

DISCOVER

Merrimack

SPRING 2016 EDITION



Follow a Day in the Life of a Warrior!



HAPPY Spring!

The weather is getting warmer, and the flowers are beginning to blossom across our beautiful campus. Seniors are in the final stretch toward graduation, securing jobs and learning of graduate school admission. The Orientation team is already enthusiastically preparing for the arrival of our newest Warriors. The campus is buzzing with palpable excitement.

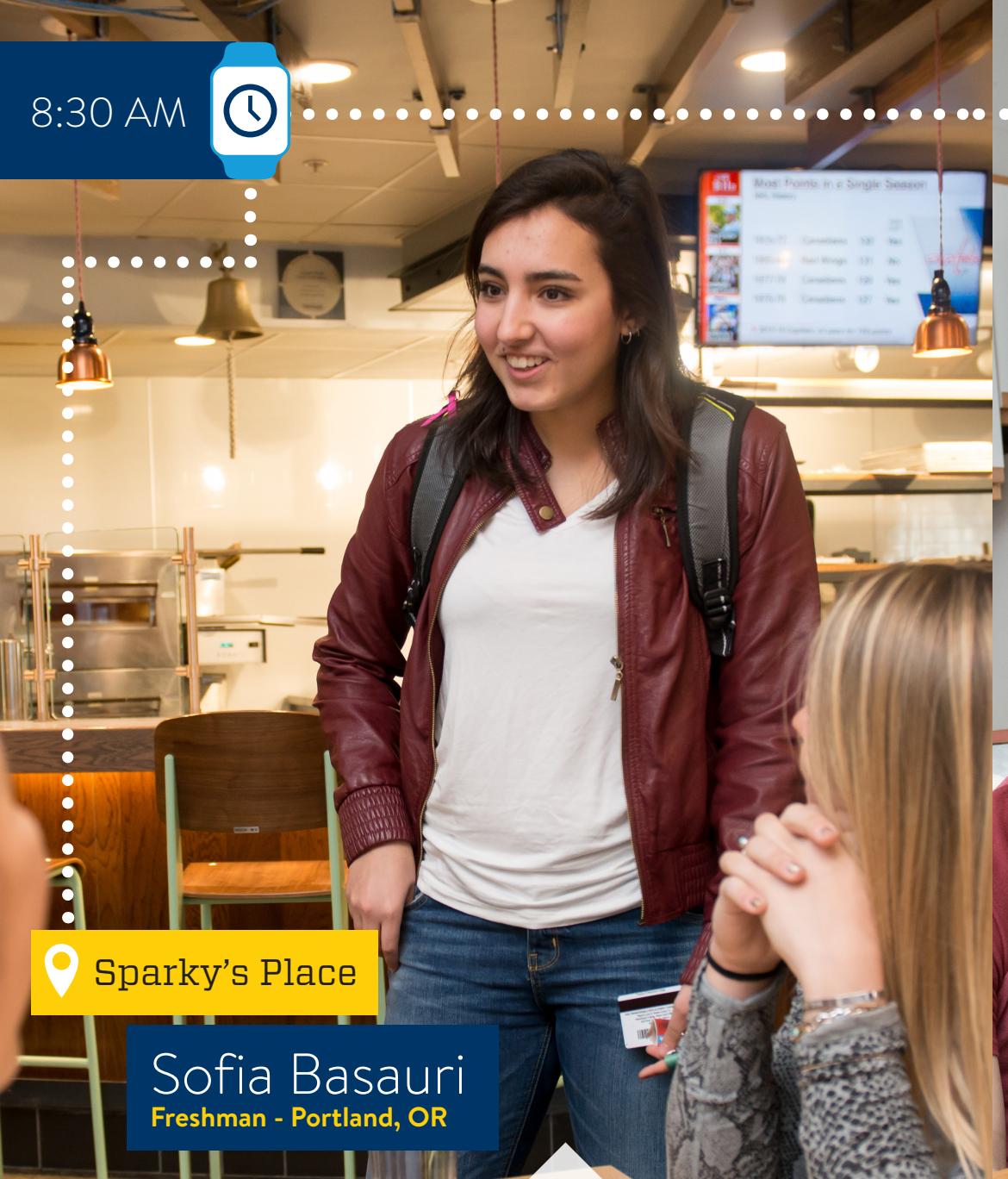
In this issue of *Discover Merrimack*, two of our students, Sofia and Mike, invite you for an inside look at their daily lives. Through their experiences, you will see that our students are challenged to work hard towards their goals in a tight-knit community that is focused on success in and out of the classroom. Our students truly love their Merrimack experience, and Sofia and Mike are both excited and proud to share their stories with you.

On behalf of the Merrimack community, we wish you a wonderful spring and summer and encourage you to visit us to learn more. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

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David L. Hautanen, Jr.
Vice President for Enrollment and Retention

8:30 AM



📍 Sparky's Place

Sofia Basauri
Freshman - Portland, OR

I always run into people I know when I'm strolling through Sparky's Place - the main dining hall on campus. It's my go-to food spot with friends; we love to catch up with a bite before rushing off to class.

Sparky's has many options - perfect for when you're not up to the same sandwich every day. My favorite food? The onion rings - so good! And the hot chocolate machine... with whip cream? Can't beat it!



📍 St. Ann's Apartments

Mike Mello
Senior - Auburn, MA

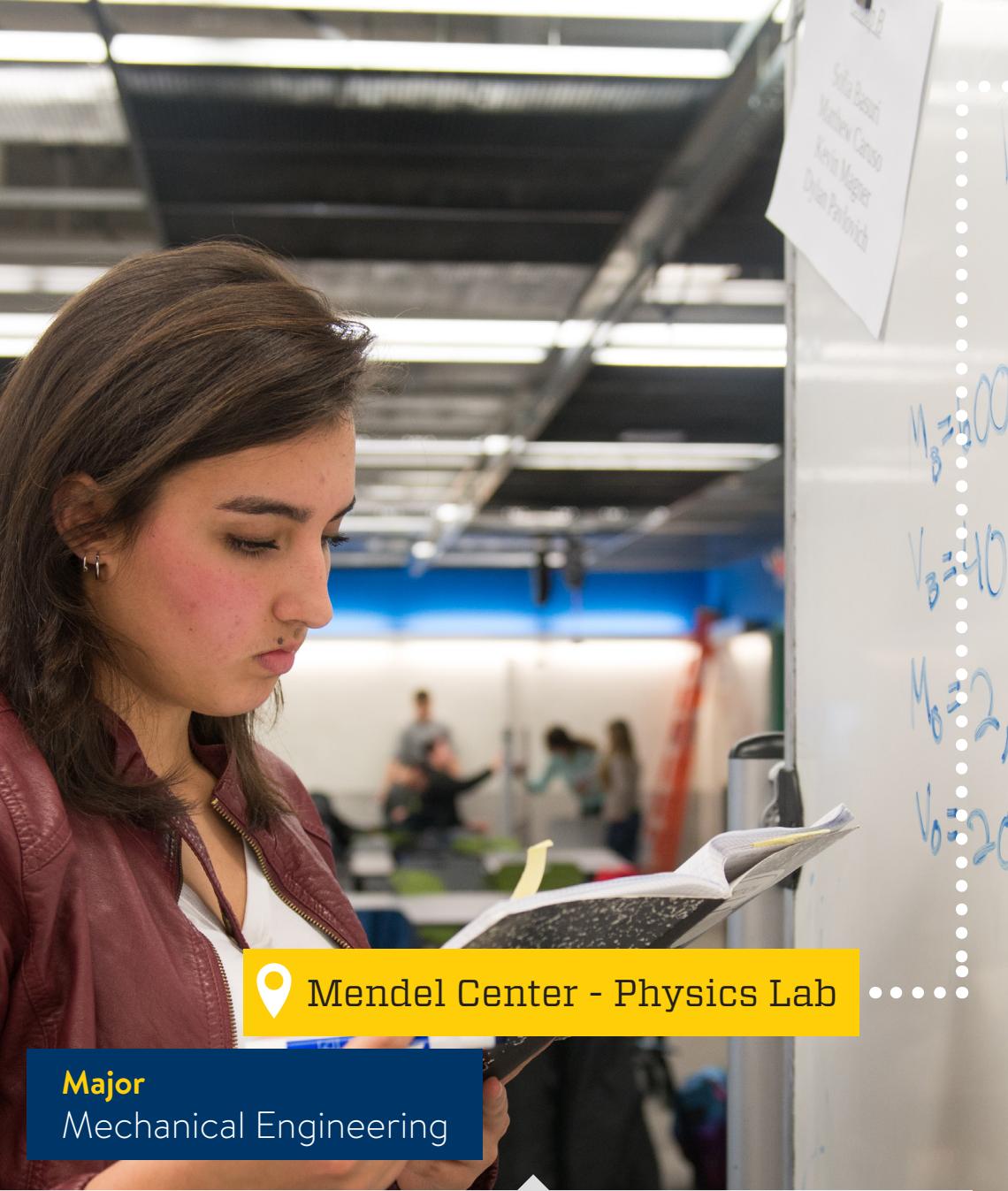
As a senior, I am so happy that I live in the St. Ann Apartments with some of my best buddies. It's more independent-style living - like what it will be like after we graduate, and we love it.

One of the best features is our full kitchen. It might seem like a stretch, but I really love to cook. Those quick recipe videos on Facebook have transformed me into our resident chef.

We love to throw on Sportscenter and stack up some fresh pancakes for breakfast. And bacon... don't ever forget the bacon!



10:00 AM



Mendel Center - Physics Lab

Major

Mechanical Engineering

My Physics lab room is perfect for our class. With tables for group work and walls covered in white boards, we can draw out problems as a group and talk through them visually. It makes it much easier to grasp the concepts.

I think Merrimack's size is perfect and allows me the interaction with my professors that I had with high school teachers. This personalized attention helps deepen my understanding of my course material. By being so involved in our hands-on group work, my Physics professor, Dr. Chris Duston's teaching style is the perfect example of it.

In my engineering program, I'm taking a lot of math and science courses - which can be intensive, but I absolutely love it. I'm thankful for these resources here to support me as I pursue my dream career.



I can't believe I'm graduating this May; it's crazy how fast these four years flew by. Right now, I'm finishing my final requirements for my Business Administration degree.

My favorite course this semester is *Ethics and Social Responsibility* with Dr. Jane Parent. The class examines how businesses should operate ethically - internally and externally - and be more mindful of their global impact.

As a lecture class, I love how Dr. Parent structures our class in a way that allows us all to participate in the discussion and really understand how these topics will impact us as we start our careers in just a few months.

1:00 PM



47 Lounge

Study Spot

Couches in the 47 Lounge

The 47 Lounge is an awesome space where I like to meet with classmates from my *Christianity in Context* course. This class is required for all first year students and examines the development of Christianity over the years. It's also interesting because we learn a lot about St. Augustine - whose values were the foundation for Merrimack's identity.

The 47 is the perfect space for us - plenty of couches to spread out, and we don't have to worry about keeping quiet while we have discussions. And best of all, we can pop some cookies in the oven while we're at it!



Sanctuary Coffeehouse & McQuade Library

Study Spot

Second Floor of McQuade Library



Because I live in an apartment (and am a renowned chef), I typically don't eat meals in Sparky's. However, I am definitely a Starbucks guy. In the afternoon, I love to pop into our new Sanctuary Coffeehouse in North Residential Village and grab a coffee with my girlfriend, Brianna.

After that, we like to stroll through campus to meet up with one of our friends in front of the Sak and head to the second floor of McQuade Library to finish homework and study.

Extracurricular Activities

Volleyball, North Andover Youth
Volleyball volunteer coach, Women in
Engineering Society, Ambassador

 Hammel Court



I've played competitive volleyball for most of my life. Back in high school, I made contact with Merrimack's head volleyball coach to learn more about the athletics program.

When I came to campus for a visit, I instantly fell in love with Merrimack. The campus was beautiful, and the people were so genuinely nice and caring. Coming from across the country, it was really powerful how fast it clicked that this was the place for me.

Balancing a Division II sport with my engineering course load can be challenging at times, but I am thankful for the resources, like the First Year Experience (FYE) course, that have taught me great time management skills.

4:00 PM



 LeadBridge Partners

Extracurricular Activities:

Internship, Marketing Club,
Sakowich Campus Center Area
Manger, Club Baseball

Twice a week, I work in Andover at LeadBridge Partners. I've been a Research Associate Intern for the past year. I conduct analytic research on large corporations in order to support sales strategies for technology companies.

The company is small, allowing me to learn many facets of the business while also getting to have a voice in major operational discussions. It's not uncommon for me to jump in front of the entire team, including our CEO, in the conference room and run through my report updates.

It was eye-opening when I realized how many internships Merrimack has connected students to at great companies both nearby and in the Greater Boston area. I know how important it is for my future career to gain real world experience, so I jumped at the opportunity to become immersed in the industry.



📍 Lawler Rink

Place to Kick Back

Merrimack Men's and Women's Hockey Games



Being from Oregon, I can say that I was not a hockey fan in the slightest; I never really watched or cared about it. I was told by Orientation Leaders in the summer about how fun the Division I men's and women's games are and how everyone loves to go to them.

I was really shocked going to my first Merrimack game last fall to see how true it was. Each game is a big community event, and the student section is always packed.

I tend to get really into the games - gasping, jumping, screaming, and laughing - lots of laughing. The games are one of my favorite evening activities. It's so fun that the entire Merrimack community comes together to cheer on the gold and blue!

See more of Sofia and Mike's Day at
[merrimack.edu/discover!](http://merrimack.edu/discover)



📍 Sakowich Campus Center

Place to Kick Back

Augie's Pub

There's nothing better than Augie's Pub in the Sak on a Thursday night. A bunch of my buddies and I love to hang out there for the night. As seniors, we all have packed schedules with internships, classes, conferences, and more, and are trying to take advantage of every opportunity during our remaining time here. It's nice when we can take some time and just kick back together.

Augie's is great because it's a safe spot, right on campus. Plus, there's always something going on - trivia night, NFL games on the flat screen TVs, even karaoke. And I don't want to brag, but my roommates & I are pretty amazing singers.

UPCOMING AT MERRIMACK!

Keep these important dates and deadlines on your radar so you can stop by campus for an event or get the application process started! We can't wait to meet and learn more about you!

Relay for Life
April 15

OnStagers Dramatic Society presents "Avenue Q"
April 20 - April 23

Echos and Reflections - Elie Wiesel's "Night"
April 26

Spring Concert - Fetty Wap
April 28

Merrimack A Capella Music Jam
April 29 - May 1

Admission Deposit Deadline
May 1

Graduate Commencement
May 20

Undergraduate Commencement
May 22

New Student Orientation
Session I: June 27 - 28
Session II: June 29 - 30



VISIT MERRIMACK!

Starting your college search? Visiting a campus is the best way to learn more! Experience Merrimack firsthand and find out where you will fit in our vibrant community!

JUNIOR DISCOVERY DAYS
April 18 - 22, 2016

SUMMER ADMISSION SEMINARS
July 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2016

MERRIMACK 360 INFORMATION SESSION & CAMPUS TOUR
Monday - Friday @ 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM
Saturdays & Holidays @ 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Find out more information, and register at merrimack.edu/visit.
Any questions? Contact us at welcomecenter@merrimack.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FRESHMAN

FALL 2017	
Early Decision	November 15
Early Action	November 15
Regular Decision	February 15
Financial Aid	February 15

SPRING 2017	
Regular Decision	January 6
Financial Aid	January 6

TRANSFER

FALL 2016/2017	
Priority Deadline	March 15
Regular Decision	July 1
Financial Aid	July 1

SPRING 2017	
Priority Deadline	November 15
Regular Decision	January 6
Financial Aid	January 6

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