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PROVOST BRIEFING

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Girard School of Business Dean Candidates

A nationwide search has identified four truly outstanding finalists for the deanship of our Girard School of Business. The candidates will be visiting campus the week of November 13th, and we want you to have the opportunity to engage with them in open forums.

We ask that you save these dates and times for the candidate forums, and we will provide more details including the location and CV, for review before each candidate's visit:

- Monday, November 13, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 14, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 15, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Thursday, November 16, 2:00-3:00 PM

All forums will be held in the Executive Room, Crowe Hall. Public forums are a vital step in the dean selection process. We ask that you make every effort to attend these forums and take part in the public discussion that will inform this decision, which is so important to the college's future successes. CVs will be posted [here](#) the night prior to each candidate's visit.

2018 Academic Convocation Speaker: Call for Nominations

The Office of the Provost is preparing for Convocation 2018. Similar to last year, we are requesting faculty input on potential speakers. This year we would like to focus on speakers who could address the theme of ***Experiential Interdisciplinary Learning and Community Engagement***. All faculty are welcome and encouraged to make speaker suggestions.

If you would like to make a recommendation, please send a brief paragraph with the name and qualifications of your suggested speaker, and describe why and how they would be able to speak to the topic. Also, it would be very useful if you could provide evidence of the person's speaking abilities, either with links to a video, transcripts of other talks, or personal testimonials. Suggestions sent to Officeoftheprovo@merrimack.edu by **November 17th** will receive full consideration. Please feel free to contact the Provost's Office with any questions.

CETL Mobile Tech Working Group

November 15, 12:30 - 2:00 (Lunch Session)

Provost Conference Room

Join CETL Faculty Fellow, Dr. Jimmy Franco and faculty colleagues over lunch for an idea-swap and working session on advancing your projects and deepening your development of mobile

technology inside and outside the classroom. Projects include: creating iBooks, becoming an Apple Teacher, creating an iTunesU course and more. Save the date!

Office of Global Education Open House

Thursday, November 16

The "Red House" at 23 Rock Ridge Road (behind Crowe Hall)

2:00-3:30 PM All Students Welcome

4:30-6:30 PM "Thirsty Thursday" for Faculty and Staff

The Office of Global Education (GEO) is hosting an Open House from 2:00-3:30 p.m. for all students on November 16 to discover what "global education" is all about at Merrimack College. Light refreshments will be served. Please encourage your students to attend!

A special invitation is extended to all faculty and staff to celebrate Global Ed's one-year anniversary in the "Red House" from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Take a tour, meet the staff, and learn what international opportunities that GEO has to offer our students and you. Join us for informal conversations over drinks and hors d'oeuvres. We hope to see you then.

Sponsored by the Offices of the Provost and Global Education

Book Orders are Due!

Spring 2018 semester textbook and/or e-reader orders are due by **November 17, 2017**. Please submit all orders into the faculty portal at facultyportal.com. This includes textbooks and e-pubs that have been previously used and orders for "no textbook required", as orders are not automatically renewed. Please remember that first-year, sophomore, and junior-level students have mobile devices with affordances that support learning needs and preferences, cost, and lifestyle.

Please feel free to contact the bookstore at X5431 or by email at merrimackbookstore@bbasolutions.com or the CETL if you have any questions.

Interdisciplinary Institute Grand Opening - RESCHEDULED!

Monday, November 20, 2017

Rogers Center for Performing Arts

5:30 Reception (wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres)

6:30 Film: *Democracy Through the Looking Glass*

Come celebrate the Interdisciplinary Institute's inaugural event as we toast the opening of the Institute and welcome our scholar in residence, Dr. Jane Caputi. This reception will be followed by a screening of the documentary entitled *Democracy Through the Looking Glass*. The documentary features Merrimack's own Dr. Mish Zimdars. Following the screening, a panel including Anne Flaherty (Political Science), Mish Zimdars (Communication & Media), Jane Caputi (Interdisciplinary Institute), and the filmmaker, Kevin Bowe will further examine "politics and the media in the post-truth era."

CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple

Friday, December 1st, Provost Conference Room

Whether you're new to teaching and learning with mobile technology or a seasoned mobile instructor, we encourage you to further your pedagogical reach by registering for development

sessions with one of Apple's best faculty developers. To attend any of the following sessions, register here:

[Registration Link](#)

Leverage iOS 11 Tech Updates 11:30 - 1:00 (All levels welcome, lunch provided)

Did you know that the recent updates to iOS 11 can improve workflow, note taking, navigation speed, and multitasking inside and outside the classroom? This popular session will show you how the Notes app now has a document scanner, inline drawing, and the ability to search handwritten text. Learn how your students can use the enhanced Slide Over and Split View to review content, review a web page, and take notes. Get students to a designated website quickly and easily with a QR code. These are just a few of the many features that Sue will go over in this session.

Build Your Skills - Become an Apple Teacher 1:00 - 2:00 (All levels welcome, light refreshments provided)

Apple Teacher is a professional learning program designed to support and celebrate educators. During this session, you will sign up for the Apple Teacher program and start working on your first badge! Keep earning badges on your own in this self-paced environment until you earn your official Apple Teacher logo (takes as little as a day or can be done over a few weeks). Being recognized as an Apple Teacher identifies you as a leader in tech innovation inside and outside the classroom.

Coding with SWIFT Playgrounds 2:00 - 3:30 (All levels welcome, light refreshments provided)

Coding is an essential skill for many of today's students. Experience coding through SWIFT Playgrounds, a stepping stone to deeper work with the SWIFT programming language that has been used to design some of the world's most powerful software.

Ninth Annual First Lecture at Merrimack College: Call for Nominations

The Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is pleased to announce and invite nominations for the Ninth Annual First Lecture at Merrimack College. The First Lecture will be delivered on March 13th at 7:00pm in the Rogers Center for the Arts by a student who will share with our community his or her deepest hopes, dreams, values, and passion just as the Last Lecture allows a faculty member to share the same.

All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to nominate those students from whom you would most want to hear. Every student is eligible to be nominated.

Self-nominations are welcomed. To nominate a student, please send an e-mail to the Merrimack College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK@merrimack.edu), with the student's name and a brief description of why he or she should deliver the first lecture.

Nominations are due by Sunday, December 2nd, 2017.

A committee comprised of students from ODK and the Merrimack College Honors Program in consultation with Father Ray Dlugos, Vice President for Mission and Ministry will interview each

nominee and select the 2018 First Lecturer before the end of fall semester.

Other Events this Week

November 14th

The Last Lecture - Kevin Salemme

7:30 PM

Cascia Hall

The Last Lecture is delivered as if it were the very last opportunity a professor has to speak before students and colleagues on any subject that is of the greatest importance and value in her/his professional life. It also reveals passion and commitment to her/his vocation as an educator. Don't miss Kevin Salemme's "Last Lecture" on November 14th.

Sponsored by the Honors Program and Omicron Delta Kappa.

November 15th

Open Office Hours with the Provost

9:00 - 10:00 AM (Please note the updated time for this week only)

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.

November 15th

Atrium Series: "Alice's Restaurant" and other songs of mass destruction!

12:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

In the conclusion to our fall Atrium Series, Kevin Wilson, Mike Semonelli, and friends are back with this popular Thanksgiving classic and a few other tunes from the American folk canon. Remember "You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant" or if not anything, you can at least get soup and salad. And a little banjo and a light lunch are all you need to get through the workday, so come join us in the Rogers Center lobby. The entertainment and the lunch are both free and open to the public.

November 16th

2017 Murray Symposium Presentation

4:00 PM

Mendel 169

Please join Dave MacLaren, Associate Professor of Biology, as he presents his work for the 2016-2017 Murray Fellowship, entitled: *Investigating the effects of ecologically relevant levels of pharmaceutical exposure on fish behavior and physiology*.

Hot cider and donuts will be served.

November 16-18th

The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Rogers Center for the Arts

The WHO-DONE-IT musical Comedy adaptation of Charles Dickens' last (and unfinished) novel lets the audience decide who did it, and who gets to live happily ever after!

For more information, visit the [Rogers Center for the Arts](#) webpage

Future Events

A Merrimack College Christmas

Sunday, December 3

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Join our student and guest musicians in a new holiday tradition. Mix the sweet sounds of the Jazz Ensemble with the powerful voices and instruments of the combined Concert Band and Choir, then add a touch of cheer, and you have the perfect recipe for a Christmas event to remember!

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 4

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

A centuries-old tradition, Lessons, and Carols is a heartwarming journey that leads you through centuries of prophecy, culminating in the birth of Christ. This traditional program blends the lyricism of spoken sacred texts with the joy of live choral music from time-honored hymnody and carols of the season for all to reflect upon and enjoy. Performed on the main stage in the Rogers Center, as we journey through the quiet of Advent towards the Feast of Christmas, Lessons, and Carols is a poignant way to pause and mark this important time of the year.

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