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Reverend Gregory Boyle addressing First Year Students, Seniors and Faculty at
Academic Convocation

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

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Advise a Send Service Trip: Info Session

Monday, September 10

12:30 - 1:00 PM

Sakowich Student Center, 3rd Floor Lounge

Week-long service trips through campus ministry have a 50+ year tradition here at Merrimack College, but this year they have a brand new name: the Send Program. In 2018-2019 our students will travel to nine different locations over winter, spring, and summer break to answer the call to solidarity with communities across our country and world.

January 5-12, 2019

- Jamaica | Mustard Seed Communities
- Washington, D.C. | YSOP
- Center Point, WV | Nazareth Farm

March 9-16, 2019

- Dominican Republic | Mustard Seed Communities
- Houston, TX | Saint Bernard Project (SBP)
- Camden, NJ | Romero Center Ministries
- Pine Ridge, SD | Re-Member
- San Diego, CA | Via International

May 31-June 6, 2019

- Guayaquil, Ecuador | Rostro de Cristo

But we can't do it without your help! Apply to be an advisor on a Send Trip in 2018-2019. You'll participate alongside student leaders and participants in service & immersion opportunities, make connections with students outside the classroom, and learn about the intersection between justice and faith in Merrimack's Augustinian Catholic tradition. To learn more before applying, come to an information session.

Applications are due on Friday, September 28th and can be found on the campus ministry website now:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwAMcU_laBRE-iVR24LdYjNk4_OqEkj5B4wesZoj-a-D1mMwA/viewform

Any questions, email benevenian@merrimack.edu or visit the Grace J. Palmisano Campus Ministry Center and ask for Nicole!

Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising Meetings

Tuesday, September 11

4:00 PM

The Academic Success Center has organized our annual “Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising Meeting”, which takes place on the the second Tuesday of the semester during the free block. The primary goal is to give first-year students an opportunity to meet their primary advisor earlier. Last year’s inaugural event was met with resounding praise.

Faculty who have first-year student advisees will meet with a group of their advisees. The meeting will take place in the faculty member’s office - if the group is small enough - or in a classroom. For more information on how this serves as an opportunity for advisors, visit the [Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising](#) page.

Open Office Hours with the Provost Moved to Wednesday this week only

Wednesday, September 12

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost’s Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in 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.

Blackboard Ultra: CETL Online Training and Q & A

Basic Course Setup with Discussions, Assessments, and Grading

Fridays, September 14 & 21

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Consider signing up for one or both sessions while in the convenience of your home or office. First 45 minutes a guided tutorial, remaining 15 minutes open to Q & A. The session is held via Collaborate, Merrimack’s new web conferencing tool and led by Janet Syed, CETL Associate Director/Instructional Designer.

[Registration Link](#)

CETL Teaching Circles: 2018/19 Call for Proposals

Consider forming a CETL Teaching Circle for the upcoming academic year. Circles are faculty led and composed of faculty from across departments. The collegial nature of the circle is intended to foster openness, mutual support, and innovation and is founded on the idea that

teachers can learn from each other. Proposal Deadline is **September 20**. For more information click [Teaching Circle Information and Call](#) or contact Dr. Kathryn Nielsen at nielsenk@merrimack.edu.

CETL Faculty Funding Opportunity: Lilly Conference

The CETL is pleased to offer sponsorship for five full-time faculty members to attend the upcoming [Lilly Conference on Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning](#), November 15-18 at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Awardees will receive funding for registration, travel, and lodging. Those selected will be expected to share what they have learned with departments and colleagues upon return. If you would like to be considered for the conference, please submit in a one page document the following information:

- Years of experience teaching
- Why you wish to attend the conference
- Your desired impact for students and campus culture
- Your plan for dissemination

Please submit letter of interest by **September 28** to nielsenk@merrimack.edu. Participants will be selected from across the five schools, with priority given to assistant and associate-level applications.

Calling for Student Research Submissions from all Schools and Disciplines

Across the Bridge: The Merrimack Undergraduate Research Journal, a student-run peer reviewed journal, invites undergraduate students at Merrimack College to submit original research manuscripts to be considered for its inaugural issue. Students from any school, department, or discipline are welcome to submit their work from now through **Friday, September 14, 2018**, with the first issue expected to be published in February of 2019.

Full submission guidelines and instructions are available here:
https://scholarworks.merrimack.edu/mc_pubs/3

Host a show on WMCK!

It's time for another great semester of radio programming on WMCK, Merrimack College radio! Applications for Fall 2018 shows are now open! If you would like to host a show on the station, please fill out an application here: [Show Application](#)

We at WMCK invite show applications from faculty, staff, and students at the College. We are open to a variety of show formats, although most of our shows feature a focus on music, sports, the campus community, as well as news and talk.

All applications are due by **September 18th**. If you have any questions, please email us at mcradio@merrimack.edu

Other Events this Week

September 10

Last day for adding/dropping Fall Session online graduate courses

September 12

Hamel Health & Counseling Center Open House

3:00-5:00 PM

All are invited to meet the staff and take a tour. There will also be therapy dogs and ice cream!

For more information, call Hamel Health & Counseling Center at 978-837-5441.

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September 15

Broadway Through the Ages: A New Musical Review featuring Merrimack OnStager Alumni!

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

In one special performance, alumni from both the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and Merrimack's OnStagers return to the Rogers Center stage to present Broadway classics from the "golden age" to the present. Backed by a professional music ensemble, these talented alumni will bring their unique touch to your Broadway favorites.

Future Events

Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series: McKersin Previlus

Monday, September 17

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 210

The Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series presents McKersin Previlus founder, Bridge 4 My Brothers, Artistic Director Laka Dance Theatre, and Co-Founder Racines Black Dance Festival. Sponsored by the Community Engagement Graduate Program.

Global Education Fair

Wednesday, September 19

4:00 - 6:00 PM

MPR, Sakowich Campus Center

The Office of Global Education will host its Fall Fair on Wednesday, September 19 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Program representatives and alums will be available to talk about semester programs. Plus, Merrimack faculty leading this year's short-term opportunities will be there for interested students to find out more. **Please encourage your students to come to the Fair**

and consider stopping by yourself.

Interdisciplinary Institute Mini-Lecture and Reception

Thursday, September 20

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Blue Line Club, Merrimack Athletic Complex

An opportunity to meet the institute's new director, Dr. Simona Sharoni, and the 2018-2019 Scholar in Residence, Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick. Dr. Fitzpatrick's lecture is titled "Transcending Borders: Reflections on the Synergy between Interdisciplinary and Global Studies." The event will include light refreshments and an open bar.

Dan Kaufman

Tuesday, September 25

4:00 PM

Writers House

Dan Kaufman will read from/discuss his new book, *The Fall of Wisconsin: The Conservative Conquest of a Progressive Bastion and the Future of American Politics*. Kaufman's writing has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* and *The New Yorker*.

A review of *The Fall of Wisconsin* in *The New York Times*:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/11/books/review-fall-of-wisconsin-dan-kaufman.html>

A piece in *The New Yorker*:

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-fall-of-wisconsin-and-the-rise-of-randy-bryce>

Please SAVE the Date: 3rd Annual Liberal Arts Career Night

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Liberal Arts alumni from a wide variety of fields (including not-for-profits; social, human and clinical services; law; education; media and creative arts; marketing/PR; public service and government; and financial services) will be in attendance to meet and network with current students. The event will begin with a keynote address from alumnus Sean Kavanagh (B.A. in Psychology), who is the CEO of the Ariel Group. Students, faculty and staff from all five schools are welcome and encouraged to attend. Food and drink will be provided. More information to come.

Fall Writer-in Residence: James Wood

October 16-18

Our Fall Writer-in-Residence will be James Wood. Wood is Professor of the Practice of Literary Criticism at Harvard University and a longtime staff writer at *The New Yorker*. Widely considered to be the preeminent critic of his generation, Wood is the author of *How Fiction Works*, as well as the essay collections *The Broken Estate* and *The Irresponsible Self*, and the novels *Upstate* and *The Book Against God*. **His keynote/reading will be on Thursday, October 18 at 4pm.**

A recent piece on Philip Roth here:

<https://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/the-unceasing-necessity-of-philip-roth>

A recent interview with Wood:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/mar/02/james-wood-interview-upstate>

The Writer-in-Residence program is made possible with generous support from the Andrea '79 and Ken Robertson Writers House Innovation Fund.

Weaving the Maps: Tales of Survival and Resistance

Thursday, October 18

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Cascia Hall

A world premiere performance, a result of a collaboration of Drs. Laila Farah (DePaul University) and Dr. Isis Nussair (Denison University), followed by Q & A.

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