



## PROVOST BRIEFING

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Create Your Impact: Personal HERstories Panel

Left to right, Attorney Marybeth McInnis, Dr. Christine Riordan, President of Adelphi University, Cynthia Paris, Lawrence Superintendent of Schools and Erin Hamlen, Head Coach of Women's Ice Hockey, Merrimack College

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## Faculty and Staff Campaign Celebration

**Thursday, October 25**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Multipurpose Room (MPR), Sakowich Campus Center**

As Merrimack College faculty and staff, we share in the pride of the Together for Good Campaign's accomplishments. President Hopey invites you and your colleagues to a special event to announce and celebrate a pivotal moment at Merrimack.

Featuring great food, cocktails, and a special multimedia show!

<http://www.merrimack.edu/celebrate>

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## Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with the Provost this Thursday, October 25. Office Hours will return the following week, **Thursday, November 1**.

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## Midterm Grades

This is a friendly reminder that midterm grades are due on Tuesday, **October 23** by midnight. Please submit a midterm grade for every student, anywhere from formally calculated mid-term grades to a rough sense of where they are at this point. All varieties are useful and helpful. If you have no idea what a student might have earned so far, please submit a grade of "incomplete" (N). If the student never attended any portion of the course, and you did not previously email the registrar's office during the Roster Verification period, please email the student's name to [registrar@merrimack.edu](mailto:registrar@merrimack.edu). That way, we have as much information as possible.

Full participation in submitting midterm grades gives the Academic Success Center the opportunity to identify all of the students who are struggling academically and work with them on successfully completing the semester. Mid-term Grades will only be accepted online through myMack. Once your grades are successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation email sent to your Merrimack account. [Step by step directions can be found here](#).

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## CETL Ed Tech with Sue Burch from Apple

**October 23 & 24**

**Refreshments provided and all levels welcome!**

**All sessions held in the new CETL space on the lower-level of Sullivan Hall**

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

**Tuesday, October 23**

**Create and Publish Content, Personalized for Your Students**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM**

Designed as an info session for instructors curious about creating multi-touch books, study guides, reference materials, or book chapters. In addition to a demo session, faculty currently using multi-touch books will share their own books and how they have benefited students in the classroom by tailoring instruction and reducing costs. In January, Sue will return to run a boot camp for folks interested in creating.

**Interested in becoming a recognized Apple Teacher? Planning to apply for Apple Distinguished Educator?**

**10:30 - 11:00 AM**

This info session provides a space to learn about the self-paced Apple Teacher certification program for iPad and Mac. Perfect for instructors and instructors seeking to promote digital competency among their students. It's also the perfect time to learn about the application process for becoming an ADE and to begin gathering your materials.

**Top Ten Strategies for iPad as a Learning and Teaching Tool**

**11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (lunch session)**

Explore teaching and learning strategies, leveraging your iPad in creative and productive ways to engage students, save you time, and make you a rock star in the classroom!

**Wednesday, October 24**

### **Breakout Escape Room Activity!**

**9:00 - 10:15 AM**

Put on your super-sleuth hat and find clues to solve problems with your colleagues. Use your critical thinking skills, collaborate with peers, and most of all muster your perseverance. Leveraging your iPad apps to escape and eventually find your way out, you will learn valuable tips and tricks to use in the classroom!

**Request an Individual Appointment with Sue**

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## **CETL Teaching Circle Enrollment**

The CETL is pleased to announce the 2018/19 faculty-led Teaching Circles. Circles are composed of faculty from across departments and founded on the idea that teachers can learn from each other. The collegial nature of the circle is intended to foster openness, mutual support, and innovation. Please contact the faculty facilitators below to join or for more information contact [nielsenk@merrimack.edu](mailto:nielsenk@merrimack.edu).

### **Civic and Community Engagement in Times of Crisis: Faculty Roles and Responsibilities**

**Drs. Elaine Ward and Simona Sharoni**

**Fall Meeting Dates: Thursday 10/25 12:00 - 1:30 PM & Tuesdays 11/6 and 12/4 3:30 - 5:00 PM**

**Location TBD**

Following the gas explosions in Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover on September 13, 2018, a group of faculty suggested that faculty members have a particular responsibility to our institution, our students and our communities and therefore have an important role to play during the unfolding crisis and its aftermath. This teaching circle is designed to foster conversations on our roles and responsibilities as educators in times of crisis. We will explore relevant curricula, pedagogical innovations, and the institutional capacity required to graduate civic-minded and democratically-engaged professionals, experienced working with communities, and to enhance the college's ability to respond to crises and to serve as regional resource in times of crisis.

### **Increasing Student Motivation in Introductory Science Courses**

**Dr. Brandi Baldock**

**First Meeting Date: Thursday 10/25 - 3:00 PM**

**Sullivan Hall, Room 301**

College science courses can be challenging for students because they require the use of quantitative analysis and abstract reasoning skills. Students often view these required courses as stepping stones that they must pass on their actual program of study, rather than making an inherently valuable investment to their understanding of their major. Because these courses are challenging and students may not see their inherent value, students can be less motivated to study for these courses. This teaching circle will focus on ways to increase student motivation in introductory science courses. Participants will examine pedagogical approaches currently used

and work to design approaches that foster relevance and motivation among learners.

### **Participant-Centered Learning: Teaching with Case Studies**

**Dr. Rodrigo Bandeira de Mello**

**First Meeting Date: Monday, 10/22 4:00-5:00**

**The Sanctuary Cafe**

This teaching circle aims at adapting and developing the case study teaching method to the Merrimack College's context. We will discuss not only the fundamentals of this teaching method, but also how it can add value to our students. We plan to meet twice per month to discuss a) Participant-centered learning philosophy and the role of the instructor in the case study method; b) developing a syllabus and selecting the cases; c) preparation of participants and instructor prior to the analysis session; d) collaborative case analysis: from individual answers, small-group answers, to class answers; e) developing a board plan: collecting and organizing participants' insights on the board; f) making questions to participants; g) navigating through "pastures" and reaching a closure; h) discussing the case takeaways and incorporating theory and research in case analysis.

### **Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students**

**Dr. Stephanie Garrone-Shufran**

**First Meeting Date: Wednesday, 10/31 at 1:00 PM**

**Location TBD**

Merrimack's student population is becoming more diverse each year. This teaching circle will create a space in which participants can discuss the elements of college that culturally and linguistically diverse students may find challenging, including classroom culture and practices, reading, writing, and institutional policies. Once we narrow our focus to specific topics, we will work collaboratively to create supports and strategies that can be used to promote the success of all students at Merrimack.

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## **November Festival of Remembrance and Gratitude**

Please join us for all of the events of this month during which we remember those who have gone before us in life and death, those who have served us in military service, and give thanks for all that we enjoy and try to share it with others.

### **Where We Come From**

**November 1- December 31**

Everyone will soon be invited to participate in creating an art exhibition to be displayed in the Thagaste Gallery of the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College unlike anything we've done before. "Where We Come From" draws off the longstanding tradition of honoring our ancestors and personal family histories through photography. We would like to creating a living history of our community. and everyone will have the chance to contribute photographs representing our families past, representing relationships from several generations past up to more recent and immediate relationships. You may submit as many as you'd like. All photographs will be handled with great care and respect. You will soon receive a message from Father Rick Piatt, O.S.A., director of the Rogers Center with instructions on how to participate.

### **Feast of All Saints**

**Thursday, November 1**

**12:30 PM**

**Chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel, Austin Hall**

Join us for a mass celebrating the Feast of All Saints.

### **Beyond Glory**

**Thursday, November 1**

**7:30 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Arts**

A one-man show by renowned actor Stephen Lang depicting the experiences of seven Medal of Honor recipients.

### **Feast of All Souls**

**Friday, November 2**

**12:30 PM**

**Chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel, Austin Hall**

Join us for a mass in memory of all members of our community and loved ones of members of our community.

### **MACK Gives Back**

**November 1-9**

Remembering the roots of Merrimack College as an institution founded to serve the educational needs of military veterans of World War II, we honor those who served by serving others.

### **Honoring Our Veterans**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**MPR, Sakowich Campus Center**

All are invited to gather in the Multi-Purpose Room in Sakowich Campus Center from 10 to 11 a.m. for a ceremony honoring and thanking veterans for the sacrifices they have made in order to bring us safety and security.

### **Kristallnacht/Holocaust Remembrance**

**Thursday, November 8**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Temple Emanuel in Andover**

Bus transportation will be provided to bring any interested students, faculty, and staff to join with the congregation of Temple Emanuel in Andover as they remember what we must never forget. Rena Finder ("Schindler's List" Holocaust survivor) will be the featured speaker.

### **In Vino Veritas, Unitas, Caritas: The Wines of Tuscany and the Augustinian Tradition**

**Tuesday, November 13**

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Arts**

Celebrate St. Augustine's birthday by joining sommelier Father Stephen Curry, O.S.A., assistant to the dean of the School of Education and Social Policy, for a guided wine tasting and explanation of the Augustinian values of truth, unity and love. Faculty, staff and invited guests



only. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to [omm@merrimack.edu](mailto:omm@merrimack.edu) before **November 6**.

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## Tolle Lege Call for Submissions

McQuade Library recognizes the academic scholarship and creativity of the Merrimack College community by collecting published works by faculty, staff, students and alumni for the Tolle Lege Collection. Each winter, authors of books, journal articles and papers published during the previous year are honored with a reception. This year's reception will be held at the Writers House on Thursday, **February 7, 2019** at 4:00 PM (snow date: Feb 14th at 4:00PM).

We at McQuade Library ask the Merrimack community to please submit copies and/or citations of any book(s), article(s) or papers that were published between **January 1, 2018** and **December 31, 2018**. Please submit all materials/citations by Wednesday, **December 12, 2018** to Frances Nilsson, [nilssonf@merrimack.edu](mailto:nilssonf@merrimack.edu) and/or to Michaela Keating, [keatingm@merrimack.edu](mailto:keatingm@merrimack.edu).

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## McQuade Messenger

The Fall 2018 edition of the McQuade Messenger has been published. Learn about the next book signing event, how to submit your publications for our Tolle Lege collection, and more [here](#).

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## WMCK is Live for the Fall!

Earlier this semester WMCK, Merrimack College Radio, went live with a full slate of weekly programming! Please see the [schedule](#) for a quick look at what you'll be able to listen to on WMCK this semester.

To listen to WMCK simply click on the following link or download the tunein app to your smartphone or tablet. [tunein WMCK, Merrimack College Radio](#)

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## Other Events this Week

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### October 23th

**Employee Development & Well-Being Workshops: Sleep, from A to Zzzz**

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Arcidi Center, Conference Room A**

Getting adequate sleep is one of the most important things we can do to stay healthy, but many people don't get enough. This seminar will cover general information and myths about sleep as well as how sleep affects your health and fitness goals. You will leave with practical, healthy sleep tips and relaxation techniques that can be used to get better night's sleep, tonight. Light refreshments will be served.

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### October 24th

**Atrium Concert Series: Amy Lee, Piano**

**12:30 PM**

**Rogers Center for the Arts**

Take a free, mid-week music break! The Atrium Concert Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts presents professional and student musicians performing a wide variety of musical styles in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Come and enjoy a light lunch, catered and sponsored by our friends at Sodexo, enjoy great music, and meet some new people from the campus and the larger community! All are welcome.

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## October 24th

### **Employee Development & Well-Being Workshops: Ergonomics for Everyone**

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**McQuade Library, Conference Room 103**

This session will teach you how to reduce strain through proper and ergonomically sound positioning and specific strain reducing exercises. The workshop emphasizes healthy back care, raises awareness of risk factors for back problems, and provides practical tips on the prevention and treatment of back pain. Light refreshments will be served.

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## October 24th

### **Merrimack Family Astronomy Night**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Mendel Hall**

Come by Merrimack College for a night filled with astronomy activities for all ages. Activities will include use of the Merrimack Observatory, Mars Rover programming, civilian science, and more. Snacks will be provided as well.

Please register you and your family here: <http://bit.do/MCAstronomyNight>

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## October 26th

### **Warriors at Work “SHOW UP. BE PRESENT” Welcome Reception**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**MPR, Sakowich Campus Center**

The class of 2022 Warriors at Work cohort, comprised of Accounting, Communications & Media, Civil Engineering and Criminology majors, will come together as a group for the first time to learn that "80% of success in life is showing up.", to quote actor Woody Allen. While first-year students may not understand the value, yet, of professional development this early in their college careers, Warriors at Work is equipped to lead students, step by step, to prepare them for their co-op or internship, networking opportunities and all that is entailed in launching successfully into the world.

Students will leave knowing:

- Components of Warriors at Work and the career edge they will have
- The value of showing up and being present, as it applies to college and career success
- Steps to take now as freshman to be prepared for their internship or co-op

They are a part of a cohort of students with resources, career programming, networking opportunities and employer access that will guide them in their future careers if they SHOW UP and BE PRESENT.

Questions: Please contact Jay Caporale' 87, VP of Corporate & Foundation Engagement at



## October 26th

### College to Enshrine Eight in 2018 Hall of Fame Class

7:00 PM

#### Merrimack Athletics Complex

The event coincides with the College's annual Homecoming Weekend, which includes three different teams playing on campus at 4 p.m. leading up to the induction ceremony. Merrimack College will induct eight members in the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2018; Amanda (Baldwin) Mayock '01, Women's Lacrosse, Nancy (Daly) Dwyer '94, Women's Soccer, April Daugherty '13, Field Hockey, Jim Hrivnak 1985-1989, Men's Ice Hockey (Originally inducted in 2017), Corey Lunney '13, Men's Lacrosse, Judy O'Connell '95, Softball, 1994 Softball Team, Ken Duane '80, H'16, Distinguished Honoree.

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## October 26th - 28th

### Homecoming Weekend

Join us for a crisp fall weekend to celebrate all things Merrimack. [Homecoming](#) has grown into one of Merrimack's most beloved traditions. A time when alumni, parents, and friends return, relive their Merrimack experience, and reconnect with the best parts about being a Warrior!

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## October 28

### New England Brass

3:00 PM

#### Rogers Center for the Arts

The New England Brass Band (NEBB) returns to the Rogers Center for a special fall concert. Don't miss this opportunity to experience brass band music at its finest. For more information and tickets see the [webpage](#)

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## Future Events

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## First Faculty Research Luncheon

### Group Financial Coaching: A New Approach for Building Financial Capability?

Monday, October 29

12:00 - 1:30 PM

#### Provost Conference Room

Please join us to learn about an exciting collaborative project, involving three faculty members, affiliated with the Interdisciplinary Institute: Jane Parent, Management, Girard School of Business, Allison Seitchik, Psychology, School of Liberal Arts, and Ana Silva, Finance, Girard School of Business.

Lunch will be served. RSVPs are encouraged at [director.institute@merrimack.edu](mailto:director.institute@merrimack.edu)

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## Open Mic Night

Monday, October 29

6:00 PM

### **The Writers House**

Open Mic night at the Writers House: all are invited to bring a poem, story, song, film clip, political manifesto, etc.—or, just come listen to your friends.

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## **Stranger Things and the '80s: The Complete Retro Guide**

Wednesday, October 31

12:00 - 1:30 PM

1st Floor McQuade Library

Author Joe Vogel will sign copies of his new book, *Stranger Things and the '80s: The Complete Retro Guide*. Wear your best 80's or *Stranger Things* costume! Free signed books while supplies last.

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## **Bianca Bosker**

Thursday, November 1

4:00 PM

The Writers House

Bianca Bosker is a contributing editor at The Atlantic and the author of the New York Times bestseller [\*CORK DORK: A Wine-Fueled Adventure Among the Obsessive Sommeliers, Big Bottle Hunters, and Rogue Scientists Who Taught Me to Live for Taste\*](#), which has been hailed as the “KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL of wine.”

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## **Professional Development Retreat for Seniors**

November 1-2

Hotel Commonwealth, Boston, MA

The Professional Development Retreat is a two-day career development initiative for seniors that is designed to build emotional intelligence and provide students with “soft skills” such as problem-solving, conflict resolution, critical observation, and adaptability. Through an application and selection process, sixty students from all academic disciplines have been selected for the November retreat. Students will connect with a distinguished group of industry experts, to work side-by-side and gain knowledge about the practical aspects of the workforce. This distinctive program illustrates Merrimack College’s commitment to its students’ success and the impact of the College’s network.

Workshops, presentations, and small group sessions will address the following:

- Understanding and Communicating Your Strengths
- Team Problem Solving
- Professional Communication
- Networking Skills

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

Questions? Please contact Stacey Phelps at [phelpss@merrimack.edu](mailto:phelpss@merrimack.edu)

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## **5 Minutes & A Mic**

Tuesday, November 6

4:00 PM

### **The Writers House**

No notes, no slides, just Merrimack professors talking about the work they do and why they love it. Speakers will be **Father Stephen Curry, Jessica Peacock, Emma Polyakov, Christy Pottroff, & Andrew Tollison.**

Co-sponsored by CETL.

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## **Building Community, Reaching for Justice Fall 2018 Speaker Series: Michelle Muffett-Lipinski**

**Monday, November 12**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM**

**Crowe Hall, room 210**

Michelle Muffett-Lipinski is the founding principal Northshore Recovery High School and founder of [icanhelp](#). icanhelp(SM) is a program for early engagement by establishing “safe” places for at-risk adolescents to develop a trusting rapport with adults in the community.

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