



MERRIMACK COLLEGE



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Here are some of this week's top stories and a look ahead.

- CETL and Academic Technology: Blackboard Basics
- Merrimack College joins Abbott Lawrence Academy
- Pivot Software is Here
- Taking Faculty Regalia Request Now
- Summer II courses begin, July 10
- Open Office Hours with the Provost, every Wednesday
- New Adjunct Orientation
- New Faculty Orientation
- Opening of the 2017-18 Academic Year

CETL and Academic Technology: Blackboard Basics

July 11, and August 18

[Registration Link](#)

Come with your syllabus and ideas to create or redesign your course in Blackboard. The first 30 minutes will cover the basics of setting up your course navigation, adding content folders, and setting up your grade center.

The last 30 minutes, based on audience need, will focus on specific areas such as discussions, group work, safe assign and rubrics.

Merrimack College joins Abbott Lawrence Academy

Merrimack College and Lawrence Public Schools have entered into a partnership to give students at Lawrence's Abbott Lawrence Academy (ALA) access to college-level classes in biology and political science. Starting this fall, approximately 60 11th grade students from this competitive exam high school program will be on campus taking two college classes per year. These courses will be taught in separate sections by Merrimack faculty.

If you have any question about this innovative program, contact the School of Education and Social Policy.

Pivot, Pivot, Pivot

Pivot is here. The search for private and federal funding opportunities has just gotten easier! Merrimack has purchased a license agreement to Pivot, which is a comprehensive funding opportunity database. Pivot also enables users to create individual profiles based on research or program interests, opening up opportunity for collaboration with other Merrimack faculty or the broader international research community. Users will be able to run individualized funding searches and/or request the assistance of Corporate and Foundation Development (CFD) and the Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP). [Sign-up](#) now.

Taking Faculty Regalia Request Now

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2017 Academic Convocation, please access the [Regalia Form](#) and submit your request. Please submit your request by [August 1, 2017](#).

Other Events this Week

July 10th

Summer II courses begin

July 12th

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

Future Events

New Adjunct Orientation

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:00- 7:00 pm

Blue Line Club

*Please contact the CETL with the names of incoming adjunct faculty at nielsenk@merrimack.edu

New Faculty Orientation

Wednesday, August 30 and Thursday, August 31

Opening of the 2017-18 Academic Year

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mass of the Holy Spirit

4:00 PM

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Community Barbeque

Immediately following Mass of the Holy Spirit

Sparky's and tent

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Classes are dismissed at 3:30 PM

Academic Convocation

4:00 PM

Hamel Gym, Merrimack Athletics Complex

Faculty line up is at 3:30 pm, first floor of McQuade Library. Please arrive dressed in regalia, (no tams). Regalia will be there for faculty who have requested rental regalia. [Request regalia](#) now.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Second Tuesday First Year Advising Meetings

4:00 PM

The primary goal is to give first year students an opportunity to meet their primary advisor earlier than they do now. The Academic Success Center will centrally organize this endeavor. This includes the marketing, securing spaces, communicating with faculty, students, and Orientation staff. More information can be found on the Academic Success Center [webpage](#).

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