

Gull Family News



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a chance to rest and recharge over the last few weeks. This time of year on campus is filled with new beginnings and exploration. Spring semester is a time to try something new and set new goals.

For some students, the spring semester is about improving or getting more involved on campus now that they are more familiar with what opportunities are available. For others, it's about continuing the success and growth they achieved in the fall. Many of our Gulls are already off on adventures abroad or returning from a semester away and refocusing on classes and internships.

Our spring programs continue the support offered in the fall. Please check out our highlighted Student Affairs programs in the Student Transitions & Family Programs section. The Division of Student Affairs has been working hard to plan and offer an incredibly wide variety of programs that appeal to all our students.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2025!

Go Gulls!

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A Note from Matt Heiser, Dean of Students

Hello Gull Parents & Families,

I hope that you and your students had an enjoyable holiday season and winter break. As we enter 2025, I am thrilled to serve as the new Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students at Endicott College. I have deeply enjoyed connecting with parents and families in my former roles as Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life and look forward to meeting many more members of our Gull family! The Student Affairs team is enthusiastic about creating impactful learning experiences outside of the classroom and offering services that best support your student's experience. I look forward to leading our team in continually serving and supporting students.

Endicott College has been my professional home since 2021 and I am continually inspired by our remarkable students. In addition to my role, I serve as co-lead of the college's Working Parents & Caregivers Employee resource group. In March 2024, I had the privilege of joining an Alternative Spring Break trip to Punta Gorda, Florida to assist with Habitat for Humanity. I am an adjunct faculty member, teaching an undergraduate Leadership Scholars course, as well as classes in the School of Education's Ed.D. and Ph.D. programs. On a personal note, my wife and I are the proud parents of two lovely children, a first grader and a preschooler, and our family recently rescued a sweet and curious dog, Maya.

Again, I am grateful for your partnership and look forward to a great semester ahead!

With warm regards,

Dr. Matt Heiser

Staffing Updates

Sydney Riu started as the Student Affairs CARE Case Manager on January 7. Sydney is an Endicott alum and has held a number of roles at Endicott and comes to us most recently from Institutional Advancement.

Internship & Career Center

While enjoying winter break and holiday festivities, students can consider taking a few steps to prepare for their next internship or full-time opportunity, as well as our upcoming annual Internship, Co-op & Career Fair on February 25. Taking these small steps now can set our Gulls up for success in the new year!

- **Network with family and friends:** Share your career interests and internship goals—they can be valuable resources for ideas or potential opportunities near your home.
- **Perfect your pitch:** Communicate your desired internship or job for the summer. Your friends and family can help keep an eye out for opportunities that match your aspirations.
- **Prepare your business attire:** Make sure to pack professional clothing for the Internship, Co-op & Career Fair.

- **Polish your resume:** Use the break to update your resume, and plan to have it reviewed by our team or your internship faculty when you return to campus in January.
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Academic Success

The Center for Academic Coaching welcomes students for the spring semester who are interested in working once, twice, or three times a week with a professional academic coach. Academic coaches partner with students to dig into time management and organization skills and strategies; improve communication with professionals and peers; identify and access resources; build confidence, resilience, and grit; and develop the kind of academic self-awareness that can help students maximize their education at the College. There is a fee for the service. Please reach out to academiccoaching@endicott.edu for more information.

Community Service

Endicott College's Community Service Office has had another amazing fall semester—packed with hands-on projects, raising non-profit awareness, and helping those in need! From Habitat for Humanity builds to meal packs, your students have been learning about the communities around them and actively participating in making the world a better place.

The Community Service Office is gearing up for the spring semester, showcasing our major events: EC's Frozen Flop 4 Charity and EC's Annual Duck Drop! Community service is a great way for students to make personal and professional connections through volunteering. See our [Spring 2025 Semester Event Flier](#) to learn how your student can get involved!

Accessibility Office

Housing Accommodations for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- If your student is looking to **apply for housing accommodations** for the 2025-2026 school year, the deadline is March 3, 2025. To apply for housing accommodations, your student needs to sign into their Endicott Google account to open and complete our [Accessibility Services Accommodation Request Form](#). Please include our [Disability Verification Form - Housing](#) to be filled out by your provider with your application. Our housing committee will review the application and determine if the requested accommodation is necessary for disability-related access.
- If your student currently has housing accommodations and is looking to **renew their current accommodations** for the 2025-2026 school year, their deadline to renew their accommodation is March 14, 2025. They will be emailed a form to complete by the Center of Accessibility to share their housing accommodation intentions.

If you have any questions, please review our [website](#) or email access@endicott.edu.

Center for Belonging

Happy New Year from the Center for Belonging! We look forward to welcoming all of the students back on January 21. On January 30 at 7 p.m., we will host Music Bingo in the Cleary Auditorium to kick off the Spring Semester with a disc jockey and great prizes like iPads, speakers, and more. As always, we offer Muffins & Meditation every Monday at 10 a.m. to start the week and Friday Reflection every Friday at 10 a.m. to complete the week and set intentions for the next.

Student Employment

Each summer, Endicott offers the opportunity for students to live and work on campus. Many departments, including Facilities Management, Misselwood Events, the Office of Admission, and the Post Center, hire students from May to August.

If interested, students can attend the Student Summer Employment Job Fair at the Callahan Center on March 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Office of Sustainability

2024 was an amazing year for sustainability at Endicott! We announced and launched our first ever Campus Sustainability Plan, setting the trajectory for a net zero emissions campus by the College's 100th birthday in 2039. Additionally, Endicott placed second in our size division in the Campus Race to Zero Waste (CR2ZW), a friendly nationwide competition against other colleges and universities. In just a few weeks, the 2025 CR2ZW competition will begin, and it'll be even bigger and better than last year! The Office of Sustainability has tons of engaging events planned throughout the race, including a free thrift stocked by donations from the community, the Hungry Hungry Recyclers game during a basketball halftime, reusable business card printing, and the annual Sustainability Career Fair. Stay tuned on our [Instagram](#) and [website](#) for the full schedule of the exciting semester ahead.

Student Transitions & Family Programs

Project Connect!: Is your student having trouble making connections or looking for a different way to make new connections? Encourage them to join Project Connect! Project Connect is a peer-facilitated program aimed at helping students make meaningful and deeper conversations with their peers. Groups will meet once a week for six weeks, and group meeting times will be determined based on facilitator availability. Registration will begin in February, so tell your student to keep an eye out!

First-Year Honor Society Invitations: Emails have been sent to over 250 first-year students who are eligible for the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. All first-year (full-time) students who received a 3.75 GPA in the Fall semester will be invited to join [Alpha Lambda Delta](#), the honor society for first-year academic success. Please let your students 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 information about this honor society.

Winter Orientation: Our office will be hosting Winter orientation for all new students starting at Endicott in the spring semester. Orientation is January 18–19.

Student Leader Selection: Student Affairs will be conducting interviews for Orientation Leader, Resident Assistant, Involvement Assistant, Wellness Peer Mentor, and Community Service Leader on January 31 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. The application for these positions can be found [here](#).

Academic Calendar: Please click [here](#) for the Academic Calendar.

Some good articles for parents and Families at the start of the new semester:

- [How to Say Goodbye When Your Student Returns to College](#)
 - [When First Semester of College Doesn't Go Well: Advice from a College President](#)
 - [When the First Semester of College Does Not Go as Planned](#)
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Visual & Performing Arts

The Walter J. Manninen Center for the Arts is off and running with great art shows and performance events in January. Don't miss the **Endicott Encores** free performance by **Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band**, Friday, January 24 | Noon–12:45 p.m. in the Rose Theater. Reserve your [FREE ticket](#). In remembrance of World Holocaust Day, the Walter J. Manninen Center for the Arts and the Jewish Community at Endicott College celebrate a vibrant staple of Jewish culture: Klezmer music! Hear the 45-minute concert, stop by the information table, and grab a light lunch. Internationally acclaimed **Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band** brings passion, virtuosity, and contagious energy to every performance. Join us! **Co-sponsored by The Jewish Community at Endicott College, and the Center for Belonging.*

In the galleries, you can see two excellent shows. **Fran Forman, Suspended Realities: A 20-year Journey through Whimsy to Noir** is on display from Tuesday, January 21–Friday, March 14 in the Heftler Gallery. Fran creates imaginative scenes that blend reality with illusion, exploring themes of longing, disconnection, and hidden emotions. Her work has been inspired by magic realism and the complexities of everyday life, using light and shadow to reveal what lies beneath the surface. Fran Combines photography, digital painting, and AI, to carefully construct each image over time, drawing from her experiences in social work and activism. Influenced by artists such as Caravaggio, Edward Hopper and Gregory Crewdson, her art captures moments of mystery, solitude, and quiet reflection.

In the Spencer Gallery, catch **Student Ink: A Printmaking Showcase**, showing from Tuesday, January 21–Friday, February 21. This exhibit features an impressive collection of student work, including monotypes, drypoints, relief prints, screen prints, and letterpress pieces. It's a fantastic opportunity to see the incredible talent of our students showcased in a professional gallery setting. Come and explore the creativity and craftsmanship that make this exhibit truly special!

Athletics

There will be lots of opportunities to see your Gulls in action during break. Please check out our schedule at ecgulls.com

Commencement Corner

As the class of 2025 prepares to celebrate the completion of their time at Endicott, all graduates are invited to participate in Senior Celebrations from May 14-16.

These three days are jam-packed with events, including a lobster bake, a night out in Boston, a Gatsby-themed casino night, a champagne toast, a brunch with favorite faculty, a food truck festival, a barbecue with a live band, and more!

Senior Celebration tickets will include access to all the events, all meals on campus, campus housing, and some limited edition class of 2025 keepsakes.

Tickets will go on sale on February 1 and will cost \$250; prices will increase to \$300 on March 1. Students and/or families can request a payment plan by emailing activity@endicott.edu. Please contact student engagement at activity@endicott.edu with any questions.

Mortar Board: Graduation will be here before you know it! Endicott's Triumph Chapter of Mortar Board, a national honor society for seniors, is holding its annual [Commencement Flower Sale](#). These fresh, beautiful flowers come in various colors and make such a nice gift for any graduating senior.

