



PROVOST BRIEFING

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McKniff Honor Society 2019

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

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 - Open Office Hours, Every Thursday
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 - Last day to withdraw with a "W" in Spring Session 2 graduate online courses, April 26
 - Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (M.I.N.T.S.), May 4th
 - 2nd Annual Community Engagement Institute: Save the Dates, May 22 & 23
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2019 Commencement Weekend

Saturday, May 18th

Legacy Ceremony

10:30 AM – Rogers Center for the Arts

Honors Convocation

1:00 PM – Lawler Rink, Merrimack Athletics Complex

Line up 12:15 PM - Writers House

Baccalaureate Mass

4:00 PM – Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Student/faculty line up 3:30 PM in front of Austin Hall

Graduate Hooding Ceremony

4:00 PM – Lawler Rink, Merrimack Athletics Complex

Line up 3:15 PM - Writers House

Sunday, May 19th

Commencement - Undergraduate and Graduate

10:00 AM – Duane Stadium

Line up 8:00 AM Room 1162, Merrimack Athletics Complex

Northeast STEM Network: STEM Play Date

Tuesday, April 23rd

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Arcidi Center, Room A

The Northeast STEM Network invites everyone to an open play date to explore materials and resources for teaching technology, computer science, programming, science, engineering and more! We will be raffling off two \$500.00 STEM curriculum vouchers at the event. All grade levels welcome. Registration is required so we can plan for the hands on activities. [REGISTER HERE](#)

This event is co-sponsored by the Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (MINTS) and the STEM Education program at Merrimack College.

Social Justice, Civic Engagement, and Identity Transformation: Reflections on Research and Practice

Wednesday, April 24th

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Sullivan Hall, CETL Conference Room B-2

This round-table will include a conversation with graduate fellows in the Higher Education and Community Engagement Programs, sharing insights and reflections from their capstone projects. Lunch provided.

This event is co-hosted by the Interdisciplinary Institute and the Teaching Circle “Civic and Community Engagement in Times of Crisis: Faculty Roles and Responsibilities,” co-facilitated by Dr. Elaine Ward and Dr. Simona Sharoni

Dr. Monica Cowart Farewell Reception

Thursday, April 25

4:30 PM

Arcidi Center, Meeting Room A

As many of you are aware, Dr. Monica Cowart, vice provost, will be leaving Merrimack College to become the vice president of academic affairs at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. In addition to her work as vice provost, during her 19-year tenure at Merrimack she served as associate dean of the school of liberal arts, founding director of the interdisciplinary institute, and chair of the philosophy department. In honor of her commitment and the many years of service Monica has given to Merrimack and to give everyone a chance to say goodbye to her, we will be hosting a reception in the Arcidi Center, Meeting Room A, Thursday, April 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Please join us for some hors d'oeuvres and cocktails to celebrate Monica and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

Gender Disobedience

A Panel on Sex, Gender, and Social Transgressions in Latin America Culture and Literature

Thursday, April 24

5:00 PM

The Writers House

Please join us for a colloquium on Latin American and Spanish thought, history and culture. See more [details and guest speakers](#) here.

Sponsored by the World Languages and Cultural Studies Department

Faculty Retreat

Interdisciplinary Team Teaching and Curriculum Transformation: Linking Innovative Pedagogies, Student Success, and Faculty Development

Friday & Saturday, April 26th & 27th

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sullivan Hall, CETL Conference Room B-2

The retreat will be facilitated by Dr. Joye Hardiman, Interim Director of the Washington Center and Professor Emeritus of Arts and Humanities at the Evergreen State College. In response to interest and inquiries from colleagues who are unable to attend the entire two-day retreat, we are happy to welcome people to attend selected sessions as time permits. Lunch and refreshments provided. You can access the detailed program of the faculty retreat [HERE](#)

For questions and more information please contact director.institute@merrimack.edu

Applications Open, CUR Proposal Writing Institute

Designed for faculty and administrators interested in preparing proposals for submission to external funding agencies, the CUR Proposal Writing Institute will be held at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, KY, on July 11-15, 2019. The application deadline is **May 31, 2019**. You can use the [this link](#) to submit an application, review the draft agenda or learn more about the CUR Proposal Writing Institute. Merrimack College is a member of CUR so all faculty and staff are eligible to apply.

Call for Exemplary Student Work

As your students complete their projects this semester, please consider nominating exemplary student work to be included in [Merrimack ScholarWorks](#), the college's digital repository. YOU are our best source of information about which students are producing that work. Please email scholarworks@merrimack.edu to nominate a student (include detail about the work itself). Librarian Michaela Keating will then contact the student and invite them to upload their work.

More information about Merrimack ScholarWorks can be found here:
<http://libguides.merrimack.edu/scholarworks>. Contact Michaela Keating with questions or concerns.

Healthcare Leadership Summit - Social Determinants of Health

Monday, April 29th

7:15 – 8:00 AM Registration, Rogers Center Lobby

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Summit, Rogers Center Auditorium

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch, MPR

The social determinants of health are the economic and social conditions that influence the health status of both individuals and entire communities. They are the health-promoting factors related to living and working conditions (such as distribution of income, wealth, influence, and power), rather than the individual factors that influence the risk of a disease, or vulnerability to disease or injury. Lawrence General Hospital's sixth annual Healthcare Leadership Summit will

bring a range of national and regional thought leaders and experts together to discuss the social determinants of health and the impact they have on vulnerable patient populations.

This event is free, but registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, April 19. A light breakfast and lunch provided. Open to all Merrimack faculty, staff and students. Click here for [registration, speaker list and agenda](#).

Brought to you by Lawrence General Hospital and sponsored by Merrimack College, School of Health Sciences.

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

Wednesday, May 1

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Sullivan Hall, CETL Conference Room B-2

This is the last meeting of the teaching circle co-facilitated by Dr. Elaine Ward and Dr. Simona Sharoni. Lunch provided.

Research and Creative Achievement Conference 2019

Thursday, May 2

Poster Session: 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Sakowich Center, Main Street & MPR

SESP Graduate Student Speakers: 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Cascia Hall

Please join this campus-wide event to celebrate and highlight the academic and creative excellence of over 500 graduate and undergraduate presenters this academic year. Light refreshments will be served.

Anne Bradstreet: App Launch & Poetry Reading

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 PM

The Writers House

Join us for a celebration of the life and legacy of Anne Bradstreet. With poems by local writers responding to Bradstreet's work. Mobile game designed and built by the Anne Bradstreet Fellows.

Other Events this Week

April 24th

Atrium Series: Karen Burciaga and Michelle Otis

12:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Karen Burciaga returns, this time with Michelle Otis, to transport you to the hills and valleys of Scotland. The string duo will perform a variety of Scottish and Breton tunes and airs on fiddle and harp, certain to whisk you away to the old country!

April 25th

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in every Thursday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

April 25th

MINTS Workshop

Moves Sound & Sounds Move: Introduction to Re-enchantment of Learning

4:30 – 6:30 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 313

Food and refreshments, a chance to network with one another, and follow-up MINTS information will also be provided. This event is free and open to students, alumni, and the local education community. Additionally, teachers can earn a Certificate of Participation towards their professional development or PDPs. [Click here to register.](#)

For more M.I.N.T.S. information, please visit www.merrimack.edu/mints.

April 25th

Pope Francis: A Man of His Word (Documentary)

6:30PM pre-screening lecture; film starts at 7:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

(2018, PG, 96 min) Pope Francis embarks on a personal journey to present his work of reform and answer today's global questions – from his deep concern for the poor and wealth inequality to his involvement in environmental issues, social justice and calls for peace.

April 26th

Last day to withdraw with a "W" in Spring Session 2 graduate online courses

Future Events

Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (M.I.N.T.S.)

Presents: New Teacher Support Symposium

Saturday, May 4th

8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Merrimack College

This year's theme is "Inclusion and Innovation." This year's plenary sessions will be highlighting speakers who have been particularly successful at fostering supportive and engaging learning environments where their students can thrive. The dynamic breakout sessions, led by Merrimack faculty, will provide opportunities to explore innovations in teaching practices, student supports, and interventions. [Registre Here](#)

Breakfast, lunch, and a chance to network with your peers will also be provided.

2nd Annual Community Engagement Institute: Save the Dates

Please [RSVP Here](#) by May 14.

Wednesday, May 22nd & Thursday, May 23rd

This institute provides an opportunity for local colleges and community organizations to come together to dialogue, network and learn from one another. We will deepen our understandings of how to learn with and in the community in just and equitable ways. We will reflect on and support one another in identifying how we can apply these understandings to our community engaged work.

Wednesday, May 22nd

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Please join us for dinner and dialogue. We will celebrate our collective accomplishments in community-engaged practices, honoring a Merrimack student and a community partnership.

Thursday, May 23rd

8:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Crowe Executive Room and Lawrence Site Visits

The schedule will include panels, presentations, and breakout sessions at Merrimack College, El Taller, and community organizations. All sessions provided will center around this year's theme: "Learning With & In the Community" and will be presented by community-engaged Merrimack faculty, staff, students, Lawrence community leaders and service-learning practitioners at local higher education institutions. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Van transportation will be provided to and from Merrimack College.

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