



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Homecoming Weekend 2017



It was billed as one of the most important and momentous Homecoming Weekends in the college's history, and it didn't disappoint.

Thousands of alumni, students, parents, and friends poured into campus Oct. 13 and 14 for an action-packed weekend of sporting events, punctuated by the football team's 44-10 pasting of Pace University Saturday at the new Merrimack Stadium, a gleaming 2,500-seat facility on the south end of campus.

The celebration continued Saturday as tailgaters filled three parking lots on a beautiful autumn day prior to the football game. As they fired up their grills and relaxed on lawn chairs, alumni marveled at the changes that have taken place on campus since their student days.

"When I was a student, I had to work weekends, so I never got to Homecoming. But I'm glad I now have the opportunity to enjoy it as an alum. I really like what President Hopey has done — his vision is unsurpassed." - Rich Matson '11

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

Campaign Donor Feature: Kevin Lucey '89 and Karen Lucey

"President Hopey and his team have developed an aggressive plan to move the College forward. It's been a breath of fresh air to see it executed so well. Thanks to their hard work and to the significant investment from alumni and the broader community, Merrimack is on the right trajectory and going in the right direction." - Kevin Lucey '89



To date, *Together for Good* has raised more than \$43 million toward our \$50 million goal.

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Young Alumni Spotlight: Maria Russo '14



"The opportunities that I was provided with during my internship were unparalleled; I left Merrimack College knowing that I was capable of doing things that employers may not expect of a new graduate." - Maria Russo '14

Maria recognized her passion for event planning through an internship opportunity she received with the O'Brien Center for Career Development during her senior year. She assisted in planning special events, and through hard work the career center created a new role for her as the Event Planning

Intern. In this role, she had the opportunity to facilitate large scale career service events, including a career fair, etiquette dinner, and majors and minors fair. She was the first student intern to play a large role in the execution of an event for more than 150 employees and 300 students.

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Merrimack Reads

Book recommendation by Domenic DiVincenzo

Black Elk Speaks: The Complete Edition by John G. Neihardt, University of Nebraska Press, 2014 (original 1932)



"I was inspired to read this book while on a Merrimack College Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip in March 2017. I was blessed to travel with 12 Merrimack College students and Fr. Stephen Curry, O.S.A. to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We lived on the reservation and served, served with and learned from members of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) tribe. Black Elk Speaks, although considered somewhat controversial, was referenced during several of the spiritual and historical talks given by the Oglala members. I have very much enjoyed the richness of this book and it has truly deepened my experience on the reservation, having visited the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre." - Domenic DiVincenzo

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:

- **Raytheon: [2018 Software Engineering I/II](#)**
- **Amazon: [2018 Boston Software Development Engineer](#)**
- **Massachusetts Water Resource Authority: [Senior Draftsperson](#)**

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.

Upcoming Events

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](#)

Field Hockey Alumni Day | October 29

Join us on campus for the day as we honor the great tradition of Merrimack College Athletics and the

Warriors Field Hockey Program!

> [Register for Field Hockey Alumni Day](#)

Professional Development Retreat | November 2-3

Join students, fellow alumni, faculty and College Leadership Council members at the Professional Development Retreat for the Networking Reception and Industry Roundtable Discussions.

> [Register for the Professional Development Retreat](#)

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

Join Liberal Arts students and alumni for a night of networking, and hear from keynote speaker Meghan (Farrar) Van Buren '06, Senior Interactive Designer at TripAdvisor.

> [Register for Liberal Arts Career Networking](#)

Washington, D.C. Happy Hour | November 16 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join fellow members of the Merrimack community for a happy hour in Washington, D.C.! We will be joined by liberal arts students, who will be in the city for an experiential trip.

> [Register for the Happy Hour in Washington, D.C.](#)

Christmas Celebration | December 1, 2017

Save the date for our annual Christmas Celebration at the Four Seasons Hotel Boston!

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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.

Alumni in the News

Michael Crowe | Class of 1992

Clearsurance raises \$4 million for crowdsourced insurance platform led by co-founder, Michael Crowe '92, H'17, P'17.

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Thanh Thai Nguyen | Class of 1986

Thanh Thai Nguyen '86 named Bishop to help minister to Orange County's Vietnamese Catholics.

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Paula Feeney | Class of 1991

Paula Feeney '91 promoted from Client Relationship Manager to Plan Administration Team Leader at The Retirement Advantage, Inc.

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News from Around Campus



Athletics Hall of Fame Enshrines 11 New Members

Merrimack College enshrined 11 new members



Merrimack Takes Lead in Regional STEM Initiative

The Massachusetts Department of Higher

into its Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 12 — the school's first induction ceremony since 2004.

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Education's STEM Advisory Council has awarded Merrimack College and Salem State University a \$60,000 grant as the lead institutions of the new Northeast Regional STEM Network.

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