



PROVOST BRIEFING

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

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- National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant
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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 submitting your request: [Faculty Regalia 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.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant Awarded to Merrimack College

Merrimack has been awarded a National Historical Publications & Records Commission grant from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board. The "Roving Archivist Program" connects a professional archivist with holders of historical records. Merrimack has been awarded a Strategic Assessment and Program Review grant. A site visit and consultation will result in a report of recommendations and a list of resources customized to our institution from the Massachusetts Roving Archivist.

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](#).

Hands to Help Back to School Backpack Drive

Back to school season can be a financially taxing time for families in the Lawrence community. We welcome faculty, staff, alumni, and students to join Hands to Help in their efforts collecting school supplies for those in need. Your contributions can provide a child with a promising future. School supplies or monetary donations can be delivered to Suite 340 on the 3rd Floor of the

Sakowich Campus Center. Please contact Rosana Urbaez at 978-258-1632 or 978-837-3481 for more information.

Other Events this Week

July 29th

Last day to convert to Pass/Fail for Summer Session 2

Last day to withdraw with a “W” from Summer Session 2

Future Events

Balik Kampung: A Village Return

Opens: August 16 | Closes: September 27

Reception: 4:00 - 6:00 PM, August 16

Thagaste Gallery, Rogers Center for the Arts

Join us in exploring the life-long, cross-cultural, love affair between Andover resident and Merrimack College alumna, Emily Kearns, and her Malaysian host family, with whom she lived for one year as an American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange student in 1977.

Their special relationship is brought to life through photos, film, collage, and storytelling. The installation celebrates the power of cross-cultural experience to impact our lives and generations to come. It invites and incites us to consider and remember the universality of our human experience.

Opening of the 2019-20 Academic Year

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Mass of the Holy Spirit

4:15 PM

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

Community Barbeque

Immediately following Mass of the Holy Spirit

Location: O'Brien Plaza

Thursday, September 5, 2019

All classes will be dismissed at 3:30 PM

Academic Convocation

4:00 PM

Location: Hammel Court

Please request your regalia rentals now: [Faculty Regalia Request](#)

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