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UPCOMING EVENTS

PASS/FAIL INFO SESSION

Tuesday, May 19

11:00am: Join Asst. Dean Melissa Weekes-Stoute to learn more about the spring 2020 pass/fail grading option

[Register here for Zoom link](#)

MEDIA ARTS SHOWCASE

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 19 & 20

7:00 - 9:00pm: Two-Night Event with Q&A and Awards Ceremony

[View here on Vimeo](#)

POP/ROCK PERFORMANCE

Thursday, May 21

7:30pm: Final project artist share

[Watch at www.mmm.edu/poprock2020](http://www.mmm.edu/poprock2020)

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Friday, May 22

11:00am: Join us on social media to toast the Class of 2020!



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YOU MADE IT!

What a semester, Griffins. As you finish your last exams, papers, projects, and presentations this week, take a moment to reflect on all that you've accomplished. Despite the enormous challenges we are each facing in light of this pandemic, you rose above. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance got you through, and you completed a semester unlike anything we've ever experienced. *We are so proud of you!*

To our graduating seniors, a *major* congratulations! We can't wait until we can celebrate with you in person, but in the meantime, check out page 3 for all the ways we're celebrating you this week. To our continuing students, we are so excited to see you back on campus soon. Wishing each of you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer—stay in touch and know that we'll all be waiting for you here in New York City.

MMC ENGAGE

Stay in touch with the new MMC mobile app!

We recently launched [MMC Engage](#), the College's first inclusive community engagement platform and mobile app. With MMC Engage, all members of the community can access helpful College resources, learn about programming and virtual events, chat with other members of the community, and more, all with the touch of a button.

Ready to download the app?

It's simple! Search "MMC Engage" in your app store and click "download." Once you have installed the app, open it and sign in with your MMC email and password.



PLANS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

MMC is currently planning for an in-person, on-time start for the fall 2020 semester, recognizing that these plans may change in response to the guidance and direction of government and public health officials. For this reason, MMC is also developing robust contingency plans, and we will keep our students, families, and the entire MMC community informed of any updates in the coming months.

MMC's Fall 2020 Restart Plan is currently in the works, with the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and guests as our top priority and guide. Details will be shared as the plan is solidified.



PASS/FAIL GRADING OPTION

SPECIAL POLICY FOR SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

We understand that the unprecedented circumstances of this semester may mean you need a little flexibility in terms of your grades. There is a special Pass/Fail Grading policy in place for all spring 2020 classes. Faculty will still assign final letter grades based on the criteria outlined on their syllabi. After you receive your letter grades, you will be able to opt to convert one or more of your spring 2020 course grades to Pass/Fail by submitting an online form (available [here](#) starting May 19). Any grade of D or higher can convert to P (F will remain F). You may make this request for any spring 2020 classes without restriction.

[Check out our FAQs about this policy here](#) or join Melissa Weekes-Stoute, Assistant Dean for Student Success, for a [Pass/Fail Info Session](#) on Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00am. [Register here](#) for the Zoom link to participate.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING PASS/FAIL GRADE REQUESTS

Graduating Seniors: Monday, June 1, 2020

Continuing Students: Monday, June 15, 2020

Study Abroad Students: Saturday, August 15, 2020

[PASS/FAIL FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

REACHING OUT

Students, faculty, and staff are all working and learning remotely—from many different corners of the country and globe. But we're still here for you! See below for key contact information you may need.

Office Hours are 9am - 5pm EST

ADVISEMENT

Questions on advisement, registration, or requirements

212-517-0568

advisement@mmm.edu

CAREER SERVICES

Support on resumes, internships, or the job search

212-517-0599

careerservices@mmm.edu

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND TUTORING (CAST)

Remote tutoring options

cast@mmm.edu

Make an appointment:

<https://mmm.mywconline.com>

CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Questions on financial aid, scholarships, payments, etc.:

212-517-0500

CSS@mmm.edu

FinancialAid@mmm.edu

StudentAccounts@mmm.edu

COUNSELING & WELLNESS CENTER

Counseling and mental health resources & support

Counseling@mmm.edu

IT HELP DESK

Assistance with technology or email issues

212-517-0580

usersupport@mmm.edu

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Cheers to the Class of 2020!

We are so incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, and passion you have put into your studies while at MMC, and we can't wait to see what is in store for you next.

Graduating from college is always an accomplishment, but graduating under these exceptionally challenging circumstances is truly extraordinary. Although we can't be together this week, we are all celebrating with you in spirit. [Congratulations to the Class of 2020!](#)

MMC VIRTUAL CELEBRATION Friday, May 22 at 11:00am

Join us on seniors' original commencement date for a [Facebook Watch Party](#) or check out our [YouTube premiere](#) for a special video message for the Class of 2020 from MMC faculty and staff. We'll also be sharing messages from your family and friends on our [Insta Story](#) throughout the day.



Other Ways to Celebrate

Seniors across the country and around the world are missing out on their in-person graduation ceremonies this spring. Check out a few ways other organizations are celebrating YOU:

- [Dear Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation Event](#)
Saturday, June 6 at 3:00pm
featuring Barack and Michelle Obama, Lady Gaga, Zendaya, and more.
- [Funded Futures Competition](#)
presented by Sallie Mae and Her Campus
Enter to win one of four \$25,000 prizes for 2020 graduates



MEET THE VALEDICTORIAN

Congratulations to Tracey Brooks '20, a Communication Arts and Cinema, Television, and Emerging Media double major, who is the Class of 2020 valedictorian. [Read more.](#)



MEET THE CLASS SPEAKER

Ima Otto-During '20, a BFA Acting major, was chosen, in a competitive selection process, as the 2020 Class Speaker. She will address her classmates during the rescheduled ceremony in the fall. [Read more.](#)



SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Faculty, staff, and the graduating Class of 2020 gathered on Zoom on Sunday, May 17, for MMC's annual ceremony honoring academic excellence, leadership, and service. [Read more.](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

You may be graduating, but you will *always* be a Griffin.

- Complete your [Graduate Exit Survey](#).
- Join the [MMC Alumni LinkedIn group](#)
- Check out [mmm.edu/alumni](#) for the latest alumni events and news



FROM THE 'GRAM



@mount.studios is still creating! They meet at 1:15PM on Wednesdays, just like they would if they were in our very own TV studio. Are you interested? They're learning how to use OBS Studios. DM them for the Zoom link. We can't wait for the first episode!

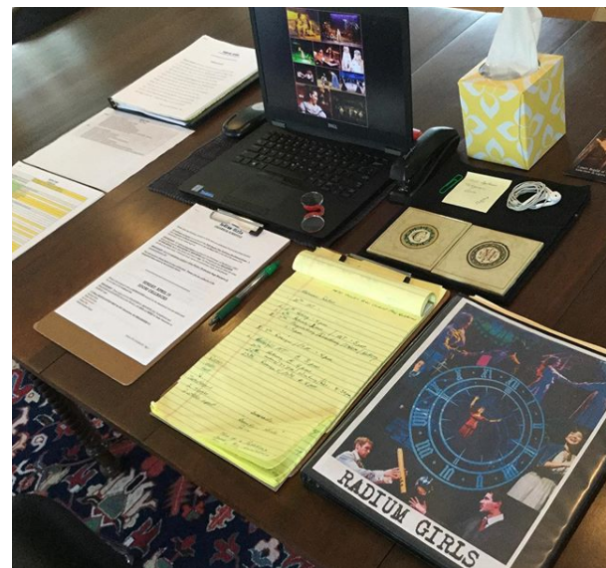
@mmccommarts

These Tarot Cards by @emzapart are a unique take on an appropriation assignment in ART 211 Drawing II. Visit @art.mmc on Instagram for details. #TheMoon is our personal favorite.



*Hi everyone! Cassidy here, science society's social media manager. A little fun activity idea for while you're in quarantine: paint rock cells! Here is my animal cell I created today (sparkles=DNA)
@sciencesociety.mmc*

*8-hours of callbacks today! Completely online! Welcome to my audition room ... a table, a computer, and Zoom!!! Let's cast this play!
#radiumgirls #nycmarymount #mmctheatredept #mmcmainstage #bfaacting #mmcsoproud @kevinconnell64*



ON-CAMPUS LOCKERS

We know many students were unable to empty their on-campus lockers before leaving campus this semester. Don't worry—your items will not be discarded during the summer!

Originally, our hope had been to allow students to return to retrieve their items before the end of the semester. But the New York State "On PAUSE" directive issued by Governor Cuomo— in effect since March 22 and extended through at least May 28, 2020—prohibits that from being possible at this time.

Once we are permitted to reopen campus, we will set up time slots for students to return to clean out their lockers. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adhere to the directives from the State and protect the health and safety of MMC's essential on-site employees working in the building.

Questions? Contact us at safety@mmm.edu

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CARES ACT FUNDS FOR STUDENTS

As we've previously announced, MMC has been granted federal stimulus funding under the [CARES Act](#) through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. MMC is set to receive a total of just over \$1.7 million through this grant, 50% of which—\$850,721—is earmarked specifically for students to mitigate some of the financial hardship students and families are facing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Federal guidelines require that this money be distributed to our neediest (Pell-eligible) students and to students who are eligible for federal financial aid under [Title IV regulations](#).

Check out our [FAQs on the CARES Act](#) for more information.

Questions? Contact CARESAct@mmm.edu and a member of the Center for Student Services will respond as soon as possible.

WHICH STUDENTS GET CARES ACT FUNDS AND HOW MUCH WILL THEY RECEIVE?

All full-time, Pell-eligible students, enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester, will receive a one-time grant of \$750. These funds will begin to be distributed as of Thursday, May 21, 2020. All remaining Spring 2020 full-time, Title IV-eligible students will receive a pro-rated grant, based on need as determined by the FAFSA, of between \$350 - \$600. Grants to part-time students will be pro-rated based on enrolled credits. These funds will be distributed by the end of May. Students who have not yet completed a FAFSA will be contacted by the Center for Student Services.

HOW MANY MMC STUDENTS WILL QUALIFY FOR CARES ACT FUNDS?

Currently, 1,519 MMC students are potentially eligible for CARES Act funds based upon the Department of Education's eligibility criteria. Of this total, 1,207 have already completed a FAFSA for the 2019-20 year and will not have to file any paperwork to receive their funding. The remaining 311 students will be contacted by CSS and can be reviewed and potentially granted funding if they submit a 2019-20 or 2020-21 FAFSA.

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