The Story of the Merrimack College Seal

It's heraldry deeply symbolic...

Waving lines of blue and gold, representing the Merrimack River, Merru-asquam-ack, the place of swift water... College has already made tremendous strides in becoming a veritable fountainhead of Christian culture and advancement for all those entering its stream of activities.

"A trimount of the field charges with a cross fleuette," a part of the coat of arms of Archbishop Cushing, under whose patronage the College was established, representing trimount, the original appellation of Boston.

A child's voice saying "tolle lege, tolle lege" (take up and read, take up and read) led to the conversion of St. Augustine and the dedication of his life to Christ.

"Per scientiam as sapientiam," (through knowledge to wisdom,) the ultimate purpose of Merrimack College... only through the valid combination of intellectual and spiritual knowledge of God and the world can we attain the fullness of wisdom. College colors, blue for the fidelity of the Mother of God, and Gold for the wisdom of the true church form the chromatic basis of the seal of Merrimack College, devoted to Mary under the title of Our Mother of Good Counsel, and under her protection.
**Marks of Excellence**  
*Clockwise from Top Right: Seniors Christopher Manni and Carolynne Downes pose with College President Richard J. Santagati after receiving the College’s highest honor, the Merrimack Medal, at Commencement in May. The Clock, located outside the Sakowich Center, is a focal point of campus. Senior Michael Danner and Sophomore Amy Rowe celebrate the Red Sox World Series victory during the annual Homecoming Parade in October. Residing on campus since the early 1990s, the Mosley Bridge is the oldest iron bridge in Massachusetts, and stands today as a campus landmark.*
Message from the President

Dear Members of the Class of 2005:

Congratulations on completing your college education - a monumental achievement. You are not the same person who started here at Merrimack College a few short years ago; in many ways, you are forever changed. This yearbook chronicles how you and the campus have evolved since you began your Merrimack journey.

Class of 2005, be confident that we have provided you with a well-rounded educational experience that encouraged you to broaden your mind and become fully engaged in intellectual and recreational activities. Through scholarship and service, many of you met the challenge of assisting your community in a variety of ways. Through these actions, you have directly supported the mission of Merrimack College.

Your commitment and selflessness has gone beyond our campus, beyond surrounding communities, and even beyond our nation; we are leaving our mark around the globe, thanks to you.

On a personal note, I have truly enjoyed conversations and interactions I have had with many of you. I will always remember your contributions to life on this campus.

Our very mission is to graduate students who seek truth and lead lives of leadership and dedication to others. We are looking forward to having you join our alumni body to help maintain and advance the Merrimack experiences that brought you such comfort and direction.

God bless and best wishes for every success.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Santagati
President
Ever wonder how all of those flowers get planted on campus or how the lawn gets mowed? And where do all the weeds go? And who keeps the heat and air conditioning flowing to all of the buildings? If you stop to think about it, there are a million and one things that happen on campus each and every day that would not be possible were it not for the tireless efforts of the hard-working men and women of the Physical Plant department. Merrimack students and staff alike have come to rely on the Physical Plant team to fix just about anything when it breaks—and they’re only a “5fix” phone call away. Even with new buildings such as Santagati Hall and the Sakowich Center coming on line within the past few years—and greatly adding to the responsibilities of the Physical Plant Team—the ever-present crew has taken it all in stride.

Even this year, with its near-record-breaking snowfall, was no match for them. When it seemed as though the snow would never end, Physical Plant was at the ready, just waiting to keep the roads and walkways clear for residents, commuters, faculty, staff and visitors. In recognition of all that they do to keep Merrimack College up and running, the members of the Class of 2005 dedicate this yearbook to the members of the Physical Plant. We appreciate each of you and your dedication to Merrimack!

**Dedication**
Pope's Mission and Legacy Exists in Merrimack Message

On Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 9:37 p.m. (2:37 p.m. EST), His Holiness Pope John Paul II passed away, leaving a legacy that has impacted billions around the world. His life and ministry have left lasting impressions and his legacy is also deeply woven into the fabric of Merrimack College.

Those in Rome, where the Augustinian house sits directly across from the papal quarters, witnessed the power of this pontiff first-hand. Here in the U.S., thousands of miles away from Vatican City; Pope John Paul II’s words regarding justice, peace, and understanding can still be heard and his international presence felt.

His Holiness believed strongly in eliminating acts of hatred between Christians and Jews and he worked diligently to promote dialogue between the two groups. The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College mirrors his views and attempts to dispel any discriminatory efforts through education and focus on the important issues facing both belief systems.

“The Pope’s priority for Jewish-Christian dialogue is one of the inspirations behind Merrimack’s Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations,” said Dr. Joseph Kelley, provost and vice president for mission effectiveness at Merrimack. “His dedication to combating anti-Semitism and to advancing mutual respect and understanding among religions is reflected in the center’s work on and off campus.”

The community of Merrimack College has also worked to emulate the Pope’s efforts in recognizing injustice and working for peace.

“His Holiness, John Paul II was certainly a man who consistently taught and encouraged all people to respect the dignity of each individual, regardless of race, creed, color or economic status,” said Rev. Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A., former director of Campus Ministry at Merrimack, who is currently studying in Rome. “He never hesitated to speak out against violations of justice and he loved the Gospel of Peace in both word and action.”

The Justice and Peace Coalition, a student group at Merrimack, works toward a goal of educating the community on and off campus about the total culture of life and the inherent rights of all human beings. Through programs such as Hunger and Homelessness Week, Justice and Peace Week and entities such as MerrimacAction, Campus Ministry, and the Stevens Service Learning Center, there is a collective mission to stop the structures limiting people’s options to succeed. The Holy Father also had a mission of granting basic human needs to those who have less. In campus, an annual schedule of educational events and a daily acknowledgement of those who should not be left behind brings the desire to identify the causes of social injustice while attempting to change those causes. In the spirit of St. Augustine and indeed Pope John Paul II, Merrimack’s Justice and Peace Coalition reaches out to those in need and strives to work toward a world where the voiceless will have a voice and be heard.

“As Roman Catholics, we believe that all life is beautiful and that all women and men are created in the image and likeness of God,” said Rev. Richard Santagati, O.S.A., director of campus ministry at Merrimack. “We recognize that all human beings have the right to life and that we must be unafraid to challenge unjust structures which deny our brothers and sisters even the most basic of necessities. Social justice is an option for the Catholic Christian; it is an absolute response to our baptismal call.”

The papacy of John Paul II placed great importance on international relations, as does Merrimack College. Students, faculty and staff continue to go abroad to learn of different lands, to assist those in need, and to become walking testaments of the Augustinian and Catholic investment in selflessness. From the volunteerism of the college’s students in the Dominican Republic during winter break, as well as many locations during spring break each year, the volunteerism and service in the neighborhoods of Merrimack, the college community reflects and lives the philosophy of Pope John Paul II.

The Pope’s great interest in higher education has also directly impacted Merrimack. His document, “On Catholic Universities: Ex Corde Ecclesiae” (Apostolic Constitution, which he signed on August 15, 1990, was sent to “all men and women engaged in various ways in the significant mission of Catholic higher education.” It reflects years of dialogue between the Vatican and administration and Trustees of Catholic colleges and universities all over the world.

Merrimack College has used this document to focus on what it means to be an Augustinian and Catholic institution of higher education. As a result of what this document outlines, Merrimack established the Center for Augustinian Studies and Legacy and the position of vice president for mission effectiveness.

“In myriad ways, the Merrimack community has embraced Pope John Paul II and what he has stood for. Through the fabric of his life, Pope John Paul II embraced justice, peace and brotherhood. The highest tribute the Merrimack College community can bestow on the great leader of the Church is to cloak ourselves with his teachings and continue his labors of love and respect for all humanity,” said Merrimack College President Richard J. Santagati.

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF at Merrimack are dedicated to enriching the lives of the students, intellectually and spiritually. The Faculty challenges students to work together as one to prepare them for success in the future. The Staff performs a wide array of responsibilities essential in keeping the Merrimack community alive. As a whole, the faculty and staff are an important asset to the college’s devotion to academic excellence and personal growth.
Office of the President

Mike Rossi, Dean of Liberal Arts

Russell Pinizzotto, Dean of Science & Engineering

Ed Popper, Dean of the Girard School of Business

Betty Riley, Austin Hall Reception
Lynn Elzewig, Physics
Craig Looney, Physics
He Li, Political Science
Curt Martin, Political Science
Russ Mayer, Political Science
Harry Weibel, Political Science
COMMUNITY IS OUR GOAL. Campus events provide students with a way to come together enhancing the Warrior Spirit. Hard work and dedication are essential qualities that make events such as Mr. Merrimack, Onstager’s Productions, and even Red Sox Rallies a success. We come together not only as students, but also as friends, sharing these memories that shape our college experience.
The Campus: Then & Now
The Hypnotist
32 Red Sox Rally
Fall OnStagers
Celebration of Light & Hope
Rock for a Cause
Date Auction
Spring Week
COMMITMENT DEFINES A WARRIOR.

The determination to succeed is fueled by long hours of practice and hard work. Athletes encourage one another to work as a team towards their ultimate goal, to win. Our teams excel in the competitive Northeast Ten and Big East Conferences, many qualifying for post-season tournaments. Specifically, the Women’s Basketball team had another successful season, competing in the Final Four of the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row. The skills our athletes gain on the field and the court are valuable tools that also show through in the classroom and in life.
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OVER 40 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS allow students to make a difference at Merrimack. Leadership and community service within these student groups compliment one’s academic life, teaching them responsibility and dedication. These student-run organizations provide us with the freedom to shape and mold our school. From traditional groups like Class Council and SGA, to the newly established Poker Club, Merrimack offers a little bit of everything to spark students’ interests. The ultimate goal of Merrimack’s clubs and organizations is displayed through the positive community development of our school.
The American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter is devoted to providing activities and services to enhance its member’s education. Inviting any student interested in the field of Civil Engineering, and how it provides for the community. The organization is focused on attending events such as alumni and student dinners, and entering the annual Steel Bridge Competition.

Advisor: Anthony DeLuzio  Technician: Doug Therrien

Executive Board:
Sean Homem (President), Nick Scenna (Vice President), Alyssa Barbetta (Secretary), Joe Tierney III (Treasurer)

Members:
Jeff DeInnocentis, Meghan Miller, Aaron Cheever, John Klipfel, Paul Greco, Mike Brown, Steve Mallory, Alan Pepin, Matthew Gillis
Best Buddies

Members:
Shannon O’Shea (College Buddy Director), Lisa Baranowski, (Membership Coordinator), Adriana Grasso (Treasurer), Antonio Sordillo (Activities Coordinator), Dave Dlugalsh (E-Buddies Coordinator), Christina Feeney, Britney Sullivan, Joelle Lindermuth, Jen Cain, Bill Scotti, Ashley Bistran, Valerie Berlinghieri, Jamie Dever, Elizabeth Duhamel, Carolynne Downes, Christina Doherty, Alissa Ciarlgiero, Angela Fisher, Shannon Graham

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships.

Best Buddies chapters can be established at the College, High School, and Middle School levels. The chapter at Merrimack College was started in 2002 by Lisa Baranowski, Father James Wenzel OSA at the host site Creative Living Inc. with Lucille Giannone as host coordinator. This chapter helped stimulate friendships between Merrimack College students and individuals in the surrounding community with intellectual disabilities. Since then, Best Buddies has been very successful. Best Buddies won the Organization of The Year Award at Merrimack for the school year 2003-2004. The success of this organization reflects the hard work of many Merrimack college students. Best Buddies hopes to continue enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities as well as Merrimack Students with the success of our most recent fund raiser, Joey and Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding.
Class of 2005

The 2005 Class Council has worked very hard the last four years to bring many class events to the Class of 2005 at Merrimack. This year the Class Council brought many events like Dick’s Last Resort, Jillians, Mohegan Sun, 105 Days to Graduation, The Harbor Cruise, and the Senior Formal. Over the last four years the Class Council has worked very hard in promoting class and school unity. The Class Council would like to thank their advisor Mike Durkin for all of his hard work and dedication with the council and the Class of 2005 over the last four years.

President: Tom Hankard
Vice President: Renee Botticelli
Secretary: Anna Sabella
Treasurer: Mike Lemenager
Class Representatives: Kristen Belcastro, PJ McCarthy, Frank Zizzo
Advisor: Mike Durkin

Class of 2006

The 2006 Class Council works to bring quality programming to the members of the Class of 2006 as well as the entire Merrimack College community. This year’s council proved to be stronger than ever, sponsoring a number of successful events to the Merrimack community including, Mr. Merrimack 2004, Java Jam 2004 and the 2005 Luau Date Auction, where over $600 was raised to support both the Class of 2006 and the victims of the devastating Tsunami. On Friday, April 15, 2005 the council sponsored the 2005 Junior Formal, “Dancing in the Moonlight” at the Andover Country Club. More than 250 students attended this year’s formal, making it one of the highest attended junior formals in recent history. As recognition for the council’s efforts throughout the 2004-2005 year, the L.E.A.D. Committee honored the 2006 Class Council with the 2005 Shining Star Award for Most Improved Organization.

President: Josh Blaszak
Vice President: Christina Meola
Secretary: Andrea Repoff
Treasurer: Paul Tripodi
Class Representatives: Nicole DeDur, Kathleen Donnelly, Melaine Foley, Caitlin Shanley
Advisor: Bryan Dunphy-Culp
The Merrimack Dance Team
Co-Captains: Stephanie Bramlett and Mean Dinneen
Treasurer: Lauren Berg, Secretary: Liz Andre
Members: Alyssa Barbetta, Julie Callahan, Tammy Demers, Kristen Denecke, Rebecca Kolifrath, Rebecca McSheffrey, Marie Petrulavage, Rebecca Poteat, Megan Murtaugh, Cara Silva, and Kimberley Snow
Coach: Tara Hajjar

The dance program was established in 1999 in order to provide the Merrimack Community with the option to continue training in dance arts. The dance team performs at many of the school’s events and programs such as Mr. Merrimack, Greek life events, sporting events, and the dance program has an annual recital each spring. The team competed for the first time in 2004 in a regional competition and made it all the way down to Daytona Beach, Florida this past April for the National Dance Alliance Competition. After only two years dancing competitively, the team is nationally ranked.
French Club

The purpose of the French Club is to promote French Language and culture. This is the second year for the French Club. Our event of the year was to see “The Phantom of the Opera” at the newly restored Opera house in Boston. The French club is open to all students enrolled in a French class or anyone who is simply interested.

President: Lisa Chenevert
Vice President: Ariana Holmes
Secretary: Elisa Babel

Friends Coalition

President: Michelle Gage
Vice President: Jonathan Murphy
Secretary/Treasurer: Katherine Kwolek
Advisor: Linda Murphy
Members:
Grace Gatta, Lianna Pichard, Laura Winkler, James Anglehart, Lindy Karsner, Kristin Morrissey, Beth Gionfriddo, Lauren Favorite, Donna Novak, Kathryn Lightbown, Jackie Fazioli, Liz Pace, Josh Papietro, James Archambault, Micheal Gianola, Sally Uniss

Merrimack College Friends Coalition creates a forum for discussion of the issues surrounding gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) people and their allies. The focus of discussions will be to increase awareness and understanding of the issues facing GLBT people and those that love them in today’s society.

The purpose of the Friends Coalition is to increase tolerance toward GLBT persons and issues throughout the Merrimack College community. In addition, the Friends Coalition helps the community examines issues as they relate to Christian ideology of the Merrimack college campus in order to provide a means for GLBT students and their allies to live a full educational experience in a safe environment.

Friends Coalition strives to create a safe and accepting space on campus where all students can feel comfortable regardless of their sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression, with a special effort to include and welcome heterosexual allies.

This safe space creates wonderful opportunities to explore open and honest discussion around sexual orientation so that the community becomes better educated and more accepting and respectful of our human differences.
The Italian Club

President: Jennifer Salamone
Vice President: Matthew Pellegrino
Treasurer: Nicholas Sawchuk
Secretary: Kendrys Vasquez
Publicity: Christine Ringger

Members:
Elise Dahan, Amanda Farrell, Katy Farell, Maureen Moroney, Jullianne Robillard, Kerianne Sherman, Matthew Stanley, Paul Tripodi, Ada Yakirevich

The purpose of the Italian Club is to promote and encourage the intercultural exchange of ideas by celebrating Italian Culture. We achieve this goal through meetings, presentations, lectures, dinners, and fieldtrips. It is our hope to create a close community that is symbolic of the Italian tradition of family.
Jazz Ensemble

Members: Matthew Termini (President), Robert O’Brien (Vice President), Julie Callahan (Treasurer), Raeann Keeley (Secretary), Charlie Collins (Director), Deborah Angelosanto, Graeme Griffith, Tim Guichard, Arthur Ledoux, Harry Lin, Josh Medor, Russ Pinizzotto, Dana Rowland

The Jazz Ensemble has played around campus all year round. We played at St. Augustine’s Birthday, Accepted Students Brunches, and we put on a concert in April among other performances. The Jazz Ensemble is a group of musically talented students and faculty members that share their love for the arts through many musical styles.

Justice and Peace Coalition (JPC)

President – Josh Blaszak
Secretary – Alicia Hyder
Advisor – Peggy Schumann
Vice President – Mary Lyons
Treasurer – Susan Ferguson

The Justice and Peace Coalition heightens awareness on the Merrimack campus regarding issues concerning human dignity. Throughout the year, the JPC brought to light issue of respect as they relate to all facets of life. In its first official year of recognition under the name Justice and Peace Coalition a variety of programs were held on the Merrimack campus including an Annual Hunger and Homelessness Week, Free Trade Coffee Tasting and showing of “Hotel Rwanda.” On May 1, 2005 a group of about 20 individuals joined the JPC and participated in Project Bread’s Annual 20 mile Walk for Hunger in Boston.
Math Club

Jimmy Riel – President
Mollie Kerrigan – Secretary
Dr. Dan Gries – Advisor

Josh Blaszak – Vice-President
Katie White – Treasurer

Members: Beth Arnold, Peter Arsenault, David Boll, Diana Buonopane, Carolynne Downes, Megan Duffy, Amy Gadwah, Adam Gilbert, Zach Kissel, Wendy-Beth Minton, Monica McLaurin, Eric Pardi, Amy Rowe, Lynann Sylvester

The Math Club is comprised of students from all majors and minors, especially those in fields related to mathematics and is overseen by the faculty of Merrimack’s Mathematics Department. Throughout the 2004-2005 year, the Math Club met monthly to get to know each other and just have fun, while at the same time discuss and learn about different math topics. Many of the topics presented at meetings this year gave the Math Club members a chance to work on math activities that cannot be performed in everyday college courses. Some of the fun activities the Math Club took part in this year were solving a Rubik’s Cube, practicing the art of origami, discovering how knots work, creating music based on the math behind music notes and taking a look at how student in the United States compare to students around the world in math.
This year Merrimack College Television reached new heights. We were able to expand our staff to over 25 active members. The station launched new shows like MC-TV 10 News and Up Late. Up Late with Chuck Dukas was the station’s biggest success where people such as Jeff Fraza from The Contender, Michael Tarshi from The Apprentice, and many others made an appearance. MC-TV 10 wishes all the seniors the best of luck next year and thanks to our advisor Kevin Salemme and those who have made a contribution to the station.

“I personally wish all of you the best of luck and it was a memorable 4 years. Thanks for everything!”

- Chuck Dukas
Merrimack Program Board (MPB)

The Merrimack Program Board is a student run organization dedicated to bringing educational, social, and recreational programs to the student body. MPB also coordinates with major weekends such as Winter Warrior Weekend, Spring Weekend, and Family Weekend/Homecoming. At the 2005 LEAD Awards Ceremony, MPB, received the Sakowich Center Program of the Year Award for the Dropkick Murphy’s Concert in November.

Positions on MPB: Program Chair, Special Events Chair, Coffeehouse Chair, Movie Chair, Comedy Chair, Major Weekends Chair

Members: Beth Gionfriddo, Megan Haskell, Michael Mgleiro, Regan Clarke, Allison Stinson

Advisor: Alicia Dunphy- Culp
MerrimAction (Merrimack in Action) is the Merrimack College volunteer program with a student/alumni branch. MerrimAction provides students with the opportunity to reach out to the poor and marginalized. MerrimAction empowers the participants to embrace a life-long commitment to recognize and change unjust structures that limit people’s options to succeed. Students can participate in many on-going programs throughout the year in Merrimack Valley and the Boston area. The experiences of those involved, when reflected upon, are teachable moments and cause for their own transformation. One of the big events that MerrimAction put on in the Spring of 2005 was Merrimack in the City. The day was very successful with over 80 volunteers. Thank you volunteers for a great and successful year.
The Merrimack Outreach Experience, M.O.R.E., marked its 22nd year of bringing remarkable retreat experiences to Merrimack students in 2004-2005. This retreat experience serves more than 200 students throughout the year with 6 retreats, each of which are special and unique in their own right. These 3 days retreats offer students the chance to get away from schoolwork and relax while at the same time reflect on their lives and meet new people. Who could ask for more? Students return to campus from M.O.R.E. Retreats spiritually refreshed and in addition have made 30 new friends. M.O.R.E. continues to affect Merrimack students year after year and always leaves students wanting more, it is no wonder why so many of those who take part in the retreat, label it as one of their most memorable experiences during their four years.

2005 M.O.R.E. Council
Lisa Baranowski
Josh Blaszak
Mike Danner
Carolynne Ownes
Andrea Johnston
P.J. McCarthy

2006 M.O.R.E. Council
Kelly Beach
Josh Blaszak
Matt McCarthy
Patti Pasquariello
Bob Stalley
Brad Winnett

Advisor: Peggy Schumann
On-Stagers

Fall Production: Moliere

Spring Production: How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying

Good Luck to all of the Seniors next year! We will miss you!!

Vice President

President
The Student Government Association has joined with the faculty, staff, and administration of Merrimack College in order to enhance the Merrimack College community. The members of the SGA represent the views of the student body to the faculty and administration of the college, while maintaining a channel of communication between these groups. We have strived to provide the community with quality programs and student organizations as a means of enhancing life at Merrimack College. This past year SGA sponsored many successful events like Mack’s Place and SGA had the first school wide election for the President of SGA in the spring. The Student Government Association realizes its commitment to the student body, as well as its commitment to its members.

Through our Police Services, Academic Affairs, Administration, Constitution/Budget Control, and the Student Life Committees, the members of the Student Government Association have worked hard to make the Merrimack College a better place.

### 2004-2005 Executive Board
- **President-** Carolynne Downes
- **Vice President-** Mike Danner
- **Member at Large-** Mary Lyons
- **Secretary-** Meaghan Kent
- **Treasurer-** Thomas Cobb

### Class of 2005
- Elizabeth Duhamel
- Sarah Cleveland
- Matt Mullen
- Kevin Leahy
- Andrew Simmons

### Class of 2006
- Rebecca Champion
- Tiffany Comeau
- Mike Beagan
- Lisa Chevrier
- Ashley Jorge
- Adam Florek
- Brad Winnett

### Class of 2007
- Kerri Smith
- Amy Rowe
- Brenden Lowell
- Adrienne Robbie
- Maureen Becker
- Adam Gilbert

### Spring 2005 Executive Board
- **President-** Mike Danner
- **Vice President-** Mike Berry
- **Member at Large-** Carolynne Downes
- **Secretary-** Meaghan Kent
- **Treasurer-** Beth Gionfriddo

### Class of 2008
- Shannon Donahue
- Mary Konola
- Sean Moran
- Rich Sparks

### Class of 2009
- Class of 2009
Tau Kappa Epsilon is the world’s largest International Fraternity with chapters in both the U.S.A. and Canada. At Merrimack, TKE is dedicated to helping both the Merrimack and surrounding communities. This year the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon teamed up with Theta Phi Alpha for “Rock the Vote” which encouraged students to vote in the 2004 presidential election by offering absentee ballots and voter registration here on campus. TKE also raised over $700 in just three days to help the Alzheimer’s Association and the Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen through their annual TKE-in-a-Box program. Aside from that, the brothers have also been working on the church basement where they are doing small repairs, painting, and cleaning. Into next year and for the rest of their lives, TKE will continue to help others and “become better men”.

President: Joshua Johnson
Chaplain: Matthew Giordano
Treasurer: Timothy Donovan
Sergeant at Arms: Colin Dempsey

Vice-president: Andrew Simmons
Secretary: Jeffrey Woodard
Historian: Matthew Persichetti
New Member Educator: Chris Basmaji

General members: Michael Pukala, Braydon Marot, Christopher Cataldo, Patrick Graham, Scott Gibbs, Lee Lemoine, Paul Chicarello, Timothy Loiselle, Nick Gabriello, Nick Sawchuk, Mike Schiemer, and Matt Adams
Theta Phi Alpha was established as Merrimack College’s first national sorority on September 18, 1993. Our sisters are tied together through our principles of Justice, Wisdom, Loyalty, Faith, Truth, and Honor. We currently have thirty one active sisters on campus who are involved in a variety of other organizations such as Orientation Committee, MPB, American Marketing Association, Friends Coalition, Math Club, President Ambassadors, and many others. We also participate in several other philanthropies in our community including the Annual Walk for Breast Cancer, a Rock -a- thon, the Cinderella Project, Rock the Vote, and Habitat for Humanity. Theta Phi Alpha has been the Sorority of the year from 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2001-2002.

We would like to wish all of our sisters the best of luck in their future! A special wish goes out to all the seniors. You are incredible women and we know you will succeed in everything that you do. We will miss you and you will always be in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

"Once a Sister, Always a Sister"

President: Allison Stinson
Vice President: Danielle Dutcher
Treasurer: Karen Nigrelli
Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne LeDuc
Ritual: Chrissie Britt
Marshall: Megan Haskell
Recruitment: Ellen Patnode
Recording Secretary: Jessica Newfell
Pledge Sister Educators: Elizabeth Elliot and Kate Reissfelder
Advisor: Kathy St.Hilaire
It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it. A handful of dedicated Merrimack students combined their efforts during the school year and throughout the summer to bring you the latest edition of the Merrimackan. Most students and faculty do not realize all of the effort that goes into producing the yearbook. There's planning to be done—what should be covered, how do we get photos, how many pages, and so on. And then there's the actual work of choosing photographs, designing layouts and then combining the photos and layouts with text. Somehow it always gets done.

This year, the students who took on the responsibility of seeing the yearbook through to its completion gave countless hours and much effort to the task. Carolynne, Christina and Andrea even ventured back to campus several times after they graduated to work on pages. Without the efforts of this incredible staff, the Merrimackan would not have been possible. We hope you enjoy this year's publication, and that you have as much fun leafing through its pages as we had making our mark on it!
THOSE WERE THE BEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES...

Our four years at Merrimack have flown by. Between struggling through class work, cheering on our teams, running to different meetings, or just hanging around in the apartments, senior year made Merrimack not just a school, but a home. Senior events throughout the year provided us with great memories to last a lifetime. We start the next chapter in our lives, while keeping the Merrimack spirit in our hearts.
Julie de Garavilla
Business Administration

Jeffrey DelInnocentis
Civil Engineering

Nhem Dem
Business Administration

Sara Denis
Business Administration

Michelle Marie DiCenzo
Business Administration

Jason DiMarzio
Computer Science

Megan Dinneen
Business Administration

Nichole Dodier
Business Administration

Christina Doherty
Sociology
Michelle Falzano  
Business Administration

Taylor Edler  
Business Administration

Elizabeth Elliott  
Business Administration

Zachary Duprey  
Political Science

Colleen Ennis  
Sociology

Rich Enos  
Business Administration

Sean Faherty  
Political Science

Samantha Farrell  
Political Science

Julie T. Faro  
Fine Arts

Michelle Falzano  
Business Administration
Geoffrey Greenland  
Fine Arts  

Jospeine Griffiths  
Psychology  

Jared Grifoni  
Political Science  

David Habeeb  
Business Administration  

Thomas Hankard Jr.  
Political Science  

Matthew Hart  
Business Administration  

Geoffrey Hight  
Business Administration  

Mike Horton  
Environmental Science  

Ivan A. Huerta  
Business Administration
Kelly Jordan
Psychology

Dewi Joslin
French

Christopher Kalil
Business Administration

Philip Kallis
Computer Science

Pat Kauth
Political Science

Wyatt Kelley
Business Administration

Joshua Kelly

Kathryn Kennedy
Psychology

Jeffrey Kerble
Business Administration
Robert Maiocco  
Business Administration

Nicole Marcinuk  
Psychology

Andrea Maruzzi  
Political Science

Serenity Maxwell  
Business Administration

Patrick McCarthy Jr  
English

Jonathan McDonnell  
English

Travis McGarry  
Biochemistry

Kathryn McGovern  
Psychology

Colleen McGuire  
Psychology
Maureen Moroney  
Business Administration

Glen Mulcahy  
Business Administration

Matthew W. Mullen  
Business Administration

Caitlin M. Mundry  
Political Science

Kristen Murdica  
Business Administration

David Mushaty  
Electrical Engineering

Jillian L. Nannicelli  
Communication Studies

Sokhom Ngen  
Business Administration

Dante Nigro  
Business Administration
Dan Ouellette  
*Business Administration*

Mary Kathleen Padis  
*English*

Adrienne Paine  
*Psychology*

Rafael Soto  
*Pastor*  
*Environmental Science*

Christopher Palumbo  
*Business Administration*

Jonathan Paquette  
*Economics*

Anthony Parolisi  
*History*

Mark Perfetuo  
*Business Administration*
Rachel Prisco
Liberal Arts

Katy Provenzano
Psychology

Sean Quigley
Business Administration

Ryan Quinn
Business Administration

Krystyn Quist
Business Administration

Matthew Ray
Business Administration

Karen Reddy
Business Administration

James Riel
Mathematics

Jen Roberge
Sociology
Kristen Vadala  
*Business Administration*

Derek Valego  
*Business Administration*

Adam Van Buren  
*Business Administration*

Laureen Vermillion  
*Communication Studies*

Katherine Walker  
*Communication Studies*

Keri Walsh  
*Psychology*

Caroline Whalen  
*English*

Carly Wheeler  
*Communication Studies*

Daniel Richard White  
*Business Administration*
Dick's Last Resort, cont.
Jillian's Cont.
Alumni/Senior Christmas Social
December 2004
Class of 2005

Days to Graduation

January 2005
Days to Remember...  
Senior Year
Senior Formal

April 2005
Senior Formal
Senior Formal

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Class of 2005 Honors Convocation

May 2005

162 Seniors
Honors Convocation Award Recipients

Deborah Skrekas ‘89 Memorial Award
Joseph Harrington ‘05
Judith Hochstetler ‘05

Frederick W. Taylor Award
Gloria Norman ‘05

Rob Costello Award
Caitlin Macadino ‘05

Joseph R. and Nancy M. Traina Award
Keri Walsh ‘05

Reverend John R. Aherene, O.S.A. Poetry Prize
Amy Tremblay ‘05
Brian Hanrahan ‘08
Caroline Whalen ‘05
Senior Awards

Student Leadership Award
Stephanie S. Bramlett
Eileen M. Brosnihan
Adam J. Busalacchi
Aaron J. Clark
Alissa L. Ciarleglio
Sarah J. Cleveland
Taylor R. Edler
Michael J. Lemenager
Marta I. Maldonado
Patrick J. McCarthy
Brent E. McGrath
Anna C. Sabella

David A. Rafferty III Memorial Award
Kelly L. Laprade

Joseph P. Daley Award
Michael W. Danner
Elizabeth C. Duhamel
Class of 2005

Baccalaureate Mass

May 2005

170 Seniors
Senior Awards

Allen J. Ash Senior Service Award
Thomas F. Hankard

William J. Murray O.S.A. Medal
Lisa M. Baranowski
Andrea L. Johnston

Campus Ministry Award
Renee C. Botticelli
Catherine M. Johnston
Class of 2005 Baccalaureate Mass Reception
Class of 2005
Baccalaureate Mass
Reception Cont.
Commencement

May 2005
Class of 2005

Commencement

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Class of 2005
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COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Edward G. Roddy, Jr. Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award
Steven Scherwatzky, English

Edward J. Burns Medal
Awarded to the First Ranking Student in Business Administration
Joseph Doyle Harrington

Bishop Markham Medal
Awarded to the First Ranking Student in Humanities
Joseph E. St. Germain

Very Reverend Mortimer A. Sullivan, O.S.A. Medal
Awarded to the First Ranking Student in Science and Engineering
David L. Mushaty

Cardinal Cushing Medal
Awarded to the First Ranking Student in Social Sciences
Melissa S. Rauseo

Victor J. Mill Medal
Awarded to the First Ranking Student in Continuing Education
Judith Anne Hochstetler

Margaret J. Lamond Medal
Awarded to the student who most exemplifies Catholic ideals and service
John Thornton Sharkey

Merrimack Medal
Awarded for outstanding service to the Merrimack College Community
Carolynne M. Downes
Christopher P. Manni
Class of 2005

Good Luck Class of 2005!
ADMITIRING the Seniors

ADS TO GRADS IS A TIMELESS TRADITION, allowing family and friends to send congratulations to their graduates. This is a way for parents, brothers, sister, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc, to show how proud they are of their accomplishments after four years of hard work.
Michael Adey

To Mike
Any tears we shed today are tears of joy!

Love u!

Michelle Alphonse

Our Dearest Michelle,
You have grown into a remarkable young woman. Your commitment and dedication are amazing. We are so proud of you and we know you will be a wonderful teacher.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tommy & Nan

Scott T. Anderson

Looks like you split a lot of firewood, the Lobster Boat, the Post Office; energy, drive and ambition to carry you forward to bigger and better things.

Love,
Dad & Mom

Matthew Authier

Matt,
We celebrate your success. Always keep Christ and home in your heart. Continue to be a man of honor. The best is yet to come!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Linnea

Kristen A. Belcastro

May you be blessed with good health, good friends and a life filled with happiness. We are so proud of you!

Mom & Dad

Lauren Berg

You have always been our favorite dancer. Please keep on dancing.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Emily Jo Bilodeau

Emily Jo,
Words cannot express how proud we are of you. You have worked extremely hard these past 4 years and hope you have many memories to last a lifetime.
Love You,
Dad, Mom & Roland

Renee Botticelli

We wish you the best of luck, health, and happiness on all your future plans. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.
Reach for the stars!

Love,
Dad, Ma, Andrea, Kevin, Angela, Alicia, & Maddie

Bryan Brazill

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.
Congratulations Bryan,
We love you
Mom, Dad, Kaitlin & Kelsey

Erin Breen

Erin,
We are so proud of you. Good luck with your future endeavors.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Anthony Bruno

Congratulations!
We are proud of you and wish you success and happiness.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Andrea

Rebecca A. Buckley

Rebecca,
Kindergarten seems so long ago, just like yesterday. Congratulations on all you have accomplished. We know you will succeed in all you do. DREAM BIG!
Love and Hugs,
Mom & Dad
Kerry, Sarah & Joe
James A. Cabral

Jim,
Congratulations. May you find all the happiness and joy in life that you have given us.
Love, Mom & Dad

Kristen Carmody

Kristen,
Congratulations on all your accomplishments. We are so proud of you. Much success and happiness with your marketing career.
Love,
Mom and Michelle

James Joseph Carr

Big,
It is what you've done.
It is what you will accomplish.
It is you!
Hoping all your dreams become reality.
Congratulations.
Loving you always,
Mom, Dad, Brian & Lindsay

Joshua Joseph Carroll

We thank you for all the joy, love, and pride that you have given to us. We ask you never to forget who you are. In that knowledge, you will always blend service with achievement, compassion with passion, integrity with justice.

Virginia Carroll

Virginia Carroll
Studying, Understanding
Struggling, Confidence
Old Ways, New Ideas
Stress, Success
Mistake, Growth
Frustration, Fulfillment
Diligence, Opportunity
Talent, Creativity
We are proud of you and your accomplishments.
Love, Mom & Dad

Lisa Chênevert

Congratulations, Lisa. We’re so proud of the beautiful young woman you’ve become. We love you!
Mom, Dad & Sophie XXXX
Alissa Lynn Ciarleglio
The day you were born we knew we were forever blessed. We are so proud of all your accomplishments at Merrimack and the beautiful person you have grown up to be. We hope you always “dance.”
Love You forever,
Mom & Dad

Erin Cicone
Be strong, brave, kind. Remember God, who gave you gifts of love, faith and compassion. And your family, who support and adore you always.

Aaron Clark
Aaron Tubby “Little Dawg” James,
Congratulations! Your hard work has paid off in many ways You got some great memories. We are so proud of you.

Sarah Cleveland
Life is a daring adventure or nothing. ~Helen Keller
Congratulations Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Hershey

Paul T. Devine
Congrats to our Pauley. You’ve been “towarding” for this day for a long time and your whole “fam” is immensely proud of you.
All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Em & Dave

Jason DiMarzio
Congratulations Jay! We’re so proud of you and the man you have become. May all your dreams become a reality.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Nicky
Carolynne Downes

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. May all your hopes and dreams come true. Keep smiling! We love you!

Mom, Dad & Chris

Taylor R. Edler

You’ve grown to become such a fine young man. We are so very proud of you for all that you are. Doesn’t time go by in a blink!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Richard Enos

Richie,

We are very proud of you! Be the best you can be! All our love and best wishes on your graduation day!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Mandy

Meghan Finnegan

Auntie Meggie-

We are all so proud of you! May all of your dreams and wishes come true.

Love,
Erin, Steve & Baby Joseph

Angela E. Fischer

Did you ever know that you’re my hero and everything I wish I could be. I can fly higher than an eagle. You are the wind beneath my wings. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you God for you, the wind beneath my wings. Congratulations, Anne, on a job well done!

Love, Dad & Mom

Michael Foley

Mike,

We’re so proud of you. You have achieved many goals and we know you will continue to have great success.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Colleen & Erin
Alison Frazier

Alison,
Congratulations! You have given us so much to be proud of. We wish you success and happiness as you follow your dreams.

With Love,
Mom, Dad, Michael & John

Peter Anthony Gandolfo III

We are so proud of you. We wish you the Very Best in everything you do. You deserve the best of everything in life. You’ve worked very hard, and you are a success. The world is waiting for you.

We love you, You’re the Best Mom & Dad

Leanne Giordano

We’re so proud of you princess Gia! Love you, Dad, Mom & Michael

Josie Griffiths

Joe,
Your graduation is here and it seems two minutes since you were the little girl in the picture. You have many accomplishments and getting your degree is another accomplishment because of your hard work and determination. Whichever path you take next, we know you will be successful. We are proud of you and you deserve only the best.

Love you,
Mum, Dad & Steph

Jared Grifoni

Congratulations Jared! May all your dreams come true. We are so proud of you! Good Luck in Law School.

Love,
Ma, Dad, Cherise, and Nadine

David Habeeb

He has achieved success who has worked well, laughed often, and loved much—Elbert Hubbard

With love and pride, we applaud you.
Mom, Dad, and Daniele
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<td>We cannot express how proud we are of you, Tommy, for all of your accomplishments of the past four years, being elected President of your class and graduating with Honors Summa Cum Laude. We are so proud to call you son and grandson. Love, Mom, Nana, &amp; Papa</td>
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<td>The entire family respects your accomplishments in both college and life. We are extremely proud of the person you turned out to be. You are a loving son, brother, uncle, and a person who will achieve his life's goals. Love, Mom &amp; Dad</td>
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<td>This is a great milestone in your life. Take this knowledge and use it to your greatest potential. May it bring you happiness and success. We are the proudest parents in the world! Congratulations and Good Luck! Love, Mom &amp; Dad</td>
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<td><strong>Congratulations David! We are very proud of you and wish you lots of happiness and success. Love, Mom and Dad</strong></td>
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<td>Dear Laura, We are so proud of all you have achieved, your enthusiasm for life and new adventures and of the truly wonderful person that you are. Love, Mom, Dad &amp; Jess</td>
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Melissa Kuras

Forever love you are
Forever proud we are!
May life continue to amaze
you And May God be with you
down every road you roam.
Besos & Abrazos,
Mom & Pop

Caitlyn Barbara Lake

Caitlyn,
In your high school yearbook you
wrote that your goal was to be suc-
cessful! Needless to say, that dream
has come true. We are all so proud
of you and hope that you continue to
accomplish your dreams. We love you
and good luck.
Mom, Dad & Brittany

Keri Lannan

To Keri,
Ladybug, Ladybug fly
away home....
You’ve made us proud as
always.
We love you!
Love Always,
Mom & Dad

Kelly Laprade

Congratulations on
your many accomplish-
ments both academi-
cally and athletically
at Merrimack College.
Be as proud of yourself
as we are of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Shane

Todd William Larocque

Todd,
Congratulations! Your
commitment to count-
less hours of hard work
is rewarded with your
major achievement. We
are extremely proud of
you and your accom-
plishments. We love you
dearly and know success
awaits you.

Michael Larrabee

“It takes courage to grow up and become
who you really are.”-e.e. cummings

Dear Michael,
You are a wonderful young man. We love you.
Mom & Dad
Jamie, Leonard

We are very proud of your accomplishments. Congratulations on a job well done. May you be blessed with health and success in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dana, Shawn, Heidi, Sarah, Liam and Nikki

Amy Luzar

Our hearts are filled with pride and joy to see our youngest daughter graduate with such excellence! We will always love you for being our sunshine.

Your Parents, Sandra, Miguel, & Stephen

Caitlin, Macadino

Congratulations Caitlin!

Nicole M. Marcinuk

Our little girl has grown up and accomplished so much, especially these past four years. Remember your life will bring you down many roads but each will teach you what a gift you are and lead you to your goal!

We love you so much!
Mom & Dad

Braydon Marot

Congratulations Braydon!
We’re so proud of you!
As you graduate with many Merrimack memories, we hope your bachelor’s degree will launch you into an exciting and rewarding career.

Luck and Love Always,
Mom & Dad

Colleen McGuire

Colleen,
We never doubted you would graduate, except maybe after your 1st semester, and your Jr. Year in High School, and the night of that party, anyway, you have made us very proud, you too Sarah!

Love,
Mom & Dad
Megan Mescall
We are so proud Megan!
We love you!
God Bless you always.
Many thanks Fr. Jim!
Congratulations.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Gang

Robert Alexander Maiocco Jr.
Rob,
To a wonderful son. We are so proud
of the person you have become. We
love you. May all your dreams come
ture. Congratulations and best of luck.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Alex, Peaches, Morris
& Snickers

Kathryn McGovern
Dear Katie.
Congratulations on a
well deserved degree. We
are very proud of all your
accomplishments. Always
follow your heart and
your dreams will come
ture.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jennie

Meghan Miller
Meghan,
You will always be our first lady.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Justin & Tucker

Matt Mullen
Dear Matt,
You’re on your
way - the possibili-
ties are limitless! We
are so proud of your
accomplishments!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Kellie Mixon
Congratulations
Kellie! We are
so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Katie & Simba
Glenn Mulcahy

Congratulations Glenn! We love you and are very proud of you. May your life be as rewarding and happy as you’ve made ours.

Love,
Dad Mom, Kevin & Carol

Kristen A. Murdico

...go instead where there is no path and leave a trail~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations on all you’ve done and will do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jim & Steven

Raymond S. McNutt

Mac & Cheese with hot dogs! Breakfast of champions. Congratulations! The effort will reap rewards.

We love you,
Mom & Sis

Jill Nannicelli

Jill,

We are so proud of you. Everything you strive for you obtain. I wasn’t surprised you reached your 4.0. Carpe Diem, Sweetie.

Love, Mom & Dad

Dante Nigro

Congratulations! You have made us proud of your diligent, hard work. Future years of success

Laura M. Oliver

We are so proud of you, not only for what you have accomplished, but for the person you have become. Your determination, compassion, and sense of humor have guided you well. You are a fantastic daughter, sister & friend.

All Our Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Eric
Brian Osborne
To Brian,
Words cannot say how proud we are of you. You have worked so hard in the past four years. Your dedication has been outstanding. We know you will have a successful future in everything you pursue. We love you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nana, & Michael

Rebecca Osuch
Becky,
Congratulations on your accomplishments! You have worked so hard and you have made us so proud. Your future students are going to be so lucky and so blessed.
All our love,
Mom & Dad
Dan Tom & Jess

Adrienne M. Paine
Adrienne,
Congratulations on graduating from Merrimack College! My how time flies! How did four years go by so fast? We are very proud of you! Good luck in your future endeavors. We know you will excel at anything that you do!
Love,
Dad & Tina

Christopher A. Palumbo
Chris,
Congratulations! You have made us all so proud. Remember nothing in life that is worthy is ever too hard to achieve. We'll always be there to love and support you.
Love,
Mom, Mike,
Jason & Nana

Mark Perfetuo
Mark,
You continue to make us so proud! Congratulations. May all of your dreams come true.
With Love and Support
Always,
Mom, Dad, Jill & The Rest of the Family

Rachael A. Prisco
Congratulations Rachael. May your future path in life be blessed with happiness and fulfilled dreams. We're so proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad
Sean Quigley

Sean,
Congratulations! We’re very proud of you! As you begin your new career...don’t forget we want a condo in Florida!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Kaitlyn

Ryan Quinn

Congratulations, Ryan, on your successful completion of four years of hard work. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!
All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike & Casey

Jonathan Ramsey

Congratulations on another achievement. We’re very proud of all your accomplishments in the classroom and on the field.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kris, Meeghan, Derek, and Gram

Matthew Ray

Your Dad and I are very proud of your accomplishment! All of your hard work has paid off.
We Love You,
Mom, Dad & Brittany

Karen Reddy

The Red Sox finally win... And you graduate...What a great year!
Love.
Dad & Tess

P.S. We knew you’d graduate. We weren’t so sure about the sox...

Michael A. Sauchuk

Michael,
Congratulations on a tremendous accomplishment. We’re very proud of you. Continue to strive to success.
Love,
Mom, Ken, Jenn & Julie
**Cara M. Silva**

Cara,
Live the life of your dreams and you will always be happy. We are extremely proud of you.
Love Always,
Mom & Dad

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**Alyssa Anne Small**

Alyssa,
You have what it takes to succeed in whatever life path you choose. Your success story has just begun. Enjoy your new journey...Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, John & Ned

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**Elizabeth Smith**

Seems like yesterday you were in pre-k. Dad and I are very proud of your accomplishments. Keep reaching for the stars and you will succeed in your future endeavors.

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**Jennifer D. Smith**

Anyone who has known her has been blessed! And Jenny, thanks for giving us these exciting and most rewarding times of our lives. We can no longer say “Oh good Jenny has a game tonight,” but it will remain in our memories forever.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Justin, Derek, Laura, and Molly

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**Melissa A. Spas**

Dear Melissa,
As you receive your degree, our eyes will once again be watching you with overwhelming pride and joy. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad

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**Kimberly Elizabeth Stafford**

“People often dwell on the past, pontificating about accomplishments or agonizing mistakes. Live in the now! Life is a maze of choices—choose wisely. Choose to be happy—Everyday!”
Love,
Mom & Dad
Deirdre P. Sullivan

Everyday since you were born we have thanked God for our beautiful daughter. We all love you more than you know. Congratulations on your graduation.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Patrick

Casey Koehler Sylvester

To our dentist case-a-lace-Bella-Aggrarain-Pseudolus-Smitty-Elphaba! We admire your spirits and talents. We love you so! Now off you go-Defy Gravity!

Daniel Richard Talbot

We love you and are so proud of you! Remember your roots! Know that your family will be with you always and forever.

Love You,
Mom, Dad, Molly & Emily

Danielle Tashjian

Danielle,
Democracy is not something you believe in, or a place to hang your hat, it’s something you do. If you stop doing it, democracy crumbles and falls apart. We are proud you live this Hoffman quote daily...you are a remarkable young woman! Grasp your dreams.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Cristen Termike

You made it. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Us

Danielle V. Thibault

You made it! We are so very proud of you, Danielle. May the future hold only the best for you. Love,

Mom, Dad, Jason, Priscilla, Rob, & Michael
Congratulations Michael Tierney. We hope your studying and "training" will make your career and your life happy and rewarding. We're proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Patrick, Jake & Fred

Wyatt Kelly

Wyatt, A student of life.

Love, Mom

CONGRATULATIONS to THE CLASS of 2005!

The Office of Student Activities

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Despite assurances that its nuclear program intentions are peaceful, Iran voluntarily suspends its uranium enrichment activities in the face of protests from NATO and the U.S.

Five hurricanes hit the Caribbean Sea, Florida and the southeastern U.S. coast in the fall of 2004, causing $25 billion in damages.


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In July, the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission releases its report of circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Strong partisan division over issues at stake throughout the 2004 presidential campaign results in record turnout of voters under 21.

In November, Minnesotan Chai Vang allegedly shoots and kills six hunters and wounds two others after he is caught trespassing on a hunting platform in Wisconsin.
Tom Ridge leaves his position as secretary of homeland security.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigns.

Attorney General John Ashcroft relinquishes his cabinet post.

Coalition troops face a persistent terrorist insurgency leading up to the Iraq presidential election in January 2005. The war costs the lives of over 1,400 coalition troops, as well as over 14,000 Iraqi civilians.

Ribbon-shaped magnetic stickers urging people to "Support Our Troops" appear on countless American cars.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice makes history as the first black female to become secretary of state when she succeeds Colin Powell.

In the trial of the year, California jurors find Scott Peterson guilty of the first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, and second-degree murder of their unborn son.

In response to the investigation by the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission, the U.S. Senate passes the National Intelligence Reform Act.

More than 220,000 lives are lost after a massive earthquake in December off Indonesia's coast causes a tsunami that smashes coastlines in Southern Asia and as far away as Somalia.

The Center for Disease Control's Youth Risk Behavior Survey finds 6.1 percent of teenagers surveyed have tried steroids as compared to 2.7 percent in 1991.

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By 885 feet the new Millau bridge in southern France is the tallest bridge in the world.

The Ukrainian Supreme Court invalidate the country’s disputed presidential election because of vote tampering. In the revote, pro-West opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko claims victory.

In September, Chechen rebels kill more than 430 people in a series of terrorist attacks in Russia, including the bloody attack on an elementary schoolhouse.

After 22 months, the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan continues to grow, leaving more than 2.3 million Africans in need of humanitarian aid.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, 75, dies in a Paris hospital. Palestinians view him as a leader who sought a homeland for his people, but many Israelis see Arafat as a ruthless terrorist.

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Due to manufacturing errors, the United States faces a flu vaccine shortage. The U.S. Department of Health reserves vaccinations for those most at risk — people over 65 and infants six to 23 months of age.

Countries and individuals around the world join together to pledge over $4 billion in relief for those devastated by the December tsunami disaster.

Christopher Reeve dies at age 52. Reeve is remembered for his movie role as Superman and as an advocate for spinal cord research after being paralyzed in an accident in 1995.

According to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, over 20 million people are wearing the yellow “Livestrong” wristbands that help fund and promote the organization’s cancer research.

In September, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates announces a $168 million donation to fund malaria research.

In August, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opens in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The National World War II Memorial is unveiled in Washington, D.C., in honor of the millions of Americans who served during World War II in the military and on the home front.

A prolonged deployment of over 200,000 U.S. troops to Iraq leaves many families struggling at home.
SpaceShipOne, the world's first privately developed spacecraft, is named "2004 Invention of the Year" by *Time* magazine.

Apple's iPod is the year's hottest tech gadget, fashion accessory and advertising personality, all in one credit-card-size package.

Portable photo printers that do not require a computer are a hot item for digital camera owners.

Hong Kong-based toymaker Wow Wee Ltd. sells 1.5 million Robosapiens since the toy's introduction in April. Among other "talents," the $100 robot can belch and pass gas on command.

The Food and Drug Administration links the use of antidepressants such as Zoloft, Paxil and Prozac to suicidal behavior in teens.

After four years on the market and billions of dollars in revenue, pharmaceutical company Merck recalls the arthritis drug Vioxx due to increased risk for cardiovascular disease.

Toshiba's HD DVD and Sony's Blu-ray battle for supremacy over the next generation of DVD technology. Major movie studios are evenly divided in their backing of the two technologies.

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African lions join the endangered species list because they are being killed to protect domestic livestock and their habitats are being destroyed.

Although Saturn's rings look solid from Earth, images taken by the international Cassini spacecraft show they are more like rivers of dust and ice, with particles ranging in size from specks to mountains.

In September, astronomers announce the discovery in the Milky Way galaxy of a new and possibly abundant class of planets.

On a remote island in Indonesia, scientists find 18,000-year-old skeletons of a hobbit-like human species that grew no larger than today's average three-year-old child.

In October, Mount St. Helens vents ash and steam for the first time since its major eruption in 1980.

Threatened by the spread of hormone-disrupting chemicals and global warming, polar bears are added to the endangered species list.
Squish pillows are a "must-have"

Pink is the hot new color

Retro brooches are back

Ugg knockoffs are popular

Knitted ponchos are fall's hottest new fashion trend, gracing the shoulders of your classmates and your favorite celebrities.

Pocket bikes top holiday wish lists despite safety warnings that they are not toys.

Airbrush tans, capable of lasting five to 14 days, provide a fashionable and safer alternative to harmful ultra-violet rays.

Italian link charm bracelets become the biggest jewelry trend of the year.

The "grunge" style of the early '90s resurfaces with camouflage patterns and T-shirts with long-sleeve shirts underneath.

Whether genuine or ordered new from a custom T-shirt store on the Web, vintage '80s iron-on T-shirts are a hot fashion commodity.

Catch phrases used to encourage people to get out and vote become a fashionable cause, appearing on everything from T-shirts to ties.

Thanks to the popular movie 
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story, the high-flying, body-bashing sport makes its way back into gymnasiums across the country.
Fast-food restaurants offer kids’ meals with healthy alternatives to fries and soda, including apples and milk.

The scrapbooking craze reaches new heights with more people wanting to capture their memories in creative ways.

Soft-drink makers join the diet bandwagon with low-carb sodas like Coca-Cola C2 and Pepsi Edge. Sales of the new products, however, quickly go flat.

Muscle cars like the revamped Ford Mustang GT regain their presence on American roads.

With more than 7 million participants, paintball is the third most popular extreme sport, behind in-line skating and skateboarding.

With DVDs delivered right to your door and no late fees, Netflix and Blockbuster Online become popular choices for movie rentals.

Bucking the health trend, Hardee’s serves up a Monster Thickburger with 1,420 calories and 107 grams of fat.

Events like the All Girl Skate Jam, founded in 1997, bring skateboarding to peak popularity among young girls.
**movies**

**Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith**

Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet garner Golden Globe nominations for *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, which also earns a nod for Best Picture, Musical or Comedy.

**National Treasure**

Johnny Depp scores his second straight Oscar nomination for Best Actor with his performance in *Finding Neverland*.

**The Incredibles**

Jamie Foxx delivers an eerily convincing and Oscar-nominated performance as the late Ray Charles in *Ray*.

**Million Dollar Baby**

Already named best picture by film critics from New York to Los Angeles, independent film *Sideways* finds even more celebrity with a leading seven Golden Globe nominations.

**The Aviator**

The *Aviator*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio in the role of eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, earns eleven Oscar nominations.

**Napoleon Dynamite**

Clint Eastwood directs another hit with *Million Dollar Baby*, starring Hilary Swank as a 31-year-old boxer.

**Streel**

Streel 2 ranks third on the list of the 100 top-grossing movies, with a total haul of just over $436 million.

**The Incredibles, Pixar and Disney’s movie about a superhero family trying to live a normal life in the suburbs, is a box-office smash.**
**television**

NBC's "Joey"  "Seinfeld" is released on DVD  The WB's "One Tree Hill"  ABC's "Wife Swap"

Ty Pennington and company improve homes better on the successful ABC home improvement show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Fox's "Arrested Development" wins the Emmy for Best Comedy Series after an inaugural year that is critically acclaimed but poorly rated.

Stephen, "Lo." Kristen and friends bring their real Orange County adventures to MTV in the hit reality show "Laguna Beach."

Rodrigo Varela/WireImage.com

You're fired!" becomes a household phrase as Donald Trump plows through executive wannabes on his hit NBC show, "The Apprentice."

Abc gets big ratings from its new hit drama "Lost," the intriguing story of 48 plane crash survivors stranded on an island.

To kick off her 19th season of CBS's "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Oprah and Pontiac join forces to give each of the 276 audience members a brand new Pontiac G6.

ABC's "Wife Swap"

Pausing and recording live television with DVR is rapidly replacing VCRs in households across America.

Before his unbelievable 74-game winning streak comes to an end, NBC's "Jeopardy" contestant Ken Jennings wins $2,520,700 — a TV game show record. He delivers over 2,700 correct responses.
With bands like Interpol, The Killers and Snow Patrol, alternative rock returns to the mainstream music scene in a big way.

U2's new album How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb hits No.1 in Billboard magazine, and the band is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2005.

Rapper Kanye West collects a whopping 10 Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year, for his debut The College Dropout.

Nelly continues to wrap up big sales and hit songs with the simultaneous release of his two albums, Sweat and Suit.

Ashlee Simpson, Jessica's younger sister, makes headlines with her triple-platinum debut album Autobiography and a lip-synching gaffe on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Pop superstar Prince gives his concert ticket-holders something to cheer about before the concerts start ... a free copy of his Musicology CD.

Legendary '80s alternative rock band The Pixies, known for inspiring "grunge" music, reunite after 13 years for a sold-out U.S. and European tour.

In December, Usher dominates the Billboard Music Awards, taking home 11 awards, including Album of the Year for Confessions.
The hottest "hard-to-get" toy for the holidays is the Nintendo DS handheld gaming system.

2004 is the year of celebrities having babies, as Courtney Cox-Arquette, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Hudson, Julia Roberts, Liv Tyler and others all become first-time mothers.

Thousands of young people become avid poker players, a trend sparked by TV shows featuring tournaments for celebrities and professional poker players.

The challenging "Metroid Prime 2: Echoes" takes home the prize as IGN.com's Gamecube Game of the Year.

Video game giant Electronic Arts buys exclusive rights to the teams, players and stadiums of the NFL for its popular Madden video game franchise.

After three years, Microsoft and Bungie Studios release the most eagerly anticipated video game sequel, Halo 2. Over 5 million copies of the game sell in the first month.

The newest trend in video games is to go "old school," with plug-and-play systems featuring '80s games from the likes of Atari and Namco.

Even though it won’t reach bookstores until July 16, 2005, preorders in December help J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince top several best-seller lists.
Ironman Lance Armstrong wins his record-setting sixth straight Tour de France.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the USC Trojans to a second consecutive NCAA National Championship by routing the Oklahoma Sooners in the FedEx Orange Bowl, 55-19.

With a series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox lift the “Curse of the Bambino” to win their first World Series title since 1918.

The New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21, to repeat as Super Bowl Champions. They have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

Following his win in September at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh unseats Tiger Woods as the world’s No. 1 golfer.

In December, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws his record-setting 49th touchdown pass of the season.

In one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, five Indiana Pacers players clash with Detroit Pistons fans on court and in the stands. The Pacers’ Ron Artest is suspended for the year for his involvement.

Russian teenage tennis star Maria Sharapova defeats Serena Williams to claim the Wimbledon title. Thanks to lucrative sponsorship deals, Sharapova ends the year as the world’s richest sportswoman.
The Tampa Bay Lightning claim the 2004 NHL Stanley Cup by winning the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals, 2-1, over the Calgary Flames.
In a year of entertainment dominated by teen queens, Lindsay Lohan makes the biggest splash of the bunch with the hit movie *Mean Girls* and her debut CD *Speak.*

Mattie Stepanek dies from a form of muscular dystrophy at age 13. He was known as a best-selling poetry author and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Goodwill Ambassador from 2002 through 2004.

In remembrance of those who have died and those who continue to risk their lives in the war in Iraq.

Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko suffers from debilitating illness and scarring caused by dioxin poisoning, allegedly at the hands of his opponents.

Rodney Dangerfield, 82, veteran comedian famous for getting "no respect," dies from complications following heart surgery.

Democratic vice presidential and presidential nominees John Edwards and John Kerry make the 2004 election a very close race.

Actor Zach Braff from NBC's "Scrubs" makes his big screen acting, writing and directorial debut in the critically acclaimed *Garden State.*

Former NFL player Pat Tillman, who chose the Armed Forces over the NFL, is killed while on duty in Afghanistan.