Tuesday, May 2nd from 4 - 6 pm. This event is a college-wide conference and celebration designed to highlight the academic and creative excellence of your work, to foster engagement among faculty members, students, their families, and the community, and to develop presentation skills needed for graduate school and the workplace. Taking an inclusive approach, the conference invites and encourages undergraduate and graduate representation from all four schools and all majors; as such, diverse formats are encouraged. The Conference Planning Committee imagines the possibilities including posters, talks, videos, papers, recitations, and other forms of creative expression. Printing and poster board costs as well as workshops will be provided for by the CETL. Both faculty (on behalf of their class) and individual students can submit their work by clicking on the link below.

**Register Now**

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