



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Students Walking the Labyrinth
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Here are some of this week's top stories and a look ahead.

- The Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement
- **2019 Commencement Weekend, May 18-19**
 - Legacy Ceremony, May 18
 - Honors Convocation, May 18
 - Baccalaureate Mass, May 18
 - Graduate Hooding, May 18

- Commencement Ceremony, Undergraduate and Graduate, May 19
- IRB - Please Close Out Completed Research
- Civic and Community Engagement in Times of Crisis: Faculty Roles and Responsibilities, May 1
- 2019 Research and Creative Achievement Conference, May 2
- Anne Bradstreet: App Launch & Poetry Reading, May 2
- Merrimack Institute for New Teacher Support (M.I.N.T.S.), May 4th
- 2nd Annual Community Engagement Institute: Save the Dates, May 22 & 23
- Faculty Senate, April 30
- Last day of Spring classes, May 1
- Open Office Hours with the Provost, every Thursday
- Reading Days, May 2 & 3
- Jazz Sensation Christine Fawson Headlines An Evening of Jazz, May 4
- Merrimack Music Jam Weekend VI, May 3-5
 - Intercollegiate A Cappella Invitational, May 3
 - Jazz Sensation Christine Fawson Headlines An Evening of Jazz, May 4
 - Merrimack Concert Band and Concert Choir Spring Performances, May 5

The Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement

The Carnegie application was successfully submitted earlier this month. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, administrators and students who contributed to the application and shared the details of their involvement in community engagement activities. The application was the culmination of a year-long self study process that engaged units across campus as well as with our many community partners. Completing the application has raised the level of dialogue about service, civic, and community engagement at the College to new heights and increased the knowledge and capacity of our community. The College will be notified in December of 2019 as to the status of our application.

Thanks again to the hard work of our community in making the self-study and application possible. We should all be proud of our collective and collaborative work.

Allan T. Weatherwax, Provost

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

Faculty Regalia Rentals

For faculty who ordered regalia, it is ready for pick up in the Provost's Office. **Post commencement** - regalia may be returned to Room 1162, or in the Provost's Office the week following Commencement.

IRB - Please Close Out Completed Research

If your IRB approved research has been completed, you will need to login to the Cayuse IRB software and close out your research. For instructions on how to do this click [here](#).

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, MPR

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

Please join us 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

Thursday, 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.

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.

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Other Events this Week

April 30th

Faculty Senate

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Crowe Hall, Room 126

May 1st

Last Day of Spring Classes

May 2nd

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.

May 2nd - 3rd

Reading Days

May 3rd - 5th

Merrimack Music Jam Weekend VI

May 3

Intercollegiate A Cappella Invitational

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Join us for a celebration of and by collegiate musicians from Merrimack College and student music groups from other invited institutions.

May 4th

Jazz Sensation Christine Fawson Headlines An Evening of Jazz

7:30 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Touring singer and trumpeter Christine Fawson joins the Christopher Gagne and the Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble for their spring performance An Evening of Jazz.

May 5th

Merrimack Concert Band and Concert Choir Spring Performances

3:00 PM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Join us for a celebration of and by collegiate musicians from Merrimack College and student music groups from other invited institutions.

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