



## Greetings from Merrimack College

Dear Parents,

It is our hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. Students chose many different paths for their spring break that included working in Appalachia, pilgrimaging in Italy, volunteering in Latin America or spending time with family. Sophomore John Cobb shared, "The trip to Kentucky was a lot of fun. We learned a great deal about community, faith, and the Appalachian culture during this week of service and simplicity." To learn more about the impact students made over spring break, read our [alternative break news story](#).

As we return for the final stretch of the semester, this newsletter provides information on commencement, new electronic billing and receipt of tax forms, internships, upcoming performances, and housing. If we can assist you further, please let me know.

Warm regards,

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## News from Campus

### **Pellegrinaggio: A Spiritual Journey to Learn about St. Augustine**

When Fr. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A. arrived on Merrimack's campus in 1999 he wanted to share his enthusiasm for St. Augustine and the Augustinian tradition with the College community.

Working together with Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, Dr. Joe Kelley, they developed *Pellegrinaggio in Italia: in Search of Augustinian Community*.



The Augustinians were founded as a Mendicant Order in 1244 in Tuscany, Italy. Since the first *Pellegrinaggio* (the Italian word for *Pilgrimage*) in 2000, over 500 professors, students, alumni, administrators, staff and trustees of Merrimack College have walked in Augustine's footsteps in Rome and Milan, and have traced the beginnings of the Order of St. Augustine in Tuscany. This past March, 22 students, faculty and staff made the 19th *Pellegrinaggio*, meeting Augustinians from around the world in Rome and learned about Augustine's influence on the church and on Western civilization. Students described this pilgrimage as life altering as they learned from both the Augustinians and one another during this spiritual and historic journey.

Next year will mark Merrimack's 20th *Pellegrinaggio* and the College is planning some special events around this anniversary.

> [Learn more about Pellegrinaggio](#)

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**An Update on *Together for Good*: The Campaign for Merrimack College**

**68 Years of Friendship, Forged at Merrimack:  
John Carney '54 and Anthony Fragala '54 P'86, '92  
John "Jack" Carney '54 and Anthony "Tony" Fragala '54 P'86, '92**



crossed paths at Central Catholic High School in the 1940s, but their friendship truly began in the chemistry laboratory at Merrimack College. With only a handful of students focusing on such a rigorous major, Jack and Tony became fast friends.

To date, *Together for Good* has raised more than \$48.5 million toward our \$50 million goal.

> [Read full story](#)

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### O'Brien Center for Career Development

Did you know that nationally 65% of internships result in full-time job offers? Or that 66% of employers believe interview performance and relevant work experience are more significant than strong academic performance when it comes to hiring decisions? And that more than 60% of internships are paid (78% of private, for-profit companies pay their interns) with an average wage of \$17.20 per hour, according to a 2015 study? Help your student get ahead and encourage them to do a summer internship. The O'Brien Center for Career Development is here to help every step of the way, and may be reached at 978-837-5480 or [obriencenter@merrimack.edu](mailto:obriencenter@merrimack.edu).

> [Learn more about the importance of internships](#)

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### Spring Concert featuring Flo Rida

We are pleased to announce that this year's Spring Concert will be Flo Rida. The concert will take place on Thursday, April 26 at J. Thom Lawler Rink at Merrimack College. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Please note this is an 18+ show. Tickets are now available to the public at [www.merrimack.edu/springconcert](http://www.merrimack.edu/springconcert).



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### Commencement

The time is on hand to celebrate the achievement of our students at our 68th Commencement on May 19-20, 2018. Please visit our website at [www.merrimack.edu/commencement](http://www.merrimack.edu/commencement) for detailed information.



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## Student News

### Residence Hall Closing for Summer Break

Residence halls close for the summer break period on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m.. Resident students are required to completely vacate their room within 24 hours of their last final, or by 7 p.m. on May 11 — whichever occurs first. Graduating seniors who are participating in Senior Send Off activities are permitted to remain on campus until 4 p.m. on the day of Commencement. Please contact the Office of Residence Life at 978-837-5507 or at [reslife@merrimack.edu](mailto:reslife@merrimack.edu) with questions regarding closing. For information about Senior Send Off, please contact the Office of Student Involvement at 978-837-5508 or at [osi@merrimack.edu](mailto:osi@merrimack.edu).

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### Electronic Billing

The Bursar's Office is Going Green! Starting July 2018, Merrimack College will only provide access to electronic bills. All information about your students account will be available on-line in a new Student Account Center (SAC), administered by Tuition Management Systems (TMS). Paper bills will no longer be mailed. In mid April, your student will get a notification to sign into the Student Account Center (SAC) for the first time. Students will log into myMack using their login credentials. Once logged into the Student Account Center (SAC) through myMack, students will be able to share on-line access with parents or others.

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### **1098-T Tax Forms**

Students will also be offered the opportunity to receive their 1098-T tax forms electronically via myMack. Also in April, your student will receive a notification with instructions on how to opt into receiving this important tax form electronically. This will allow your student to access to the form much earlier and from anywhere via myMack.

