



## PROVOST BRIEFING

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Merrimack Students Welcome the Class of 2022!

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

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- Open Office Hours with the Provost Moved to Tuesday - This Week Only
- Summer Orientation, June 25 - 26, and July 16 - 17
- Hands to Help School Supplies Drive
- Learning Management System Changes for all Fall Classes 2018
- Break for Summer Term 3 Classes, July 2 - July 6
- End of 8-week graduate online course term, July 3
- College Closed, July 4 - July 6
- Grades due for Summer Term 1 courses, July 5
- Start of 8-week graduate online course term, July 5

- Summer Term 2 classes begin, July 9

## Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with the Provost this Thursday, July 5. Office Hours will return the following week on **Thursday, July 12**.

## Summer Orientation

The final session for this years Summer Orientation is almost here and the Orientation Committee would like to request the faculty's assistance for advising and registration. Session 3 is **July 16 - 17, 2018**

Advising will take place on Tuesday, **July 17** from **9 am - 12 pm** in **Hamel Court** at the Merrimack Athletic Complex.

## Hands to Help School Supplies Drive

We are asking for your generosity in helping provide school supplies for children in need. With every new academic year, comes a financial strain for our families in Lawrence. Your donations will help ease the burden and send the students back to school prepared to succeed. All donations (school supplies or money) can be dropped off at Alisha Reppucci's office, **Suite 370 on the 3rd floor of the Sakowich Campus Center by July 12**.

A list of supplies needed and additional information can be found [here](#).

## Blackboard Changes for All Fall Classes 2018



There are important changes coming that you will need to know for all of your fall classes. The College is in the process of updating Blackboard to the new **mobile-friendly version** called Ultra. This transition will occur in stages, beginning fall 2018. In addition to a new navigation bar on all course shells, faculty may also opt-in to the new full-course Ultra version this summer. To prepare, please review the LMS updates and changes here: [Blackboard updates](#). To determine if you are a good candidate for Ultra right now, please take this [Blackboard usage survey](#) and the CETL will contact you to provide next steps.

## Other Events this Week

### July 1 - 6

Break for Summer Term 3 Classes

### July 3

End of 8-week Graduate Online Course Term

**July 3 - 6**

College Closed

**July 5**

Grades due for Summer Term 1 Courses

**July 5**

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## **Future Events**

**Summer Term 2 Classes Begin**

Monday, July 9

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