



PROVOST BRIEFING

May 29, 2018

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Attending a professional development session, Drs. Brandi Baldock, Cynthia Carlson, and Anne Gatling.

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

- Community Engagement Institute, May 29 and 30
- Create Your Impact: Women's Forum, June 5
- Summer Reading, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr. Gregory Boyle
- Summer Orientation, June 20-21, June 25-26, and July 16-17
- CETL Summer Book Reads

- Last day for adding and dropping Summer Term 1 & 3 courses, May 29
- Last day for converting to or from Audit for Summer Term 1 & 3, May 29

Community Engagement Institute

Tuesday, May 29 & Wednesday, May 30

This institute provides an opportunity to come together with community partners and community-engaged faculty and staff from other local higher education institutions to dialogue, network, and learn from one another. We will deepen our professional relationships, learn about one another's community-engaged work, and share ideas about best practices. We will also reflect on the connections between our work and the national trends and initiatives pertinent to the community engagement field. Come for one day or two!

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, May 29

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts Atrium

Please join us for dinner and dialogue. We will celebrate our collective accomplishments in community-engaged practices, honoring a Merrimack student and a community partnership.

Wednesday, May 30

8:30 AM – 7 PM

Crowe Executive Room

The schedule will include speakers, panels, breakout sessions, and site visits involving a wide range of local community organizations and partnerships. Following afternoon site visits to Hands to Help, Squash Busters, and the YMCA Lawrence, the program will end with dinner at El Taller, a café in Lawrence. Van transportation will be available to and from Merrimack College.

The Merrimack College Community Engagement Program and the School of Education and Social Policy, in partnership with the Provost's Office, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and Campus Compact of Southern New England, are pleased to present the Community Engagement Institute.

Create Your Impact: Women's Forum

Tuesday, June 5

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join us for an exciting one-day forum focusing on women's personal and professional development at Merrimack College. Sessions will feature personal finance, problem solving and decision making, and mentorship. The day is designed to allow participants to attend one or more sessions based on their interests and schedules. Make a date to invest in yourself!

[Registration Link](#)

Opening Keynote: Leadership Creates a Feeling featuring Betsy Myers, Founding Director of the Center for Women and Business at Bentley University

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Cascia Hall

**She's Got It: A Women's Guide to Saving and Investing featuring Betsy O'Boyle,
Financial Consultant, TIAA**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

**Mentorship Workshop featuring Kathryn Nielsen, Ph.D., Associate Provost & Director of
Strategic Initiatives & Heather Sullivan, Associate Vice President & Director of
Campaigns**

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

**Decisive Women Leaders featuring Lynne Hambleton, Senior Trainer and Consultant,
Corporate Education Group**

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Cascia Hall

Truth and Share: Women Together for Good

**Networking Reception hosted by Dean Catherine Usoff, Ph.D., and the Girard School of
Business**

3:45 - 5:00 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

For more details please visit the [Create Your Impact](#) webpage.

Summer Reading

Our incoming first-year students are reading a book this summer written by our fall 2018 Convocation speaker, Fr. Gregory Boyle. Free copies of ***Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*** are being provided by the Provost Office. Please join us for this campus wide read. Drop in to the Provost office and pick up your copy today.

We will be organizing small book discussions in the fall and 1100+ first-year students will be reading it and discussing it in their FYE classes.

Summer Orientation

The Orientation Committee has begun planning for Summer Orientation and we would like to request the faculty's assistance for advising and registration. Since we will be welcoming over a thousand students to campus this fall, we needed to adjust the orientation sessions and add a third session! Here is the schedule for the three sessions

- Session 1: **June 20-21, 2018**
- Session 2: **June 25-26, 2018**
- Session 3: **July 16-17, 2018**

Advising will take place on Thursday, **June 21st**, Tuesday, **June 26th** and Tuesday, **July 17th** from 9am-12pm in Hamel Court at the Merrimack Athletic Complex

This year the Committee is again asking for assistance at any or all of the sessions to advise our incoming first year students. To the best of our ability, we will match students with their academic advisor or a member of their department and we will need additional assistance for those students who are undeclared. For Session 1 and 2 we are hoping for a minimum of two people per department with extra faculty in the larger majors. For Session 3, we expect a smaller number of students (and we know that faculty are not usually around in the summer) but will know our needs as we get closer to July. Please know that ANY AND ALL faculty members

are welcome to participate. As in the past, please send Mary McHugh the names of the faculty members who can attend by Monday, June 11th at mchughm@merrimack.edu

If you have any questions or suggestions about Summer Orientation, please feel free to contact your school's representative on the Committee, Mary McHugh, Peter Ellard, Diane Shaw, or Allison Pukala.

The Orientation Committee would also invite everyone to the Family Cocktail Receptions, which will be on Wednesday, June 20, Monday, June 25th and Monday July 16th from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Blue Line Club.

Thank you as always in advance for your assistance as we all look forward to welcoming the Class of 2022!

CETL Summer Book Reads

The CETL is offering two summer book reading opportunities: *Dynamic Lecturing: Researched-Based Strategies to Enhance Lecture Effectiveness* and the 2017 AAC&U Book of the Year *Beyond the Skills Gap: Preparing College Students for Life and Work*. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss thoughts, ideas, and practical strategies at a fun off-campus lunch. The first 20 people to sign up will receive a complimentary copy of the book in the format of their choice, e-pub or hardcover.

[Registration Link](#)

Other Events this Week

May 29

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May 31

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 - 9:30 AM (shortened time this week)

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

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