

Family and Friends 2024 Schedule

Friday, Oct. 25

MHC Counseling Service Family and Friends Consultation

The Counseling Service will be offering a limited number of consultations on Friday, Oct. 25. Call 413-538-2037 to schedule an appointment. (MHC students must attend with a family/friend guest.) We look forward to connecting with you!

Archives and Special Collections

Visit the Archives and Special Collections to learn more about the history of Mount Holyoke. Also view our new exhibits “Cornelia and Concrete: 100 Years of Clapp Laboratory” on the ground floor of Dwight Hall and “We Have To Show the World Who We Are: Trans and Gender-Nonconforming History at Mount Holyoke” in the Reading Room of Williston Memorial Library.

Archives and Special Collections, Dwight Hall

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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Blanchard Art Gallery

9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Admissions Tour

A guided tour of the Mount Holyoke College campus. Tours last 75 minutes. Meet at the Office of Admission, Harriet Newhall Center, Route 116.

10 a.m.

Welcome Table

Stop by to ask questions and pick up a map or schedule.

Blanchard Hall, Main Level

Noon–8 p.m.

Learning from Application (LEAP) Symposium

Each fall at the LEAP Symposium, Mount Holyoke students reflect critically on how learning experiences outside the classroom — summer internships and research — connect to their coursework and help shape their academic, professional and personal goals. More than 130 students will be presenting.

Kendade Atrium

Noon–4 p.m.

Jumma Lunch

Eliot House Lounge

12:30–1:30 p.m.

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2 p.m.

Transformative Experiences: Learning Abroad

Students who have studied, interned or researched abroad will speak about how their experiences have shaped their academic, professional and personal goals. McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives staff will introduce the panel along with learning opportunities abroad and will be on hand to answer questions.

Great Room, Community Center
5–6 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Eliot House Lounge
5–6 p.m.

MHC Volleyball vs. Bay Path

Kendall Sports & Dance Complex
6 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Service

Abbey Interfaith Sanctuary
6–8 p.m.

Pumpkin Decorating for the Fall Fest Contest

Paint or decorate a pumpkin for Saturday's Fall Fest Pumpkin Decorating Contest!
Great Room, Community Center
6:30–8:00 p.m.

Jazz Concert: "Happy Anniversary, MHC JAZZ!"

The Jazz Ensembles (Big Band, Chamber and Vocal Jazz) celebrate the 25th anniversary of swinging the eighth note on campus in a program of their favorite tunes along with some surprise guest artists. Music by Dave Brubeck, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Gordon Goodwin and Laurie Anderson. Directed by Mark Gionfriddo.
Chapin Auditorium
7:30–9:00 p.m.

The Addams Family Musical

The Department of Film Media Theater presents "The Addams Family Musical." Tickets are available at <https://mhc.ludus.com>.
Rooke Theatre
7:30 p.m.

S'mores Under the Stars

Calling everyone to come out and enjoy s'mores at the fire pit to chase away the autumn evening chill. Canceled in the event of rain.
Fire pit by the lake, next to Pratt Music Hall
8–9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Welcome Center

Stop by to ask questions and pick up a map or schedule.
Blanchard Hall, Main Level
8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Academic Highlight: Social Identities and Social Locations

This interactive session previews content offered in Education 205: Social Justice in Education. During this Academic Highlight, Professor Jackson Matos will offer a lesson on personal and social identities and facilitate an activity using the Cycle of Socialization framework.
Great Room, Community Center
8:30–9:30 a.m.

Academic Highlight: Take a Closer Look — Microscopes at Mount Holyoke College

Quickly learn how to use a microscope to take a closer look at the world around you. Explore the history of microscopy at Mount Holyoke and see several antique microscopes owned by the College. Learn more about the Natural History Collections and take a closer look at fossils, shells and 100-year-old prepared microscope slides. Join Dr. Heather Hamilton, the microscopy facility director, and Dr. Willie Perreault, the science center operations manager.
Blanchard 227
9–11 a.m.

Academic Highlight: Trees of Mount Holyoke Tour

One of the most alluring aspects of campus are the trees that envelop the grounds in an ever-changing mantle. Join Botanic Garden Director and Curator Tom Clark for a walking tour during which he will share engaging stories and reveal the diversity of trees that comprise this arboreal asset.
Pre-registration is required due to limited space: <https://forms.gle/8ojnP1gaa6aAPMXZ7>
Meet outdoors at the south end of Talcott Greenhouse
9–10 a.m.

MHC Home Horse Show

Equestrian Center
9 a.m.

Swimming & Diving Alum Meet

Kendall Sports & Dance Complex
10 a.m.

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10 a.m.

Family and Friends Choral/Orchestral Rehearsal

Family and friends of the choirs and orchestra are invited to join us for a combined rehearsal. You'll be invited to sing in the world premiere of a commissioned piece by Jorge Sosa.
McCulloch Auditorium, Pratt Music Hall
10–10:45 a.m.

Career and Professional Development Panel

A panel of faculty and staff will provide examples of the focused, intentional ways in which Mount Holyoke College assists students in connecting their academic work and college experience with valuable professional development through classroom innovations, entrepreneurship, student involvement, community service, and funded internship and research projects.

Great Room, Community Center

10–11 a.m.

Canoeing on Upper Lake

All are welcome to paddle on Upper Lake. An adult must accompany children. Life jackets are required and provided to all participants. Weather permitting. Hosted by the Outing Club.

Boathouse on Upper Lake, beyond Kendall

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Academic Highlight: Earthborn Democracy — A Political Theory of Entangled Life

Ecological crises threaten all forms of life on Earth. Democracy is also endangered, and present political concepts have proven inadequate to meeting these challenges. This talk, given by Assistant Professor of Politics Ali Aslam, and the book upon which it is based offer a new vision of ecological and participatory democratic life for a time of crisis. Identifying myth and ritual as key resources for contemporary politics, Earthborn Democracy excavates practices and narratives that illustrate the interdependence necessary to inspire ecological renewal.

Dwight 101

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Mount Holyoke College Art Museum: Student Highlights Tour

Hear from MHCAM student guides about their favorite works of art in Mount Holyoke's renowned collection.

Art Museum lobby

Please note that our tour capacity is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

10:30–11 a.m.

Keep the Tradition Alive!

Does your “firstie plant” need repotting? Is it not as perky as it was way back in September when you adopted it? Do you have any questions about how to care for it? If so, Botanic Garden staff can help! Stop by the tent at the south end of the Botanic Garden's Talcott Greenhouse with your plant to ask any questions about plant care and get help repotting your plant from staff and student workers. Soil and plastic pots will be available. No registration required.

Talcott Greenhouse

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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11 a.m.

Lunch in the Dining Commons

Guests are invited to purchase lunch in the Dining Commons. Lunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is \$13 plus tax.

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Pre-Law Panel

Join Pre-Law Advisor Yaldira G. Felix Castro, a current pre-law student, and recent alums for an interactive panel on the offerings and services that support students who are interested in applying to law school after Mount Holyoke.

Dwight 101

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Academic Highlight: Jurassic Park — Lessons Learned From MHC's Geothermal Test Well

This talk, given by Professor of Geology Al Werner, will discuss the 800 ft deep well that was drilled at the north end of campus in order to learn more about the rocks that will host the geothermal well field. Sampling during the drilling and subsequent geophysics of the borehole afforded the opportunity to learn more about the Jurassic lake that existed in the valley for millions of years.

Great Room, Community Center

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Blanchard Art Gallery

12 p.m.–9 p.m.

Meet President Holley and the Senior Team

Join President Holley and her leadership team for an update on exciting initiatives and activities at the College, followed by an audience Q&A.

Gamble Auditorium

1–2 p.m.

LITS Welcome Table

LITS (Library, Information, and Technology Services) staff welcome you to campus! Stop by the Library Atrium to learn about LITS services and to ask your library and technology questions.

Library Atrium

1–5 p.m.

Wa-Shin-An Japanese Teahouse Open Hours

Wa-Shin-An will be open for self-guided tours and quiet sitting — no reservations required.

Eliot House

1–5 p.m.

Office of Health Professions Advising Session

Families, friends, and students are invited to a session on how the Office of Health Professions Advising supports students and alums who are interested in careers in health. Katie Lipp, Director of Health Professions Advising, Alessandra De Franco '16, MD, Evi Ratner '25, pre-Physical Therapy.

Dwight 101

2–3 p.m.

Fall Fest!

Join us for an afternoon of fall activities and food, and vote on your favorite decorated pumpkin! This fun and interactive event for all will include a DJ and photobooth, as well as representatives from various departments, including Student Life, Athletics, the Art Museum and more!

Pageant Green

2–4 p.m.

Language & Culture Commons and Five College Language Center Open House

Come to the Language & Culture Commons (Ciruti 6, Lower Level) for a brief tour of our spaces and an exploration of the fantastic resources we offer. Take time to enjoy some international treats, crafts and games. This year, we are joined by the Five College Center for World Languages. Come learn about their programs and jobs and find out how to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity open to our students.

Ciruti Language Center, Lower Level

2–4 p.m.

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Meet outdoors at the south end of Talcott Greenhouse

2:30–3:30 p.m.

Academic Highlight: An Introduction to Indigenous Data Sovereignty

In this talk, anthropologist Sabra Thorner discusses her recent research in Australia, which focuses on Indigenous Data Sovereignty. She argues for Indigenous rights to and autonomy and control over data that is broadly conceived and qualitatively understood. She will draw from over 15 years' experience with an Indigenous digital archiving project in Central Australia, called Ara Irititja, to explore how Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing things can be reflected and amplified in digital environments. Come along for some beautiful pictures, a little bit of storytelling and an argument for social justice in digital archiving.

Great Room, Community Center

4–5 p.m.

Family and Friends Concert

Join friends and family at this time-honored MHC tradition. The MHC Glee Club, Chorale and Chamber Singers present music on the themes of love and longing, including works by Johannes Brahms, Reena Esmail, Michael Bussewitz-Quarm, Maurice Duruflé, Shara Nova and Sarah Rimkus. The Mount Holyoke Symphony orchestra previews the upcoming Maria Theresia Paradis Symposium with her overture to the singspiel, "Der Schulkandidat," and the Monsters Ball with Johann Strauss Jr.'s "The Blue Danube" waltz. At the same time, the Family and Friends Choir will join forces with all the performers in the world premiere of "Sing Joyfully" by Jorge Sosa. To sing in the Family and Friends Choir, join us for a short rehearsal from 10–10:45 a.m. in McCulloch Auditorium in Pratt Music Hall.

Abbey Memorial Chapel

4–5:30 p.m.

M&Cs at The Odyssey Bookshop

There will be open extended hours on Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., with milk and cookies from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Also participate in our origami crane project, folding wishes for our community this year.

Odyssey Bookshop, Village Commons

6:30–8 p.m.

"Fall Jam" A Cappella Performance

Experience a Mount Holyoke tradition. Enjoy talented and diverse a cappella voices with artful intersections.

Chapin Auditorium

8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

The Addams Family Musical

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Rooke Theatre

7:30 p.m.

Academic Highlight: Observatory Open House

Mount Holyoke College astronomy students welcome you to the oldest academic building on campus to look through the school's various telescopes! Faculty and current astronomy majors will be there to give short tours and answer questions. Food and drinks funded by the Inclusive Initiatives Fund.

John Payson Williston Observatory

8-10 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27**Academic Highlight: Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab and MHC's Maker Culture**

The student staff of the Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab will introduce participants to the space. The Fimbel Maker & Innovation Lab provides the resources to support novices and experts alike as they turn their ideas into tangible reality, fostering collaboration across the College and inspiring students to pursue careers and projects they might never have considered. The physical space brings together the tools, people and resources to support the expanding maker culture on campus from a central hub. Please note space is limited.

Prospect Hall, First Floor

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

A Walk of Discovery: MHC's Campus Living Lab

The Miller Worley Center for the Environment envisions the campus' natural and built environment as a living laboratory from which to learn. On this tour, you will explore the campus' trails, learn about sustainability in operations and walk to key destinations where the Mount Holyoke community interacts with land that is rich in history and environmental wonder.

Meet at the fire pit next to Pratt Music Hall.

11 a.m.

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Roman Catholic Mass

Abbey Memorial Chapel

1-2 p.m.

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Rooke Theatre

2 p.m.

International Student Gathering

Participants in the Mount Holyoke Pairing Project are invited to a panel discussion and reception where you'll have the chance to connect in person with others in the program, hear from past student and alum participants and enjoy some refreshments together.

Willits-Hallowell Conference Center

2 p.m.

Hours**Welcome Center**

Blanchard Hall, Main Level

Friday, noon–8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

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Friday at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Admissions Office Hours

Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

Balfour Class Rings

Community Center, Dining Commons vestibule

Friday, noon–5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Kendall Sports & Dance Complex Core Hours

Friday, 6:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m.–8 p.m.

Open Swim Hours:

Friday, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; Saturday, 2–4 p.m.; Sunday, 3–4 p.m.

Women-Only Hours:

Sunday, 2–3 p.m.

Talcott Greenhouse

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Williston Memorial Library

Friday, 8 a.m.–10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.–10 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Archives and Special Collections

Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Village Commons Restaurants & Shops; Local Resources

<https://www.thevillagecommons.com/>

Odyssey Bookshop

Village Commons, 9 College Street

Friday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

Local AA Meetings

Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2ejscask>

Guest Meal Rates

Breakfast: \$9.50

Brunch/Lunch: \$13

Dinner: \$15

Late night: \$10.50
