



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Mack Gives Back 2017



More than 1,000 Merrimack faculty, staff, alumni, students and family members fanned out across the region Saturday for the College's annual day of community service, Mack Gives Back. The event celebrates two days of great importance in Merrimack's history: Veterans Day and St. Augustine's birthday.

"Merrimack was founded by the Order of St. Augustine to provide educational opportunities to local soldiers returning home from World War II, so spending a few hours serving others is a small gesture of solidarity with our nation's veterans," said Father Raymond Dlugos, OSA, the College's Vice President of Mission and Ministry who helped

establish the event. *"The most important aspect of Mack Gives Back is the opportunity it affords to reflect on how much we have asked—and continue to ask—of the men and women willing to serve in the military, what it has cost them to serve us and whether or not we, as a nation and as individuals, are living in a way that is worthy of their service and sacrifice."*

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Fall 2017 Professional Development Retreat

Sixty Merrimack seniors received a crash course in career planning last week at the college's semi-annual professional development retreat at the Battery Wharf Hotel in Boston. Sponsored by the [O'Brien Center for Career Development](#), in partnership with Merrimack's [College Leadership Council](#) and the Office of the President, the two-day event was designed to help students better understand the problem-solving, communication, teamwork, networking and adaptability skills they'll need to flourish in the workplace.



Through a fast-paced and comprehensive curriculum, students heard from distinguished speakers, engaged in interactive learning sessions and networked with an impressive group of industry experts, including members of the leadership council, board of trustees, Merrimack faculty and staff, and corporate partners. The program included a self-awareness assessment, group problem-solving challenges and exercises aimed at enhancing public-speaking skills.

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Young Alumni Spotlight: Brian Goncalves '16

"Merrimack College prepared me for the workforce by providing me with the resources to make me successful. Events such as the Professional Development Retreat or visits to alumni at their workplace was extremely beneficial."

- Brian Goncalves '16

Brian was among the first group of students to use the Mucci Capital Markets Lab



on campus, using the space to complete his senior capstone for the honor's program that is now published on Merrimack's ScholarWorks. His experience in the lab helped him to identify his strengths in the world of finance, paving the way for a career in investment research.

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

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

Campaign Investment Feature: Karen McLaughlin Martin '75 and Gary Martin

"Merrimack is in a unique position to educate our community on just how important it is to be aware of climate change—and to act against it by taking positive action. And we're dedicated to supporting Merrimack in that endeavor."

- Karen McLaughlin Martin '75



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

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Merrimack Reads



Book Recommendation by Jacob Turner, Chair & Associate Professor of Communication

This is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession by Daniel J. Levitin, Penguin Group, 2006

"This book draws upon the field of cognitive neuroscience to develop an interesting narrative about the relationships between music and the people who make and listen to it. Drawing upon the intersection between psychology and neurology, the book examines "musical meaning" and "musical pleasure" in a compelling, even tantalizing way. Levitin builds intrigue into the role music plays in our psycho-social lives by discussing his own relationship with music as well as the ways the brilliant thinkers he's worked with understand and make meaning out of music. My own research interests in the ways music acts as a communication vehicle, both in the media and in our interpersonal relationships, brought me to this book and I have not been disappointed as Levitin does a nice job discussing why music, especially popular music (from rock 'n' roll to hip-hop to punk and folk and everything in between), matters in our current postmodern cultural milieu." - Jacob Turner

Career Opportunities

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

This month's featured jobs include:

- **Axis Communications: [Technical Events Engineer](#)**
- **Entercom Boston: [Payroll/Human Resources Manager](#)**

- **WinterWyman: [Junior Accountant](#)**

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

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

Celebrate the joy of the holiday season with alumni, parents and friends of Merrimack College. Enjoy the sounds of student musicians and vocalists, and reconnect with faculty and staff.

> [Register for the Christmas Celebration](#)

Celebration of Light and Hope | December 5, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Rogers Center for the Arts Lobby and DiCroce Family Lobby

Join us to celebrate the holidays as we light the campus Christmas tree—indulge in festive food and drink and enjoy open skate at J. Thom Lawler Rink.

Merrimack vs. Denver Men's Ice Hockey Pre-Game Reception

December 29, 2017 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a pre-game reception in Denver, CO as Merrimack takes on the University of Denver!

> [Register for the Denver Pre-Game Reception](#)

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

Frank Zizzo | Class of 2005

Andrews Middle School teacher Frank Zizzo '05 selected to attend Global Scholars conference in Paris.

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Timothy Coughlin | Class of 2010

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced the addition of Timothy Coughlin '10 to the Electrical Engineering and Software Team in the firm's internationally recognized Intellectual Property Department in the firm's Silicon Valley office.

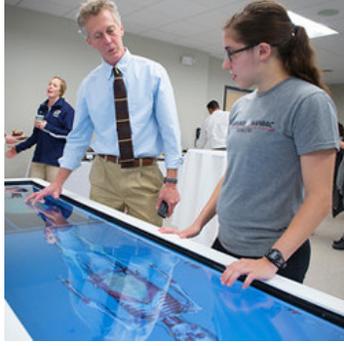
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Scott Ragusa | Class of 1991

Scott Ragusa '91 promoted to President of Search and Contract Staffing at WinterWyman.

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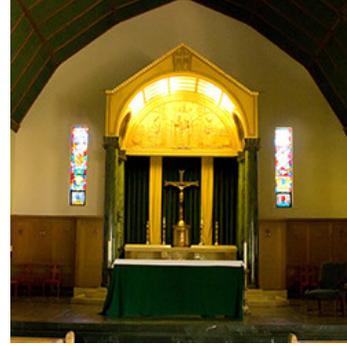
News from Around Campus



Health Sciences Celebrates Its New School Status

The new School of Health Sciences, upgraded from department status in recognition of its importance to Merrimack's current and long-term enrollment goals, introduced itself to the campus community Monday during a soft-launch opening in its newly renovated space in O'Reilly Hall.

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New Master's, Certificate Offerings in Spirituality

Beginning next spring semester, Merrimack will offer two new master's and two new certificate programs in spirituality, with particular emphasis on the college's Catholic and Augustinian tradition as well as ecumenical and interfaith relations.

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