



PROVOST BRIEFING

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

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- Last day to withdraw with a "W" from Summer Session 3, July 15

Academic Highlights & Kudos

Science Inspires Sculptor to Challenge Sense of Space and Expectations: “Visual and performing arts assistant professor Jonathan Latiano is an installation sculptor who works in big, bold ideas that are so complex he’s hired students as studio assistants using a [Provost Innovation Grant](#) through the [SCURCA Program](#) to help him this summer.” [LEARN MORE](#)

Academics and Service: “Austin Scholars is one of the many living learning communities that Merrimack offer our students that combines academics and service. Hear from Sister Jeanne and two current Austin Scholars about their mission to serve those in need in the surrounding communities.” [LEARN MORE](#)

Prison Courses to Reduce Re-Offending: “Merrimack College recently hosted a meeting of schools studying ways to provide college-level courses to inmates as a means of keeping them from reoffending after their release. Associate professor of criminology Brittnie Aiello and assistant professor of English Emma Duffy-Comparone, assisted by students, have been teaching inmates at Middleton House of Correction since fall 2016.” [LEARN MORE](#)

Now Taking Faculty Regalia Requests

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2019 Academic Convocation, please let us know by clicking on the request linked below:

[Faculty Regalia Request](#)

Please submit your request by **August 15, 2019**.

Interested in Online or Hybrid Teaching?

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) 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.

Catholic Relief Services' University Engagement

The Office of Mission and Ministry would like to bring to your attention that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has partnered with Colleges and Universities to engage students, faculty, and staff in tangible acts of solidarity to build a more just and peaceful world. CRS develops online academic reading material and hosts opportunities for classroom interaction with CRS' global staff. If you are interested in or planning to incorporate awareness of social justice issues into your teaching courses, The CRS Faculty Learning Commons (FLC) provides many resources. There are numerous modules to access case studies, articles, videos, discussion questions, and more, which can be easily integrated into classroom teaching or referenced for your own learning and interest. Use this link to review and/or download these materials [CRS-U Faculty Learning Commons](#).

Other Events this Week

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