



# MERRIMACK COLLEGE

## Merrimack Celebrates Donors with "An Evening of Gratitude"

More than 300 guests gathered on September 14 for Merrimack College's annual "Evening of Gratitude," an event recognizing the generous and loyal donors to the College. President Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D. used the opportunity to report that the *Together for Good* Campaign—the largest fundraising effort in Merrimack's history, with a goal of \$50 million—has now raised more than \$42 million in total, including approximately \$14 million since its public launch last fall.



*"Your generosity not only helps today's Merrimack students, but also builds the reputation and legacy of our alumni and makes the future so much brighter for students yet to come,"* said President Hopey, as he addressed an audience of donors, trustees, faculty, staff, and students. *"We are grateful every day of every year for what you provide to this institution. This ceremony demonstrates how much Merrimack holds your love and support in the highest esteem. We share our gratitude and proclaim it to the world."*

The evening included a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of Crowe Hall, new home to the Girard School of Business. The building is named after Chairman of the Merrimack Board of Trustees Michael Crowe '92, H'17 and his wife Kerridan P'17, who provided the largest *Together for Good* Campaign gift to date. In addition, Michael Crowe and fellow donor Frank Girard '62, H'16 were honored as the inaugural members of Merrimack's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

> [Learn More About the Together for Good Campaign](#)



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## Homecoming Weekend 2017: Welcoming Alumni, Parents & Families



Join us for Homecoming 2017: October 13-15!

Homecoming is about more than football, though that is an important part, and we encourage you to check out these other offerings! The energy starts early on Saturday and lasts well into the night. Come back to campus and see the latest updates, reconnect with friends and faculty, and enjoy the opportunity to remember why Merrimack College is so important to you.

Highlights include:

- Homecoming 5K - start and end in the new stadium - proceeds to support Track and Field.
- Pancake Breakfast in McQuade Library - start the day right before the tailgate lots open!
- Special reception for alumni tutors from the Math and Writing Centers - visit the renovated space on the third floor of McQuade Library.
- Special alumni tailgate spots for more than a dozen athletic and affinity groups.
- Post-football reception for alumni of the Higher Education Graduate Program in the Merrimack Club.

For more information about Homecoming or any of these highlighted events during the weekend, please email [alumnirelations@merrimack.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@merrimack.edu)

> [Register for Homecoming](#)

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## Consider Being a Mentor - Merrimack Students Need You!

[The Warrior Network](#), the College's mentor program, is looking for alumni mentors to work with current students. Share your experiences and offer guidance to a student, and have a direct impact on their future success in their careers. The commitment is manageable, requiring monthly contact from October through April. The impact is immeasurable. We encourage you to show today's students just how important and helpful the Merrimack community can be for them.



We are currently looking for volunteers in many fields, and encourage you to [register today](#). The deadline for applications is October 1.

For more information, please contact Stephanie King, Senior Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, at [kingsl@merrimack.edu](mailto:kingsl@merrimack.edu)

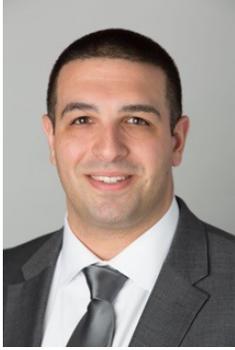
> [Register for The Warrior Network](#)

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## Young Alumni Spotlight: Adam Elias '07

*"Merrimack College exposed me to unique opportunities and challenges, forcing me to think critically, work collaboratively, and consider differing viewpoints and perspectives." - Adam Elias '07*

With an interest in history his freshman year, Adam quickly realized that teaching was not the right path for him. He switched gears to political science, where he



took an internship his senior year at the Massachusetts State House. As most internships are unpaid, Adam also took a part-time position working as a security officer, where he fostered an interest in law enforcement and a career in security.

> [Read This Month's Alumni Spotlight](#)

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## Merrimack Reads

See what Math Professor and Department Co-chair [Michael Bradley '78](#) is reading!

*How Fantasy Sports Explains the World*, by A.J. Mass (Skyhorse Publishing, 2011)

*"The book is an easy read that lightheartedly suggests parallels between strategies for decision-making in life and in fantasy sports. This is something that I do in my favorite course, Basic Statistics with Fantasy Football."* - Michael Bradley '78



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## Career Opportunities

The Office of Development & Alumni Relations is pleased to partner with the O'Brien Center for Career Development to bring forth career opportunities in each monthly alumni newsletter.

This month's featured jobs include:

- **Cowan Bolduc Doherty LLC: [Senior Accountant](#)**
- **Entercom Boston: [Payroll/Human Resources Manager](#)**
- **Sullivan & Cogliano: [Technical Recruiter/Sourcer](#)**

**Advantage** is Merrimack College's online career database which hosts full-time employment opportunities, career events at Merrimack and in the greater Boston area, and online career resources such as resume guides and interview techniques. If you are interested in an Advantage account, please click [here](#). If you already have an Advantage account, use [this link](#) to login.

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## Upcoming Events

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

Share your experiences at the annual accounting networking breakfast, hosted by the Girard School of Business.

> [Register for the Accounting Networking Breakfast](#)

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

We invite you to join hosts Alfred Arcidi Jr. '84 and Mary Louise Arcidi P'06, '18 for an evening of networking with Merrimack College alumni and friends.

> [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 Weekend | October 13-15

Join us for our annual Homecoming celebration, welcoming Alumni, Parents & Families!

> [Register for Homecoming](#)

## Soccer Alumni Day | October 21

Join us on campus for the day as we honor the great tradition of Merrimack College Athletics and the Warriors Men's and Women's Soccer Program!

> [Register for Men's Soccer Alumni Day](#)

> [Register for Women's Soccer Alumni Day](#)

## New York City Happy Hour | October 25 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join fellow members of the Merrimack community for a happy hour in New York City!

> [Register for the New York City Happy Hour](#)

## New Jersey Happy Hour | October 26 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join fellow members of the Merrimack community for a happy hour in Morristown, New Jersey!

> [Register for the Happy Hour in New Jersey](#)

## Reunion Weekend | June 1-3, 2018

Save the date for our annual Reunion Weekend celebrating the classes of 1953, 1858, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, & 2013. Interested in volunteering for your Reunion Committee?

Email [alumnirelations@merrimack.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@merrimack.edu).

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## Alumni in the News

### Debra DiSanzo Eldracher | Class of 1982

Deborah DiSanzo '82 appointed as the Non-Executive Director of AstraZeneca PLC.

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### David McGillivray | Class of 1976

David McGillivray '76 organized the first-ever marathon run completely inside Fenway Park.

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## News from Around Campus



### College Adds 28 Faculty to Meet Program Growth

*"We are elated to welcome so many new faculty faces to Merrimack, all of whom will add tremendous value to the academic experience students receive at Merrimack...This is a great opportunity for our students to learn from individuals with varied expertise and new and exciting approaches to teaching."* - Provost Allan Weatherwax

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### Liberal Arts Launches Interdisciplinary Institute

The School of Liberal Arts has launched a new Interdisciplinary Institute with a focus on bias, perfectly timed to study the current political and cultural climate in the United States. Janet Caputi will serve as the institute's inaugural visiting scholar.

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