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

- Faculty Panel on Developing Global Courses, January 30
 - Blackboard Course Set-up Assistance
 - Davis Educational Foundation Grant Proposals
 - Faculty Development Grants: Call for Proposals
 - Open Office Hours with the Provost, every Wednesday
 - Dean's List Recognition Ceremony for First Year Students, February 8
 - The Senior Capstone Project One-Acts, February 22 and February 24
 - Columbinus, by Stephen Karam, P.J. Paparelli and others, February 23
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Faculty Panel on Developing Global Courses

Tuesday, January 30

4:00-5:00 PM

Meeting Room B, Sakowich Center

Have you ever considered incorporating an international component into one of your courses? Have you wanted to develop a course abroad, but had no idea where to start? If so, then this workshop is your opportunity to learn about the possibilities and get started.

The panel will include faculty who will be taking students internationally for the first time in 2018 as well as “veterans” of teaching global courses.

The Spring 2018 panel includes:

- Dr. Kathleen Cain, Office of Global Education
- Dr. Debra Michals, Department of Women's and Gender Studies
- Dr. Melissa Zimdars, Department of Communication and Media
- Erika Bass, Global Education

Sponsored by the Office of Global Education

For more information, please contact Prof. Kathleen Cain, caink@merrimack.edu

Blackboard Course Setup Assistance

To get you started, review these [three short tutorials](#) around the following topics: course navigation, setting up a safe assign (assignment) linked to a rubric and grade book, and how to grade a safe assign assignment. Janet Syed (syedj@merrimack.edu) in the CETL can also meet with you in person to help!

Davis Educational Foundation Grant Proposals

Call for Proposals: Spring 2018

The Davis Educational Foundation Grants (DEFG) will support experiential learning course development with stipends of \$1,000 for up to three faculty during the Spring 2018 semester. 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 proposal title, and a brief plan for peer dissemination and implementation. Send proposals to Dr. Patricia Sendall, Dean of Experiential Education, to officeoftheprovo@merrimack.edu.

Spring Awards

Three (3) \$1000 awards

Proposals due **January 31**

Awards announced February 15

Reports due April 15

Summer Awards

Up to two Davis grants will be awarded for work done in the summer. Look for a call for proposals in the March/April time frame.

Faculty Development Grants

Call for Proposals for 2018-19

The Faculty Development Grant Committee is now accepting proposals. Five (5) copies of all completed and signed application forms and supporting information should be sent to Norma Rueda, Mendel Hall 221, Mail Stop N5. **The deadline for applications is February 1, 2018.**

Application forms and details on application procedures are available in the Faculty Handbook under "Faculty Development Grants."

Other Events this Week

January 17th

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 - 10:00 AM

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.

January 18th - January 21st

New Student Orientation

January 19th

Winter Session Ends

Future Events

Dean's List Recognition Ceremony for First Year Students

Thursday, February 8

4:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

The Dean's List Recognition Ceremony will celebrate the academic achievement of first year students. All faculty and staff are invited. Please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Senior Capstone Project One-Acts

Thursday, February 22 and Saturday, February 24

7:30 PM

Rogers Theater for the Arts

The Actor's Nightmare by Christopher Durang & If I Didn't Have You by Sarah Casey

Two plays, one great experience...

THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE When an accountant is mistaken for an ailing actor's understudy, he's forced to perform in a play. There's just one problem: He has no idea what to do, and no one seems sure of even which play is being performed! By the end, dream and reality blur in this hilarious farce! Directed by John Barbetto, '18.

IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU (Premiere) It's a classic story: Boy meets girl, and boy falls in love with

girl. But how far will he go to prove that he's really her fairytale Prince Charming? Written by Sarah Casey '18.

Columbinus, by Stephen Karam, P.J. Paparelli and others

Friday, February 23

7:30 PM

Rogers Theater for the Arts

Sparked by the April 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, Columbinus blends fact and fiction to illuminate the realities of adolescent culture, by exploring the events surrounding the shootings. Discussions with parents, survivors, and community leaders, as well as police evidence, are woven together to bring the dark recesses of American adolescence to light. The play received five Helen Hayes Award nominations including the Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play. Directed by Olivia Lombardo, '18.

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