



Greetings from Merrimack College

Dear Merrimack College Parents,

Welcome to a new year at Merrimack College! First, you may notice all of the work that has been done on campus in terms of housing improvements, landscaping and additional parking. In addition, food choices have expanded to include more vegetarian dishes as well as greater variety of choices on a weekly basis. President Hopey and his team have taken great care to respond to the suggestions made by students, and this will greatly enhance their experiences at Merrimack College. Please read this [detailed letter](#) that President Hopey sent to students earlier this summer updating them on the many changes happening on campus.

Please know that we are here to assist you as your student(s) travels this exciting college journey. The monthly newsletter, sent to you on the first Friday of each month throughout the academic year, will highlight happenings on campus as well as share information on important topics. If we can provide additional assistance, feel free to contact me or any department head as we are happy to help you. Our goal is to provide the best academic and social experiences possible for you student(s).

Also, please join us to see a game, musical or speaker throughout the year, or volunteer to be a parent ambassador to represent us at events and to welcome new families. In addition, mark your calendars for Homecoming Weekend on October 13-15, 2017 to join alumni, parents and students for this fun filled gathering. We welcome your involvement in our community, and send you best wishes for a dynamic 2017-2018 school year!

Warm regards,
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Move-In, Parking & Transportation Information



Freshmen and transfers students moved into the dorms today, September 1, 2017. All returning students will be welcomed back to campus on Monday, September 4, 2017. We look forward to the return of students! If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Affairs or find move-in information on our [website](#).

There have been [changes to our parking protocols](#) this year. You will find reduced prices, registration process, and timeline for implementation on-line. Also, we are happy to announce that 200 additional parking spaces have been added. Commuter students should note that there is a 2 week window at the start of the Fall semester when commuters will not be ticketed. This is a window of time intended for applying for and receiving parking permits. New resident students as a general rule should not expect to have a vehicle on campus. Should resident students have a medical need, they need to provide documentation for a [medical parking accommodation](#).

- > [Shuttle, Zip Cars, Uber Payment via MACK Card](#)
- > [Email Student Involvement for Rides to the Airport, Shuttle, etc. for Breaks](#)

Health Services reminds students to get their annual flu shot at our flu clinics on September 28 and October 26. Flu vaccination rates increase when recommended by family and friends!

On September 21, Hamel Health will hold our second Fresh Check Day, the campus-wide fair that promotes mental health care and awareness. Last year's event was a big hit and a great time for students to come out and learn more about self care.



Academic Success Center



All students have an academic advisor and they are encouraged to contact their advisor about academic questions. The [Academic Success Center](#) is a one stop shop which helps students succeed. Students are encouraged to visit the newly remodeled ASC space in the McQuade Library. If students or parents have concerns about their child's success, the Dean would love to hear from you. You can reach Dean Peter Ellard at ellardp@merrimack.edu.

Office of Global Education

The [Office of Global Education](#) (Merrimack College's home for study abroad) is pleased to announce the addition of seventeen new semester programs to serve students in majors from Environmental Studies to Film Studies. New locations vary from Belgium to Tanzania.

Please encourage your student to attend the Global Education Fair on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the Sakowich Campus Center. We think it's never been more important for Merrimack's students to be prepared to engage in a challenging world with the understanding borne out of thoughtful study abroad.



- > [Check out the new GEO website](#)
- > [Explore online program brochures](#)

O'Brien Center for Career Development



Throughout the academic year there are numerous events hosted by the O'Brien Center for Career Development including career fairs, employer site visits, alumni panels, networking events, Professional Development Retreats, and many more. These events will allow students to learn about different majors and career options while offering students an opportunity to build their network. Below are a few events that will be held this Fall.

Finance Networking Brunch | September 21 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Blue Line Club, Merrimack Athletics Complex

- > [More Information](#)

Accounting Networking Breakfast | September 26 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Blue Line Club, Merrimack Athletics Complex

- > [More Information](#)

Accounting & Finance Career Fair | October 4 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Multi-purpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center

> [More Information](#)

Professional Development Retreat | November 2 & 3

Battery Wharf Hotel, Boston, Mass.

> [More Information](#)

Liberal Arts Career Night | November 9 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rogers Center for the Arts Lobby

> [More Information](#)

Upcoming Events

The Office of Student Involvement has some [exciting events](#) scheduled for your students during the first two weeks of classes, and we want you to have that information! We hope that you encourage your student(s) to attend events that may interest them.

Merrimack College also provides several events for parents, alumni and family members to get involved in the community.

Gather for Good in New Hampshire | September 28 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join hosts Together for Good Campaign Co-Chairs Alfred Arcidi Jr. '84, Vice Chairman, Merrimack Board of Trustees, and Mary Louise Arcidi P'06, '18 for an evening of networking with Merrimack College alumni and friends! Hear from Mr. and Mrs. Arcidi and President Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D. on the College's recent accomplishments, exciting future plans, and highlights from the Together for Good Campaign.

> [Register for Gather for Good](#)

President's Speaker Series: Ben Nemtin | October 3 | 6:00 p.m.

Creator and Executive Producer of MTV's hit series *The Buried Life* and #1 New York Times Best Selling Author of *What Do You Want To Do Before You Die?* Join Ben Nemtin for his poignant and inspirational keynote 'How to Cross Anything Off Your Bucket List'.

> [Register for the President's Speaker Series](#)

Homecoming/Family Weekend | October 13-15

Merrimack College welcomes parents, alumni, family and friends to campus for our annual Homecoming celebration!

> [More Information](#)

News from Around Campus

On Wednesday, August 23rd, 25 students from the iTEC Summer Program descended upon Amazon Robotics in North Reading, MA for a site visit. The group, made up of first year engineering and computer science students, was treated to an informative presentation and tour of the facility. The team was lucky enough to have Merrimack student, Alfred Larsson, conduct the last leg of the tour. Alfred is entering his senior year at Merrimack and is currently participating in a co-op program at Amazon Robotics. Alfred stated:



"Working at Amazon Robotics this summer has been a great experience for me. I was able to work on the development of one of the most advanced robotic systems that is in R&D at Amazon Robotics. Being able to apply my knowledge in a real world environment along with being around some of the smartest people in the tech industry really help me develop as an individual as well as prepare me for the future in the field."

In addition to the Amazon Robotics visit, the group also plans to participate in a Boston Bridge Tour and make stops at WATTS Water Technologies and Raytheon during the program.

