



Greetings from Merrimack College

Dear Merrimack College Parents,

Today marks the final day of classes for the spring semester and the 2016-17 academic year. Below I have included information that will be helpful to you and your student during their final days on campus.

As we near the start of summer, I again remind you of [Career Conversations: Advice from the O'Brien Center for Career Development](#). This may be particularly helpful in guiding conversations about summer plans or in encouraging your student to visit the the O'Brien Center next fall.

Finally, this will be the final parent newsletter of the 2016-17 academic year. You can anticipate our monthly emails returning early in September. It has been my pleasure keeping you informed of events happening on campus during the year, and please feel free to be in touch during the summer if I can be of assistance.

Please join me in wishing the Class of 2017 well as they soon become Merrimack College alumni. Go Warriors!

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End-of-Year Reminders:

From the Academic Success Center: As we approach final exams, a reminder to students and parents that tutoring and academic support services are available through our [Academic Success Center](#). A spring 2017 tutoring schedule is also [available online](#).

From the Office of Student Involvement: The Office of Student Involvement hosts Cram Jam at the end of each semester. Cram Jam is a stress relief event during finals week open to all Merrimack students. We encourage students to come to the Multi-Purpose Room in the Sakowich Campus Center on May 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. to enjoy this great experience. There will be a late night breakfast, massage therapists, jugglers, caricature artists, giveaways and so much more. The community at Merrimack wants all students to have an amazing end to the semester and have a space to celebrate all their hard work. We encourage everyone to take full advantage of this stress relief event and look forward to seeing all the students at Cram Jam.

From the Office of Residential Life: As we look ahead to the close of the 2016-17 academic year, undergrad students are required to move-out of residence halls 24 hours after their last final, or May 12 by 7:00 p.m., whichever comes first. For students needing to request an extension or who are interested in applying for summer housing, [visit our website](#).

The 2017 housing selection process has concluded. There are fewer students on the waitlist this year at the close of the process compared to last year. Additionally, there are fewer than 65 students who deposited and participated in the housing selection process that have yet to be housed. We ask that you continue to work with the Office of Residence Life as your student's housing needs evolve to ensure they are appropriately housed for the fall.

Please do not hesitate to contact David Golden, Associate Director of Residence Life, at [\(978\) 837-5507](tel:9788375507) or goldend@merrimack.edu so that we may continue to support your student.

As we said at the beginning of this process we aim to ensure that every student has a place to live and we remain committed to that effort.

Softball Regular Season Champs & NE-10 Championship Tournament Hosts



The Merrimack College softball team closed out its impressive 2017 season, and clinched its first regular season title since the 2002 season, with a doubleheader sweep at Franklin Pierce on Saturday, April 29. The Warriors won by scores of 11-1 in five innings and 9-0 to finish with an 18-2 record in Northeast-10 Conference Northeast Division action. This victory sealed the Northeast-10 Conference Northeast Division title for the Warriors and the top seed entering the NE10 Championships.

The Merrimack College Athletic Department will host the [2017 Northeast-10 Conference Softball Championship Weekend](#) - which includes the quarterfinal, semifinal and championship rounds of the league tournament.

> [NE-10 Championship Schedule](#)

From the O'Brien Center for Career Development

Numerous alumni have recently stepped forward to engage with current students for career networking opportunities, both on and off campus. Nearly 20 alumni were in attendance on campus for the inaugural Liberal Arts Career Night, which allowed for students to hear from an alumni panel and also participate in more informal networking and career exploration. Earlier in April, several New York City alumni opened their offices to students in the Girard School of Business. A short recap of each event is below.



> [Students Explore Endless Opportunities During Liberal Arts Career Night](#)
> [Business Students Connect with Alumni in NYC](#)

From the Office of Community Standards



During the month of April, Merrimack honored Sexual Assault Awareness Month with a variety of campus-wide programs aimed at educating our students on the topic of personal violence. Highlights of the month included Take Back the Night, where more than 50 community members marched in solidarity with survivors, and the student-run Healthy Relationships Carnival, where students were connected with campus resources and offices to better understand effective consent.

The College also hosted a Green Dot Bystander Intervention training, film showings, art exhibits, and the world-famous Clothesline Project. These programs, which were hosted by a combination of students as well as staff from the Office of Community Standards, the Office of Wellness Education, the Hamel Health & Counseling Center, and the Office of Student Involvement, represent the College's commitment to educating our students on personal violence, how to stay safe, and how to protect one another.

> [Office of Community Standards](#)

An Update on *Together for Good*: The Campaign for Merrimack College

Campaign Leadership Feature: Mike & Mary Franco '81 P'12

"It's just one of those things about Merrimack—entire families or sections of families go there. It's a very familial place. I think that's what we loved about it when our son, Mick '12, went there, too! We've always been involved with Merrimack, but when our son decided to enroll, it really brought us back into the fold."

> [Read Full Profile](#)

Parents and families near New Canaan, Conn. are invited to join the Francos at their home on Tuesday, May 23 for a [Together for Good](#) regional event, where you will hear from President Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D. on the College's recent accomplishments, exciting future plans, and highlights from the *Together for Good* Campaign.

> [RSVP](#)



To date, *Together for Good* has raised more than \$37 million toward our \$50 million goal.

Remembering Robert "Bob" Edmunds, Jr. '66



It is with sadness we announce that devoted Merrimack College trustee Robert "Bob" Edmunds, Jr. '66 died April 26 after a long illness. Mr. Edmunds, 72, graduated with honors from Merrimack before earning his M.B.A. from the University of Hartford. He met Mary Louise (Donahue) '66 in college and married her a year after their graduation.

Proud of his 37 consecutive years of supporting Merrimack, Mr. Edmunds generously supported the Edward J. Donahue Scholarship, the Rev. George Morgan Scholarship, The Warrior Fund and the St. Germain Award, which was named for his uncle, the late history and political science professor James J. St. Germain.

The entire Merrimack College community is asked to remember Mr. Edmunds and his family in their prayers.

> [Read Full Obituary](#)

News from Around Campus



Hands To Help Unveils Its New Headquarters

The college's Hands to Help/Manos Para Ayuda neighborhood resource center showed off its new headquarters earlier this month at an open house for faculty and staff.

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Merrimack College Notable and Quotable: Faculty in the News

Merrimack professors across all disciplines have been winning awards, publishing papers, participating in academic panels and workshops, and featured in the media.

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