



MERRIMACK COLLEGE



PROVOST BRIEFING

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

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New IRB Software Now Online

Thanks to funding from the Office of the Provost, Merrimack now has new Cayuse IRB software that can be used for both the submission and review of IRB Applications. Information on the new software and the application process can be found on the IRB website by clicking [here](#). Simply click on “*Submit an Application*” for more information on how to log into and use the new application system. In the coming days, the IRB will be hosting a series of workshops on how to use the new software and answer any questions that faculty, students and other users might have. Those dates will be communicated through the Provost Briefing. If you have any initial questions, please contact the IRB at irb@merrimack.edu.

Davis Educational Foundation Grant

Call for Proposals: 2017-2018

The Davis Educational Foundation Grants (DEFG) will support experiential learning course development with stipends of \$1,000 for up to six faculty during the 2017-2018 academic year. Proposals should result in a new or improved experiential education course or program with a preference for courses geared toward first and second-year students. Experiential components include work-integrated learning (co-op, internship, externship); undergraduate research; study abroad; study away; service learning; travel stipend for student/professor conference paper presentation; and community engagement. Proposals should be one page and include a brief plan for peer dissemination and implementation. Send proposals to Dr. Patricia Sendall, Dean of Experiential Education, at sendallp@merrimack.edu.

Fall Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards
Proposals due **November 3**
Awards announced November 17
Reports due January 12

Spring Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards
Proposals due **January 31**
Awards announced February 15
Reports due April 15

Summer Awards

One or two Davis grants will be awarded for work done in the summer. Look for a call for proposals in the March - April time frame.

Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with the Provost this Wednesday, October 18. Office Hours will return the following week on Wednesday, October 25.

Interdisciplinary Institute Seeking Affiliate Faculty Members

The newly formed Interdisciplinary Institute is seeking Affiliate Faculty Members from all academic departments and programs. This is an ideal opportunity for those interested in fostering greater interdisciplinarity across the campus. Click [here](#) for more details and a description or contact Mark Allman, Interim Director of the Interdisciplinary Institute.

Don't Judge a Book By its Cover

All-Abilities Awareness Week

Monday 10/16/17 - Friday 10/20/17

McQuade Library

McQuade Library is teaming up with the Office of Accessibility Services to sponsor Merrimack's first All-Abilities Awareness Week. Events will be held throughout the week to increase knowledge and understanding of issues of disability, diversity, access, and inclusion in the college community.

MACKTalks

Each day from 12-1, come to the Promise Suite on the 3rd floor of McQuade to hear a "MACKtalk". Students of many different abilities will tell their stories in a TEDtalk format. Light refreshments will be served.

Movie Night

On Wednesday October 18, join us for a screening of "Silver Linings Playbook" in the Alden Classroom on the 3rd floor. The popcorn is on us! A discussion will be led by Jodi Rachins, Director of Accessibility Services.

Please also check out the materials on All-Abilities on display in the first floor of McQuade!

BONUS ASO TIP: Testing Accommodations

If you are able to offer a space for students to take your assessments with their accommodations please let them know, but please also understand if a student determines the best road to success is to utilize the ASO Testing Center. Please never hesitate to reach out with questions: accessibilityservices@merrimack.edu

Upcoming MINTS Events

Thursday, 10/19 at

4:00-6:30 pm

Crowe Hall, Executive Room

Fall 2017 Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (MINTS) Symposium: Finding Your Voice; featuring dynamic breakout sessions and a keynote address provided by CEO of MassInsight, Author, and Former Superintendent Dr. Susan Lusi.

Please RSVP at: [Fall 2017 MINTS Symposium Registration](#)

Thursday, 11/16 at 4:00-5:30 pm (Crowe Hall, Executive Room) - Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (MINTS) Workshop: Behavioral Management In & Out of the Classroom. Visit www.merrimack.edu/mints to register.

Tuesday, 12/12 at 5:00-7:00 pm (1st Floor Conference Room, McQuade Library) - Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (MINTS) Workshop: Weaving Family & Community Engagement into the Classroom. Visit www.merrimack.edu/mints to register.

Admission Academic Preview Days

This Fall Admission is holding three Academic Preview days. This program offers two blocks of mock classes from each of the five schools. Students have the option to attend two in the field of their choice, or to explore something else they are interested in. Students also take an academic specific tour, and then have a mix and mingle lunch that includes several faculty, deans and admission staff. Showing our prospective students and parents first hand what an actual course with a faculty member is like, truly portrays what it is like to be a student at Merrimack. We would like to send a huge thanks to all those faculty members who helped us make the first two events such a success.

Attendance on 9/24:

40 students

50 guests

Grand total: 90

Attendance on 10/9:

78 students

103 guests

Grand total: 181

The third preview day will be Saturday, November 11th.

The Islamic Tradition and Michele Lauriat's York Beach

Closing Sunday, October 22

Rogers Center for the Arts

This is your last chance to view the beautifully intricate and emotionally moving artwork of The Islamic Tradition and the bold and energetic pieces of Michele Lauriat's York Beach (Paintings and Drawings). Please visit these McCoy Gallery and Thagaste Gallery exhibits while you still can as they will be closing soon!

Other Events this Week

October 17

Spirituality and Music

7:00 PM

Stevens Auditorium

The Spiritual Lecture Series continues with Dr. Laura Pruett, Associate Professor, Visual and Performing Arts. Pruet will discuss "Spirituality and Music". All are invited to attend.

October 18

Shawn Geltzleicher: And All That Jazz: At the intersection of Jazz and Broadway

12:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

In our second Atrium Series event, Shawn Geltzleicher will delight the audience through piano and voice! The program will include works from the "Great White Way" by Gershwin, Porter, Rogers and Hart, Sondheim and others. Join us in the Rogers Center lobby for a free light lunch and entertainment!

October 18

Community Engagement Speaker Series

4:00-5:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 209

Please join Vilma Martínez-Domínguez, Coordinator, City of Lawrence Mayor's Health Task Force, and Director of Social Justice Initiatives, YWCA of Greater Lawrence, and Luis Saenz de Viguera Erkiaga, Associate Professor and Chair, World Languages and Cultural Studies and Director, Social Justice Program, Merrimack College as they discuss social justice in theory and practice.

Sponsored by the Community Engagement Graduate Program and the School of Education & Social Policy

October 19 - 21

She Kills Monsters

October 19-21, 7:30 PM

October 21, 2:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

A young teacher stumbles into an action-packed adventure in the imaginary world of a role-playing game that was her late sister's refuge. This high-octane dramatic comedy is laden with homicidal fairies, nasty monsters, fantastical puppetry, dragons and 90's pop culture references. It's a heart-pounding crowd-pleasing homage to the geek and warrior in us all.

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