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Here are some of this week's top stories, and a look ahead.

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Sponsored Projects: A Provost's Perspective

March 7th

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Provost's Conference Room

Come hear from our new Provost, Allan Weatherwax, a noted researcher with grant experience from NSF and NASA, about sponsored projects. Allan will highlight the key components of a sponsored project (vs. a gift) and talk about taking your research to the next level. Kathleen

Redmond, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations and Melissa Siegel, Director of Sponsored Programs, will also talk more about sponsored resources available at Merrimack College.

This lunch session seeks to answer your questions, including: What is a sponsored project? You have a great idea and think it's ready for funding. How are you framing your idea? What is the problem you're trying to solve or the question you're trying to answer? How can we best help you in this process?

Lunch will be provided.

[Register Now](#)

CETL Book Group Call

Minds on Fire by Mark C. Carnes

Group Facilitator: Dr. Sally Shockro, Associate Professor of History

[Minds on Fire](#) explores the value of role-immersion games in learning and seeks to answer the question, "Why are so many students intellectually disengaged?" Author Mark Carnes argues that we can channel students' competitive and sometimes "mischievous" impulses into deep learning experiences through the use of role-playing pedagogies. Filled with concrete examples of how this innovative method is deployed for maximum benefit, this book advocates for transformative learning experiences that affect students' motivation to learn and their overall quality of learning.

Registrants will receive a free copy of the book (please indicate preference for e-Pub or hard copy on registration form). Bi-monthly Lunch meetings will begin Tuesday, March 7. **Please register by February 17.**

[Register Now](#)

Merrimack's Active Science Program was featured on CBS

Click on the link below to check it out!

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2017/03/02/eye-on-education-active-science-gets-kids-moving/>

Open Office Hours with the Provost Moved to Thursday This Week Only

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in Thursday, March 9 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.

Open Office Hours with the Melissa Siegel Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with Melissa Siegel on Friday, March 10. As always, you can email her at siegelm@merrimack.edu to set up an appointment at any time. Friday open office hours with Melissa will resume March 17.

Dialogue on LS Core

March 21st

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Cascia Hall

As a result of the recent evaluation of the Liberal Studies Core, the Office of the Provost and the General Education Committee of the Faculty Senate invite all faculty to attend the first in a series of dialogues regarding the LS Core. The General Education Committee is organizing the dialogues to include discussion of next steps, such as institutional learning outcomes, other program models, possible common readings, and other suggestions from faculty. Please RSVP to Vicki Bianchini at bianchiniv@merrimack.edu if you plan to attend. We hope to have as many faculty as possible participate in these dialogues, so even if you can't make it at 3:30, come when you can.

Grief & Loss Student Group

Beginning the week after spring break, Katell Guellec of Hamel Health & Counseling will be facilitating a weekly drop-in group for students who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Interested students can contact Katell and/or indicate their availability on this form:

goo.gl/Hos17E.

McQuade Messenger

The [Winter 2017](#) edition of the library newsletter is out. Take a look to see what's new at the library! Back issues are on the [library website](#) and archived in [Merrimack ScholarWorks](#).

Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award - 2016-2017

Edward G. Roddy, 1921-1985, Merrimack College Professor of History

"A scholar who throughout his life demonstrated a devotion to teaching excellence, care and concern for students and a deep dedication to learning"

Faculty and graduating seniors are asked to nominate a full-time Merrimack College professor for the honor of the "Outstanding Teacher Award." Students and faculty should consider a wide variety of qualities when submitting a nomination, which may include but are not limited to:

- Ability to engage and inspire student learning, creativity, and independent thinking inside and outside the classroom
- Encouragement of student participation
- Enthusiasm and vitality toward teaching and learning
- Effective and/or creative course design and redesign
- Employment of pedagogical techniques that are fair and respectful of differences among students
- Advisement and/or mentoring of students that reflect care, concern, and expertise

- Adjustment to interests and needs of students based upon formal and informal assessments
- Active involvement in student research projects
- Significant effort in promoting mobile, tech-enriched teaching and learning environments

Please include in your comments any of the above qualities. Nominations will be accepted until April 15, using this [nomination form](#).

Other Events this Week

March 6th

Guided Meditation Sessions

every Monday

12:00 - 12:20 PM

Sullivan Hall, Room 205

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.

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 or nielsenk@merrimack.edu

March 6th

2016-17 Reel Engagement: Screening of The World Before Her

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Stevens Theatre

The 2013 documentary presents two contrasting versions of womanhood and seemingly different responses to the challenges of contemporary Indian society. Click on the link below for more information.



https://www.merrimack.edu/calendar/index.php#event_id/963625/view/event

March 7th

Faculty Senate Meeting

4:00PM - 5:00PM

Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center

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

March 9th

What can you do with a BA in Biology?

4:00-5:00 PM

Sakowich Meeting Room B

Bio Career Panel featuring Ben Paradis-Software Product Manager, Agilent Technology; Lada Lau-CoOp Advisor, UMass Lowell; Tyler Andrade-Student Graduating in May '17, Anthony Preston-Political Director, Massachusetts Republican Party

Future Events

Information on Upcoming Honors Convocation

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Lawler Arena, Merrimack Athletics Complex

Faculty line-up is at 12:30 p.m. in Class 1182 (formerly CETL, near Writers House, Merrimack Athletics Complex). Please arrive dressed in regalia (no tams). Refreshments will be served.

The Office of the Provost assists in coordinating this special event as part of Commencement weekend. Honors Convocation is an annual celebration where undergraduate students are recognized for their distinguished academic achievements. This high honor is given to graduating seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.50 at the beginning of their spring semester and these distinguished students are designated as Presidential Scholars. This year, academic student medals will be awarded at the Honors Convocation ceremony as well. Please celebrate these outstanding students by attending this event.

A complete listing of Commencement weekend events is available on the link below:

<http://www.merrimack.edu/commencement/faculty.php>

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