Gull Family News







As we begin November, our thoughts naturally turn to the upcoming holidays, family gatherings, and colder weather. With the recent time change, it can be challenging for some students to feel motivated when it is dark out after a full day of classes. These weeks can be daunting for our students as homesickness starts to emerge. Make sure to check in and give them some encouragement to successfully stay motivated leading up to Thanksgiving break (November 25-29). This holiday break can also be challenging for parents and families adjusting to their students being home.

Please see below for more details and, as usual, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as we head into fall at the Nest!

Go Gulls!

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Athletics

As our Fall sports continue, our Winter sports seasons are right around the corner.

Winter Sports Schedules

Residence Life

Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving break at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 22 and reopen at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 1. If students need to stay on campus for the break they can do so by applying for break housing on their StarRez portal.

Community Service

There were many great events in October, but the highlight for Community Service & Residence Life was their collaboration hosting our Annual Safe Trick or Treat! This is a Halloween event where young children from the local community can come to the campus in a controlled environment to trick-or-treat in designated first-year residence halls and also experience a Trunk or Treat along the walk route to the halls and Post Center. Thirty Endicott Clubs and Organizations hosted crafts and activities in our field house to cap off the evening with food and fun!

Center for Belonging

There is a lot happening at the Center for Belonging in November. In addition to our weekly and monthly offerings of Muffins & Meditation, Spirituality Space, Friday Reflection, Tea & Training, Catholic Mass, Christian Fellowship, Bible Study, and Jewish Shabbat, we will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month with a visit from Native American artist and healer, Zelda Hotaling on November 12, 13, and 14. On Veterans Day, we will honor our veterans with a ceremony and luncheon on November 11. We look forward to sharing all of these events with your students!

Internship & Career Center

With a successful start to the semester with close to 150 students attending Meet the Firms, 100 attending Big Brands Networking Night, and almost 50 students paired with alumni mentors, the Internship & Career Center is excited to welcome students to our upcoming events:

Thursday, 11/7 STEM/Tech Networking Night 3:30-6 p.m., Ginger Judge Science Lobby Meet the recruiting teams & alumni from the STEM/Tech industries. Learn about the skills needed to be successful, hiring timelines, and start building your network.

Wednesday, 11/13 Visual & Performing Arts Networking Night 4-6 p.m., VPAC

Meet the recruiting teams & alumni in the Visual and Performing Arts, Interior Architecture, Graphic Design and more. Learn about the skills needed to be successful, hiring timelines and start building your network.

Thursday 11/14 Exercise Science Networking Night 4-6 p.m., CHS third floor

Meet the professionals in the field of Exercise Science with some of our top employer partners.

Learn about the skills needed to be successful hiring timelines and start building your network.

Friday, 11/15 Skillshop: Financial Literacy 101, Noon, Center for Belonging

Get a solid foundation in managing your money with our Financial Literacy 101 workshop. Learn essential skills like budgeting, saving, understanding credit, and making smart financial decisions. Equip yourself with the knowledge to build a secure financial future while still in college.

Halle Library

Poetry Reading & Open Mic with Professor J.D. DeBris on Thursday, Nov. 7 5–6:30 p.m. Pizza will be served! After the reading, we invite YOU to take the stage for an open mic session. Bring your poetry, spoken word, or music to share, or just come to listen and enjoy the creative vibe! All are welcome, no experience is necessary. Come for the poetry, stay for the pizza!

Office of Sustainability

Last month, Endicott came together to celebrate Sustainability Week from September 28 to October 3 with events, learning opportunities, and community service. Let's continue these environmentally friendly attitudes into the holiday season! The Office of Sustainability wanted to remind all Endicott families to keep the environment in mind in the coming months, especially when preparing our favorite family meals. Do your part in preventing excess waste by cooking mindful portions, composting when possible, and avoiding disposable dinnerware!

Student Transitions

Programs

We will be hosting a few more events this semester! We will have two more sessions of Dinner with 7 Strangers, where students can meet new faculty, staff, and students sharing a meal with them and getting to know each other. We have had successful events this past month. Students made caramel apples while learning how to have tricky conversations, and we partnered with the Office of Sustainability to have a pumpkin drop where students were able to compost leftover pumpkins in a fun way to de-stress a little bit!

Student Leadership

Applications to be an Orientation Leader, as well as a few other positions within the Division of Student Affairs, will be opening at the beginning of December. If your student is interested in being an Orientation Leader, tell them to keep an eye out for applications!

First-Year Honor Society Invitations

Early in the Spring semester all first-year (full time) students who received a 3.75 GPA in the Fall semester will be invited to join <u>Alpha Lambda Delta</u> the honor society for first year academic success. Let them know to keep an eye out for this invitation. ALD is a legitimate nationally recognized honor society. Our chapter was founded last year with our first 110 members being inducted in March. This honor society offers opportunities for scholarships, leadership, and participation in community service projects. Please reach out if you would like any

Visual & Performing Arts

In the School of Visual and Performing Arts, fall is heating up! First, don't miss our **Mainstage Production:** *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theater! This two-time Tony- and Drama Desk-Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters, an onstage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old-fashioned romance! Shows will run Thursday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 9 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Rose Theater. General admission is \$20, admission for seniors and students of other institutions is \$15, and Gull card student admission is free. Group orders of 10+ tickets are \$5 per ticket. Reserve your ticket HERE.

Next, join us for **Endicott Singers and Chamber Ensemble: Transitions**. Experience the music that carries us from one stage of life to another, whether joyous or sorrowful. This event will be held on Saturday, November 16 at 2 p.m. in the Rose Theater. General admission is \$15, admission for seniors and students of other institutions is \$15, and Gull card student admission is free. Reserve your ticket <u>HERE</u>.

On Tuesday, November 19, experience the **Modern Band Project: Live on Stage** at 7 p.m. in the Rose Theater. Talented student bands and combos will cover classic hits from the '60s to today, along with showcasing original songs destined to become new favorites. General admission is \$15, admission for seniors and students of other institutions is \$15, and Gull card student admission is free. Reserve your ticket <u>HERE</u>.

Next up: Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble: Rhythm & Blues. The Jazz Band will delight with jazz standards and contemporary hits, while the Percussion Ensemble showcases original compositions on a diverse array of instruments. This event will be held on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. in the Rose Theater. General admission is \$15, admission for seniors and students of other institutions is \$15, and Gull card student admission is free. Reserve your ticket <u>HERE</u>.

Join us for a Popup show for international artist, Luba Lukova, Designing Justice | Artist Talk in the Rose Theater on Thursday, November 14, 4 p.m. Reception following the Carol Grillo Gallery. Join us for an inspiring talk and reception with acclaimed artist Luba Lukova, renowned for her powerful visual storytelling and social commentary. Lukova's minimalistic designs, recognized in collections like MoMA and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, tackle pressing issues such as inequality, human rights, and immigration. Her iconic pieces, including "I Have a Dream," "Peace," and "Income Gap," showcase how art can be a force for justice and change. Don't miss this chance to explore the impact of art in promoting social awareness. The show will be in the Carol Grillo Gallery from Monday, November 4 - Friday, November 15.

Van Loan Division of Professional Studies

Need to take an online class this winter? If so, the Division of Professional Studies is here to help! In order to take an online course, simply fill out the 'Permission to Take a Course with The Van Loan Division of Professional Studies" form in Etrieve. The Winter Intersession runs from 1/2/25-1/19/25, and the schedule can be found here. We hope to see you online! Any questions? Reach out to ylu/d@endicott.edu.

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As your student plans for their spring semester, consider if they will need an MBTA pass for the spring. MBTA passes are great for commuters and for students on internships who use the bus, the T, or the Commuter rail to get to and from campus. Spring passes are valid from February 1 through May 31. More information will come out soon, but if you or your student would like more information, please send an email to transportation@endicott.edu with the subject "spring MBTA pass."

Save the Date

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025.