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Fr. Joseph Farrell O.S.A. the Vicar General of the Order of St Augustine

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

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Book Signing

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*. Waffle Bar! Wear your best 80's or *Stranger Things* costume! Free signed books while supplies last. Co-sponsored by McQuade Library and Office of the Provost.

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."

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 Emmanuel in Andover

Bus transportation will be provided to bring any interested students, faculty, and staff to join with the congregation of Temple Emmanuel 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.

Changes to Human Subjects Research/IRB Guidelines Revised Common Rule Takes Effect January 21, 2019

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and fifteen other Federal Departments and Agencies have issued the new Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects, known as the Common Rule. Starting on January 21, 2019, the Merrimack College Institutional Review Board (IRB) will begin following the guidelines outlined in the revised Common Rule. For detailed information, [click here](#). All IRBs nationwide will be required to operate under the provisions of the revised Common Rule.

The implementation of the new Common Rule will require researchers to fill out a revised application form on Merrimack's Cayuse IRB online application system. All researchers will be required to fill out the new form for all applications submitted on or after January 21st 2019. To avoid having to redo an application in process, the IRB strongly recommends that all researchers wishing to submit under the existing provisions do so before **December 15, 2018**. This will allow the IRB to review all applications before the January 21 transition date.

All IRB proposals received on or after January 21 will have to follow the new application process. Details on the new application process and an outline of the changes in the Common Rule will be made available in early November 2018 on the Merrimack IRB Website.

It should also be noted that research studies already approved as exempt, expedited or full (convened IRB review) before January 21, 2019 will not be required to comply with the changes in the revised Common Rule. Such research may continue to completion or closure under the old rules. If you have any questions please contact the IRB at irb@merrimack.edu.

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 and/or to Michaela Keating, keatingm@merrimack.edu.

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, Dr. Jessica Peacock, Dr. Emma Polyakov, Dr. Christy Pottroff, & Dr. Andrew Tollison.**

Co-sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Other Events this Week

October 29th

Open Mic Night

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.

October 29th

Classes begin for Fall Session 2 graduate online courses

October 31st

Employee Development & Well-Being Workshops: Overcoming Procrastination

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Conference Room A, Arcidi Center

Feeling overwhelmed with unfinished tasks? Learn several simple techniques that allow you to conquer your avoidance behavior, easily organize your life, find more energy, and accomplish more than you could ever dream possible. What you resist, persists. Do it now and feel good about yourself! Lunch will be served.

October 31st

CETL Teaching Circle: Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students

Dr. Stephanie Garrone-Shufren, faculty facilitator

First Meeting Date: Wednesday, 10/31 at 2:30

Location McQuade 103

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 challenges, we

will work collaboratively to create supports and strategies that can be used to promote the success of all students at Merrimack.

October 31st

Final grades are due for Fall Session 1 graduate online courses

November 1st

Employee Development & Well-Being Workshops: Healthy Cooking Demonstration

11:00AM – 12:00 PM

3rd Floor Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center

Learn how to integrate healthy choices into everyday life! Shop smart, eat healthy, and being creative are all covered in this workshop. These health and wellness cooking sessions supply recipes, demonstration, and preparation in front of attendees. You will learn how to identify ingredients, make time & cost saving choices, discuss the health benefits related to ingredients and discover alternative substitutes. All participants will be provided with a taste of the recipe and a healthy lunch will be served.

November 1st and 2nd

Professional Development Retreat for Seniors

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.

Sponsored by the O'Brien Center for Career Development

Questions? Please contact Stacey Phelps at phelpss@merrimack.edu

November 2nd

Last day for adding/dropping Fall Session 2 graduate online courses

Future Events

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.org. 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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