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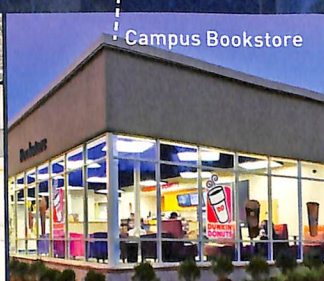
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Creating Merrimack's *Agenda for Distinction*, our bold ten-year strategic plan, was a pivotal first step in developing a more dynamic, vibrant institution for alumni, current, and future generations of Merrimack students. Putting "Distinction in Action," as I call it, is our current imperative. And this fall, we celebrated the first phase of our efforts to strengthen the College, including the completion of a number of transformative campus construction projects, the hiring of new faculty, and the launch of innovative academic programs.

This magazine focuses on both the betterment of Merrimack and the work our alumni and students are doing to better the world. In these pages, you will read about members of our community for whom giving back is fundamental to their lives. Meet Josh Carroll '05 who served our country as an officer in the United States Air Force and is now a social entrepreneur dedicated to forging sustainable world peace. Read about Bob McCusker '68 who today, and for the past forty-five years, enriches the experience of Merrimack students with his time and financial resources. And meet Sydney Corcoran, Boston Marathon bombing victim and Merrimack freshman who inspires others with her amazing attitude and incredible resilience.

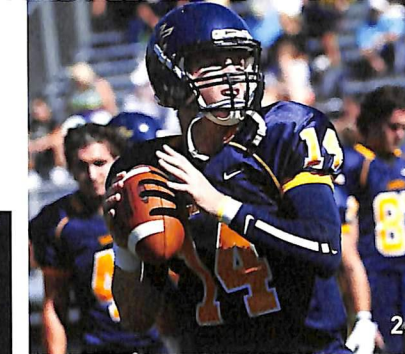
It is clear to me that we are dedicated to making the world a better place. Our alumni, students, faculty, and leaders demonstrate this through incredible acts of kindness, selflessness, and generosity every day. This focus on betterment perfectly illustrates Merrimack's ascension, both as a College and as a community.

I invite you to step back on campus, get involved in the College, and be part of our exciting journey forward. Distinction in Action is a collective pursuit.

Sincerely,

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.
President

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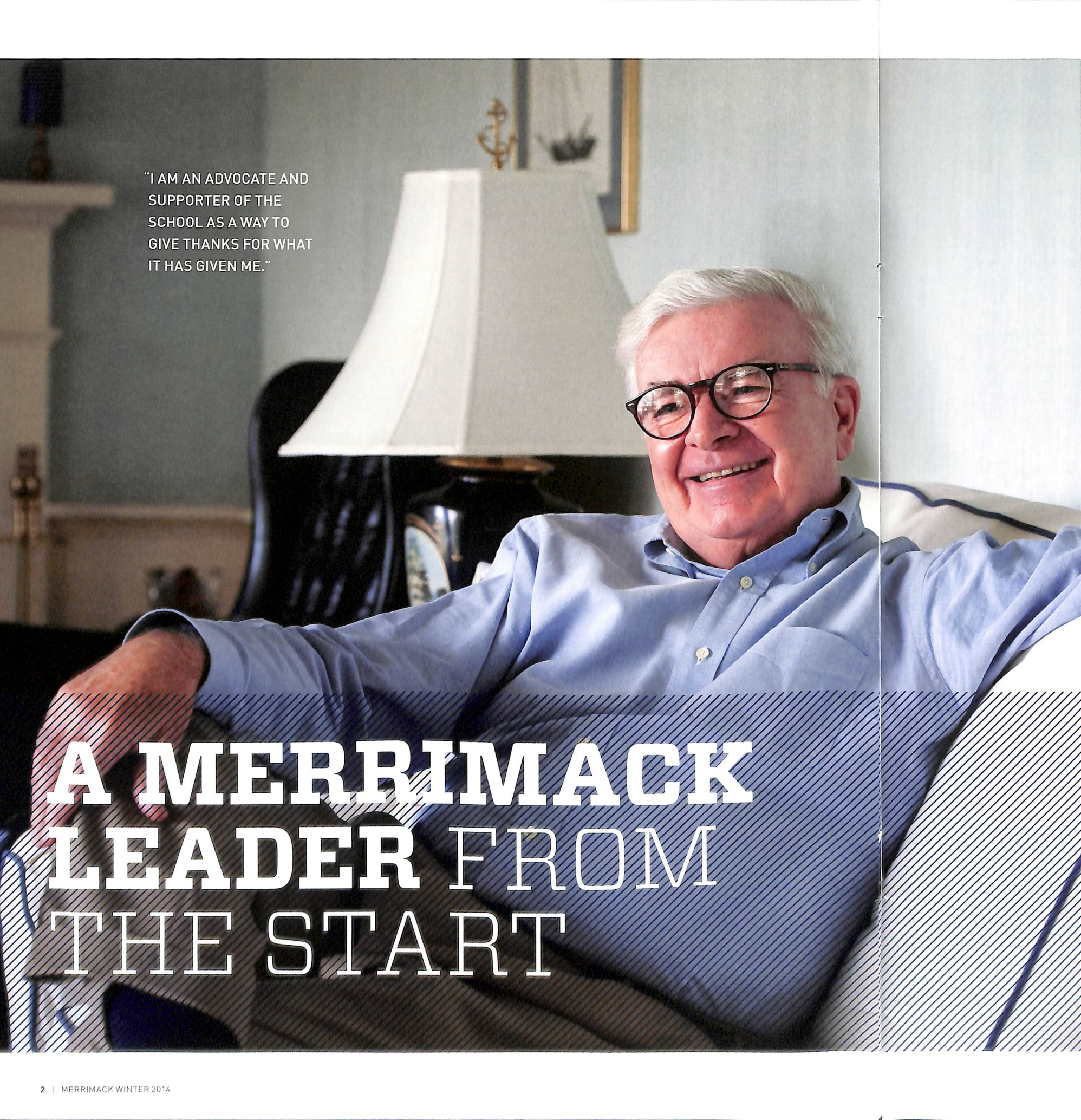
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"I AM AN ADVOCATE AND
SUPPORTER OF THE
SCHOOL AS A WAY TO
GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT
IT HAS GIVEN ME."

A MERRIMACK LEADER FROM THE START

Bob McCusker '68

If any man embodies the proverb, "Charity begins at home," it is Bob McCusker '68. From the year he graduated from Merrimack—the school that "always makes me feel at home"—through the present, Bob has consistently given back to the college that helped launch his successful career.

Business Savvy from the Start

Bob majored in business, with a specialty in finance. From the start, Bob was active in school government, moving up the ranks from class treasurer to vice-president and president during his senior year. He was the president of the Business Club, on the yearbook staff, and a Phi Kappa Theta fraternity brother. "My friends used to tease me that I was always in meetings," explains Bob of his busy extracurricular life on campus.

After graduation, Bob took a job at Gillette, the company he worked for in the summers preceding his junior and senior years. Right away, he took part in an 18-month financial management development program where he gained valuable exposure to different business functions from finance to manufacturing. Over the next thirty years, Bob held various financial positions at Gillette, worked in sales and marketing, and spent the last 17 years living overseas, working in general management. His roles took him to Australia, Thailand,



"MERRIMACK'S STRONG AUGUSTINIAN TRADITIONS DEVELOP STUDENTS' CHARACTER FOR LIFE. IT IS AN HONOR TO PERPETUATE OUR SCHOOL'S VALUES."

While there are many worthy options for Bob's time and resources, he chooses Merrimack because of the school's value to society and his belief that his investments net very powerful returns. Bob explains his philanthropic focus: "I have huge respect for the school's Augustinian traditions that bind me to this community." Specifically, he values the school's longstanding support for first-generation college students as well as students of different ethnic backgrounds. He also admires the tradition of volunteerism, and has been impressed by students' recent community service initiatives. Recognizing that tuition does not sufficiently cover total student expenses, and acknowledging the need to strengthen the school's endowment, Bob gives generously of his money, as well as his time.

Aspirations for his Alma Mater

Expressing his profound admiration for Merrimack, Bob explained his hope for the school: more academic programs, greater national recognition of the school's academic excellence, and more alumni engagement. Having recently attended Merrimack's Distinction in Action block party, Bob experienced firsthand the energy and excitement that permeates the campus. Noting the school's many physical changes and improvements, Bob encouraged fellow alumni to return to North Andover to see what's changed and to get involved. "It is our responsibility as graduates to give back and help current students, just as our predecessors gave back to help us." ■

China, Pakistan, India, and Poland. In his last position as an Area Vice President based in London, Bob was responsible for the oral-care business in Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and the Indian subcontinent. Bob describes himself as, "the guy who went in to set up new businesses in developing countries."

True to the Gold, White, and Navy Blue

Fortunately for Merrimack, Bob's energy isn't contained to the business world. He participated in Merrimack's Alumni Council from 1968 until he relocated to Australia in 1981, the last couple years of his tenure as council president. In recognition of his commitment and contribution to the college, he was honored with the Alumnus of the Year Award in 1978.

Upon his return from his expatriate posts, Bob served on the Merrimack Board of Trustees from 2004 until 2010. Currently, Bob funds the Merrimack College Speaker Series, bringing luminaries in the fields of leadership, education, creativity, publishing, and business to campus to share their inspirational stories.

"IN RECENT YEARS, I HAVE CHOSEN TO FUND SOMETHING TANGIBLE THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE STUDENTS AND THE FACULTY." Bob McCusker

The Merrimack College Speaker Series is made possible through the generosity of AT&T and Bob McCusker. On April 15, the Speaker series is welcoming Jon Favreau to campus. From 2009 through early 2013, Favreau served as the director of Speechwriting for President Barack Obama, a role he also played for the President during the 2008 presidential campaign. Favreau is the co-founder of Fenway Strategies where he has consulted and written speeches for several celebrities, Fortune 500 CEOs, and nonprofit leaders. He is also a columnist for *The Daily Beast*.



PROFILE

Kevin Routhier '99

Sharing Entrepreneurial Success

Entrepreneur and Coretelligent CEO Kevin Routhier '99 began his journey to hard-earned success at Merrimack College, where he took part in a co-op for PictureTel Corporation (now a subsidiary of Polycom). "I started my co-op job," said Kevin. "And after a few weeks, they offered me the opportunity to work full time, while accommodating my class schedule." Kevin seized the opportunity. While taking a full undergraduate course load, he worked full time to close the gap between his academic scholarship and the cost of tuition and room and board.

In spite of his professional and academic obligations, Kevin still found time for service. He held multiple officer positions in his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and was named Greek Man of the Year in 1998, due in large part to his philanthropic and civic leadership.

Now 14 years later, hard work and giving back are still part of Kevin's core values and have carried him to great success.

Hard-Earned Accolades

Concurrent with his degree in Finance from Merrimack College, Kevin graduated with a management position at his co-op company. "The co-op program created a very clear roadmap early on in my career and helped accelerate my personal growth and professional path," said Kevin. "I give a lot of credit to the co-op program."

"PERSISTENCE, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC ARE REALLY ALL THE CAPITAL YOU NEED TO START DOWN THE PATH TO ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS."

After creating the IT infrastructure at a few Internet start-ups and working for IBM during the technology boom, Kevin boldly ventured to launch his own company—Coretelligent—in 2006. Coretelligent provides private cloud and managed IT services, such as enterprise monitoring, onsite and remote IT support, strategic planning and infrastructure design, along with fully managed cloud hosting solutions. With offices in Boston, New York City, and Mountain View, CA, Coretelligent was recognized in 2012 and 2013 by *Inc. Magazine* as one of the 5,000 fastest-growing companies in America and one of the top 100 in Massachusetts. In addition, *Lead411* named Coretelligent to the 2013 Technology 200 list of fastest-growing privately held technology companies in the United States.



"OUR FOCUS ON CARING FOR PEOPLE IS OUR GREATEST ASSET. IT HELPS MAKE CORETELLIGENT A FIRM YOU WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH, WHETHER AS AN EMPLOYEE OR AS A CLIENT."

Kevin has also earned personal recognition. *The Boston Business Journal* named him as one of the "40 Under 40 Emerging Leaders," a select group of business and civic leaders whose professional and community accomplishments improve the greater Boston region.

Supporting Customers, Community, and Family

The father of four daughters with his wife, Tracy Delsignore Routhier '99, Kevin's philanthropic focus, not surprisingly, is on children. His firm provides pro bono IT services to Blessed Sacrament in Walpole and to the Pine Croft School in Rehoboth.

Kevin also sits on the board of overseers of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay. He and his firm donate time, money, and energy to advancing the mission of this 60-year-old non-profit mentoring organization that matches adult volunteers with disadvantaged children in need of role models. Along with fellow Coretelligent employees, Kevin also supports Rebuilding Together Boston, a non-profit that renovates the houses of people unable to pay for essential home repairs. When asked about the benefits of doing well by doing good, he replied, "Our focus on caring for people is our greatest asset. It helps make Coretelligent a firm you want to be associated with, whether as an employee or as a client."

Encouraging Future Entrepreneurs

Kevin serves as an example to aspiring entrepreneurs. When asked for his advice to prospective and recent Merrimack graduates, he offered the following: "I think the answer is this: when you identify an opportunity, seize it. Don't fear or be discouraged by failure or skeptics. Persistence, self-confidence, and a strong work ethic are all the capital you need to start down the path of achieving your goals." ■

DISTINCTION IN ACTION

On September 19, the College community came together to celebrate "Distinction in Action," the culmination of the first phase of the College's strategic plan, the *Agenda For Distinction*.

The following pages illustrate just some of the new programs, traditions, facilities, partners, and people who have collectively altered the trajectory of the College.

These are exciting times for the College, and the best is still yet to come.

TODAY, WE ARE:

3,032 UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS

IN JUST FOUR YEARS:

250%

GROWTH IN GRADUATE STUDENTS





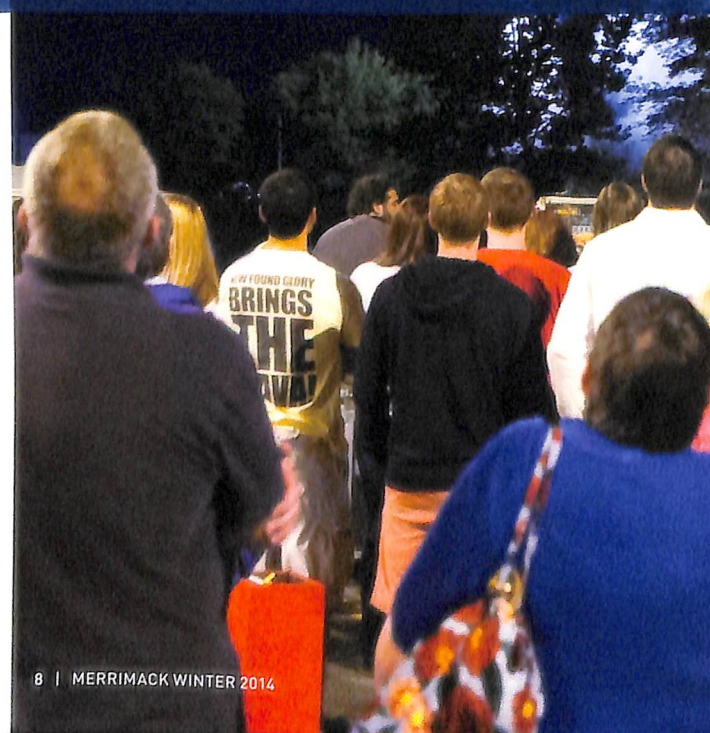
FROM 2010 TO 2014:

61% increase
IN UNDERGRAD APPLICATIONS

66% larger
INCOMING FRESHMAN CLASS

CREATING CAREER-READY GRADUATES:

93% OF THE GRADUATING CLASS WERE
EMPLOYED OR IN GRADUATE SCHOOL
WITHIN NINE MONTHS OF GRADUATION



EXPANDING ATHLETICS:

25% increase
in student athlete
population in
past three years

31
ALL-AMERICANS
Since 2010-2011 Season

**5 conference
champs**
last year (the most
since 1999!)

6 NEW WOMEN'S SPORTS:
CREW, GOLF, HOCKEY, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR
TRACK, SWIMMING

2 NEW MEN'S SPORTS:
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK



The Gallant family unveils the new sign in the Gallant Arena

REALIZING OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

Distinction in Action is the fulfillment of Merrimack’s strategic goals as laid out in the *Agenda for Distinction*. It is the elevation of our academic, athletic, and career-preparatory programs. It is the growth of our institution, and it is the result of our entire community coming together to achieve our common vision.

Together, we are transitioning Merrimack from an institution of promise to one of achievement. Here are just a few examples of how we are putting distinction into action by realizing our strategic goals:

- **Creating a modern academic enterprise** with investments in faculty, STEM, fellowship programs, honors programs, Writers House, Markets Lab, new Master’s programs, and several new undergraduate programs and majors.
- **Enhancing the student experience** with new communal spaces and residences, expanded corporate partnerships, the O’Brien Center for Student Success, enhanced co-op and internship programs, new sports and athletic facilities, and a revitalized Augie’s pub.
- **Developing a contemporary Catholic mission** through renewed traditions such as Mack Gives Back and Baccalaureate Mass; more than 30,000 hours of service each year; the Stevens Service Learning Center; and the hiring of Fr. Keith Hollis, OSA, to lead Campus Ministry.
- **Engaging our community** through greater focus on our growing alumni community, including more and better alumni events, stronger alumni engagement, bolstered fundraising efforts, and the unwavering support of our donors.
- **Achieving distinction** through impressive rankings from *Princeton Review*, *US News & World Report*, and *Forbes*; an unprecedented number of applications; the largest incoming class in our history; and a growing roster of distinguished faculty members. ■

The DiCroce Family Lobby dedication in the Merrimack Athletic Complex



ENHANCING OUR PHYSICAL CAMPUS:

169,000
square feet of new space
in the last four years



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
LIVING ON CAMPUS IN 2014:

1,861

NUMBER OF STUDENTS
LIVING ON CAMPUS IN 2010:

1,420

INVESTING IN THE COLLEGE: IN NEW PROGRAMS, NEW
FACULTY AND STAFF, AND
NEW FACILITIES
\$80M



Celebrating Frank Girard at the opening of the Bloomberg Markets Lab (pictured below) in the Academic Innovation Center.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Created the O'Brien Center for Student Success
- ✓ Built Residential Village with 350 beds
- ✓ Expanded Health Sciences offerings and spaces
- ✓ Developed new academic spaces
 - Markets Lab
 - Writers House
 - Teaching and Learning Center
 - Updated classrooms and labs
- ✓ Grew athletics programming and offerings
- ✓ Enhanced athletic spaces
 - Gallant Arena
 - New locker rooms
 - State-of-the-art weight room
 - Hammel Court
 - Updated Volpe Rink
- ✓ Invested in faculty with 30 new faculty members
- ✓ Increased financial aid to students by 54%
- ✓ Re-established traditions
 - Opening Mass
 - Mack Gives Back
- ✓ Re-engaged alumni
 - Homecoming
 - Alumni Christmas Party
 - Reunion
- ✓ Offered new graduate programs
- ✓ Enhanced student experiences
- ✓ Created new student spaces
 - Library first floor
 - Crowe Family Commons
 - Augie's Pub
 - Enhanced fitness center
 - Dunkin' Donuts
 - Campus bookstore
- ✓ Enrolled largest incoming freshman class to date

KATHLEEN TIEMANN, PH.D.
New Dean
of the School of Liberal Arts

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FULL-TIME FACULTY

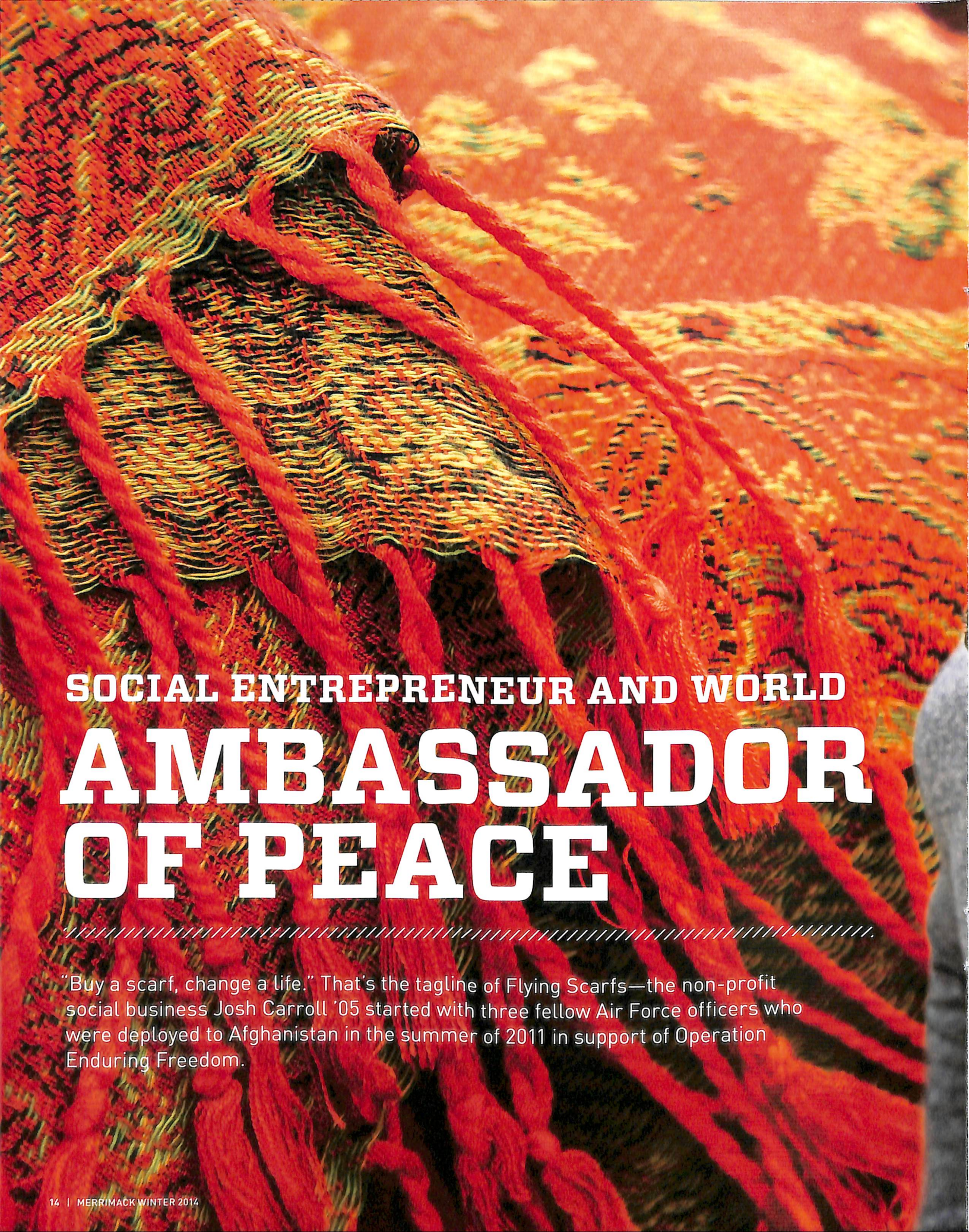
MARK CORDANO, PH.D.
New Dean
of the Girard School of Business

8 NEW UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS:
Environmental Studies and Sustainability, Human Development, Information Technology, International Studies, Mechanical Engineering, Social Justice, STEM, Theater Arts

2 NEW GRADUATE DEGREES:
Engineering, Management



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SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR AND WORLD AMBASSADOR OF PEACE

“Buy a scarf, change a life.” That’s the tagline of Flying Scarfs—the non-profit social business Josh Carroll ’05 started with three fellow Air Force officers who were deployed to Afghanistan in the summer of 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



During his seven months of service in Afghanistan, Josh realized that “enduring freedom” required more than military presence and foreign aid. Specifically, he saw job creation as a crucial component of sustainable peace and prosperity in Afghanistan. Determined to jumpstart positive change from the bottom up, Josh searched for a way to employ Afghan women because women typically re-invest earned income in their communities through education and health care.

Peace Trade

While walking through a bazaar in the Bagram Air Base, Josh and his comrades came upon beautiful scarves handcrafted by women from villages scattered throughout the Parwan Province. Many of the artisans had lost their husbands to the Taliban and were raising their children as single parents; some had been mutilated by improvised explosive devices and land mines. That’s when the idea for Flying Scarfs crystallized. “Afghan widows are among the most marginalized people in the world. I wanted to help empower these women with an income so they could provide for their families and gain the dignity that goes along with self-sufficiency. I can’t make scarves, but I can help Afghan women access a global marketplace,” explains Josh of the micro-business he launched with his Air Force friends. They funded the start-up of Flying Scarfs with their own money. Now, the non-profit

is self-sustaining, operating without investors or dependence on charitable donations.

Josh's social enterprise that empowers women artisans in Afghanistan has become an organization with a worldwide mission to uncover similar situations in other underdeveloped countries. Today, Flying Scarfs partners with women from Haiti, Kenya, and Afghanistan to sell their hand-woven, embroidered, and beaded scarves and colorful, hand-stitched messenger bags. The non-profit markets its handicrafts through its website flyingscarfs.com and wholesale to fair-trade boutiques. While Josh does not receive any financial compensation for his work with Flying Scarfs, he does receive well-deserved recognition. He received the Presidential Service Award, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Military Volunteer Service Medal for his contributions to microeconomic development in Afghanistan.

A Voice for Veterans

In addition to advocating for women living in developing countries, Josh also advocates for U.S. military veterans. He is a member of the Iraq and Afghanistan

"WE ARE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS DEDICATED TO MAKING A PEACEFUL PLANET WHERE IDEAS FLOURISH AND PEOPLE THRIVE. OUR MISSION IS TO HELP PEOPLE IN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THROUGH ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, THEREBY ENDING POVERTY. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN MAKE OUR GOALS THE NEW REALITY."

Veterans of America (IAVA) and the co-editor for the Millennial Veteran Project (MVP). The IAVA raises awareness and lobbies for supportive government policy regarding the health, education, and employment of veterans and their families; the MVP provides veterans with a venue to express their perspectives on policies affecting veterans. In a 2013 MVP blog post titled "Empowerment," Josh expresses his view of the similarities between veterans and entrepreneurs to rally comrades to pursue a new type of service:

"Despite the uncertainty and inherent ambiguities of warfare, the veteran-entrepreneur sets out and makes his own path, using a scarcity of resources and forward thinking. In this way, these two groups could not be any more similar. Social entrepreneurship is not a spectator sport. Our wealth is not measured in

dollars but rather by the impact we can have in a community."

When not focused on MVP, IAVA, or Flying Scarfs priorities, Josh is busy studying law as a first-year law student at the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. Somehow, he also finds time to train for marathons, triathlons, and Ironman competitions, competing in memory of U.S. Air Force Officer Roslyn Littman Schulte, killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Josh considers her "the best officer I ever met, a natural leader and a great friend," and pursues his peace trade to ensure she did not die in vain. Judging from Josh's accomplishments and accolades, he is not only successfully honoring First Lieutenant Schulte, but all soldiers who have served our country. ■

Merrimack Beginnings

Josh was a freshman studying at Merrimack on September 11, 2001, and from that pivotal day forward, decided he wanted to find a way to help forge global security. A year later, when Josh saw his sophomore-year hall mate, Travis McGarry '05, come out of his room dressed in his Air Force ROTC uniform, he found his answer to how he could serve his country and the world, and joined ROTC himself. A political science major, Josh credits professors Curtis Martin, He Li, and Mary McHugh for broadening his perspective to think globally and launching him on his social entrepreneur path.



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Scholarships and financial aid
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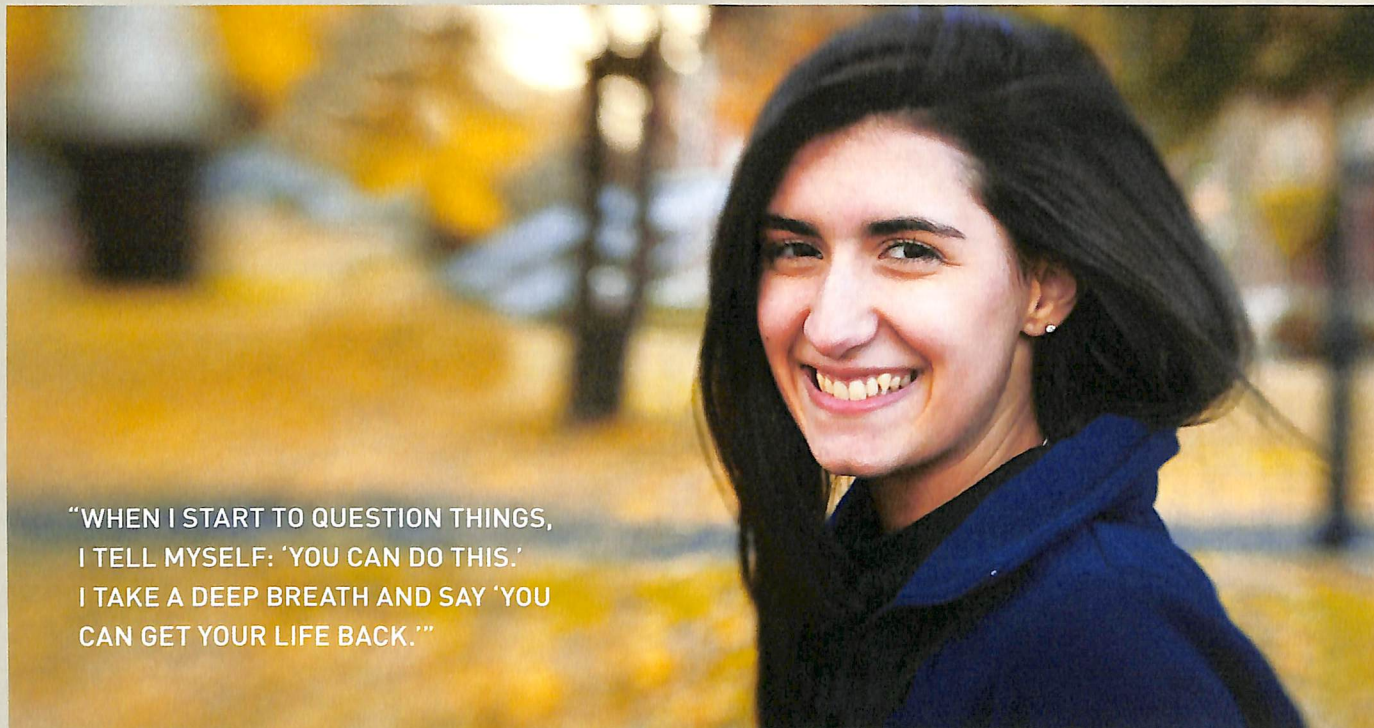
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Sydney Corcoran Inspires Others



"WHEN I START TO QUESTION THINGS, I TELL MYSELF: 'YOU CAN DO THIS.' I TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND SAY 'YOU CAN GET YOUR LIFE BACK.'"

Just five months after the Boston Marathon bombing, Sydney Corcoran stepped on to the Merrimack College campus as a freshman student. "Attending school is a huge step for me. There have been moments where I've questioned whether I was ready for this transition to college. But I decided that I need to move forward."

Sydney and her mother Celeste were badly injured in the bombings. Her mother lost both of her legs, and Sydney suffered deep arterial injuries and severely injured her legs and foot. For Sydney, the bombing attack was another blow after recovering from a serious car accident in 2010 that left her with a brain hemorrhage and fractured skull. Despite the fact that she's facing another surgery and continuing to deal with ongoing nerve pain in her right leg, Sydney says she "feels good."

When asked about the transition to a college environment, Sydney remarked, "College is so different from high school, but Merrimack offers tremendous resources and support. At first I was reluctant to meet new people, but I'm starting to make new friends and we're talking about forming a study group. I'm excited to become part of a community."

Sydney is majoring in psychology with hopes of going on to become an occupational therapist. "I want to be an occupational therapist because when I was in the hospital and rehab, although the nurses and therapists were there for me, they couldn't truly understand what I'd gone through. As a result, they could only offer me so much. If I were to become an occupational therapist, I feel like I could help patients on a different level, both physically and mentally."

When asked what good has come from this tragedy, Sydney was quick to respond. "The community—absolutely. Boston has always been part of my life and I love the people. But after this happened, people really pulled together. People from all around the world reached out to send their well wishes. Things like that can really help and turn it around for you. It's great to know that you're not alone. People are behind you."

Sydney would like to inspire others by sharing her story with people who are facing difficult challenges. "To people who are struggling, I say, 'Appreciate that you're alive. You can do whatever you need to do. You can do it.'" ■

A Guide to Giving Your Time and Talents

Nearly every community has organizations that can use your help—whether it's donating your time, clothes, food, toys, or money. Here, Mary McHugh from the Stevens Service Learning Center provides a quick guide to volunteering your time and talents.

Before you volunteer:

- First decide what you feel the most comfortable doing and how much time you can devote to the cause.
- Remember: Organizations are grateful for any and all assistance, but their constituents are their main point of focus—not you.

If you want to serve, please:

1. Be clear about whether you want to do something specific (such as prepare or serve food) or if you are willing to assist wherever needed.
2. Contact the organization early. Most organizations staff for meals several weeks in advance.
3. Inquire about the time commitment. How early do you need to be at the site? How late are you expected to stay?

4. Ask about training. Some organizations like you to participate in an orientation prior to volunteering. You may be asked to complete an application and undergo a background check. This helps protect their clients and gives you a chance to visit the site before you jump into an activity.

If you want to donate (food, clothes, toys), please:

1. Check the organization's website. There, you can often find a list of needs. Typically, soup kitchens are looking for non-perishable goods. If you're donating clothing, it should be new or close to new; toys and gifts must be age-specific.
2. Be sure to adhere to an organization's requests. Remember, they are trying to fill specific needs for their clients.
3. Make note of the deadlines for dropping off donations.

Volunteer Organizations

Merrimack-affiliated organizations looking for volunteers:

Lazarus House Ministries, Lawrence, MA
www.lazarushouse.org/
978-689-8575

Emmaus, Inc., Haverhill, MA
www.emmausinc.org
978-241-3400

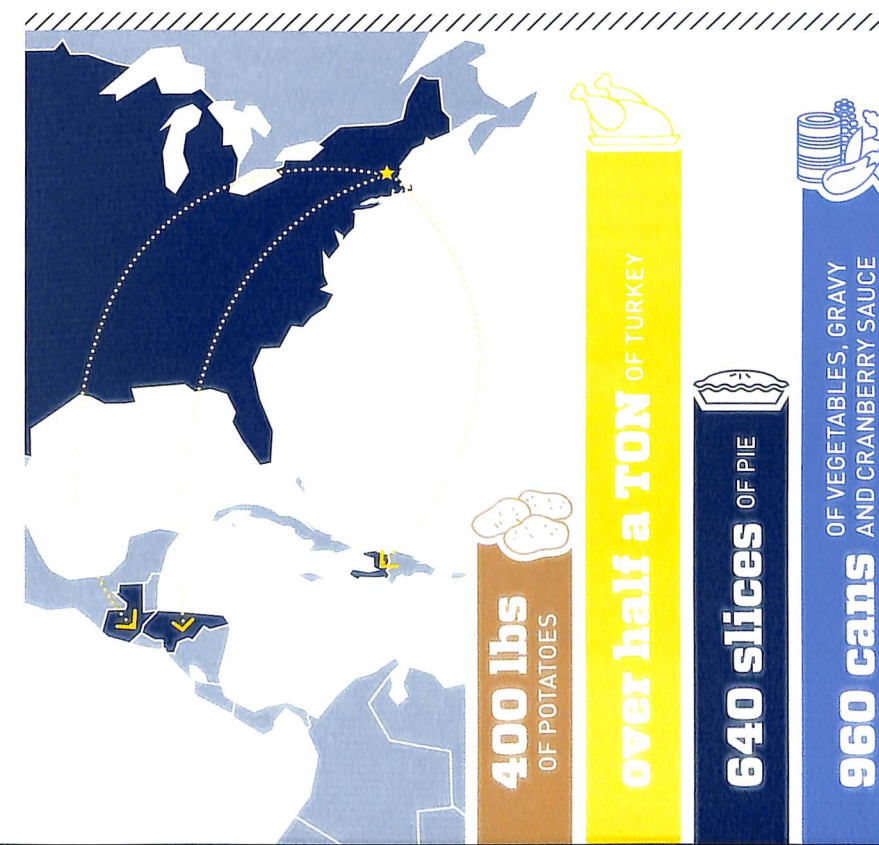
Bread & Roses, Lawrence, MA
www.breadandroseslawrence.org
978-681-8768

Cor Unum, Lawrence, MA
www.corunummealcenter.org
978-688-8900

The Lawrence Boys & Girls Club, Lawrence, MA
www.lawrencebgc.com
978-683-2747

Neighbors in Need
www.needfood.org
978-685-8321

BY THE NUMBERS



Merrimack College's Annual Thanksgiving Drive

400 lbs of potatoes. Over a half a ton of turkey. 640 slices of pie. 960 cans of vegetables, gravy and cranberry sauce. Eighty families from Haiti, Honduras, and Guatemala enjoyed a full Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings!

Student Organization Leader Helps Fight Cancer

Bridget Nora Gilroy '14 works tirelessly raising funds for cancer research. She is the president of Merrimack's Live 2 Give, the student group that runs American Cancer Society's (ACS) Relay For Life. She is also a member of the ACS New England Campus Advisory Team that helps local groups organize and host the Relay for Life. The fight against cancer is near to Bridget's heart. Her dad passed away from brain cancer just days before her fifth birthday. "It is wonderful to see Merrimack coming together to conquer cancer. You learn so much about the lives of other members in the community while having a great time and raising money for an amazing cause," comments Bridget about the dual benefits of supporting cancer research.



Merrimack Baseball Going to Bat for Others

A little rain didn't dampen the energy of the Merrimack College baseball team as they cheered on the women, men, and children participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 6, 2013. The Warrior coaches and players gave high fives, clapped, sang, and jumped up and down as they encouraged walkers who made their way along the soggy route.

Head Coach Jim Martin expressed his pride in the team's eagerness to support a great cause, stating, "We saw the emotions of the breast cancer survivors, including those who were crying due to our chants and support for them. Our players gained an important understanding of the positive impact of caring for others and of all that we have to be appreciative for in our lives."

Martin's baseball team is no stranger to community service. In fact, last year, the men were honored with the Merrimack College Athletic Department's Community Service Award. As part of the School's MerrimAction effort, the team ran a 5K to raise funds for earthquake victims in Haiti, cleaned up cemeteries over Veteran's Day weekend, and walked to raise awareness for Muscular Dystrophy.

Murphy Faculty Conference Room Re-Dedicated

When Irish-American short story writer and novelist Mary Lavin was interviewed by English Professor Catherine (Kate) A. Murphy's students in 1967, little could they have known how important their exchange would become to scholars of Lavin's work.

Those who gathered in Sullivan Hall on October 11, 2013, for the memorial re-dedication of the Catherine A. Murphy Faculty Conference Room learned of the importance of "Mary Lavin: An Interview," which was published in 1979 in a special Lavin issue of the Irish Literary Review. Guest speaker Dr. Maureen O'Rourke Murphy, an internationally acclaimed Irish Studies scholar who teaches at Hofstra University, and Kate's sister-in-law, told the audience that the "Merrimack interview" as it is known, records one of the few times when Lavin spoke about her craft. Lavin's image of "an arrow in flight" to explain her imaginative process has become central to an understanding of Lavin's work, according to O'Rourke Murphy, whose presentation also gave the audience a delightful sense of Kate as coach of Merrimack's winning College Bowl team, fiction writer, teacher, and lover of people and Border Terriers.

For the re-dedication ceremony, O'Rourke Murphy provided the original typescript of the taped interview. Kathryn Geoffrion Scannell, director of McQuade Library, accepted the typescript for inclusion in the library's collection. A copy of the typescript is included in the Lavin Archives at Trinity College, Dublin, where Kate received her Ph.D.

Looking over the audience, O'Rourke Murphy, in a tribute to Kate, read a passage written by Irish poet William Butler Yeats: "Think where man's glory most begins and ends./And say my glory was I had such friends."



Reverend Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A. Elected to Augustinian Curia in Rome

The Augustinians of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova recently announced that Reverend Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A., STD—better known as Fr. Joe when he was Director of Campus Ministry at Merrimack College—has been elected to the position of Vicar General and Assistant General for North America for the Order of Saint Augustine. As Vicar General, Fr. Joe will reside in Rome and serve on the General Council for the Order of Saint Augustine.

A native of Drexel Hill, PA, Fr. Joe graduated from Villanova University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1985, and entered the Province's Pre-Novitiate Program the same year. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991. His first assignment was at Saint Augustine Parish in Andover, MA, (1991–1994), followed by an appointment as chaplain at Monsignor Bonner High School, Drexel Hill, PA (1994–1996), and was then assigned as Campus Minister at Merrimack College (1996–2003).

In 2003, Fr. Joe went to Rome to pursue studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University where he received an STL in 2005 and the STD in 2007. He returned to the United States and was assigned to Saint Thomas Monastery as Director of Programming and Outreach in the Office for Mission Effectiveness at Villanova University, where he also taught. Fr. Joe most recently served as Associate Vice President for the Office of Mission and Ministry at Villanova and as Regent of Studies for the Province's Pre-Novitiate program, residing at Blessed Stephen Bellesini Friary in Ardmore, PA.

Merrimack College congratulates Fr. Joe and wishes him great success in all future endeavors.

Merrimack College Receives \$200,000 Davis Educational Foundation Grant

Merrimack College recently announced that it is the recipient of a Davis Educational Foundation Grant of \$200,000 to support its efforts in creating a modern academic enterprise that is grounded in teaching, learning, and scholarship. The grant will help the College to establish the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL).

The creation of the CETL is part of the College's 10-year strategic plan, the Agenda for Distinction, which outlines the College's mission to become a highly ranked, internationally respected, selective Master's comprehensive Catholic college. Through programming and workshops, the CETL seeks to strengthen professors' teaching and research as well as their understanding of diversity and faith integration.

These goals will be accomplished through different strategies used by the CETL—one of which is a Teaching Fellows program. This one-year fellowship is designed to improve the teaching and classroom skills of newly-minted Ph.D.s and faculty hires by working with a Master Teacher drawn from the ranks of established college faculty. Other programs that enable our faculty to grow and develop further include a workshop series, programming on pedagogy, and a Teaching Circles program. With the CETL, our faculty will learn different teaching strategies, new technologies, assessment practices, and their students will see improvements in their overall learning.

Marketing Students Put Ideas into Action for Local Businesses

As Assistant Professor of Marketing Maria Sannella knows, providing her students a chance to put their classroom concepts into practice in a real-world setting is invaluable.

To give them this opportunity, she sought out local companies in need of marketing assistance. "Usually we do projects based on case studies, rather than actual clients," says Sannella.

Working with the local planning department, Sannella identified several "client" businesses. She divided the class into small groups of two to four students. Each mini-consultancy was matched with a client, which included a cupcake cafe, tutoring and test preparation company, law firm, bank, nonprofit organization, fitness club, design firm, and pet care business. Merrimack students conducted initial interviews to uncover what their new clients hoped to gain from the engagement. Next, each group went to work crafting a custom marketing plan and branding collateral. Finally, they developed and delivered an oral presentation and provided a marketing plan to their clients, who came to class for the special event.

The results, said Sannella's students, were "better than any lecture or a textbook."

"We had the opportunity to deal with real clients and give both positive and negative feedback. It allowed students the chance to critique an actual client, rather than a case study," shares Sannella.

Participating students learned how to act in a professional environment and meet client expectations—and gained confidence in their abilities and skills.

Their projects made a difference for their clients, too. Says Sannella, "Our students gave feedback and outside perspectives that these businesses can use in their future plans."

THE MERRIMACK FUND

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Every year, Merrimack College must balance needs against resources, as we seek to minimize increases in tuition, while maintaining the highest standards of excellence. While tuition and income from our endowment are the primary sources of operating revenue, they do not fully cover all of Merrimack's day-to-day expenses.

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Merrimack Records Most Successful Fall Campaign in Recent History

The fall Merrimack Athletics campaign was highlighted by two NCAA Tournament appearances, while the Warriors won nearly 75% of their conference games.

Women's Cross Country

Bolstered by a third-place finish at the NCAA Regionals, the women's cross country team advanced to its first-ever NCAA Tournament in Spokane, Washington. Kristin Schmidt and Fiona Coleman posted top-20 finishes at the NCAA Regionals to lead the Warriors in their historic season.

Field Hockey

The Warriors advanced to their third-straight and third-ever NCAA Final Four. Ranked as high as sixth nationally, Merrimack had four All-Americans, eight all-conference selections and finished second in the Northeast-10. Senior Jess Otis was named NFHCA North Region Player of the Year.

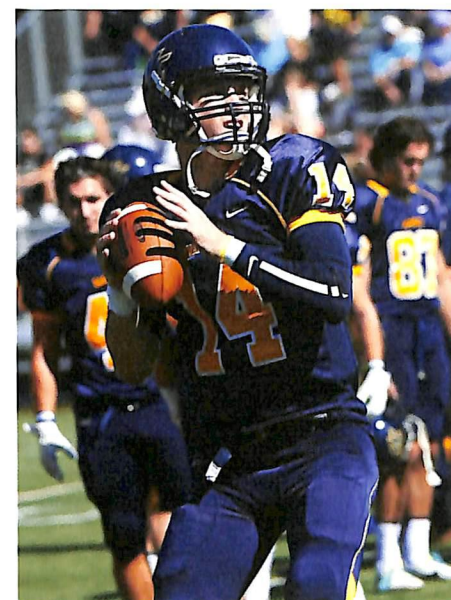


Men's Soccer

Following last year's campaign in which the Warriors reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time ever, this year's squad narrowly missed out on a second-straight bid, finishing 13-4-2 overall. Jose Silva was named the Northeast-10 Goalkeeper of the Year for the second straight season as Merrimack returned to the conference championship before falling to the eventual National Champion Southern New Hampshire 1-0.

Volleyball

Reaching the playoffs for the first time since 2010, the Warriors reached the Northeast-10 Championship, coming one set away from their first conference title. Stephanie Sheehan led the league in kills, while Tara Stuhr was the league's Setter of the Year. Merrimack won nine league matches in 2013, seven more than in 2012.



Football

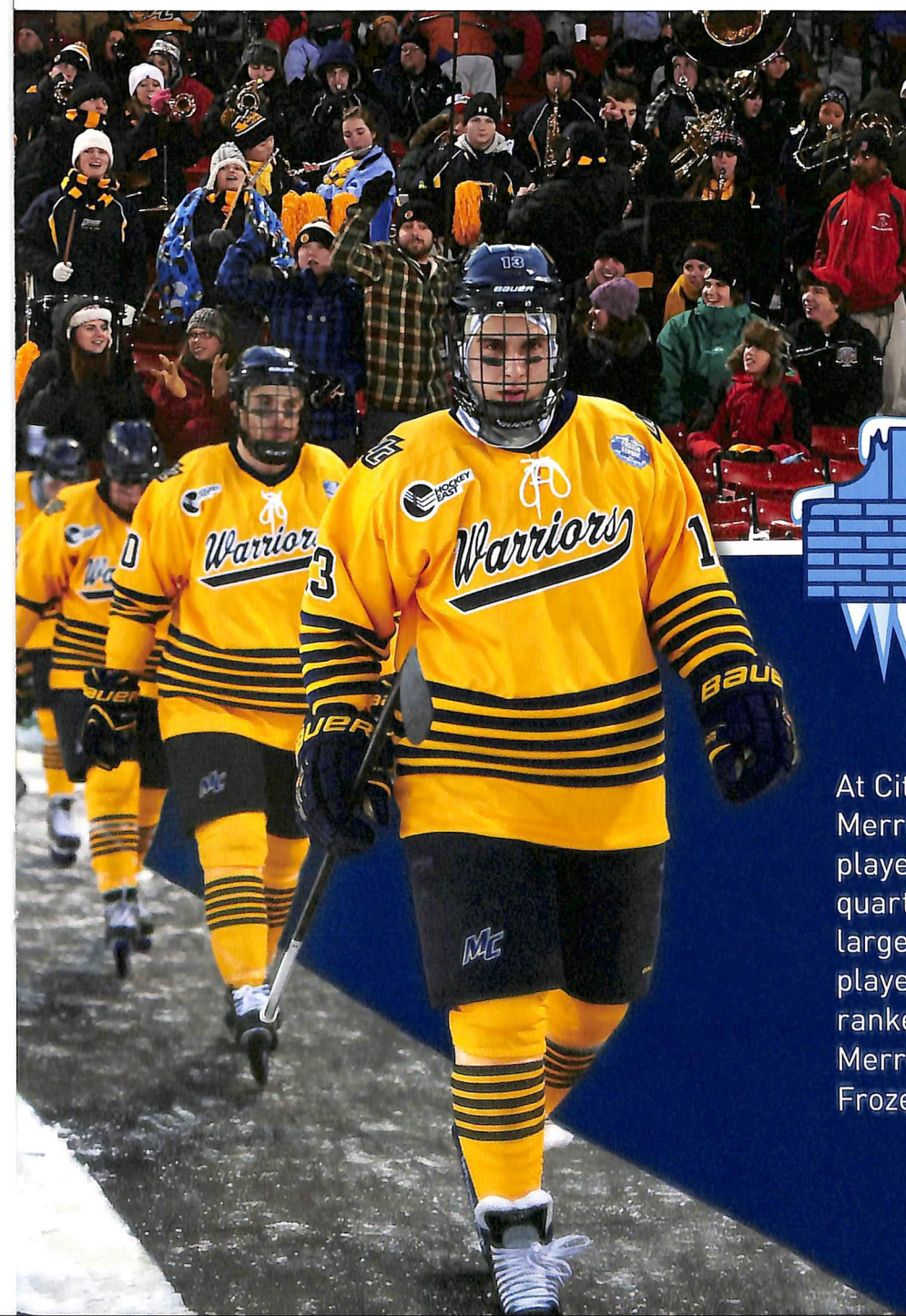
Merrimack boasted the top offense in the league for the fifth straight season, led by Northeast-10 Offensive Player of the Year Joe Clancy, who set conference records for passing yards in a season. The Warriors defeated Division I Wagner 42-41 and finished fifth in the conference with a 7-4 record.

Women's Soccer

Merrimack recorded its 30th-straight winning season, finishing fourth in the conference with a 10-6-2 mark.

Women's Crew

Merrimack won both of its fall events, highlighted by an impressive victory at the New Hampshire Championships.



At Citi Frozen Fenway on January 4, Merrimack College Men's Hockey played in its first outdoor game in a quarter of a century—in front of the largest crowd ever. The Warriors played to a 1-1 draw with nationally ranked Providence College in Merrimack's debut appearance in Frozen Fenway.

Alumni News

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Judi MacGregor-Levens resides in western Mexico four months a year (mid December to mid April) at her Bed & Breakfast, Casa Obelisco—come visit her! The Bed & Breakfast is located north of Puerto Vallarta in a small, beautiful village.

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Anthony Fragale has worked as a high school counselor for the past 26 years with Orange County Public Schools in Orlando and Apopka, FL. [1]

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Dr. Robert Sneider has released his groundbreaking new book, *SSTOP School Shooter Threat Onset Predictive: The Pathology of Bullying, Violence in Schools and the School Shooter Syndrome*, and takes on the topic that has exploded in the headlines since the Columbine and Sandy Hook shootings. His book is a firsthand account of trying to survive the violence of a dysfunctional school system in the Bronx, New York, one that was plagued by poverty and violence. He proposes a new theory of combining FBI and CIA reports on school shootings with the Myers Briggs Personality Type Indicator to determine the likelihood of the school shooter syndrome. [2]

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Elaine (Carifio) Jean and her husband Paul have just released their first book, *Carpe Weekend: 52 Day Trips and Adventures near Washington, DC*. Elaine has contributed hundreds of columns and feature stories to local newspapers, while Paul is a mild-mannered engineering manager by day and a freelance photographer to the core. With their collection of 52 field-tested trips, readers can take full advantage of the 60-hour block of personal time between clocking out on Friday evening and rising to the alarm on Monday morning.

Stories range from the historic to the alcoholic in this spirited romp through the Mid-Atlantic region, with titles like "George Washington's Alexandria: Party like it's 1799" and "The Harley Davidson Factory: Chrome-plated tour de force." There's even something for the family dog, who will appreciate "Delaplane: Hoof it at Sky Meadows, woof it at Barrel Oak Winery." Whether a transplant to the area or a native, you'll see the region in a whole new light; and if you're a visitor, you'll have the best vacation yet. "Carpe Weekend" is now available on amazon.com in print format and in Kindle format.

Paul and Elaine are contemplating a second book about their hobby of brewing craft beer at home, with the working title of "So Hoppy Together."

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John Mulvaney, CPA, CFE will lead CBIZ Tofias' Forensic, Litigation and Valuation Services (FLVS) Group. John has joined the Boston office as a Director. [3]

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Richard L. Murphy, Jr., CIC recently joined Preferred Mutual Insurance Company as Field Agency Manager, Massachusetts. Murphy has more than twenty years of experience in the property and casualty insurance industry, having worked with independent agents in the Massachusetts market for the past twelve. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel and the Deputy Director of Logistics for the United States Air National Guard in Rhode Island. Murphy holds a bachelor's degree from Merrimack College, is a licensed insurance broker in MA and holds the Certified Insurance Counselor designation. He resides in Hanover, MA. [4]

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Linda Aloisio McMillan began a new job as a Premium Auditor at Overland Solutions, Inc. as of August 12, 2012.

Robert Kilkenny would like to share some exciting news about his firm. Due to recent growth, he is announcing the opening of his new office at 225 Cedar Hill Street in Marlborough. This new location will allow him to continue to offer great service to his expanding client base. Please call him if you would like to schedule a visit to his new location. Robert's new phone number is 508-630-2151. www.kilkennycpa.com

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Dominique Savinelli has joined Husch Blackwell's St. Louis office as an Associate. A highly experienced litigation attorney and former chemist, Savinelli will focus her work in the areas of Product Liability and Toxic Tort.

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Jeffrey T. Rogers has been admitted to Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. as a partner. Rogers has been with the firm for over seven years. Mr. Rogers' experience is comprised of a variety of clients, services, and industries. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds an MST from Bentley University and a BS in Business Administration from Merrimack College. He holds a professional membership with the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSPCA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). [5]

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Josh Carroll now serves as a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserves. He is the recipient of the Presidential Service Award, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Military Volunteer Service Medal for his contributions to microeconomic development in Afghanistan. In addition to being a social entrepreneur, Josh is a marathoner and endurance athlete who completed his first Ironman Triathlon in May 2012. He received his BA in Political Science from Merrimack College with honors in 2005 and his MA in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University in 2010. In January

2013 he was among only 10 servicemen selected to attend the prestigious Fullbridge Program in Boston, MA as part of their first annual "all military cohort." In addition to being a new generation veteran, Josh proudly advocates on behalf of vets like himself as an IAVA (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America) Leadership fellow. This past March he participated in the annual IAVA "Storm the Hill" campaign, that raised awareness about the VA disability claims backlog and brought national attention to tens of thousands of veterans still awaiting adjudication from the VA. Josh is also a contributor to the Joint Security Blog where he writes about economic development, intelligence, and law issues as they pertain to National Security and Foreign Policy. This fall Josh will be attending the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Josh has spoken to business students, Congressional leaders, and various service organizations throughout the Triangle about participatory civic engagement, social entrepreneurship and veterans' issues.

Kyle Meakim was recently promoted to Treasury Supervisor at BNY Mellon. Kyle coached the Comets 7th Grade AAU Girls basketball team to the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship. He also coached the St. Bernadette Varsity Boys basketball team, 7th and 8th Grades, in the Philadelphia Archdiocese to a 29-4 season record, including championships at St. Kevins and Archbishop Carroll tournaments. This past summer he also coached and helped organize his high school area's first-ever Boys/Girls International Basketball Doubleheader, where his players both hosted and played the Phoenix Basketball Club of Belfast, Ireland. [6]

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Melissa Labrie finished her first IRONMAN in July 2012. Melissa has also earned two graduate degrees, MBA and MS in Organizational Leadership. [7]

08

Amy Pelletier and Scott Manheimer got engaged on March 1, 2013. They will be getting married in NH on July 19, 2014.

Brian Contona and Jackie Silva

'10 were recently engaged in their favorite New England coastal town of Newburyport. They plan on having their wedding in the Merrimack valley area in September 2015. [8]

Shannon Donahue, senior associate at Reingold, Inc. and director of the Military Family Advisory Network, married LCDR Aleksei Razsadin, USN on October 12, 2013. Shannon and Aleksei met in Washington, D.C. and their wedding ceremony took place at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. [9]

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Jamie Caccavaro recently got engaged to Christopher Bang. Their wedding is set for June 2014.

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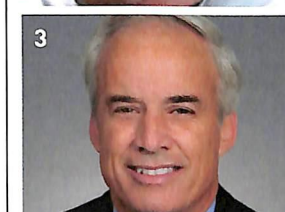
Erica Christensen is now a REALTOR® with Keller Williams in Andover. She looks forward to helping her fellow Merrimack graduates with any of their upcoming real estate decisions! Please feel free to contact Erica at ericachristensen@kw.com [10]

Michael A. Salvucci received a juris doctor degree cum laude from New England Law | Boston during the 102nd Commencement ceremonies at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre.

Cory Spinale proposed to **Madelana Basile** in Chicago, IL—four years after they met at Merrimack College. The wedding will take place in Boston, MA on June 20, 2014. [11]

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Mark Lindquist recently joined Walden Behavioral Care of Waltham as a Staff Accountant. Prior to joining Walden, Mark was an Accounting Clerk with America's Growth Capital (AGC Partners).



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Darrell Donati and Carla Grieco '12 and '13 were engaged on July 27, 2013. They plan to marry in November 2015 at St. Anthony's of Padua Parish in Revere, MA. [12]

Weddings

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Linda Aloisio McMillan married James McMillan on September 6, 2008.

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Keith Foisy married Kerri Kozachuk of Woburn, MA at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on September 21, 2013. The reception followed at Diburro's in Haverhill and the following Merrimack Alumni were present: **Melvin Foisy '69**, father of the groom, **Mike Fatalo '94**, friend of groom, **Rob Buco '01**, friend of groom, The couple honeymooned in Bar Harbor, ME. (1)

04
Kathryn Jussaume and Jason Destroismaison were married in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher at Merrimack on February 9, 2013...the day of the Nemo Blizzard. Wow, what an unforgettable day, for sure! Fr. Jim was the officiant and offered a very warm, heartfelt, and inspiring mass. The couple honeymooned in gorgeous Grand Cayman and had perfect weather the whole week, which was a wonderful treat after such a chilly snowstorm.

Jason is the lead auto technician at the Meineke in Hudson, NH. Kathryn recently started a new job as Project Manager at BuyBook Technologies in Nashua, NH. (2)

05
Deirdre Sullivan and **Kiel Anderson** were married on June 15, 2013, at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, Hanover, MA. with a reception at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA.

Jennifer (Starr) Lombardi married Nicholas Lombardi on May 18, 2013. The ceremony was held at Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford, MA. The reception followed at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA. Jenn works as a toddler teacher at Andover Children's Academy and Nick works for EBSCO Publishing. (3)

06
Rachael Kuzmick and **Ryan Comstock** got married on June 7, 2013, at La Belle Winery in Amherst, NH. (4)

Meghan Bassett married **Aaron Clark '05** on June 30, 2012. The wedding was officiated by Fr. James A. Wenzel, O.S.A. The wedding party included best man **Joseph Payne '05**, **Frank Novogratz '05**, **John Maguire '05**, **Heather Surabian '06**, **Michelle Gage '06**, **Meghan Grady '07**, and **Lauren McNeil Novogratz '06**. Other alumni in attendance included **Todd Lowe '04**, **Katie Fulton Lowe '05**, **BJ Burtz '05**, **Matt Colby '05**, **Mike Hurley '06**, **Amanda Simone '08**, **Nicole Bassett '11**, **Paul Pisani '07**, **Catherine McQuade Pisani '08**, and **Rocco Bascetta '99**. (5)

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Susan (Ferguson) Colella got married to Justin Colella on June 29, 2013, at St. Athanasius in Reading, MA by Fr. Kevin DePrinzio, OSA. Merrimack alumni in attendance included **Katie Griffin '07**, **Lisa Melkonian '08**, **Jenna (Pierce) Wood '07**, **Christopher Wood '09**, **Katie Johnston '05**, **Jessica (Feener) Unis '04**, **Jeannie MacCune '07**, **Claire Spadoni '07**, **Khushbu Rana '07**, **Alicia Hyder '07**, and **Maureen Baxter '07**. (6)

Shannon (Graham) Montgomery married Jordan Montgomery in Boothbay Harbor, ME on July 13, 2013. Members of the wedding party included fellow alumni **Krista Lambroukos '07**, **Michelle (Foreman) Downing '07**, **Charity Garlasco '07**, and **Joe Caparrella '07**. Alumni in attendance included **Christina (Norris) LeVangie**, **Annah Jordan**, **Claire Spadoni**, and **Ashley Solomon '07**. (7)

09
Elisa Tripodi ('09, '11) and **Michael Puglielli '10** were married on April 13, 2013, by Fr. Jim Wenzel at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher at Merrimack College. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Hellenic Center in Ipswich, MA. Elisa is a special education teacher and Michael is a web designer. (8)

Vicky Cotter married Sean Walsh on August 24, 2013, at Merrimack College. **Amy Cotter '07**, **Jill Richards '09**, **Jennifer Munro '09**, and **Katie Crowley '08** were bridesmaids. **Bill Bacon '09** and **Michael Cacciola '09** were groomsmen. Fr. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A was the officiant. Many Merrimack grads from various years were in attendance. (9)

New Additions

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Tennille Mignone and Jason Mignone welcomed daughter Carlisle Heather in February 2013, joining brother Keagan Mignone, born in 2011. (10)

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Kerry and Alex Gregson welcomed their son Brody Conlin Gregson on October 22, 2012. Brody joins big brother Jake (4). (11)

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Kerri Brosnan Gazda and husband Kevin welcomed their third child, Julia Isabel Gazda, born on September 8, 2012. She joins big brothers Tommy (6) and Brendan (4). Godmother is **Meghan Tewey Brosnan**. (12)

Nathaniel Ward and his wife welcomed their second child, Everett Kintaro on January 24, 2013. First child, Amalia Sakura (3), is a helpful big sister. (13)

03
Karen and Brian Murphy welcomed a son, Connor James Murphy, on February 7, 2012. (14)

Amy Dearth Zediana and her husband are excited to announce the arrival of their first daughter, Giuliana Rose, born on July 27, 2013 at 1:33 pm, weighing 9 lbs, and measuring 21.5 inches long. (15)

04
Alyssa (Duval) Cataldo and husband **Christopher Cataldo '05** announce the birth of their daughter Stella Rae Cataldo on January 21, 2013. Stella joins big sister Avery Madison Cataldo. (16)

Chris Peterson and his wife Erin gave birth to their third child on April 10th, 2013. Brynn Kelly Peterson entered the world at 8 lbs 14 oz and 20.5 inches long. She is joined by her older sister Kimberly Ann and older brother Connor Weeks. The whole Peterson clan enjoyed the Merrimack Reunion festivities earlier this June. (17)

Elizabeth (Hefferan) Sierpien and Jim Sierpien announce that their daughter Margaret Elizabeth Sierpien was born on August 12, 2012. She joins big sister Adelynn. (18)

Kathryn (Tarantino) Eren and her husband John are proud to announce the birth of Avery Elizabeth Eren, born on September 20, 2013—8 lb, 10 oz; 21 inches. (19)

09
Katelyn Trudell (Souers) and her wife Tracee Trudell announce that their daughter Isla Anne Trudell was born on January 3 at 6:24am at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, MA. Isla was 6.15 lbs and 19.5 inches long. (20)



CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 Dublin's Irish Cabaret presents Andy Cooney, Noel V. Ginnity, Guinness Folk Band and Darrah Carr Dance 7:30pm (Rogers Center)
- 4 Faculty Recital featuring Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., voice, and Hugh Hinton, D.M.A., piano 7:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 5 Goldziher Lecture: Rabbi Burton Vizotsky, winner of the 2012 Goldziher Prize for Jewish-Muslim Relations 7:30pm (Cascia Hall)
- 7 Henry Petroski, professor and author of *Success through Failure: The Paradox of Design*, will speak on failure, paper clips, and more... (The Writers House in the Academic Innovation Center)
- 8 New England Classical Singers—An American Sampler: Songs of love and nature 7:30pm (Rogers Center)
- 9–19 Merrimack College Alumni & Friends Destination Florida Events
- 11 Johnny Cupcakes Lecture 6:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 12 Building Community, Reaching for Justice Speaker Series presents Dr. Anne Henderson, Senior Consultant in Community Organizing and Engagement at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform 6:00pm (Andover School Comm Room).
- 12 Film: *Holy Motors* 7:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 14 Spring Recess begins at 5:00pm
- 16 MV Philharmonic Orchestra 2:30pm (Rogers Center)
- 22 Christopher Lovely: Imagined Landscapes **March 22–April 24** (McCoy Gallery)
- 22 New England Civic Ballet Co *Snow White* 1:00pm and 6:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 23 Bob Hicok, professor and poet, author of *Elegy Owed and Words for Empty and Words for Full* will read his poetry (The Writers House in the Academic Innovation Center) at 4:30pm
- 24 Classes resume

- 26 Women's History Month Lecture/ Piper Kerman, author of *Orange is the New Black* 7:00pm (MPR)
- 26 Film: *The Strong Man* 7:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 29 Best of Broadway presents "Gershwin Celebration" 7:30pm (Rogers Center)
- 30 Merrimack Valley Special Needs Resource Fair (Sakowich Campus Center)

APRIL

- 3–5 *Tartuffe* the classic comedy by Moliere, directed by Kathleen Sills (Rogers Center) **April 3–4**, 7:30pm, **April 5** 2:00 and 7:30pm
- 4 Relay for Life
- 5 Admission Accepted Student Day (Invitation only)
- 9 Lecture: Dr. Eric Dickson, Biology alumnus and UMass Medical CEO 4:00pm
- 11–12 Spring Weekend and Concert/ Springapalooza
- 11–13 Pentucket Players *Monty Python's Spamalot* (Rogers Center) **April 11** 8:00pm, **April 12** 1:00 and 8:00pm, **April 13** 1:00pm
- 13 Admissions Accepted Student Day (Invitation only)
- 15 Merrimack College Speaker Series: Jon Favreau "Public Discourse and Social Change" 7:00pm (Rogers Center) Director of Speechwriting for President Barack Obama (2009–2013); columnist, *The Daily Beast*; co-founder, Fenway Strategies
- 16 Building Community, Reaching for Justice Speaker Series presents Dr. Valerie Kinloch, Associate Professor at Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology 6:00pm (Murray Lounge)
- 17–21 Easter Recess/College is closed
- 21 Patriot's Day Admission Info Session & Campus Tour
- 24 2014 MC Student Show **April 24–June 30** (McCoy Gallery)

- 26 Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble presents 10th Annual "An Evening of Jazz" 7:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 26 Eastern New England Bio Conference @ Merrimack
- 27 Andover Choral Society's Spring Performance 3:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 29 Honors Convocation 4:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 29 LEAD Awards/Athletic Awards 7:00pm (Rogers/Tent)
- 30 Film: *Moby Dick* 7:00pm (Rogers Center)

MAY

- 2 Last day of classes
- 4 MV Philharmonic Orchestra 2:30pm (Rogers Center)
- 10 Glenn Miller Orchestra 7:30pm (Rogers Center)
- 11 Treble Chorus of NE Mother's Day Spring Treats 2:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 14 Film: *Les Misérables* 7:00pm (Rogers Center)
- 16 Graduate School Commencement 6pm (Merrimack Athletic Complex)
- 17 Baccalaureate Mass/Reception 4:00pm (Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher)
- 17 Legacy Reception
- 18 Commencement 10:00am (Merrimack Athletic Complex)

JUNE

- 6–8 Reunion Weekend

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Reunion class years: 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009

The Alumni Association Council is a great way to stay connected and involved with your alma mater.

The Alumni Association assists with attendance and programming at Merrimack College Signature events like Homecoming, Christmas Celebration, and Reunion, as well as organizing alumni participants for projects like Mack Gives Back Day and providing internships for students, to name a few.

Class Representatives are currently being identified, if interested, please contact the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations for additional information at 978-837-5440.

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