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PROVOST BRIEFING

March 27, 2017

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

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The Writers House Event: Azara Santiago Rivera

March 29

4:00 PM

Writers House

Azara Santiago Rivera is a professor and director of the Mental Health Counseling Program at Merrimack College. She will discuss her latest research regarding counseling and diversity. Azara Santiago Rivera's publications and research interests include multicultural issues in the counseling profession, bilingual therapy, Latinos and depression, and the impact of environmental contamination on the biopsychosocial well-being of Native Americans. You can read more about her work [here](#).

LS Core Survey

The LS core discussion last week had a great turnout and a productive discussion focused on Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs). During the dialog, we reviewed the responses from the ILO brainstorming activity and identified common themes. We have used these themes to draft 9 ILOs. If you could please take a minute to complete the survey below, we would appreciate any additional feedback that you might have. This is particularly important for those of you who were unable to attend the meeting but would like to be involved in this conversation. If you could kindly complete this survey by Tuesday, March 28, it would be much appreciated. Please note, the slides from the meeting on March 21, including a list of the Peer Institutions ILOs (in the appendix of the slides), can now be found in the [Gen Ed folder on blackboard](#).

[Survey](#)

Technology Design Tip of the Week

Do you ever find yourself responding to the same student questions via email, multiple times? Not any more! Try setting up "canned responses." They are designed to save you time from re-creating an email, time after time. Watch this [short tutorial](#) on how to set up commonly-employed responses.

Brought to you by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Academic Technology.

The Rogers Center Needs Your Vote

The [Rogers Center for the Arts](#) has been nominated in *Merrimack Valley Magazine's Best of 2017* for Best Indoor Performing Arts Venue! Voting runs through April 30. Cast your vote now!

[Vote Now](#)

Faculty Regalia Request

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2017 Commencement, Honors Convocation, and/or Baccalaureate Mass, please access the Regalia Form via the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/4Gnud9vKKc2qE7Du2>

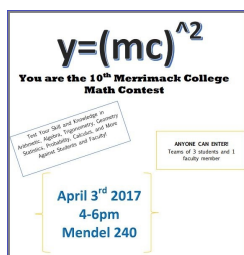
Please submit your request by **April 3, 2017**.

10th Annual Math Contest

Monday, April 3

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Mendel, Room 240



The Math Club and Math Department are sponsoring our 10th annual math contest. Teams of 3 students and a faculty member are invited to participate for fun and prizes. Last year we had 80 participants on 20 teams. Preregistration is required since space is limited. Sign up as a team or as an individual and you will be put on a team. Bring a calculator, a pencil and a brain.

To register, contact Dan Brien at briend@merrimack.edu.

Other Events this Week

March 27th (and every Monday)

Guided Meditation Sessions

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 28th

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 28th

Unveiled: Racism. Hate. Love. Islam. Culture. Language. Life.

Rohina Malik

5:30 pm

Cascia Hall

Rohina Malik is a critically acclaimed Chicago playwright and performance artist. She will perform her one-woman play, Unveiled, which, explores racism, hate crimes, love, language, and the Islamic faith. Co-sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, the Interfaith Alliance, and the Writers House.



Find out more about Rohina Malik by visiting her [website](#).

March 29th (and every Wednesday*)

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

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.

***Wednesday, April 5, the Provost will be traveling. This is your chance to have Open Office Hours with Vice Provosts Kerry Johnson and Jon Lyon.**

March 29th

Building Community, Reaching for Justice: Elizabeth Richards

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Cascia Hall

Ms. Richards is the director of the Center for Engaged Learning at Southern New Hampshire University. Her presentation is “Preparing for a Life of Active Citizenship: An insider’s perspective on the functioning of a college community engagement office”.

For more information, visit the Merrimack College, [School of Education and Social Policy](#) website.

March 30th

MINTS Collaborative Learning and Team-based Approaches

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Jane Parent, School of Business faculty member and TBL workshop leader, will kick off the workshop with a welcome and introduction to the overall topic of Collaborative Learning, then will start getting into TBL as an effective collaborative learning strategy.

[M.I.N.T.S. Collaborative Learning Workshop Interest/Availability Form](#)

March 31st (and every Friday)

Open Office Hours with Melissa Siegel

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

Melissa Siegel, Director of Sponsored Programs, will hold hours in 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 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, scholarship and research interests.

Future Events

Hands to Help's Open House

Wednesday April 12 from 3:30 - 6:00pm

Merrimack's community resource center

Please join us for Hands to Help's Open House at Merrimack's community resource center, 301 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA. All Merrimack employees are welcome.

Please RSVP to Alisha Reppucci, reppuccia@merrimack.edu

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