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One for the books



Bryan Bannon, associate professor of philosophy and director of environmental studies, delivers a talk at the 14th annual Tolle Lege reception for published authors Feb. 7 in McQuade Library.

New Grad Program in Dietetics Features Unique Internship

Merrimack has launched a new graduate professional training and degree program for individuals seeking to become registered dietitians or to further their careers in the health sciences.

The Master of Science-Dietetics Internship program, offered jointly by Merrimack's department of health sciences and Wellness Workdays, combines a master's in health science with an accredited internship in dietetics, and can be completed in just one year. The program is ideal for recent bachelor's degree recipients in dietetics or nutrition as well as those seeking to advance or change careers.

Graduates of the program meet the requirements to sit for the Registered Dietitian exam.

"An exciting aspect of the program is that it is an accelerated and immersive educational experience that combines professional training in nutrition with world-class graduate coursework delivered by top faculty in public health, nutrition science, health promotion, community-health education and exercise science," said Kyle McInnis, associate dean of health sciences at Merrimack.

Students enrolling in the program will automatically qualify for a fellowship that significantly reduces the cost of tuition and offers unique career-development and personalized advising opportunities. The application deadline for the inaugural cohort has passed.

McGowan Named Dean of School of Science and Engineering

Chemistry professor Cynthia McGowan has been named to succeed Allan



Weatherwax as dean of the School of Science and Engineering.

McGowan, who has held several senior administrative positions since joining the college in 1993, said she is looking forward

to accelerating the growth of science and engineering, particularly through

increased student experiential-education opportunities and internships.

She plans to expand degree opportunities for students. There are plans to offer an environmental science major as early as this fall, as well as a new interdisciplinary forensic science minor offered jointly by the departments of Criminology and Chemistry and Biochemistry this fall.

She wants to start an undergraduate degree in data science by the fall of 2018. The new undergraduate program will build

on the expertise available through the graduate degree program in data science and business analytics that Merrimack already offers.

"One of my passions is continuing support of our faculty in pursuit of their professional-development and research opportunities," she said.

During her tenure at Merrimack, McGowan has served as chair of chemistry, assistant and associate dean of science and engineering, and vice provost and interim provost.

O'BRIEN CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Events

Sports Management Networking Lunch, Feb. 23, 12:30-3 p.m., Cascia Hall.

"Careers in Criminology," March 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Merrimack Club.

Marketing Networking Breakfast, March 2, 8-10 a.m., Blue Line Club

Health Sciences Networking Breakfast, March 3, 8-10 a.m., first-floor lobby, Rogers Center for the Arts.

Career Fair Kickoff, March 20 and 21, 1-3 p.m., first-floor lobby, Sakowich Campus Center.

"What Every International Student Should Know About U.S. Employment," with Dan Beaudry, March 21, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Murray Lounge, Sakowich Campus Center.



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COLLEGE POLICY UPDATES

Maintaining Ethical Business and Compliance Practices Through Anonymous Reporting

As a part of Merrimack College's mission to maintain its standards of ethical business and compliance practice, the college has created an Anonymous Reporting Policy to assist and protect employees who wish to report apparent or suspected misconduct in good faith.

The college understands that reporting suspected activities can be stressful and that employees may be more comfortable coming forward in an anonymous manner. Therefore, the administration has contracted an independent third party, Lighthouse Services Inc. to provide a confidential hotline for employees to use when reporting business and compliance concerns.

The college encourages employees to use this hotline should they have concerns of activity that s/he considers to be illegal or dishonest to whom the college does business or interacts with or in regards to suspected compliance issues.

Examples of activities encouraged to be reported are violations of federal, state or local laws; billing for services not performed or for goods not delivered; and other fraudulent financial reporting.

Regular business matters that do not require anonymity are not addressed by this policy and should be directed to the employee's supervisor. In addition, this hotline is not designated for human resource matters. Those concerns should be directed to the Office of Human Resources at ext. 5157 or by emailing

humanresources@merrimack.edu.

In the implementation of this policy, every effort will be made to protect the complainant's identity. Please note that the information provided by you may be the basis of an internal and/or external investigation into the issue you are reporting and your anonymity will be protected to the extent possible.

The anonymous reporting procedure is intended to be used to uncover and address serious and sensitive issues. The earlier a concern is reported, the easier it is to take action. Serious concerns relating to financial reporting, unethical or illegal conduct should be reported in one of the following ways:

- Through the toll-free hotline, 1-800-250-3731.
- Via email to reports@lighthouse-services.com.
- By submitting documents via fax to 215-689-3885.
- Online at www.lighthouse-services.com. Click on "Report Incident" link and login with the username "mackfraud" and the password "warriors."

Investigations will be conducted by the college's general counsel under the auspices of the president. If the allegation involves either of these officers, the investigation will be conducted by the chairman of the board of trustees. The Merrimack College trustees and senior management are committed to providing a safe, ethical work environment.

THEY SAID IT

"I actually think the best thing that everyone can do is just to have a healthy, media diet, which just means to read as widely as possible. No one should get all of their information from one source."

Melissa Zimdars, Assistant Professor, "The Doctors," Feb. 17.

"The food bank is deeply appreciative of the food; this is a time of year when supplies are running low."

Joseph Kelly, Director, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, "Feed Your Neighbor," Eagle-Tribune, Feb. 9.

Three Additional Coaches Earn Contract Extensions

The head coaches of Merrimack's men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse and football programs were awarded multiyear contract extensions this month, Director of Athletics Jeremy Gibson announced.

The new contracts for Mark Dennehy, Mike Morgan and Dan Curran, respectively, follow the previously announced extension for women's ice hockey head coach Erin Hamlen as well as the signing of women's lacrosse head coach Julie Duffy, in July.

Dennehy, in the midst of his 12th season at Merrimack, has rebuilt the brand of Warrior hockey, elevating the program to a consistent competitor in Hockey East. He was named All-New England Coach of the Year for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons.

"Mark has done an excellent job in developing and elevating the profile of the men's ice hockey program," Gibson said. "He brings to Merrimack a distinct



From left: Mark Dennehy, Mike Morgan, Dan Curran, Erin Hamlen and Julie Duffy.

vision for success and strives to attract and develop outstanding student-athletes and coaches."

Morgan, entering his 10th year at the helm of men's lacrosse, is the all-time winningest coach in program history with a record of 114-33. His .776 winning percentage ranks seventh among all active coaches in Division I, II and III.

"We look forward to seeing Mike continue to elevate the men's lacrosse program to new heights in the years

ahead," Gibson said.

Curran, who recently completed his fourth season as head football coach, has led the team to multiple wins over conference powers American International, Assumption, Bentley, LIU Post, New Haven and Southern Connecticut State, and the program's first victory over a Division I foe, Wagner.

"Dan is the football coach, mentor and leader that we want at Merrimack for years to come," Gibson said.

CUR Memberships Are Now Free for Employees, Students

Merrimack recently became an enhanced institutional member of the Council on Undergraduate Research, a not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to supporting and promoting high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship.

The organization believes collaborative research between faculty members and undergraduate students enhances the educational process and bestows numerous benefits to society.

Merrimack's new membership status in CUR enables faculty, staff and students to join the organization as individual members at no cost. Member benefits and instructions on how to join are available at the CUR website, www.cur.org.



From left: Cyndy Carlson, Jake Turner, student Amshula Divadkar, Ryan Spalding and Kate Kurkul participate in Admitted Student Day panel.

Admitted Student Day Draws Big Crowd

The college's first Admitted Student Day of 2017 set an attendance record, with 510 prospective students and 793 guests coming to campus on Feb. 4 for sessions with faculty, students and admission staff.

Professors Cyndy Carlson, Kate Kurkul, Ryan Spalding and Jake Turner held an onstage discussion about Merrimack's

academic and research opportunities for the Early Action/Early Decision students and their families, and Provost Allan Weatherwax led a "parent confidential" question-and-answer session; each school hosted an academic session for its potential majors. The next Admitted Student Days are April 1 and 8.

Kaklamanos Named a ‘New Face’ of Civil Engineering

Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering James Kaklamanos has been honored by the American Society of Civil Engineers as one of this year’s 10 New Faces of Civil Engineering worldwide.

The New Faces program recognizes the next generation of civil engineering professionals, 30 years and younger, who have demonstrated the potential to lead the field to new heights. Ten honorees are chosen in each of two divisions, professional and collegiate.

Kaklamanos is being honored in the professional category, for his exemplary work with students. He serves as faculty adviser to Merrimack’s ASCE student chapter and has been active in the ASCE Geo-Institute, the Seismological Society of America and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute.

“In true Merrimack College spirit, I promote a comprehensive approach to engineering education with high levels of student-faculty interaction inside and outside the classroom,” Kaklamanos said. “Merrimack has given me the chance to flourish as a teacher-scholar, and I am truly humbled to receive this honor. It’s a privilege to represent Merrimack, ASCE and the engineering profession.”

Kaklamanos, who describes his teaching style as “engaging and challenging,” said he employs strategies to “encourage higher-order thinking, establish context through real-world examples, promote student-student and student-faculty interactions, and make learning enjoyable and fun.”

He adheres to three interrelated primary duties: educate and inspire the next generation of civil engineers, conduct research and contribute knowledge to the field of earthquake engineering, and engage in service to the institution and profession.

“As an engineering educator, I have the opportunity to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering — just as I was inspired — and help them discover their passions, which is truly rewarding,” he said. “My job allows me to not only share knowledge, but also to generate new knowledge in the process.”

Kaklamanos’ research focuses on the improvement of models for predicting earthquake-induced ground motions. With a greater understanding of the level of ground motion expected during earthquakes, engineers will be better able to design earthquake-resistant structures, and ultimately improve



James Kaklamanos

sustainability by reducing the loss of life and property during earthquakes.

“I strive for students to apply the principles of engineering to real-world problems in an interdisciplinary context, and to realize the importance of engineering in our everyday lives and the broad societal issues that engineers are tasked with solving,” Kaklamanos said. “Students enjoy learning when they truly care about that subject, and my teaching style is designed to foster student learning and the development of an underlying appreciation of the material.”



Oh, baby!

Sister Jeanne Gribaudo, left, and student Micaela Caron ’20 sort through dozens of baby products to be donated by the Austin Scholars Program to the Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill, Massachusetts, for use by new mothers facing financial challenges.

Bailot to Deliver Eighth Annual First Lecture

David Bailot is first among equals. The senior and athletic training major from Adams, Massachusetts, has been selected to deliver the college’s eighth annual First Lecture Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Rogers Center for the Arts. The topic of the speech remains confidential until that evening.

Bailot, who is active in the honors program, alternative spring break and independent research projects in the health sciences, said he was “humbled and honored” to be selected to address his classmates and other members of the Merrimack community.

“Many great students with stories applied, and I appreciate that I get to share my experiences,” he said.

The address is a play on the Last

Lecture, which has been popular on college campuses nationally, including Merrimack, since the 1990s. The format of the Last Lecture allows professors to speak on whatever subject they are most passionate about, as if it were the last lecture they would ever give.

The responsibility for identifying a First Lecture speaker was led by the student honors organization Omicron Delta Kappa. A call for nominations was sent out after Thanksgiving break, and candidates were interviewed after the new year. Bailot was selected from among a group of 10 candidates.

