



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Greetings from Merrimack College

Dear Merrimack College Parents,

The campus is bustling with academic adventures as well as student activities. It is our hope that you find this newsletter helpful in keeping abreast of the many happenings at the college. From academic support to career planning, Merrimack strives to meet the diverse needs of all of our students. With an eye to the future, President Hopey continues to work with the faculty, staff and alumni in order to shape innovative programs as well as develop the facilities needed for success. This is an exciting time to be at Merrimack College!

Please plan on joining us for Homecoming Weekend and other exciting events on campus such as sporting events and Rogers Center performances. Parents are always welcome to attend these events.

If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our goal to provide a quality experience for all of our students at Merrimack College!

Warm regards,
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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.





Homecoming 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

> [Register for Homecoming](#)

Partnership with Apple

Moving into its third year, the Mobile Merrimack initiative continues to evolve in exciting ways as faculty discover new ways to deepen student learning through tech integration. The Academic Success Center, Communications, IT, Admissions, Athletics, and Student Engagement are also leveraging the mobile

platform to create a more integrated student experience. Over the past two years, Apple has worked effectively with faculty and departments on tailoring pedagogy to deepen student engagement, promote creativity, increase productivity, and improve communication all with discipline-specific approaches.

Hamlet, Mozart and More

The Rogers Center for the Arts will be active this year with a variety of performances for our staff, students, alumni and families. [Tickets](#) are on sale right now! Find out more about shows, dates and purchasing tickets on our [website](#).

Set the Tone: Bring Your Faith to Everything that You Do

On Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Murray Lounge, the Austin Scholars are presenting Father Rob Hagan, the Associate Director of Athletics at Villanova University and chaplain of Villanova's Men's Football and Basketball Teams, who is speaking on "SET THE TONE: BRING YOUR FAITH TO EVERYTHING YOU DO." Fr. Hagan accompanied the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Champions on their journey through a season that resulted in ultimate success for a team. Father Hagan will share his experience of that team becoming not only champions but a true spiritual community. His message can enlighten any team, group, club, or community about how real success is achieved.

Academic Success Center

The newly renovated 18,000 sf. Academic Center is located on the third floor of the McQuade Library and offers tutoring, academic success coaching as well as spaces for group work and quiet study. The center is staffed during business hours and is open 24 hours a day during the week so that students always have a place to study and work collaboratively on projects.



Office of Student Affairs



The **11th Annual Pink Duck Release** brings the Merrimack College community to Mendel Pond to bring breast cancer awareness to the community and to all who participate. Beginning in early October, the Office of Residence Life collects donations in exchange for Pink Ducks. These Pink Ducks will be released into Mendel Pond during a ceremony on Wednesday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. and will be displayed throughout Homecoming weekend. All proceeds are donated to breast cancer research.

The **Student Government Association (SGA)** meets weekly to discuss all aspects of life on campus and plan to meet the needs of students. For the past two years, a committee has been working to provide recycling throughout the campus. All of their work will pay off as this initiative comes to fruition this coming month as zero sort recycling begins in all academic buildings, most residence halls and the Sakowich Campus Center. Our food vendor, Sodexo, will compost food waste as well. Bins and signs have been disseminated; recycling is expanding to the next level at Merrimack thanks to the leadership of the SGA.

O'Brien Center for Career Development

In partnership with the Girard School of Business and the alumni office, The O'Brien Center for Career Development is hosting a series of networking and recruiting opportunities to help create interactions

between students and employers. This fall, the team hosted two networking events for finance and accounting students. In addition, approximately 40 companies attended an Accounting and Finance Career Fair providing a great opportunity to discuss internship, co-op, and full-time opportunities. Employers will also be interviewing students for prospective jobs during the On Campus Interview Week starting October 10.



Stay Connected

RAVE Alert is the emergency notification phone, text and email alerts to keep you informed of emergency situations and school closings. Your child can add 1-3 additional people to his/her link so that parents also receive Merrimack RAVE Alerts. Your child can [register](#) you to receive RAVE Alerts.

Emergency Contacts are the names listed in MyMack should the someone at the college need to get ahold of parents/ guardians in case of an emergency. You'll be required to confirm your emergency contact each time you register for classes, and you can also update this information in MyMack at any time - it's one of the Quick Links pages.

NetVUE Grant

Last year Merrimack College received a NetVUE Program Development Grant from the Council of Independent Colleges and the Lily Foundation to support programming designed to foster a sense of vocational awareness in our students. The grant calls for a collaborative effort among faculty, mission and student affairs to develop an experience geared toward sophomores. From January 18-20, 2018, Merrimack College will inaugurate *PAUSE: a Sophomore Experience*. During this time, sophomores will be offered an opportunity to "pause" for 3 days at Campion Renewal Center in Weston, Massachusetts so that they can step back to think about how their studies fit into who they really are. [Registration](#) deadline is November 15.

