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Transforming Ourselves While Transforming Lives

Colleagues,

Merrimack College has been, by so many objective measures, a resounding success. We owe this not to magic, but to energy, discipline, and above all, our strong community bond.



We have achieved so much because together, as a community, we created the Agenda for Distinction, our 10-year plan to move the College forward based on specific goals and aspirations, and then we delivered on that plan.

Together, we have invested in great people, exciting new programs and amazing facilities according to that plan, and together, we celebrate the results: our largest-ever freshman class, our move into Division I athletics, record numbers of visitors to campus, a tremendously successful Together for Good fundraising campaign, and external recognition like our top-50 ranking in U.S. News and our “Most Transformative” designation

by Money Magazine.

We achieved so much, at a remarkable pace — reaching almost all of the goals we set for ourselves. The Agenda for Distinction was the distillation of what, in 2011, we all believed was possible. But it is no time to rest on our laurels. With all our successes, with our sense of purpose and strong belief in our mission, the charge before us once again is to dream big about our future.

There are challenges, to be sure. Demography is against us, as the birth rate has slowed in the northeastern United States. Families’ ability to pay for college remains a concern. **Public confidence in higher education is at its lowest level.** We are expected to do more with less, and the reality is that what was once conceived as a social good has increasingly become a private good.

We don’t have a choice about addressing these broader social forces. We do have a choice about how we address them, in a way that is responsive to an ever-larger audience that includes not only students and families but also donors, bondholders, employers, local and regional and national communities, the media and political leadership.

But I do believe Merrimack’s future is bright — because I have seen us, as a community, succeed in the past, during perilous times for this institution, and I know we can succeed again, working together.

We are calling our next five-year plan the Agenda for the Future; it will take us through 2025. We have looked at a number of frameworks to take us through this planning process, and made the strategic decision to adopt the “dual transformation” model, as explained by Harvard Business School professor Clayton Christensen: strengthening and expanding the College’s core mission while, at the same time, preparing the College for an entirely new way of delivering higher education in a changing landscape.

The planning process began with our Board of Trustees in March, and continued with a June retreat that included Faculty Senate leaders and senior administrators representing all units on campus. We will continue to meet, as small groups, departments and schools, through the coming two years, engaging faculty, staff and students in this fascinating discussion about our future, and what Merrimack College’s place should be.

The Agenda for the Future will plot the next phase of Merrimack’s remarkable upward trajectory. I am very excited about the future because it will be another opportunity for this community to come together, heart and soul, for one great purpose, with ambition, confidence and courage.

We have rightly been praised for transforming the lives of our students and alumni. We must continue that disciplined focus, while we once again turn to transforming this institution.

I look forward to talking with you.

Best,
Chris

College to Enshrine Eight in 2018 Hall of Fame Class

Merrimack College will induct eight members in the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2018.

Six former student-athletes and a national championship-winning team, all of whom brought distinction, honor and excellence to the College, as well as one additional individual whose merit, special contributions and leadership have helped advance the College and its athletic program, comprise the Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Altogether, six different sports are represented among that group, including the first-ever selections in the history of the field hockey and women’s lacrosse programs.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in the Merrimack Athletics Complex. The event coincides with the College’s annual Homecoming Weekend, which includes three different teams playing on campus at 4 p.m. leading up to the induction ceremony.

"We are proud to honor all these outstanding student-athletes, and generous supporters of our programs, who helped make Merrimack the success it is today," said President Christopher E. Hopey. "These men and women excelled on and off the field as members of the Merrimack community, and we hold them up as examples to current and future students, and to the world, of what the Warrior spirit embodies."

"The 2018 Hall of Fame Class honors a number of highly deserving student-athletes and special contributors, as well as one of the most successful teams to ever wear a Merrimack uniform," Director of Athletics Jeremy Gibson said. "This class includes the first-ever inductees from two of our women’s programs, as well as the first group to be inducted as a

team. We are thrilled to welcome them all to Merrimack's Athletic Hall of Fame."

The inductees are:

Amanda (Baldwin) Mayock '01, Women's Lacrosse

Two-time All-American (2000, 2001) in women's lacrosse, the first in the history of the program. Mayock was also the NE10 Offensive Player of the Year in 2000 and the NE10 Defensive Player of the Year in 2001. She led her team as a three-year captain and was the cornerstone of the women's lacrosse program during its early years. She provided a scoring touch with 57 points over her final two seasons, but also was a force in the middle of the field with 60 ground balls as a senior (4.00/game), 57 draw controls (3.80/game), and 81 caused turnovers (5.40/game) during her stellar senior season. She helped the team record double-digit wins as part of a 10-5 season (6-1 NE10) during her senior year, their best season up until that point.

Nancy (Daly) Dwyer '94, Women's Soccer

Two-time All-American (1992, 1993), Daly was a dominant player on a team that won two NE10 regular season titles. She was named the 1993 NE10 Player of the Year and was a three-time NE10 All-Conference, All-New England and NSCAA All-Region selection. She owns two of the top-10 single season scoring records, ranks third in career goals (45), second in career assists (43) and third in career points (133). She is one of nine players ever to total both 10 goals and 10 assists in a season (three times) and is one of only two players with over 40 goals and 40 assists.

April Daugherty '13, Field Hockey

Three-time All-American (2009, 2011, 2012), 2011 NE10 Player of the Year, 2009 NE10 Rookie of the Year, and a three-time NE10 All-Conference First Team selection. Daugherty, a two-time captain, helped the team reach national prominence during her four-year run including the program's only two NE10 regular season titles (2011, 2012). She is Merrimack's all-time leader in points (159), goals (61), assists (37) and ranks among the top-10 in NE10 history in all three categories. Daugherty is Merrimack's all-time leader in career points per game (2.08) and is one of only twelve players ever to average at least 2.00 points per game for a career. She graduated ranked seventh in NCAA History w/ 0.49 assists per game & 17th w/ 0.79 goals per game.

Jim Hrivnak 1985-1989, Men's Ice Hockey (*Originally inducted in 2017*)

Two-time All-American (1987, 1988) and four-year member of the men's ice hockey team in the late-1980s, an era in which the program was playing as a Division I Independent. Hrivnak, who was twice named the Team MVP and was its Rookie of the Year, helped the team capture a pair of ECAC championship titles and backstopped the team to an appearance in the NCAA Tournament Quarterfinals in 1988. He is the school record holder in shutouts in a single season (4) and shutouts in a career (11); his .921 save percentage in the 1987-88 season ranks seventh all-time among single-season performances, and his career 2.38 goals against average also ranks seventh for the program. Hrivnak was the ECAC East League MVP in 1987, ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1985, as well as a two-time league all-star and finals MVP. He was drafted by the Washington Capitals in the third round (61st overall) of the 1986 NHL Draft, the highest draft selection in program history; he played for the Capitals, Winnipeg Jets and St. Louis Blues over the course of his career.

Corey Lunney '13, Men's Lacrosse

Two-time All-American (2012, 2013), USILA National Player of the Year (2013), NEILA New England Player of the Year in three straight seasons and a four-time NEILA All-New England and NE10 All-Conference selection. Lunney was also named the 2013 USILA Attackman of

the Year, as well as the NE10 Player of the Year as a senior. He was also the NEILA and NE10 Rookie of the Year as a freshman in 2010. Lunney played an integral part in helping the Warriors capture the NE10 tournament title in 2010 and NE10 regular season title in 2013. He graduated ranked second in career goals (175), points (229), and sixth in career assists (54) while leading the league with 45 goals as a senior.

Judy O'Connell '95, Softball

Three-time All-American and three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American (1993, 1994, 1995), one of only two in program history. O'Connell was a key player on the 1994 National Championship Softball team, leading the team with a .482 batting average, 35 runs scored, 54 hits, 10 HR, 54 RBIs and only nine strikeouts. She ranks third in single-season batting average (.482), second in single-season RBI's (54); seventh in career batting average (.398) and fourth in career home runs (28) and RBIs (148). A cum laude graduate, she was part of four straight NE10 regular season and tournament teams as part of the mid-1990's softball dynasty, helping the Warriors win both titles every season while qualifying for three straight NCAA Tournaments and reaching the Division II College World Series in back-to-back years (1994, 1995). O'Connell served as team captain in her final two seasons and was named NE10 Player and Rookie of the Year over the course of her decorated career.

1994 Softball Team

The Merrimack College 1994 softball team set the precedent, becoming the first-ever National Champion in Northeast-10 Conference history. The team was the first to truly bring the Northeast-10 Conference name to the national stage. Merrimack was also the first team from the Northeast/East/New England region to capture a national championship. The Warriors dominated from start to finish that year, losing only four games while winning a school-record 45 on their way to the national title. They also captured the league's regular season and tournament title that year, while three players were named All-Americans. The team was honored by the league in 2011 when it was inducted into the NE10 Hall of Fame.

Ken Duane '80, H'16, Distinguished Honoree

A member of the men's ice hockey team (1977) and men's lacrosse team (1977-1980). Duane served on Merrimack College's Board of Trustees from 2006-2014. During his time on the board he served on the Athletics Executive Committee, Advancement Committee, Enrollment Management Committee and Investment Committee. He was instrumental in retaining the men's ice hockey team's affiliation in Division I and in Hockey East. He received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration from Merrimack in 2016. Duane is Vice Chairman of PVH Corporation and Chief Executive Officer of Heritage Brands, a role he assumed in 2018. PVH Corporation is a global clothing company with over \$8 billion in revenue and headquartered in Manhattan, New York. Ken and his wife Jincie have been donors to capital projects for hockey and scholarships and recently committed generously to the College's capital campaign making possible the building of a new stadium and track.

Art Exhibit to Honor Merrimack Family's History

The Merrimack College community is invited to participate in creating an art exhibition at the Rogers Center for the Arts unlike anything done before on campus

"Where We Come From" draws on the longstanding tradition of honoring our ancestors and personal family histories through photography. Father Richard Piatt, O.S.A., director of the Rogers, intends to create a living history of our community.

It is Catholic tradition that during the month of November we remember those who have passed (All Saints on Nov. 1 and All Souls on Nov. 2) and a tradition among the Augustinians

to celebrate the Life of St. Augustine of Hippo (Nov 13). Across virtually every culture, the living memorialize the dead and their important relationship with the living through shared photo albums, portraits, walls covered with family photos and mementos, home altars, and stories passed down from generation to generation.

Father Piatt invites you to share your history with our community. As this is an intensely personal request, please know that the gift you share will be handled with great care. Here is what will happen should you choose to participate.

1. Choose from among your photographs those that represent your family's past. These could be relationships from several generations past up to more recent and immediate relationships. You may submit as many as you'd like. All photographs will be handled with great care and respect.
2. Please, identify the person or people by name and birth and death dates (if known) and add any information you'd like to share, from nick names to military service to their love for ice cream or something they said that impacted your life.
3. Scan your chosen photos with the above information and send them to piattr@merrimack.edu by Oct. 20. Alternatively, if you'd prefer to mail a copy (please, do not send the original), you may mail it to: Fr. Richard Piatt, O.S.A, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845.
4. The scanned photos will be used to create a three-dimensional timeline that will be installed in the Thagaste Gallery, Rogers Center for the Arts from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31. Names will be organized so that all who interact with the piece will be able to identify the people pictured. There will also be opportunities for viewers to record their responses to the project in a book that will accompany the exhibit.

It is the hope that we will be able to achieve a better sense of what the Merrimack family shares in common, and a deeper appreciation of what makes each one of us unique. "Where We Come From" is an opportunity to explore our individual pasts to help us come together as the Merrimack College community in our shared present.

Presidential-SGA Luncheon



President Christopher Hopey meets with the Student Government Association - led by President Sheon James, seated at center - to discuss issues of importance to the student body. Standing, from left, are Amanda Gallagher, Devin Clemons, President Hopey, Caroline Bradley, Tim Hare and Haley Mallett.

Augustinian vicar general to speak at Merrimack

The Rev. Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A., vicar general of the Order of St. Augustine, will address the Austin Scholars at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

The vicar general is the second highest office in the Augustinian order.

Fr. Farrell is the third speaker in the Augustinians of Note lecture series that is meant to expose Merrimack students to Augustinians other than those stationed on campus and give them a bigger picture of what work the order performs, said the Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A.. He was assigned at Merrimack for several years as the director of campus ministry before leaving in the early 2000s.

Coming up

Oct. 25 — Faculty and staff celebration of Together for Good
• 4 p.m., MPR

Oct. 26-27 - Homecoming Weekend

Nov. 1 — Feast of All Saints Mass
• 12:30 p.m., Chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel

Nov. 2 — Feast of All Souls Mass
• 12:30 p.m., TBD

Nov. 6 — Honoring Our Veterans
• 10 a.m., MPR

