



# MERRIMACK COLLEGE



## Greetings from Merrimack College

Dear Parents,

The new year certainly started off memorably as record low temperatures halted most activities in Massachusetts as well as the Eastern Seaboard. Merrimack employees are now back in full throttle as we prepare for the return of students to campus for the start of classes on January 22. Please let us know if we can help with the transition as we look forward to students returning for the spring semester.

As part of our strategic planning, we are taking a fresh look at our “brand” — essentially, how Merrimack is perceived in the world — and how we communicate to parents. Your opinion carries a lot of weight. On Sunday morning, you will receive a survey with 21 questions, and we ask you to complete it as your input is valuable to us. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete and you’ll have the chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. We look forward to receiving your input!

Warm regards,

**Marie Doyle**

*Director of Parent and Family Relations*

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## News from Around Campus

### Merrimack College Notable & Quotable

Merrimack’s faculty-scholars are seen and heard across national and international news organizations on a regular basis. Faculty made news cycles this fall on topics ranging from the link between obesity and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) to small-town policing to maritime security in the face of cyber threats. Assistant Professor of Health Sciences April Bowling was recently quoted in U.S. News & World Report’s regarding her “Parent First” podcast on the possible link between stimulant use and obesity in individuals with ADHD.

> [Read More](#)

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### Campaign Investment Feature: Karen McCarthy '92

"High school and college-aged students have always been in my heart. So, when I decided to make a major gift to Merrimack, I knew I wanted to do something that was centered around students."

– Karen McCarthy '92

To date, *Together for Good* has raised more than \$46 million toward our \$50 million goal.

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### Holiday Decorating in the Halls

On December 11, 2017 more than 50 students from several residence halls took part in the Residence Hall Association's "Deck the Halls" holiday room decorating contest. Three judges from Residence Life toured 20 rooms, and identified three rooms that rang in holiday cheer in the categories of creativity and spirit.



## Spring Semester Information

### Residence Halls

All residence halls will re-open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Students should make sure that they have their Mack card and key(s) when returning to campus, so that they can access their building and room.

### From the Bursar

For students who are registered for the spring semester, bills have been mailed and are now due. Payments can be made online at [www.afford.com/merrimack](http://www.afford.com/merrimack). In addition, payment plans are also available at [www.afford.com/merrimack](http://www.afford.com/merrimack).

We would like to welcome all the new students and families joining us this Spring semester! As a reminder, the deadline to waive the school's health insurance is January 30, 2018. All students registered for 9 or more credits must complete a waiver, otherwise they will be held responsible for the insurance. For more information, or to waive the insurance, please visit [www.gallagherstudent.com/merrimack](http://www.gallagherstudent.com/merrimack). If you have any questions, please free to reach out to us at (978) 837-5310 or [bursar@merrimack.edu](mailto:bursar@merrimack.edu).

### From Financial Aid

Please review your student's financial aid portal via MyMack to ensure that there aren't any missing documents that could preclude a financial aid award and/or disbursement. If you have any questions, please free to call us at (978) 837-5186 or email us at [financialaid@merrimack.edu](mailto:financialaid@merrimack.edu).

### Housing Deposits for the 2018-19 Academic Year

The portal for students to pay their housing deposit for the 2018–19 academic year opens on Monday, January 29, 2018. Housing deposits are \$500 and must be paid to the Bursar's Office by Wednesday, February 28, 2018. More information – including instructions for accessing the portal to complete the deposit – will be communicated soon.

### A Warm Transfer Welcome

Merrimack welcomes 70 new students for the spring semester! If you know of someone thinking of transferring to Merrimack College, there is still time as housing and financial aid are still available.

**WARRIORS  
WANTED.**

Please contact Christina Edler at [dohertycm@merrimack.edu](mailto:dohertycm@merrimack.edu) or visit [www.merrimack.edu/apply](http://www.merrimack.edu/apply) for further information.

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### **Resident Advisor Selection**

There is still time for students to apply for the Resident Advisor (RA) Position for the 2018–19 academic year! RAs serve a unique and important leadership role on campus. RAs live in the residence halls, develop a community within their area of campus, plan programs, and enforce policies. All current students who are returning to the College as undergraduate students are able to apply for this opportunity. RA applications are due by Friday, January 26, 2018. More information is available on our [website](#).

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### **Commencement 2018**

Preparations for commencement are already underway, and specific details will be sent to you by the end of January. We will also share a link to our commencement webpage with all the details for the weekend. So please mark your calendars for May 19 and 20 as we look forward to honoring the Class of 2018!

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### **Transportation Information**

If your student plans on utilizing FlightLine this semester, Spring Break will occur from March 26 – April 2, 2018 and the last day of spring classes is May 2 (with final exams ending on May 11, 2018). Please contact FlightLine at 800–245–2525 and provide them with code SMC222 to book a ride to the airport.

Pick up/drop off must be to Merrimack College and must be within the dates listed above to use the promotional code. This service is for students traveling home and does not apply to "spring break" trips. We strongly urge students to book with FlightLine as soon as possible for the Spring Break dates (March 26 – April 2, 2018). As this coincides with Easter, FlightLine will be very busy and may not be able to accommodate any late requests.

For any other travel needs, individuals can email [Deanofstudents@merrimack.edu](mailto:Deanofstudents@merrimack.edu).

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