Introducing the Merrimack College Record

With this edition, Merrimack College introduces the Record, an institutional publication intended as an official recording of important college events, policies, personnel changes and other vital information. The Record will appear in print biweekly during the academic year and monthly during the summer, delivered to every office and building on campus; its content will appear under a separate Record tab within MyMack.

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Mass, Convocation welcome freshmen

Academic year 2016-2017 opened formally on Monday, Aug. 29, with the Mass of the Holy Spirit followed by Academic Convocation. Both ceremonies drew standing-room only crowds, in the Collegiate Church and Hammel Court, respectively. Ranks of Mass-goers were swelled by athletic teams in uniforms or colors, freshmen, faculty and staff.

The Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., vice president for mission and student affairs, was the celebrant. President Christopher Hopey proclaimed the first reading and Dlugos the Gospel, which focused on the story of the loaves and fishes. His homily picked up the theme of transforming a crowd into a community. "In a crowd, no matter how much each member possesses for him- or herself, there is never enough," he said. "But in a community, regardless of how little each one has to offer, there is always an abundance.”

Dlugos invited new members of the Merrimack community to stand and be welcomed, and urged the entire congregation to perform three rounds of "the wave" to further illuminate his theme of community.

Convocation was attended by more than 1,000 first-year students, members of the senior class wearing graduation gowns, faculty in academic regalia, and members of the administration.

“You have an exciting and rewarding four years ahead of you,” Hopey told freshmen. “I urge you to take advantage of every opportunity and rise to every challenge that this college and this community will present you.”

The president charged seniors to be “mentors, tutors, guides and friends” to the first-year students, and he thanked faculty and staff for their work in educating students and ensuring the college functions.

Provost Carol Glod also thanked faculty, and told students to put "service above self” in their academic and post-graduation lives.

Associate professor emerita Gordene MacKenzie, the 2016 Roddy Award recipient, delivered the faculty address, urging the importance of social justice issues and suggesting freshmen “learn to give back to the community.”

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Faculty ranks grow with 31 full-time instructors

Merrimack has welcomed 31 instructors and researchers to the ranks of the full-time faculty this fall. They are:

School of Education and Social Policy
Justine Bulger-Medina, lecturer in criminology
Rev. Stephen Curry, O.S.A., lecturer in education and special assistant to the dean
Marie Galinski, professor of practice in education
Sharon Shore Taitelbaum, professor of practice in education
Stephanie Smith, lecturer in criminology

Girard School of Business
Rodrigo Bandeira de Mello, associate professor in management
Valerie Bell, assistant professor in management
Fan Chen, assistant professor in accounting and finance
Kaveh Moradi Dezfooli, professor of practice in accounting and finance

School of Liberal Arts
Lauren “Tess” Bundy, assistant professor of history
John Coakley, lecturer in history
Emma Duffy-Comparone, assistant professor in English
Lisa Fuller, assistant professor in philosophy
Kevin McGrawey, lecturer in political science
Debra Michals, assistant professor and director of women’s and gender studies
Azara Santiago-Rivera, professor and director of clinical mental health counseling

School of Science and Engineering
Sadegh Asgari, assistant professor of civil engineering
Sarah Benes, lecturer in health science

Mendel renovations create ‘premier teaching space’

Merrimack College completed renovations on the north wing of Mendel Center this summer to create cutting-edge learning and teaching environments for students across the disciplines.

“I think it’s the premier teaching space on campus,” said School of Science and Engineering Dean Allan Weatherwax.

“The classrooms are full with students, not only from engineering and science but from other schools as well. We have liberal arts in there, and business.”

Renovations realigned space on the first floor to create three classrooms that meet the needs for modern instruction and learning.

The largest classroom has room for 40 students, projectors and screens, as well as new furniture designed for multiple configurations. Another classroom is designed for electronics and electrical engineering classes but works well for computer engineering. The other classroom is mid-sized with full technology capabilities and an excellent learning space for seminars.

“We have reconfigured the spaces and rebuilt the classrooms and merged classrooms to best take advantage of technology,” Weatherwax said.

The former classrooms on the first floor were outdated and underutilized because they didn’t meet the needs of instructors, he said.

Summer 2014 renovations at Mendel included an open-concept, innovative space for teaching physics. The new space was introduced along with a new model for the Introductory Physics curriculum.

The new integrated classroom and lab space features mobile furniture such as laptop stations and rolling chairs tables, and whiteboards, which faculty say have been more conducive to group work.

New space in Mendel’s north wing
1,000-plus first-year students at Merrimack

Merrimack College has admitted its largest first-year student class in the 69-year history of the institution.

Just over 1,000 freshmen and 65 transfers joined the college for the opening of school in September, for a total undergraduate population of more than 3,200. Student numbers will be finalized at the fall enrollment census date on Sept. 21.

The freshman class is roughly half female, half male, hailing from 22 states plus Puerto Rico, four Canadian provinces and 10 other countries. Approximately 12 percent are varsity athletes, and nearly half of the students have expressed up front an interest in community service or religious experience.

The college is now housing more than 2,440 students.

More than 575 graduate students are also enrolled this fall, in 21 graduate programs or tracks.

College to break ground on academic building

On Sept. 30, Merrimack College will break ground on a new academic building adjacent to the North Residential Village on North Campus.

The North Campus Academic Pavilion, at approximately 50,000 square feet and three stories tall, will house flexible classroom space for the entire campus and offices for the Girard School of Business.

It is the first of three planned academic buildings on that site, along Rock Ridge Road in Andover.

The groundbreaking ceremony will kick off an ambitious construction schedule intended to have the building open and operational before the start of the 2017-2018 academic year.

This will be the college’s first new standalone academic building in several decades. The Innovation Center, with its health sciences offices, laboratories and classrooms as well as the Mucci Markets Lab and the Writers House, was added to the Merrimack Athletics Complex in 2013.

The growing North Campus is now home to Houses 6 and 7, the Honors Commons and the Sanctuary coffeehouse, as well as parking for faculty, staff and commuter students.

The college has purchased four private homes along Rock Ridge Road as well, and placed the Procurement Office in one; the Office of Global Education will soon be relocated into another.

The provost and her team, including Vice Provosts Kerry Johnson and Jon Lyon, will be working closely with Hopey to ensure ongoing academic priorities keep moving forward and prepare for a smooth transition.

Glad returning to faculty

Dr. Carol Glad will join the faculty in health science in fall 2017, after serving as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs since 2014. She will be on sabbatical during spring 2017.

The Faculty Senate is in the process of selecting members to serve on a search committee, to work with administrators and the search firm Storbeck Pimental in selecting a new provost.

In announcing the move, President Christopher Hopey said:

"During her tenure as provost we have continued Merrimack’s great momentum, including hiring three new deans — for the School of Science and Engineering, the School of Education and Social Policy, and Student Success and Academic Support; creating, through a college-wide process, the new block schedule, which was implemented this fall; and enhancing the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, as well as other academic firsts, including passion courses and a college-wide student research event.

"The college has also significantly increased its investment in academics, including faculty salaries, dozens of new faculty hires and new and upgraded academic facilities,” the president said.

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Holidays and key dates for 2016-2017

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Senate, Executive Committee meetings

The following dates have been set for the 2016-2017 Executive Committee and Faculty Senate meetings. All Senate meetings will take place from 4-5 p.m. unless otherwise announced.

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Speaker Series ’16-’17

The 2016-2017 Merrimack College Speaker Series has invited two national figures to address campus during the coming year.

On Nov. 16, the campus will welcome Kim Barker, a New York Times investigative reporter who wrote the book “The Taliban Shuffle” (reissued as “Whisky Tango Foxtrot”), about her time from 2004 to 2009 covering Afghanistan and Pakistan as South Asia bureau chief for the Chicago Tribune.

The book was made into the film “Whisky Tango Foxtrot,” with Barker’s character played by Tina Fey.

After leaving the Tribune, Barker was the Edward R. Murrow Press Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and then wrote about nonprofit organizations and campaign finance for the investigative news agency ProPublica before joining the Times in 2014.

On April 4, the campus will hear from Daymond John of the ABC-TV reality series “Shark Tank.”

John is the founder, president and CEO of FUBU, a fashion brand worth a reported $6 billion. In 2009 he joined “Shark Tank,” in which he and four other executives hear business pitches from everyday people and decide whether to invest in the projects. John has invested more than $7.6 million in Shark Tank projects.

He is the author of three books: “Display of Power,” “The Brand Within” and “The Power of Broke.”

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is in talks with a third potential speaker for spring. Details for all speakers will be announced on the website: www.merrimack.edu/speakerseries
Board elects new chairman, welcomes five trustees

The Merrimack College board of trustees has welcomed five new members in 2016, and has elected trustee Michael Crowe '92 its chairman.

Crowe, who served two years as the board’s vice chair, is founder and CEO of ClearSurance LLC, an active angel and early stage company investor, and a director of Matrixx Healthcare Services Inc., a Florida-based pharmacy benefit management company operating in all 50 states.

He was previously senior vice president of services and acquisitions at Brown & Brown, the sixth largest independent insurance intermediary in the world.

Crowe is a lifelong entrepreneur who has served as a director and officer for a number of venture-funded startups, including several that he guided through successful acquisition. He is the cofounder and former CEO of Crowe Paradis Holding Co., an insurance services holding company that collectively grew to $50 million in revenue before it was acquired in 2010 in two separate transactions with Brown & Brown and Verisk Analytics.

He served as deputy treasurer of the Massachusetts Democratic Party from 2000 to 2002 as well as finance chairman for then-U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan. Crowe currently serves on the Finance Committee for U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III and is a member of the Boston Children’s Hospital Board of Overseers. He also serves on the board of directors of, and is an investor in, Surfside Coffee Company LLC, a Florida-based franchise operator of 65 Dunkin’ Brands restaurants.

Crowe lives in Winchester with his wife, Kerri; they have two children, Keelyn ’17 and Quinn.

The new trustees are:

Karen J. Cambray
Karen Cambray is CFO of Cartera Commerce Inc. of Lexington, which operates a platform to provide omni-channel shopping and marketing solutions, and rewards programs for card issuers, airline frequent flyer programs, loyalty programs, and merchants, delivering various offers via multiple digital marketing channels, including websites, online banking, email, mobile and social media applications.

The company also builds and maintains shopping sites, reward-tracking systems and marketing communications for clients. Cambray is responsible for all aspects of finance, accounting, legal and operations at Cartera.

Cambray has more than 20 years of executive finance experience in early-stage emerging technology companies. She is former CFO and senior vice president for operations of Zeemote Inc., former CFO of Groove Mobile Inc., former corporate controller of Be Free, former vice president for finance of Internet Securities Inc., former financial manager of Millipore and former auditor with Arthur Andersen, as well as a former self-employed contract CFO. She serves as treasurer of the board of directors of Science Club for Girls, based in Cambridge.

She and her husband, John Piekos, live in Westford.

Dennis J. Leonard ’77
Dennis Leonard has been president since 2000 of Delta Dental of Massachusetts, a national leader in innovative programs to improve the overall health of members, prevent oral disease, and reduce health care costs for employers, groups, and individuals. Delta Dental of Massachusetts is the largest provider of dental benefits in Massachusetts, serving more than 2.2 million members.

He previously served as chief sales officer for Delta Dental. He is a member of the board, and former president, of Family Services of Greater Boston, and a board member of Everett Cooperative Bank and Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for which he has been assistant treasurer since 2015.

He earned his M.B.A. from Northeastern University, and is married to Norma Leonard; they have two children, Kathleen and Andrew.

Paul L. Mucci P’07
Paul Mucci is a former executive of Devonshire Investors in Boston, a private investment firm affiliated with FMR LLC, the parent company of Fidelity Investments, which manages investments on behalf of FMR and its shareholders in businesses outside of the financial services industry. Its global portfolio consists principally of investments in operating companies, real estate, venture capital and indirect investing.

He served as a member of the Devonshire leadership team when it entered the building materials market with the purchase of the Strober Organization in 1997. He held several executive leadership roles with Devonshire including non-executive chairman of the board of ProBuild Holdings LLC, president and CEO of MetroRED, a South American telecommunications company, managing director of Fidelity Broadband Group and president of Community Newspaper Co. Mucci has also served as president of Impresa Management LLC; president of Star Horizon Management LLC; president of Fidelity Capital; managing director of Fidelity Ventures; CFO of Fidelity Capital; senior vice president of finance for General Cinema Theatres; and vice president of finance for Wang Laboratories.

He resides in Woburn with his wife, Joyce; they have three children, Christopher, Nicholas ’07, and Leanne.

Patrick J. Sullivan
Patrick Sullivan has been Massachusetts president of People’s United Bank since 2013. He is responsible for the strategic development of all commercial business, retail banking, wealth management and insurance across the state. The group includes defined divisions of business banking and middle market lending, and a regional focus on the seafood industry as well as the nonprofit and education industries.

He has almost 40 years of experience in the banking industry and has held a variety of executive and management positions. Prior to joining People’s United Bank, he spent time in the Berkshires as executive vice president of commercial banking and wealth

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Key positions hired across college

Marie Doyle
Manager of parent programs

Marie Doyle ’78 joined Merrimack College as manager of parent programs in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations this summer. The new position is working with parents to integrate them into the Merrimack community and developing new programs. She previously worked as superintendent of schools for Longmeadow, Mass. and before that for Carlisle, Mass. She has spent 38 years in education.

Julie Duffy
Women’s lacrosse coach

Julie Duffy joined Merrimack College this year as head coach of the women’s lacrosse team. Duffy spent the last five years building the University of Findlay’s Division II women’s lacrosse team in Findlay, Ohio. Previously, she was head coach of Division III Ohio Wesleyan University’s women’s lacrosse team. The Westhampton, Mass. native played lacrosse for Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. then began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

Bethany LoMonaco
Director of the news office

Bethany LoMonaco returns to Merrimack as director of the news office, overseeing public relations, the revived Merrimack Magazine and the Merrimack College Record within the Communications Office. She formerly worked as deputy chief of staff, director of external affairs and public relations manager at Merrimack before becoming an independent communications consultant. She holds a bachelor’s in business administration from Endicott College.

Theresa Pettersson
AVP for international student support and multicultural initiatives

Theresa Pettersson has been named the associate vice president of international student support and multicultural initiatives for Merrimack College. She’s the former associate dean at Northeastern University in charge of its NUGlobal program, responsible for attracting international students to that school using pre-matriculation programs. Pettersson also has experience building transnational partnerships with educational institutions so students can earn dual degrees around the world. Additionally, she worked for Study Group International which prepares international students for college; and worked as an independent consultant.

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management at Berkshire Bank and president and CEO of Legacy Banks, which successfully merged with Berkshire Bank in 2011. At Santander (Sovereign) Bank, he held the dual role of president of the New England division and managing director of corporate banking across the bank’s footprint, with responsibility for all commercial and community banking activities within those regions. Previously, he was president and CEO of Howard Bank in Burlington, Vt. Additionally, he served as COO of a mid-sized family distribution business, and he was executive vice president at First NH Bank, a Bank of Ireland subsidiary.

Sullivan is a director of The Boston Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Bankers Association, Massachusetts High Tech Council, People’s United Community Foundation of Eastern Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Business Development Corp., which he serves as chairman. He is a member of the Commercial Finance Association, Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Smaller Business Association of New England and Turnaround Management Association.

Sullivan earned his M.B.A. at Bryant University and is a graduate of the Executive Management Program at the Amos Tuck School of Dartmouth College. He lives in Boston with his wife, Debra; they have three children, Cara, Rory and Ashley.

Robert J. Zatta

Robert “Bob” Zatta is an independent director and business executive. He was the longtime senior vice president and CFO, and more recently, acting CEO of Rockwood Holdings Inc., a world-class specialty chemicals and advanced materials company committed to delivering exceptional value through continued leadership in customer service, quality, on-time delivery and innovative technology. Rockwood was acquired by Albemarle Corp. in 2015. Prior to joining Rockwood in 2001, Zatta spent 12 years with Campbell Soup Co., where he held several significant financial management positions, including his final position as vice president responsible for corporate development and strategic planning. Prior to joining Campbell in 1990, he worked for General Foods Corp. and Thomas J. Lipton Inc. He is a director of Innophos Holdings Inc. in Cranberry, N.J.

Zatta holds an M.B.A. in finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He lives in Princeton, N.J., with his wife, Kathleen; they have three children.
Crosswalk connects Merrimack, Royal Crest

A new pedestrian crosswalk linking Merrimack College’s campus to Royal Crest Estates apartment complex across Route 114/125 opened in time for the new school year.

“We built the crosswalk to provide greater pedestrian safety along Route 114 for students as well as members of the greater public,” said Assistant Vice President for External Affairs Felipe Schwarz. “This is the first phase of a safety project. We continue to work with MassDOT (Massachusetts Department of Transportation), our state legislative delegation, and the town of North Andover to build sidewalks on both sides of 114 to aid vehicular mobility along this important vehicular corridor — as well as add decorative lighting and fencing along the campus side of the roadway.”

Merrimack and the state, through the town of North Andover, allocated $1 million each toward the project.

The public-private partnership’s work enhances the entrance to the town and college campus along a stretch of the Route 114 where outbound traffic typically picks up considerable speed, Schwarz said.

Pedestrians crossing the road press a button to activate a flashing yellow light alerting traffic; after a few seconds it turns solid yellow, so vehicles should stop if it’s safe to do so. Then the light turns red and vehicles must stop. After a few seconds the red light starts flashing, at which point motorists can proceed cautiously if nobody is in the crosswalk.

When pedestrians have had time to cross, the light will turn off.

For their part, pedestrians must wait for a signal to start walking, then have several seconds to make it across the street, said Vice President for Administration and Campus Services Mark Collins.

“The important thing is: Don’t move until you see the walk signal,” Collins said.

“Once the pedestrian light turns off, there’s a 60-second delay before another pedestrian can activate the signal.”

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MacKenzie also stressed the importance of interdisciplinary approaches to academ-ics, drawing on her career as chair of the Women’s and Gender Studies Department in arguing that the intersection of academic disciplines is vital to education. “The meaningful experiences take place at the margins,” she said.

Guest speaker Adam Shepard ’06, author of “Scratch Beginnings” and “One Year Lived,” about his post-college experiences, told students to take chances in their lives.

Shepard graduated Merrimack but did not receive his diploma, due to an outstanding $56 bill; Hopey surprised him with a diploma during the ceremony, publicly waiving the fee.

Vice Provost Kerry Johnson served as master of ceremonies.

The evening ended with a cookout at the Sakowich Campus Center.

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Campus parking policy 2016-2017

The college has increased its resident-student parking space inventory by leasing 300 parking spaces at the East Mills Complex in North Andover. A shuttle service transports resident students to and from campus. Please visit www.merrimackshuttle.com for the updated shuttle schedule.

• There is no charge for eligible resident students who choose to park off-campus at the East Mills parking garage.
• Resident student campus parking is available in Lot K at an annual cost of $600.

Lot K is designated for approved resident student parking only. All other lots are for commuters, faculty and staff. For a map of campus parking locations, please see campus map: http://www.merrimack.edu/map/

SENIORS: Seniors had the first opportunity to register and purchase an on-campus resident parking decal for Lot K or to register for the East Mills garage during the first three days of classes. The cost will be added to the student’s bill.

Each location requires that a vehicle be registered with the Merrimack College Police Department. Only those vehicles registered with the police and displaying a decal/placard are allowed to park in Lot K or at East Mills. All other vehicles are subject to immediate tow at owner’s expense.

A decal/placard for Lot K and East Mills parking garage is not transferrable to another vehicle.

COMMUTER STUDENTS: Commuter student decals cost $75 per semester or $150 for the academic year and will be added to the student’s bill.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS: Graduate and professional student decals cost $75 per semester or $150 for the academic year and will be added to the student’s bill.

STUDENTS WITH OFF-CAMPUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING: Students enrolled in credit-bearing internships, co-op jobs, practica or other experiential education placements are eligible to purchase an on-campus resident parking decal on an academic year or semester basis. To obtain a decal, students must provide the Police Department with a letter of approval from their academic dean or the O’Brien Center for Career Development.

The cost is the same as for resident students and will be added to the student’s bill.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students with permanent or temporary disabilities may apply for parking at any time through the Center for Academic Enrichment/Office of A.D.A. Academic Coordinator (Jodi Rachins, rachinsj@merrimack.edu).

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS: Freshmen, sophomore and junior resident students, as a general rule, should not expect to have a vehicle on campus. However, if parking spaces remain after all senior requests have been met, the college holds a lottery, first for juniors; students are notified of the details by email. Should available parking remain after the junior lottery, an additional lottery opens for sophomores; students are notified of details by email.

STUDENTS AT ROYAL CREST: Resident students in college-provided housing at Royal Crest Estates continue to have free parking in the Royal Crest complex; however, they are not eligible for campus parking decals nor are those vehicles allowed to park on campus.

A new crosswalk across Route 114/125 connects Royal Crest to the main campus, in front of Mendel. The crosswalk has a traffic light that can be controlled by pedestrians and is illuminated at night. Please utilize this crosswalk for all foot travel to or from Royal Crest.

MERRIMACK SHUTTLE: The shuttle connects Royal Crest and the main campus at scheduled times, and also includes routes and stops to the Andover train station, East Mills parking facility (including restaurants and shops), Market Basket, Chipotle and more. Please visit www.Merrimackshuttle.com for the updated shuttle schedule.

OTHER INFORMATION: As of September 1, all vehicles in violation of the parking rules as well as the restrictions listed above are subject to ticketing and/or towing at the vehicle owner’s expense.

Resident parking decals are not transferrable to others.

Parking in Andover neighborhoods near campus requires a homeowner parking permit from the town; Andover police will ticket or tow cars without town permits.

If you have any questions or need further clarification about parking, please contact 978-837-5152 or email parking@merrimack.edu.

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