



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

December 2016 Monthly Newsletter

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Greetings Merrimack College Parents,

It was great to have so many parents join us for the annual Merrimack College Christmas Party at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, Mass. this past Friday night! For those unable to attend, it was a wonderfully festive occasion that brought together more than 800 parents, alumni, faculty/staff and friends of Merrimack College.

As we approach the last day of classes for the first semester later this week (December 9) and final exams next week, please remember to review the campus residence hall closure information (below). Students living on campus must depart 24 hours after their last final exam, or by Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. We will communicate return-to-campus information in our next abbreviated parent newsletter on Friday, January 6.

My best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season!

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Important Updates from Around Campus

From the Office of Residence Life:

All residence halls will be closed during winter break. Students must leave Merrimack 24 hours after their last final exam or by Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. (whichever comes first). Students should unplug all electronics, personal appliances, and computer equipment.

When unplugging a personal refrigerator, please leave ample time for it to properly defrost. Trash should be taken out and the room should be left in clean condition. Any plants or perishable food items should be removed.

Please remind your student to pack all items necessary for the entire break, including passport, medication, house keys, etc. as students will not be able to access their room during the break. All doors and windows should be closed and locked with the shades drawn. Students should bring their MackCard and room key with them to avoid being locked out upon return. The residence halls reopen on January 18 at 10:00 a.m. For more information regarding winter closing, please visit the [Office of Residence Life website](#).

From the Academic Success Center:

All students should have registered for their spring classes at Merrimack by now. We encourage parents to review the schedules with the student during the break and encourage the students to reach out to their academic advisor or the Academic Success Center - ASC@merrimack.edu - if they have any questions or concerns.

Campus Corner: O'Brien Center for Career Development

RECENT EVENTS

[Professional Development Retreat for Class of 2017](#)

More than 60 members of Merrimack College's Class of 2017 recently wrapped up a two-day retreat focused on developing and polishing professional networking skills. The Professional Development Retreat, first offered in the spring of 2016 and now designed as a biannual event for juniors and seniors, was held in Boston's growing Seaport District. During the two-day event, attendees learned from distinguished speakers, engaged in interactive learning sessions, and perhaps most important, put their networking and public speaking skills to the test. [\[Read More\]](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Pfizer Networking Event](#)

December 8, 2016 | Merrimack College

[Professional Development Retreat for Class of 2018](#)

February 16 & 17, 2017 | Boston, Mass.

[Spring Career Fair](#)

March 22, 2017 | Merrimack College



[More Information on the O'Brien Center](#)

Athletic Updates

The Athletic Department is currently spotlighting the successes of the fall athletic teams through its visual "Fall Season Recap" series. We encourage you to view the first issue which

highlights Merrimack's successful [women's golf team](#). We look forward to delivering several more recaps in the next parent newsletter!

[>> More Athletic News](#)

News from Around Campus

[MA STEM Summit](#)

Merrimack students, faculty and staff attended the annual Massachusetts STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Summit in Worcester, Mass.

[Senior Gives Helping Hand to South Africa's Impoverished](#)

Elizabeth "Lizz" Egan '17 spent a month this summer teaching disabled children how to walk and working in a garden growing food for the most impoverished of people in South Africa.

[College Donations Brighten Holiday for Those in Need](#)

Merrimack College's students, faculty, staff and school boosters donated about 118 Thanksgiving dinners, complete with turkeys and the fixings, to Lawrence-based Neighbors in Need this year to help make Thursday's holiday more enjoyable for the food-insecure.

[Renowned Journalist Opens President's Speaker Series](#)

New York Times reporter Kim Barker, who covered Afghanistan and Pakistan and wrote the best-selling comic memoir "The Taliban Shuffle," was the first presenter in the 2016-17 President's Speaker Series.

[>> More Campus News](#)

Calendar Highlights

- **Thursday, December 22 - Tuesday, January 3**

[Merrimack College Campus Offices Closed](#)

Please note that Merrimack College offices will close at the end of business on Wednesday, December 21 and reopen on Wednesday, January 4.

- **Thursday, January 19**

[First Day of Classes for Spring 2017 Semester](#)

We look forward to welcoming students back to campus for the spring semester, with classes beginning on Thursday, January 19.

- **Save the Date - Tuesday, April 4**
President's Speaker Series: Daymond John (RSVP Required)

From his wildly successful role on ABC's smash hit, Shark Tank, to his distinguished status as a Presidential Ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship, Daymond John has become globally recognized for his relentless commitment to promoting and supporting entrepreneurs.

- >> **Complete List of Campus Events**
- >> **Rogers Center for the Arts Calendar**
- >> **Athletic Calendar**

Campus Contacts

Should you have a question on a specific area of school life, we encourage you to reach out to the appropriate office directly:

For Academic Support:

- > Students and parents can contact the Academic Success Center at ASC@merrimack.edu or (978) 837-5278

For Residential Life:

- > Students should talk first to their resident advisors (RAs), then resident directors
- > Students and parents can reach out to the Office of Residence Life, reslife@merrimack.edu

For Billing:

- > Parents and students can contact Bursar David Martinez, billmail@merrimack.edu

For Financial Aid:

- > Parents and students can contact financialaid@merrimack.edu

For general questions - or if you're not sure where to go:

- > Parents can contact Marie Doyle, Manager of Parent Programs at doylemh@merrimack.edu or (978) 837-5551

Helpful Links

- [Important Phone Numbers](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [MACK Card Services](#)
- [O'Brien Center for Career Development](#)

- [Hamel Health & Counseling Center](#)
 - [Merrimack College Warrior Athletics](#) & [Merrimack Athletics TV](#)
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