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PROVOST BRIEFING

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2018 Commencement Weekend

May 19-20

Saturday, May 19

Legacy Reception

11:00 AM - Merrimack Stadium Viewing Patio

Honors Convocation

1:00 PM - Hammel Court, Volpe Athletic Center

Baccalaureate Mass

4:00 PM - Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Graduate Hooding Ceremony

4:00 PM - Hammel Court, Volpe Athletic Center

Sunday, May 20

Commencement (combined undergraduate and graduate)

10:00 AM - Merrimack Stadium

Faculty line up and additional details still to come.

Faculty Regalia Request

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2018 Commencement, Honors Convocation, and/or Baccalaureate Mass, please access the Regalia Form via the following link: [Request Form](#). There is an option rent or purchase this year. Rental costs will be paid by the College, however purchases will not. Please submit your request by

April 13, 2018.

Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award 2017-2018

Edward G. Roddy, 1921-1985, Merrimack College Professor of History and scholar who throughout his life demonstrated a devotion to teaching excellence, care and concern for students and a deep dedication to learning.

NOMINATIONS: Faculty and graduating seniors are asked to nominate a full-time Merrimack College professor for the honor of the *Edward G. Roddy Outstanding Teacher Award*. Students and faculty should consider a wide variety of qualities when submitting a nomination, which may include but are not limited to:

- Ability to engage and inspire student learning, creativity, and independent thinking inside and outside the classroom
- Encouragement of student participation
- Enthusiasm and vitality toward teaching and learning
- Effective and/or creative course design and redesign
- Employment of pedagogical techniques that are fair and respectful of differences among students
- Advisement and/or mentoring of students that reflect care, concern, and expertise
- Adjustment to interests and needs of students based upon formal and informal assessments
- Active involvement in student research projects
- Significant effort in promoting mobile, tech-enriched teaching and learning environments
- Comments: Please include specific details of how the above qualities are exemplified by this nominee. Nominations will be accepted until **April 15** using this [nomination form](#).

Faculty Tenure Reception

Thursday, April 5, 2018

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Merrimack Club, Sakowich Campus Center

Please join us to celebrate the newly Tenured Faculty.

RSVP to bianchiniv@merrimack.edu

Faculty Funding Opportunities

Taking Applications Now!

Click on the link below for detail and how to apply.

- [CETL Teaching Fellows](#) - April 6, 2018
- [Zampell Faculty Fellows](#) - April 6, 2018
- [Davis Educational Foundation Experiential Education Grants](#) - April 6, 2018

CETL Mobile Training with Sue Burch from Apple

Tuesday, April 10

Provost Conference Room, Austin Hall

Whether you're new to teaching and learning with mobile technology or a seasoned tech-inspired instructor, we encourage you to further your pedagogical reach by registering for this weeks' development sessions with one of Apple's best faculty developers. Consider one of the following sessions and register here: [Registration Link](#)

Make it and Take it - Your way! 12:30 - 2:30 PM (All levels welcome, lunch provided)

During this interactive session move around the room exploring strategies to engage students and assist with classroom management. Bring your ideas and fully charged/updated device.

- Create interactive content with iMovie, GarageBand, and Explain Everything
- Explore creative classroom management strategies with Apple Classroom, Plickers, Socrative, and Poll Everywhere
- Create virtual packets (Numbers) and reflective journals (Keynote)

You set the agenda! Book an individual session with Sue (various appointment slots throughout the day)

Register for personalized 15-minutes appointments

Save the Date: April 19

Working with Students with Anxiety in the Classroom

Offered twice at 10:00 - 11:00 AM and 4:00 - 5:00 PM

[Registration Link](#)

“Dear Professor: I wish you knew how anxious (depressed/distractible) I am... Even though I won't tell you...”

Research confirms, each year more students are arriving to college with mental health related obstacles. These include anxiety, depression, ADD, and even self-esteem issues. All too often mental health problems mask themselves as attitude or classwork performance problems. Students may appear to be irresponsible or unengaged when they are really just struggling to juggle life's demands. Join us for a workshop in which you'll learn concrete and effective ways to identify, reach out and help such students when they need you most. “But wait -- I'm a professor! I wasn't trained to address these issues!” We understand. But that anxious student over there? That student may really need help. During the workshop, we will also hear from students who are managing first-hand with these issues.

Workshop led by: Jodi Rachins, Director of Accessibility Services Office, Jennifer Evans, Director of Compass, and Dr. Michael Mascolo, Academic Director of Compass in collaboration with Academic Services, the CETL, and the Office of the Provost

Distinguished Lecture: The Impact of Prevention On the Global Burden of Chronic Disease

Thursday, April 19

Welcome Reception: 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Event: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Rogers Center of the Arts

Presented by **Dr. Howard Koh**, Professor of Practice in Public Health Leadership, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School. Dr. Koh served as the 14th Assistant Secretary of Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) after being nominated by President Barack Obama and being confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Join us! [RSVP HERE](#)

Sponsored by the School of Health Sciences

Sponsored Opportunities:

Writing/Designing NSF Proposals Workshop
Monday, April 30
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Writing/Designing NIH Proposals Workshop
Tuesday, May 1
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Tufts University, Boston, MA
Sponsored by: The Grant Training Center

These one-day comprehensive workshops are geared towards those who wish to submit winning research proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF) and/or National Institutes of Health (NIH), in time for the next NSF/NIH grant submission deadline. Participants will understand how to navigate the NSF/NIH website and FastLane/Grants.gov, focus on the key sections of successful proposals and demonstrate that their projects merit the excellence and innovations that lead to the top of other submissions. Participants will also be engaged in interactive exercises, writing, lectures and discussions that will leave them with an understanding of how to research, write and develop a specific project.

To register: Please click [here](#) for NSF or [here](#) for NIH.

Questions: Call (866) 704-7268

Workshop Fee: \$395.00 (includes a comprehensive directory, workbook, certificate of completion, and continental breakfast)

Discount: \$25.00 per person given for two or more registrants from the same organization.

Space is limited and since this class fills-up quickly, it is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Can't make it? Join us for an [Online Version of this Workshop](#)

2nd Annual Lenten Backpack Drive

Last year during Lent, the Grace J. Palmisano Center for Campus Ministry sponsored our first annual Backpack Drive. This drive is different than the other drives we sponsor, such as the toy and gift card drive during Advent and Christmas that brings happiness into the life of the child. This collection is more somber and certainly more sad. This drive is in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Family Services. We have been asked for help as they deal with the tragic brokenness of families and the unfortunate need to relocate children in danger to safety. Specifically, they are requesting donations of items that would fill overnight backpacks with supplies a child or a teenager would need when they must be placed in Emergency Foster Care for one or two nights.

Please see the [list for the type of items](#) that would be appropriate to donate. Backpacks themselves may be gently used, but the clothing and other supplies should be new. Donations can include anything from fully-loaded backpacks to single items on the list. We also welcome donations of cash with which we will purchase needed items. Please bring any donations you would like to the Grace J. Palmisano Center for Campus Ministry on the 3rd Floor of the Sakowich Campus Center (suite 350) by **Thursday, April 5.**

For more information or questions please contact our Augustinian Volunteer, Maggie Morrin at morrinm@merrimack.edu.

Book Orders are Due!

Fall 2018 semester textbook orders are now **past due**. Please submit all orders into faculty portal at facultyportal.com This includes textbooks that have been previously used and orders for "no textbook required", as orders are not automatically renewed. If your textbook requires access codes or online components, please specify. **Remember, you can assist students in lowering costs** by leveraging the use of e-Pubs and other electronic resources as next academic year all undergraduate students will have iPads in hand. Please contact the CETL for assistance with locating and integrating e-Pubs, apps and Open Educational Resources. Please feel free to contact the Bookstore at X5431 or by email at merrimackbookstore@bbasolutions.com if you have any questions.

Other Events this Week

April 3rd

Gabrielle Calvocoressi

4:00 PM

The Writers House

[Gabrielle Calvocoressi](#) is the author of *Apocalyptic Swing*, *The Last Time I Saw Amelia Earhart* and, most recently, *Rocket Fantastic*. She is the senior poetry editor at *Los Angeles Review of Books* and teaches at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Read more about her and her work [here](#).

For more information about this and other events, please visit the [Writers House website](#).

April 3rd

Introduction to Academic Governance

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 210

There will be a presentation given by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Merrimack AAUP Chapter introducing academic governance at Merrimack. This is part of the new faculty orientation and all faculty are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for discussion at the event and light refreshments will be served.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Merrimack Chapter of the AAUP, and the Office of the Provost.

April 3rd

Stress Reduction with Mindfulness

4:00 - 5:00 PM

McQuade Library Meditation Room Lower Level Room

Instructor: Jim Howland, Ed.D., LICSW, Hamel Health and Counseling

Participants will learn mindfulness and meditation to help calm and focus the mind.

Commitment to attend all 4 groups is recommended. Pre-registration is required by emailing howlandj@merrimack.edu or phoning 978-837-5441.

April 7th

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.

April 6th

Last day to convert to Pass/Fail

Last day to withdraw with a "W"

Future Events

Javier Zamora

Tuesday, April 10

4:00 PM

The Writers House

Javier Zamora was born in La Herradura, El Salvador in 1990 and migrated to the United States in 1999. He is the author of *Unaccompanied*. He has received fellowships from CantoMundo, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, among others. 4 pm.

You can read more about Javier Zamora's life and work [here](#).

Building Community, Reaching for Justice Speaker Series Presents: Dr. Amy Rutstein-Riley

Wednesday, April 11

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 208

Dr. Rutstein-Riley, Dean of Faculty and Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship at Lesley University, will discuss the Girlhood Project, an initiative focused on positive youth development, intergenerational connections, and feminist processes.

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

Noises Off by Michael Frayn

Thursday, April 12-14

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Get ready for an outrageously funny look at the love, lies, and deceit that take place behind the scenes, as a group of ridiculously inept actors rehearse for a Broadway-bound play! Just when members of this chaotic cast finally get their performances right, everything starts going wrong! Directed by Evan Kelly (Avenue Q!).

Live 2 Give: Relay for Life Purple Toilet Fundraiser

April 3-13

Live 2 Give, the student organization that plans Relay for Life, will be doing their annual "Purple Toilet" Fundraiser to help raise awareness for cancer research and promote the Relay for Life event on campus on Friday, April 13th in Lawler Rink from 6:00pm-6:00am. The purple toilet will be making its way around campus April 3rd-April 13th. The purple toilet travels around campus by the Live 2 Give Committee to different departments and offices. Faculty and staff have an opportunity to send it to each other. It is \$5 to send the purple toilet to someone and \$3 to remove the toilet from your office. It has been one of the most successful fundraisers done by the committee and is a fun and easy way to raise awareness and donations for a great cause.

AAUP Thomas P. Hogan Award Ceremony and Reception

Wednesday, April 25

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Executive Room

The Merrimack College chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) established the Hogan Award in 1988 to recognize those members of the college community who have contributed to furthering equity, openness, and joint professional responsibility as principles of collegial governance. The award is named for Tom Hogan, professor emeritus of economics and longtime academic dean. This year's recipient of the Hogan Award is **Dr. Marie A. Plasse**, professor of English. Light refreshments will be served.

More information about the Hogan Award, including a list of past recipients, can be found [here](#).

15th Annual Tolle Lege Reception

Thursday, April 26

4:00 PM

Writers House

Please join us and congratulate your colleagues. This year's speakers include Drs. April Bowling, Cynthia Carlson, Fan Chen, Anne Flaherty, Autumn Ridenour, Rory Tannebaum, and Allan Weatherwax. Refreshments will be served.

Annual 2018 Spring Concert Featuring Flo Rida

Thursday, April 26th

Lawler Rink, Merrimack Athletic Complex

Doors: 7:00 PM

Show: 8:00 PM

The Office of Student Involvement is excited to announce the 2018 Spring Concert will featuring Flo Rida. Tickets for Faculty and Staff on one sale now at www.merrimack.edu/springconcert. Tickets are \$40. This is an 18+ show and all ticket sales are final. If you have any questions please email osi@merrimack.edu.

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