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Merrimack College's Early College participants from Abbott Lawrence Academy/Lawrence High School - students earned up to 20 Merrimack College credits.

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

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Welcome Dr. Naira Campbell-Kyureghyan

Naira Campbell-Kyureghyan has been named dean of the School of Science and Engineering. She arrives on campus in August with a distinguished curriculum vitae and a track record of fundraising millions of dollars.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Campbell-Kyureghyan to Merrimack College," said Provost Allan T. Weatherwax. "She is a true academic visionary and an entrepreneurial force that will propel science and engineering at Merrimack to new heights in the region and beyond."

She has worked the past 10 years at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, including five years as chair of the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

"I'm truly honored to have been selected as dean of the School of Science and Engineering at Merrimack and am looking forward to many great endeavors that will advance its mission and will further the upward trajectory of the school and college," Campbell-Kyureghyan said.

As department chair Campbell-Kyureghyan raised over \$25 million in donations while forming international partnerships and increasing undergraduate and graduate enrollment three-fold, making it the fastest growing department in both the college and university.

Campbell-Kyureghyan was UWM's founding director of the Consortium for Advanced Research in General Industries. Additionally, she founded and directed several interdisciplinary research laboratories while earning rank of full professor and receiving tenure. Funding for her research has been provided by federal agencies such as the Department of Labor, National Science Foundation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Defense; and numerous industry partners.

She has authored over 180 peer-reviewed publications and presentations in the areas of ergonomics and occupational biomechanics; delivered a dozen keynote addresses nationally and internationally; and served on editorial boards of several major international journals.

She earned her doctorate in biomechanics from The Ohio State University.

Welcome Dr. Karen L. Ryan

Karen L. Ryan will join Merrimack College as the dean of its School of Liberal Arts. She begins July 1.

“After a nationwide, inclusive and collaborative search process, Merrimack College has chosen Karen Ryan to shepherd our School of Liberal Arts into what promises to be a very bright future,” said Provost Allan Weatherwax. “Her record of program development, experience in building relationships within and across schools, and fierce devotion to liberal arts education will serve Merrimack extraordinarily well.”

Ryan, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Stetson University, is a professor of Slavic languages and literature. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Michigan and a B.A. from Cornell University, and before Stetson, taught at the University of Virginia, Iowa State University and Williams College.

President Christopher Hopey said Ryan will continue to build Merrimack’s record of momentum and success. “Dr. Ryan has the brilliance, creativity and perseverance to create boundless opportunities for our students and faculty in the liberal arts, and we are pleased she has chosen to join us on our trajectory.”

As dean at Stetson, Ryan oversaw recruitment of 50 faculty members over five years and created several graduate and undergraduate programs, ultimately overseeing 19 departments and six interdisciplinary programs. She created and stewarded external partnerships for experiential education placements, and championed cross-college relationships with her counterparts in business and music.

“I’m delighted to join the Merrimack College community at this pivotal moment, as the college is building on its strong foundation of excellence and planning growth and innovation,” she said. “I look forward to supporting and leading the School of Liberal Arts and collaborating with my new colleagues at Merrimack.”

Graduate Open House

Wednesday, June 12

6:00-08:00 PM

Arcidi Center

Our Graduate Open House is a great opportunity to talk directly with a program director and learn more about our career-focused curriculum, field experience, and faculty. Our admission and financial aid counselors will also be there to answer any questions you may have about the application process, scholarships, and more.

Interested in Online or Hybrid Teaching?

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is your one-stop-shop for online and hybrid course design. The CETL is ready to help with new course development or to re-design an activity, assignment, or assessment for a digital learning environment. All Merrimack instructors are invited to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting or to stop by our office in Sullivan Hall this summer. Please contact cetl@merrimack.edu or visit our [Resource Page](#) for additional information.

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!

Other Events this Week

June 11th

Create Your Impact: Women's Forum

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Arcidi Center, Conference Room A

Join us for an exciting one-day forum focusing on women's personal and professional development at Merrimack College. The day is designed to allow participants to attend one or more sessions based on their interests and schedules. Make a date to invest in yourself!

June 14th

Last day for conversion of "N" grades for Spring 2019

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June 14th

Massachusetts Prison Education Consortium

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Executive Room, Crowe Hall

Merrimack will host a meeting of the Massachusetts Prison Education Consortium on Friday June 14th. Funded by the Vera Institute of Justice, MPEC brings together Massachusetts

colleges and universities, The Department of Corrections, and community organizations to plan and streamline higher education in Massachusetts prisons and jails.

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