



PROVOST BRIEFING

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Through Knowledge to Wisdom Faculty Retreat

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

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Dry Cleaning for Regalia

Thank you to all faculty members who came to celebrate the class of 2019 at graduation. We would like to offer dry cleaning of regalia that may have gotten wet on Sunday. Please bring your regalia to the Provost's Office starting next week.

2nd Annual Community Engagement Institute: This Week

Wednesday, May 22nd and 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.

Merrimack Innovates! Faculty Showcase on Teaching and Learning

Thursday, May 30th

1:00 – 4:00 PM

CETL, Sullivan Hall, B-2

Join us for the second annual faculty showcase of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Connect and collaborate with colleagues and join us in the tech “Test Kitchen” to explore new technologies. Learn with instructional designers and faculty who are using creative, research-based approaches to engage students and promote deeper learning. Enjoy plenty of food and a chance to win a variety of prizes! [Registration Link](#)

Course Design Spa

Friday, May 31st

9:00 – 3:00 PM

CETL, Sullivan Hall, B-2

The CETL is your one stop shop for all of your fall course design needs. Get ready for the fall start-up *and book a chair massage!* Build your course in the Ultra platform, brainstorm new ways of presenting information, promote accessibility, design assignments and assessments, and learn about new tools from Apple. Instructional designers, academic technologists, and Sue Burch (Apple) will be on hand to assist. [Registration Link](#)

Pivot Workshop

Monday, June 3rd

10:00 AM

Alden Lab on the 3rd floor.

Interested in finding funding opportunities for your research or looking for external funding for your program? The Office of Sponsored Program and the McQuade Library will be conducting a Pivot workshop. Space is limited so please RSVP to research@merrimack.edu if you would like to participate.

CETL Summer Book Reads

The CETL is offering two summer book reading opportunities on teaching and learning: [Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking](#) by Susan Cain and [Teaching Online Without Losing Your Mind](#) by Angela Velez-Solic. In early September, participants will have the opportunity to discuss thoughts, ideas, and practical strategies at a fun off-campus lunch. The first 20 people to sign up will receive a complimentary copy of the book in the format of their choice, e-pub or hardcover. [Registration Link](#)

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 [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.

If you have any questions or need more information about CUR, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at research@merrimack.edu or 837-5611.

2019 Last Lecturer: Call for Nominations

The Merrimack College Honors Program is pleased to invite nominations for the Annual Last Lecture at Merrimack College. The Last Lecture will be delivered on November 19th in the Fall 2019 semester by a faculty member who will share with the community their research, values, and passions. This is their chance to share their wisdom as if it were the last opportunity they would have to speak to a group of students.

All members of the community are encouraged to nominate those faculty members who you believe exemplify the values of the Merrimack College community. We encourage you to think specifically about those faculty members who have had a positive effect on you in some way, or who were engaging, motivated, passionate, and inspiring. Self-nomination is acceptable and encouraged.

To nominate a faculty member, please fill out this [form](#) with the faculty member's full name and a brief, detailed description of why he or she should deliver the last lecture. Nominations are due by **Friday, May 24th**.

The Honors Student Council in consultation with the Honors Program Director will review the nominations and select the 2019 Last Lecturer.

Advising at Summer Orientation

The Orientation Committee has begun planning for Summer Orientation and would like to request the faculty's assistance for advising. The College is once again, welcoming over a thousand students to campus this fall, and we will provide four sessions of orientation. Here is the schedule for the four sessions:

- Session 1: **June 17-18**
- Session 2: **June 19-20**
- Session 3: **June 24-25**
- Session 4: **June 26-27**

Advising will take place on Tuesday, June 18th, Thursday, June 20th, Tuesday, June 25th, and Thursday, June 27th from 9 AM – 12 PM in the MPR in the Sakowich Center.

This year the Committee is again asking for assistance at any or all of the sessions to advise our incoming first-year students. To the best of our ability, we will match students with their academic advisor or a member of their department, and we will need additional assistance for those students who are undeclared. For all sessions, we are hoping for a minimum of two people per department with extra faculty in the larger majors. We are expecting the same number of students for each session, so our need is the same for each. Please know that **ANY AND ALL** faculty members are welcome to participate. Please send Kelly Maccario the names of the faculty members who can attend by **Wednesday, June 5th** at: maccariok@merrimack.edu.

If you have any questions or suggestions about Summer Orientation, feel free to contact your school's representative on the Committee, Diane Shaw, Kelly Maccario or Rose McCarthy.

Thank you in advance for your assistance as we all look forward to welcoming the Class of 2023!

Open Office Hours with the Provost Cancelled this Week

There will be no office hours with the Provost for this week. Office hours will return on **Thursday, May 30th**.

Other Events this Week

May 20th

Classes Begin (Summer 1 & 3)

May 20th

SCURCA Begins (May 20 - June 28)

The 3rd Annual Sakowich Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SCURCA) summer program starts on May 20th and runs until the end of June. The summer program includes almost 30 faculty and over 60 students from all five Schools. The mission of SCURCA is to bring faculty-mentored undergraduate research work on campus under a single umbrella and unified structure to promote meaningful scholarship, interdisciplinary engagement, and embedded development activities. The program offers support for faculty and student fellows thanks to the support of a Sakowich Family Foundation gift, the Provost Innovation Fund, and the Martin McLaughlin Family Environmental Innovation Fund.

May 21st

President's Annual Town Hall Meeting and Service Recognition Awards

10:30 AM

Rogers Center for the Arts

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Barbecue to follow at Duane Stadium.

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