

# PROVOST BRIEFING

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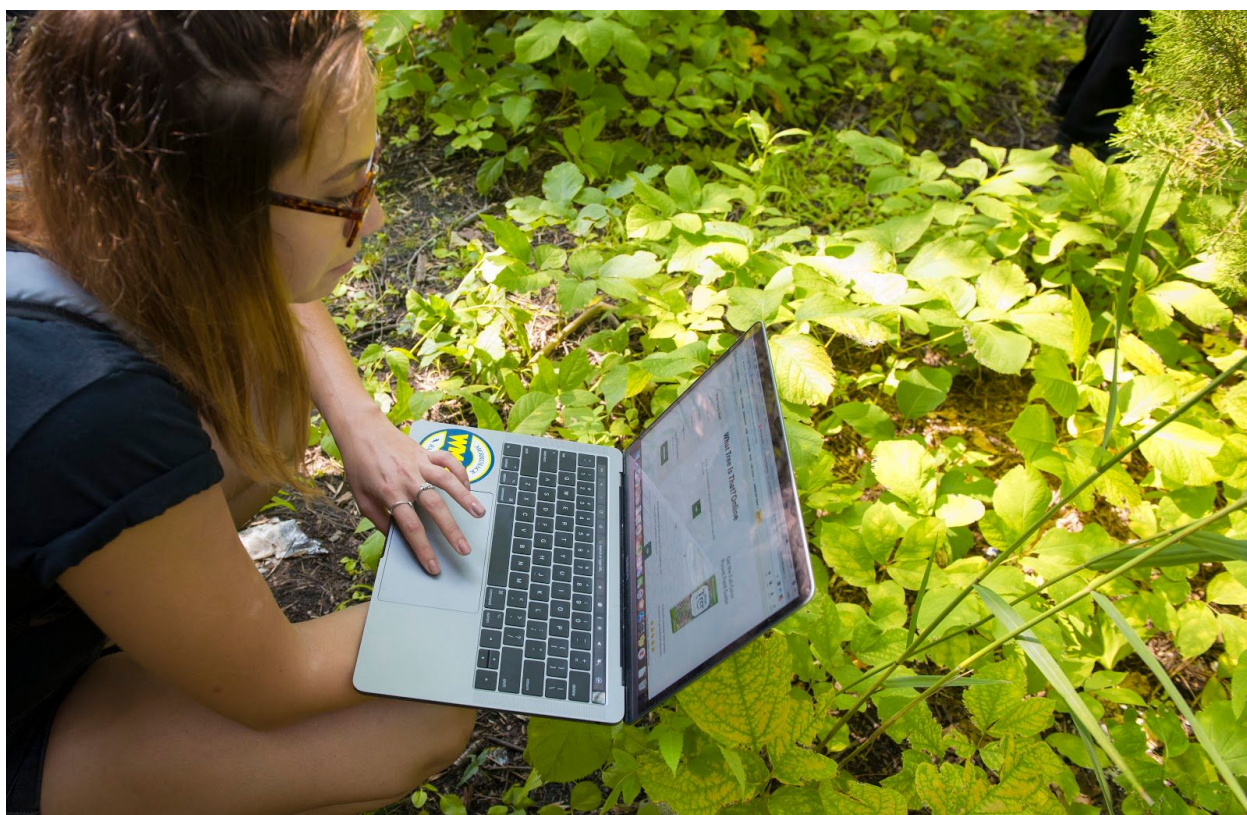


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***Here are some of this week's top stories and a look ahead.***

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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**.

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## Academic Success Coaching Unconference

Wednesday, August 21

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Academic Success Center, McQuade Library

The Academic Support & Advising Office in the Academic Success Center is hosting an *Academic Success Coaching Unconference*. Colleagues from neighboring institutions and Merrimack will join in a largely informal exchange of ideas and best practices on academic success coaching. We hope participants leave the "Unconference" energized with new strategies and resources for the upcoming academic year. Please contact Kristy Forrest at [forrestk@merrimack.edu](mailto:forrestk@merrimack.edu) for more information.

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## 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](mailto:cetl@merrimack.edu) or visit our [Resource Page](#) for additional information.

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## 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](#).

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## Future Events

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### Balik Kampung: A Village Return

Opens: August 16 | Closes: September 27

Reception: 4:00 PM - 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.

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## **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, Merrimack Athletic Complex**

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

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## **Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising Meetings**

**Tuesday, September 10**

**4:00 PM**

The Academic Success Center has organized our annual "Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising Meeting", which takes place on the second Tuesday of the semester during the free block. The primary goal is to give first-year students an opportunity to meet their primary advisor earlier. Faculty who have first-year student advisees will meet with a group of their advisees. The meeting will take place in the faculty office - if the group is small enough - or in a classroom. For more information on how this serves as an opportunity for advisors, visit the Second Tuesday First-Year Student Advising page.

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