



DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

VIRTUAL GUIDEBOOK



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

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STUDENT AFFAIRS FAST FACTS

Here's how students find their community at Merrimack!



ResLife hosted over **25** programs focused on student resiliency

Staff worked with students to resolve

2,000

CARE and Academic Concerns



\$45K
Raised by
Relay for
Life

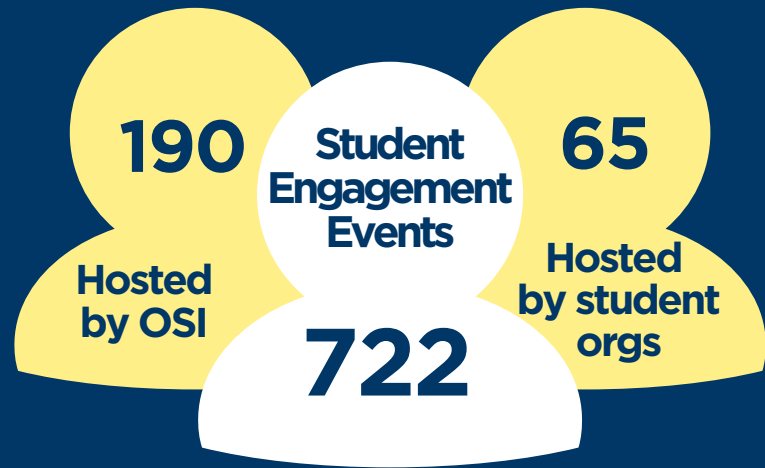


296%

increase in first year students connecting with a counselor



48
programs that provided space for dialogue, personal connection and cultural awareness within our community



ResLife completed over

9,000

intentional interactions with residents focusing on self discovery and connection



206 Safe Zone badges earned

91%

of students say they understand their place within the campus community and ways to get involved after Orientation



700

student athletes participated in mental health screenings



12

new student organizations, including one new FSL organization

524

new students participated in August Orientation Diversity and Inclusion session



15

Peer Educators devoted to promoting health and educating their fellow students through programming, awareness and outreach



40 students initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa's National Leadership Honor Society
212 students initiated into National Society of Leadership and Success



Students hosted weekly podcast and produced 24 live episodes for spring semester focusing on various mental health topics for students

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS



The Office of the Dean of Students provides students with resources, services and opportunities to get involved in community building and wellness on campus. We are here to be sure students have the knowledge they need to be successful both as Merrimack students and good citizens of the larger community.

From welcoming students to campus at Orientation, to the jam-packed fun of Senior Week and Commencement honors, our office is here to support, guide, and advocate for students throughout their time at Merrimack.



RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of Residence Life creates an environment for each student to feel at home while keeping students safe, providing support, and planning events to help them connect with the community. The hall staff are made up of full-time Area Coordinators, Graduate Resident Directors, and Resident Advisors (RA). Each student is assigned a Resident Advisor who checks in with their residents on a regular basis, plans programs, and supports and connects students to campus resources.

First Year Housing:

- Ash Centre
- Deegan East
- Deegan West
- Monican Centre
- Townhouses

Sophomore Housing:

- Royal Crest
- O'Brien Hall
- Townhouses

Junior Housing:

- Royal Crest
- North Residential Village
- O'Brien Hall
- South Residential Village
- Townhouses

Senior Housing:

- Royal Crest
- North Residential Village
- O'Brien Hall
- South Residential Village
- St. Ann Apartments
- St. Thomas Apartments



COMMUTER ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Commuter Engagement helps commuter students navigate their college experience and feel connected to campus. Our commuter students are a vital piece of the Merrimack community and are always welcome to take part in all student involvement and campus life activities.

The Commuter Student Lounge is located on the second floor of Sakowich. It offers private and group study spaces, a kitchenette, printing services, lounge area to relax between classes. The lounge also hosts weekly programming specifically geared towards the commuter experience. Commuter Ambassadors are always on hand to answer questions. Be sure to stop by and check out the space!



ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

The Office of Accessibility Services works closely with students with documented disabilities who require reasonable accommodations regarding academics, housing, and medical-related parking. They serve as an advocate for students and work closely with the College community to increase campus awareness of disability-related access issues.

Accessibility Services at Merrimack College also offers a number of events and programs to promote disability awareness and create a community for our students, such as Accessibility Alliance Week, the Activate Program, and DREAM.



HAMEL HEALTH CENTER



The Hamel Health Center is staffed by licensed healthcare professionals and provides confidential medical health services to all Merrimack students for acute health issues and injuries, wellness visits, lab work and referrals.

It is located at 477 Elm Street, just across the street from the main entrance. It is open for patient visits by appointment only.



COUNSELING CENTER



The Counseling Center offers in-person and online counseling services free of charge to enrolled Merrimack students.

If you need a secure and confidential space for outside counseling services, you are able to schedule the Telehealth Room located at The Counseling Center. The Counseling Center can be found on the third floor of The Sakowich Center.

They also offer Uwill - a 24 hour online counseling service available to all students.



CARE TEAM

The CARE Team at Merrimack College is dedicated to the health and success of each student - academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Their goal is to make students aware of the resources available to them and help them to be successful.

After reviewing students individually, the team then determines appropriate outreach for each student. Drawing from a vast network of faculty and staff across campus, the CARE Team identifies key people who are best suited to help each student solve their unique problems and succeed at the College.



OFFICE OF WELLNESS EDUCATION



The Office of Wellness Education promotes a campus culture where students receive the support, education, opportunities and encouragement necessary to prioritize their health and wellness. They offer online resources and in-person programming to educate students about the different facets of wellbeing, and bring them together to support one another.

Some of OWE's most popular programs are 'Love Your Body' Week, therapy dog visits, and the March Wellness Challenges. They host weekly programming focused on a variety of wellness initiatives such as yoga, journaling, and DIY crafting hosted by the Wellness Peer Educators.



OFFICE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



The Office of Student Involvement (OSI) is home to 60+ student organizations. They also offer leadership development programs, diversity equity and inclusion initiatives, campus-wide engagement opportunities and much more.

OSI host many of the large-scale campus-wide events our students enjoy, including Macktoberfest, Block Parties, Spring Concert, and Big Prize Bingo. OSI also puts on smaller events year round to keep everyone engaged on campus.



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS



As a Merrimack College student, you are part of a community that holds one another accountable to a common set of standards in all academic, professional and personal endeavors.

The Office of Community Standards addresses instances where there is a violation of our community's policies. The intention of the Office of Community Standards is to hold students accountable, so as to maintain a safe and supportive environment on campus.



ORIENTATION PROGRAM



The Orientation Committee runs programming for incoming first-year and transfer students to support their transition to life at Merrimack. In addition to the January, June, and August orientation-weeks, they also run programs throughout the academic year to keep first-year students engaged with the Merrimack community.

The committee includes Orientation Coordinators and Leaders selected to run fun and engaging programs, and to offer support to new students adjusting to life as a college student.



OFFICE OF INTERCULTURAL INITIATIVES

The Office of Intercultural Initiatives enhances Merrimack College's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Using a social justice framework, the Office of Intercultural Initiatives celebrates cultural diversity and educates the community about systemic inequalities through cultural events, discussions series, educational trainings, and social gatherings at Unity House throughout the year. Popular events include Taste the World, UniTEA, and Breaking Bread.

The Office of Intercultural Initiatives also provides additional support and programming for Merrimack's international student population.



PIONEER SCHOLAR PROGRAMS

Each year, the Pioneer Scholars Program offers up to ten Abbott Lawrence Academy students a full scholarship to Merrimack College covering tuition, room and board, fees, and books.

This program helps provide a viable, affordable pathway to college for underrepresented students. Through this partnership, Merrimack has opened our doors to a group of students from Lawrence who are academically motivated and accomplished, giving them a head start on college while they complete high school.



OTHER CAMPUS RESOURCES



Campus Dining Services

Merrimack College's campus food provider Sodexo serves a variety of dining options to meet students' needs.

Academic Success Center

Provides a wide range of opportunities to enhance academic performance: tutoring, writing support, coaching, workshops and more.



Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher and Student Union

The hub of spiritual life and community recreation on campus. Complete with a bowling alley, esports center, billiards, golf simulator and Monica's Kitchen.



Graduate Center

The one-stop spot for graduate student success and engagement on campus and online.



O'Brien Center for Career Development

Empowering students to explore future careers and create a personalized path to success.





Directory

**Office hours:
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**



Dean of Students

-  Sakowich Campus Center, 3rd floor, Suite 320
-  978-837-5175
-  deanofstudents@merrimack.edu






Accessibility Services

-  McQuade Library, 3rd Floor
-  (978) 837-5722
-  accessibilityservices@merrimack.edu



Residence Life

-  Next to Lot J, Near Senior Apartments
-  978-837-5507
-  reslife@merrimack.edu






Hamel Health Center

-  477 Andover Street (Elm Street)
-  978-837-5441
-  hamelhealthcenter@merrimack.edu






Commuter Engagement

-  Sakowich Campus Center, 2nd Floor - Commuter Lounge
-  978-837-5893
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Counseling Center

-  Sakowich Campus Center, 3rd Floor, Suite 370
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Office of Community Standards

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Office of Wellness Education

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Orientation Program

- Sakowich Campus Center, 3rd floor, Suite 320
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Office of Student Involvement

- The Hub
- 978-837-5444
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Office of Intercultural Initiatives

- The Unity House
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