



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

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Merrimack Unveils New College Logo



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Drawing on our rich history, the new logo reinterprets elements from the college seal, in a more modern and simple way. The logo includes four quadrants: a book with the words "**Tolle Lege**" ("take up and read") from Saint Augustine; **waves** that represent the "swift water" of the Merrimack Valley Native Americans; and the **cross** from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Boston. The symbolism of our colors remains unchanged; blue for loyalty and gold for wisdom.

Wavy lines represent water in heraldry, so wavy pallets were chosen to represent Merrimack, which meant "swift water" to some of the Native Americans who once lived in the Merrimack Valley. The cross fleurette refers to the French ancestry of Bishop Cheverus, the first Bishop of Boston (1810-1823). Thus the shield refers to the name of this Augustinian College and to its location in the Archdiocese of Boston. The trimount also is a charge on the coat of arms of Pope Pius XII, in whose pontificate Merrimack College was established. The Order of Saint Augustine is represented by the image of a book imprinted with the famous words connected with Saint Augustine's conversion, "Tolle Lege" ("take up and read").

Register Today: Homecoming 2016

All alumni are invited to campus for Homecoming Weekend, Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23, to celebrate a shared love for all things Merrimack and explore new opportunities to become further connected to the College. Highlights of Homecoming Weekend include athletic contests on both Friday and Saturday, a 5K Fun Run, tailgating and a Homecoming Cookout Tent & Beer Garden. For more information and to purchase tailgate passes and athletic tickets, please click below!

>> REGISTER FOR HOMECOMING

The Warrior Network

The Warrior Network, Merrimack College's mentor program, brings together students and alumni in purposeful and mutually beneficial relationships. The program is designed to assist current third-year students with identifying and expanding their career options. Toward that goal, the program offers students the opportunity to develop a relationship with a graduate who shares a similar background or works in an area that interests them. Pairings may also reflect similar student experiences or other interests. Benefits of The Warrior Network include:

- Offering students the opportunity to learn about general professionalism
- Engaging alumni as personal resources to students, including advice on issues related to careers
- Preparing students to compete successfully for jobs, including an education on the hiring process and hiring criteria
- Introducing students to the challenges, rewards, and outlooks of companies and career paths
- Exposing students to corporate or other appropriate culture

Applications to become a mentor are due September 30 and can be completed using the below link. For any questions, please contact Stephanie King at kingsl@merrimack.edu or [\(978\) 837-5062](tel:978-837-5062).

>> WARRIOR NETWORK APPLICATION

Young Alumni Spotlight: Adam Shepard '06

"Although I did not take the path I had originally planned, Merrimack College prepared me with the skills to be a critical thinker and gave me the ability to thrive in virtually any environment."

Best-selling author Adam Shepard '06 helped Merrimack College to officially begin the Academic Year on Monday, August 29 by addressing a standing room only crowd at the College's Opening Convocation.

In Adam's words, "The positive and encouraging atmosphere at Merrimack always incited me to do more, to reach further, to question and then go out and find answers." To read the full-text of this month's Young Alumni Spotlight, please click below.

>> READ YOUNG ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

President's Speaker Series: Kim Barker

The 2016-2017 **President's Speaker Series** will begin on Wednesday, November 16 when Kim Barker, author of *Whiskey Tango Foxtrot* and current *New York Times* investigative reporter, visits campus. The event, which is open to alumni and the community, will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR, Sakowich Campus Center. Please register below to help us plan accordingly.

>> MORE INFORMATION

Alumni in the News

NHL.com: Bruins Announce Hockey Operations Staff Changes

(Sean Jordan '11 & Mike Macchioni '92)

Boston Globe: Five Things You Should Know About Dave McGillivray

(Dave McGillivray '76)

RailwayAge: Marie, Schumacher Appointed to Key Roles at WSP

(Joseph Marie '85)

Newburyport Daily News: Groveland Hires Five New Female Firefighters

(Lisa Evans '97)

>> SUBMIT A CLASS NOTE

News from Around Campus

Acclaimed Author, Activist and Academy Award Winner James Lecesne to Visit Merrimack Sept. 22-23

James Lecesne is scheduled to give a talk and sneak preview of his one-man show, *The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey*, at the Writers House at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22. The event is free and open to the public.

Forbes Magazine Features Merrimack Professor

Forbes Magazine recently published an op-ed piece written by Merrimack College professor Dan Butin, the founding dean of the School of Education & Social Policy. Butin's op-ed discusses the improving model of digital learning, specifically massive open online courses (MOOCs).

>> MORE NEWS FROM CAMPUS

Warrior Athletics

The fall athletic season is well underway for the Warriors. To stay connected to your favorite athletic teams, we encourage you to **sign-up for e-newsletters**. These highlight upcoming contests, game recaps and student-athlete honors. Can't make it to campus to catch the action? **MerrimackAthletics.TV** will broadcast more than 30 live games this fall alone.

>> WARRIOR ATHLETICS

Supporting Merrimack College

Making a gift to The Merrimack Fund has a powerful impact on the College community. From creating more student learning spaces on campus to making critical academic hires that will enable Merrimack's reputation to soar, your gift will touch areas related to teaching, research, and student life in fundamental ways. Whether you choose to designate your gift to the area of greatest need, or to a specific area, you play an important role in the financial health of Merrimack College. Thank you!

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