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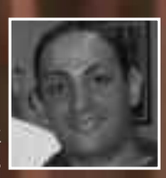
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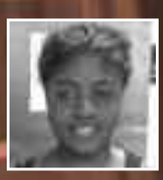
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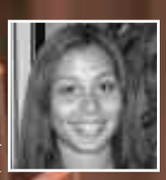
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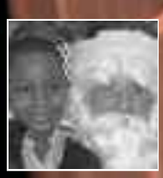
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MONROE COLLEGE

New Home for Schools of Business Nears Completion

The Bronx campus will soon be making use of a new 37,000 square foot building that will house the King Graduate School of Business (MBA) and the School of Business (undergraduate programs). The structure has been named Ustin Hall in honor of the long-time chair of the college's Board of Trustees.

The building will contain offices for the School of Business and the King School of Business as well as five computer classrooms, two hybrid classrooms (computer stations as well as traditional student desks), 13 regular classrooms, a faculty lounge, student lounge, small café, and faculty offices.

Ustin Hall was designed by architect Michael Just, AIA Interior finishes have been developed by the architect and members of the college administration, including Nivia Camara, Director of Auxiliary Services, and David Dimond, Vice President for Administration.

The most striking feature of the interior is a sweeping staircase that is at the opposite side of the lobby from the street entrance. Finishes and furnishings bring a subtle elegance to the facility that will promote academic activity. The exterior will resemble the campus' other structures with a brick façade highlighted by stone.

Ustin Hall will be put into use for the winter 2007 semester. It is an attractive and welcome addition to the campus and its completion is a wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of the college's 75th anniversary year.

Proposed Jerome Avenue Elevation

JOAN K. USTIN

Joan K. Ustin is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Monroe College. She has been affiliated with the college for more than 20 years. Ms. Ustin is a management consultant specializing in human resources and organization development.

Before establishing her own consulting firm, Ms. Ustin directed the corporate training and development function for major New York City banks.

Earlier, she spent over ten years in the not-for-profit arena, helping to implement a major, community-based urban revitalization program in New York. She began her career with The Baltimore Sun, the first woman hired there as a copy editor.

It came as a surprise to Ms. Ustin that the new Bronx campus building would be named in her honor. She says she was "awed and humbled by receiving such an incredible honor." President Stephen J. Jerome called it "appropriate recognition for someone such as Joan Ustin who has worked so tirelessly on behalf of the college."

Message from President Stephen Jerome . . .

With the coming of the New Year Monroe College will celebrate its 75th anniversary. The college has grown dramatically since the initial seven students started classes in January 1933. Details regarding 75th anniversary events and celebrations will be announced shortly.

Monroe is always changing and always growing. On the Bronx campus, a new building that will house the School of Business and the King Graduate School of Business is nearing completion. The 35,000 square foot structure has been named in honor of Joan K. Ustin, chair of Monroe's Board of Trustees who has been associated with the college for more than 20 years.

Record numbers of students earned President's and Dean's distinction for their academic accomplishments, and were recognized at dinner celebrations on each campus. As always, the names of the recipients of academic honors are listed in the Observer. Make sure your name is on that list! Academic success must be the primary goal of every student at the college.

Students are also engaged in various activities that supplement the classroom experience. They run the gamut from poetry to salsa dance to the newly-formed National Association of Black Accountants, Monroe College Student Chapter. Truly, there is something for everyone.

Looking forward, this January the college will enroll its first students in online programs leading to associate and bachelor's degrees in Hospitality Management. The new programs are offered in response to the needs of today's busy, working professionals.

The college continues to grow and excel. Our students already are obtaining wonderful positions in their chosen fields. This effort is being augmented and given increased emphasis on campus. The Office of Career Advancement has in place exciting plans to further enhance the job search process. We are all very proud of those who are pursuing both academic excellence and rewarding careers.

My best wishes to all for your academic and personal success, and for a very happy and healthy New Year!

Stephen J Jerome

Stephen Jerome
President

PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE PROGRAM DEBUTS
Students Help Others While Helping Themselves!

Beginning in September 2007, Monroe College began offering a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Public Health that gives students the opportunity to have significant impact on the health of their communities and at the same time launch successful careers.

"Many students want to make a difference outside of the clinical and administrative realms," said Dr. Jerry Kostroff, Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions. "This new degree gives them a chance to do just that and at the same time get started on a rewarding career."

The School of Allied Health Professions also offers degree programs in Medical Administration, Medical Assisting, and a certificate program in Nursing. Students who earn their B.S. in Public Health from Monroe will serve as health and wellness counselors; patient advocates; and experts in health literacy, outreach, research, and education.

"In effect, this Public Health degree completes an educational circle," noted Dean Kostroff. "It complements our offerings in clinical studies, nursing, and medical administration by giving students a broader look at health care that is fueled directly by the needs of the general public."

Coursework in Public Health at Monroe includes gerontology, environmental health, family health issues, human services, group dynamics, HIV/AIDS counseling, as well as the complete spectrum of drug use and abuse.

"This degree is for people who have a strong sense of responsibility for helping others and a desire to advance their own careers as well," said Bachelor's Program Dean Ted Goldstein. "As with all Monroe programs, the courses will be taught by professionals who work in the real world of Public Health."

Thomas P. Schnitzler Retires from Board of Trustees

One of the most important figures in Monroe history has retired. Thomas P. Schnitzler, an attorney who was one of the original members of the Monroe College Board of Trustees, had represented the college since 1972 and served on the Board since its first meeting in June 1979.

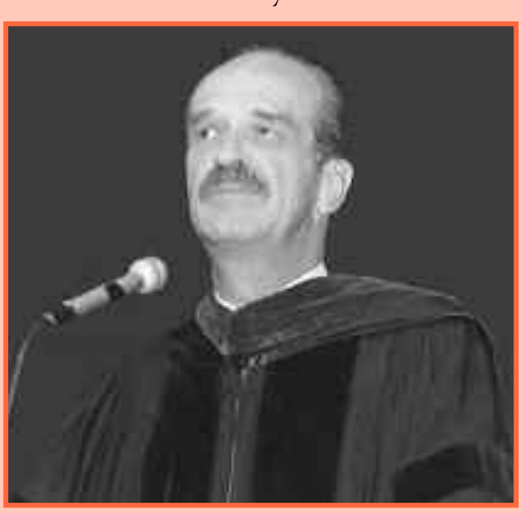
Few can attest to first-hand knowledge of the overwhelming changes at Monroe over the last three decades. In a recent phone interview, Mr. Schnitzler cited three transformational events as most significant: achieving Middle States accreditation (1990), offering of baccalaureate (1996) and graduate programs (2006), and opening dormitories in New Rochelle (1996), which paved the way for the vibrant and diverse domestic and international student body that characterizes the college today.

"Each year Monroe grows stronger and becomes increasingly important in the New York metropolitan area," Mr. Schnitzler observed. "I am proud to have been associated with Monroe during the last 30 years and have been privileged to witness its growth to what it has become today."

Monroe President Stephen J. Jerome said that Mr. Schnitzler has been, "an important advisor who was instrumental in making today's Monroe a reality. He was invaluable at crucial times over the years and has been a true friend of the college."

Mr. Schnitzler's contribution to Monroe was recognized when the Bronx campus library was named in his honor in October 1998.

When asked about Mr. Schnitzler, Board Chair Joan Ustin smiled and said, "Tom was always available with advice and important suggestions as to how the college could be made better. His contributions to the Board were invaluable; and we wish him well."



Mr. Schnitzler will be enjoying his retirement with his family in North Beach, NJ and Naples, FL.

HONORS PROGRAM

Honors Award Recipient

The Honors Program held a Colloquium to spotlight student work on Friday, July 27th on the New Rochelle Campus. In an effort to improve and professionalize the event, there were new guidelines, strictly timed presentations, Q&A after each presentation, and a competition for awards in three categories.

The judges, Professors Connie Goldberg, James Anderson and Marlene Hollick, were treated to a variety of presentations, which made their selections difficult. The winners received smart-looking academic trophies and a perpetual plaque will be hung in the Honors Center displaying the names of the awardees for this semester and each semester going forward.

The Best Overall

Individual – Hector John
(HN 150 - The Honors Experience)

Group – Vashti Ram, Shemekia Taylor, La Vonne Blondell, Timothy Simpson
(EN 110 – Composition and Literature)

Most Interactive

Joanne Bastien, Jernine Charles, Ruth Edwards, Shemekia Taylor, Catherine Vasquez, Bernadette Royer
(LA 205 – Advanced Speech)

Best Research

Janet Malpica
(HA 450 – Research Methodologies in Healthcare)

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CULINARY

Something Growing

There's something sprouting on the New Rochelle campus! The School of Culinary Arts has planted an herb garden in the courtyard with over 30 varieties of organic species. According to Chef Daniel Hinder, this is a great way for students to be exposed to ecologically-responsible farming techniques, harvesting, and using fresh herbs in the food they make.

SUMMER LAW PROGRAM

Students who participated in Monroe College's Summer Law Program this past summer had a lot more to show for their summer vacation than photographs and tan lines when they resumed their high school studies in September.

"At first it was just about the three credits I was going to receive," said **Ashleigh Livingston**, 17, a senior at Hempstead High school on Long Island. "But shortly after the program got underway, I realized that I had begun a whole new journey towards making decisions about my future."

For two weeks, high school students participated in a college-level, three-credit course on the New Rochelle campus that included interactive lectures and discussions with seasoned criminal justice professionals. Additionally, field trips were taken to forensics and ballistics labs, police departments and jails, and the courtroom of the Honorable **James W. Hubert**, Judge of the Westchester County Court, White Plains, who presided over a mock trial based on an actual case used in law schools across the country.

But it wasn't all work, all of the time. There were recreational outings tied in with the program's theme, including trips to the Broadway show, "Legally Blonde," a murder mystery dinner theatre, and the "Bodies" exhibit at South Street Seaport.

For information about the 2008 Summer Law Program contact Dean **Karenanne Carty** at 914-740-6429.

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ACCOUNTING

In an attempt to take the teaching of accounting and finance into the next century, the Monroe College Department of Accounting and Finance is adding WileyPLUS software, which is a powerful online suite of resources. On Tuesday, August 28, John Wiley & Sons Inc. sent a team of software experts to the college so faculty could maximize the potential of WileyPLUS in Monroe classrooms.

"We are already teaching accounting the traditional way and on computers," said Department Chairperson Professor Jacob Lamar, "By adding the WileyPLUS Software to our repertoire, our students will be better able to experience academic success, which, of course will lead to lucrative careers."

Last year, the Department of Accounting and Finance added Microsoft's Dynamics GP professional accounting software to its curriculum.

MONROE STUDENTS ARRIVE IN ITALY

This fall, nine students from the Monroe College School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts traveled to Italy to study in the college's Study Abroad Program. Along with four students from Paul Smith's College, the students are studying at three prestigious culinary institutes in Parma, Europe's culinary capital. They're focusing on advanced study in the culinary arts, food service, hospitality services, hotel and restaurant management, Italian language, culture and literature, and Italian product production and execution. Coordinated in Italy by the Marco Polo Institute, the Study Abroad Program is held at the Barilla Institute, the University of Ferrara, and the University of Lecce.

During their fifteen-week stay, the students are taking a full 15-credit load of courses including Cuisines of Europe and the Mediterranean and Food Writing Essentials. They are also receiving advanced hands-on training at the various local restaurants in Parma, experiencing all aspects of back-of-the-house operations.

In a ceremony on Thursday, August 23, Monroe President Stephen Jerome presented each of the Monroe Study Abroad students with scholarships from the college's Craig Rutman Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for the beloved first director of the Monroe Culinary Program and the visionary behind the Study Abroad Program.

In early September, the students arrived at the Southern Italian Town of Otranto where they began learning typical regional South Italian dishes under the watchful eyes of Italian Chef Carrado.

National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

Founded in 1969, The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) has become a leader in expanding the influence of minorities in the accounting field. The New York Chapter is a resource for minority students entering the accounting field. They are encouraged and assisted in developing and promoting their professional skills.

In June of 2007, a student chapter was created at Monroe College. Instrumental in this accomplishment are Prof. Jacob Lamar, Chair of the Accounting and Finance Department and Prof. Max Torres, Professor of Accounting.

Geoff Cooper, the student chapter NABA president, was voted New York State NABA Chapter Student of the Year. He received his award at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. Other recipients of awards from NABA include Jessica Ramirez who received a $1,000 scholarship award from Goldman Sachs; and Tula Nisbett who received a $1,000 scholarship from Baxter International Company.

A number of students, including Tula Nisbett, Geoff Cooper, Stacey Baptiste, Patrice Hodge, Terance James, Diana Silva, Ana Yauger, Sharde Lermade, and Tanniqua Esdaille have been chosen for either paid internships, or, for those who graduated, full-time employment.

NABA's efforts represent a win-win situation for the students and the firms involved in its many scholarship and professional development activities.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Through the spring, nineteen students from the Monroe College School of Criminal Justice participated in a weekly New Rochelle Citizens Police Academy which gave them an inside look at policing.

They had the thrill of riding along in police radio cars as well as Harbor ride-alongs.

There were also two separate simulation programs which provided quite an education. In one, students acted as police officers and had to make life or death decisions of whether to fire their weapons. In the other, they were placed in simulated automobiles and got to experience the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

In the classroom, they reviewed laws and procedures similar to the training an officer in the police academy would receive. This reinforced what they are learning in the classroom at Monroe.

Afterwards, the students presented the NR police department with plaques of appreciation. In fact, a picture of the entire group will soon be displayed at the New Roc train station.

The program was monitored by Prof. Anthony Papa and Prof. Nina Thomas under the supervision and approval of Dr. Bill McDonald.

CLUB FAIR

On Tuesday, September 18th, the Bronx King Hall Gymnasium was filled with students who participated in the Club Fair. Sponsored by the Office of Student Services, the Bronx Club Fair featured representatives from all of the clubs on campus, who brought literature and sign-up sheets for students to learn about clubs and possibly join. The clubs featured were: Allied Health Professions, Club for the Advancement of Business Students (CABS), Criminal Justice Club, Environmental Protection Club, Information Technology Student's Association, National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), National Society for Minorities in Hospitality, The Poetry Club (Poetry Is Truth – P.I.T), and Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.).

In addition to the club booths, students got their pictures taken in an old fashioned Coney Island photo booth, and they enjoyed blue cotton candy! Raffle tickets were given out for prizes like AMC movie tickets, Great Adventure tickets and Monroe t-shirts. One of the highlights of the day was a visit from the WBLS Street Team which included a special appearance from night-time DJ "Champaine" who signed autographs, gave away free WBLS gifts and raffled off tickets to Circle of Sisters at the Jacob Javits Center. Many students left the Club Fair happy and more involved at Monroe College.

JOBS! JOBS! EVERYWHERE!

Hungry to turn their dreams to reality, hundreds of well-dressed, well-prepared Monroe students filled the King Hall Gymnasium (and the hallways and classrooms on the second floor!) to present themselves to the 85 businesses, corporations, and organizations that participated in the October 30 Career Fair, which turned out to be the largest and most successful in 75 years of Monroe College.

"We insisted on high standards of dress and preparation to maximize students' chances," said OCA Dean Carol Genese, "and their performance exceeded our expectations."

Employers were thrilled, too. Many left with dozens of resumes and legal pads filled with names and contact information for Monroe students they were planning to interview. In a number of cases students made appointments for interviews and other opportunities for follow-up.

Among the reasons for the fair's success was the extensive preparation done by Monroe students. They worked with OCA Advisors on improving their resumes and they attended sessions on making job fairs successful, which provided tips on what to ask prospective employers and how to research companies.

A representative from one business firm indicated that she met enough qualified applicants at the Monroe fair so she wouldn't have to place want ads in the paper to fill the company's numerous job openings.

"This event puts us on a new level in how Monroe students come across to employers," Dean Genese said. "There were professionals from companies who witnessed presentations by the next generation of workforce professionals."

There's a convenient new hotline to reach the OCA: 888-55- MY-OCA.

MONROE HONORS TOP STUDENTS – Spring 2007

The honoree achieved a 3.70 – 4.00 for the President's List and 3.40 – 3.69 for the Dean's List.

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Moviet Bellamy
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Shawana Bethea
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Odela Boodie
Harriet Bosomprah
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Alecia Brown
Charles Brown
Shakisha Brown
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Ivon Camacho
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Marie Campbell
Roberto Campos
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Dawany Canturencia
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Tomeeka Carr
Maria Carrasquillo
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Ana Chalco
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Chantel Charles
Shirma Charles-Fortune
Sharina Chatham
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Stacy-Ann Christie
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Malcolm Coaxum
Nadrina Coleman
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Alitza Colon
Shekou Cousins
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Wilson CruzJr
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Tyress Davis
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Christian Delgado
Hector DelgadoJr
Jasmyn Dennis
Kamwattie Deonarine
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Alpha Diallo
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Jorge Feliz
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Jaime Gonzalez
Mareme Gueye
Yvonne Guillén
Johanna Gutierrez
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Sherrie Harris
Roland Harrison
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Mildred Herrera
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Md Hoque
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Yissell Inoa
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Walinda Odrick
Luis Ortiz
Jackelyn Osorio
Kelvin Ozuna
Elena Pacheco
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Gladys Quinones
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Natalie Ramirez
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Yhomaira Ramos
Johnpaul Ramroop
Christina Randolph
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Isidra Rodriguez
Cassandra Rodriguez
Rita Rodriguez
Jenelly Rodriguez
Marnie Rodriguez
Christian Rodriguez
Yaritza Rodriguez
Yinety Romero
Albert Rosa
Jessica Ruiz
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Johnson Akintayo
Abdou Alassani
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Kazi Ali
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Yolande Allen
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Walter Antepara
Mariely Aramboles
Janet Arce
Daly Arias
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Uneza Hassim
Monique Hay
Gwendolen Hayes
Ciera Headley
Dawn Hernandez
Vjolca Hetemi
Ebony Holman
Hafiza Hossain
Sapphire Howard
Gazan Hue
Candy Huff
Samir Hussein
Nerissa Ible
Kenneth Ike
Md Abdullah Imran
Kenneth Ingram
Rashida Inniss
Ibrahim Issa
Lakeisha Jackson
Arthur Jackson
Sharani Jaime
Yakuba Jalloh
Shahora Jeffery
Lisa Jenkins
Jennifer John
Kenneth Johnson
Belle Jones
Demond Jones
Joan Jones
Shayran Jones
Johnnie Jones
Tryrese Jones
Travanna Jones
Arlene Jones-Blyden
Sherece Joseph
Laura Joseph
Melissa Jusino
Carlos Jusino
Sekou Kaba
Monika Kalia
Musa Kanneh
Duane Kelly
Lydia Kenchen
Mohammad Khan
Debra King
Taramis Knight
Taissia Kovaleva
Randy Lacen
Danial Lall
Tanya LaPrince
Jacquelyn Lawrence
Thanhtram Le
Raleen Lewis
Polyseenia Lewis
Nicole Lewis
Renee Linnen
Selinda Lipscomb
Divine Lipscomb
Steadroy Lloyd Jr
Jessica Lopez
Madelyn Lopez
Afi Lovi-Ankou
Amanda Lozano
Vinh Lu
Sheila Luna
Marisol Luna
Nashira Lynton
Kamla Maharaj
Jeffrey Maldonado
Christina Maldonado
Janet Malpica
Sheala Mangual
Geraldine Maraj
Jonathan Marrero
Donna Martin
Shaun Martinez
Mauro Martinez
Akm Masud
Denise Mateo
David Matthews
Yolanda Mauleon
Nicholas Mayo
Rasheida McCall
Linda McClean
Shaneeka McCray
Lydia McEachin
Michele McKelvey
Tanya McKenzie
Yvonne McKenzie
Cheryl Medford
Denise Medina
Akiko Medley
David Mejia
ILianette Mendez
Javier Mercado
Aqiyla Merced
Olivia Messer
Dorell Miller
Arthura Mitchell
Yolanda Molina
Henry Montero
Jeannette Montilla
Charles Moore Jr
Annette Morales
Virginia Morales
Angela Morel
Shavari Morris
Gladys Mota
Evelyn Mudrova
Sonya Mulligan
Sophia Murray
Camella Nanton
Cristina Nedelcu
Soledad Negron
Jasmin Negron
Michelene Nembhard
Katie Nguyen
Jose Novo
Idania Obando
Nancy Ocasio
Wanda Oliver
Swain Orr
Jennifer Ortega
Elio Ortega
Debbie Ortiz
Erica Ostrom
Kaydeon Ottey
Reba Outar
Lyssette Pacheco
Jessica Pagan
Nancy Pages
Patricia Parchment-Falconer
Pilar Paredes
Temattie Pasram
Diana Paulino
Christina Payne
Petramaris Pena
Jessenia Pena
Esther Penalo
Edwin Perez
Josephine Perez
Jose Perez
Wilfredo Perez
Ruby Persad
Nandani Persaud
Robert Petrie
Dulcina Pichardo
Kettia Pierre
Lillian Pimentel
Freddy Pina
Jacqueline Pinks-Bennett
Jeremiah Pinto-Cadiz
Sonya Pittman
Moise Pluviose
Rommy Polanco
Shana Pope
Janice Pough
Allisher Prosper
Rodolfo Puente
Katherine Quiles
Vanessa Quinones
Juan Ramirez
Jamie Ramirez
Maritza Ramirez
Vanessa Ramos
Gabrielle Ramos
Michelle Ramos
Terri Ramos
Antonio Renovales
Nidia Richardson
Christine Rivera
Nelson Rivera
Migda Rivera
Thomas Rivera
Tana-Li Rivera
Valerie Rivera
Carmelo Rivera
Jonathan Robinson
Daniel Robles
Elena Rodriguez
Valerie Rodriguez
Matthew Rodriguez
Bernard Rodriguez
Ingrid Rodriguez
Anthony Rodriguez
Milagros Roger
Zanee Rogers
Sheron Rohoman
Angel Rojas
Valerie Roker
Rurico Rosa
Jennifer Rosario
Illiana Rosario
Simone Ross
Emily Rozier
Sheri Ruffin
Alex Ruiz
Jenny Ruiz
Jennifer Ruiz
Beatrice Ruiz
Libia Ruiz
Brenda Ryan
Darlene Saget
Gabbal Sala
Carmen Sanabria
Carry Sanchez
Lalie Saninocencio
Jose Santana
Jacqueline Santana
Daisy Santiago
Christina Santos
Syed Saquib
Carlos Savarin
Teekwa Scarborough
Kaye Scotland Anthony
Anthony Seda
Milagros Semidey
Parbatie Sewnaryan
Joel Silvestre
Samanta Small
Sherrelle Smallwood
Patricia Smith
Nichole Smith
Stephania Soberanis
Clarivel Socola
Elizabeth Soler
Jessica Soto
Joseph Spear
Lisa St. Cloud
Richard Steer
Lola Stubbs
Jennifer Stubbs
Octavio Subervi
Jianmin Sun
Willy Suriel
Shurna Swan
Fatimata Sy
Taurean Tann
Any Tavarez
Veronica Taveras
Jairo Taveras
Everetta Taylor
Vladimir Tejera
Tyika Terrell
Gizele Terry
Tashna Thomas
Norene Thomas
Ann-Marie Thomas-Gibson
Ephraim Thompson
Shanelle Thompson
Candice Thompson
Jennifer Torres
Caroll Torres
Alejandro Torres
Quais Uddin
Dania Valdez-Castro
Tamara Valentine
Elaine Valle
Johanna Vargas
Ruben Vasquez
Arlene Vazquez
Magaly Vega
Melissa Vega
Arline Velazquez
Odonis Velez
Sabrina Velez
Magdalena Veloz
Gregory Villafane
Chen Wang
Shawnda Washington
Daniel Watts
Suzanne Weir
Richard Wells
Ebony West
Shanee Williams
Sherry Williams
Kamika Willis
Ayanna Wilson
Ebony Wright
Tiesong Xin
Mohamed Zaman
Elony Zorrilla

New Rochelle
Dean's List

Leigh Allain
Fontella Applewhite
Sharnalee Ashmeade
Dygoro Atariguana
Ashley Bailey
Eden Barbour
Tekeema Barnett
Lackesha Barrett
Dominique Bastien
Marcus Bates
Briana Bennett
N.Faly Berete
Doris Billa
Khadijah Brown
Ashly Calixte
Chenise Case
Monique Chapman
Christopher Charleston
Xiang Chen
Daphane Chester
Vinnette Chumney
Mark Cummings
Tashecia Daniel
Ebony Delhomme
Shakeia Devonish
Pamela Dobson
Andys Done
Natasha Drumgoole
Maria Enes
Jarline Fardales
Cindy Farrell
Jessica Figueroa
Chantel Francis
Ladonna Francis
Shayne Fuller
Anika George
Janet Graves-Frazier
Alona Greenidge
Carina Greenidge
Shatee Harvey
Rockell Harvey
Sarah Hasso
Kervin Hodge
Jasmine Huff
Josette Hughes
Rhonda Jack
Carolyn James
Jeconiah James
Natalie Janho
Denise Jolivette
Carlita Jones
Lecia Jones
Leann Jordan
Masia Joseph
Keitha Joyce

MONROE HONORS TOP STUDENTS – Spring 2007

The honoree achieved a 3.70 – 4.00 for the President's List and 3.40 – 3.69 for the Dean's List.

Tamara Julien
Kenesha Kellier
Tamiko Kelly
Desiree Kelly
Deyanna Lamar
Sasha-Gaye Larmond
Tashana Lee
Jingwen Lin
Janice Marino
Brenda Martinez
Denise Matthias
Tamika McLaren
Chanice McLean
Jory McNab
Alexis McNatt
Daniel Messiah-Heywood
Charon Middleton
Ifraj Miller
Ernesto Mora
Dawn Morales
Kelissa Morrell
Catherine Mujica
Ida Ndoye
Ramesh Newell
Keshia Norville
Onika O'Dean
Laquanda Parris
Tyesisha Patton
Miriam Perla
Devi Persaud
Ludequa Phillips
Ashley Poe
Navid Rajabi
Rahkiya Reid
Fahiym Richards
Sabrina Rivera
Magaly Rivera
Chambria Rose
Akhenaton Royes
Marlena Russell
Kenyetta Saunders
Tasha Serieux
Saidatu Sidibe
Jodi-Ann Simmonds
Keith Skerritt
Cornelia Smith
Schevone Snyder
Contessa Solano
Claudine Songnaba
Shemekia Taylor
Tresha Titus
Raisa Toribio
Jacqueline Torres
Ja'ida Turnbull
Sirena Valree
Janine Vassell
Brent Vigilant
Jazmine Vilorio
Kenroy Walters
Ndongo Wane
Kimberly Weithers
Sandra Wellington
Nacara Wellington
Tamika White
Ranel Williams
Nefertia Williams
Deborah Williams
Jerry Winn
Larissa Worrell
Jodiann Wright
Michael Yant
Lamoy Young
Zachary Zeltzer
Xiaoyi Zhou

New Rochelle President's List

Simone Adams
Taynia Afflick
Earlline Alcide
Cecile Alexandre
Jarvis Alexis
Mirssy Alvarez
Jermaine Amory
Monika Andrzejkiewicz
Diane Archer
Suhanie Arias
Enoch Astaphan
Patricia Austrie
Yigni Bado
Bernice Badu
Magan Bailey
Laura Baker
Stacy Baptiste
Joanne Bastien
Trudy-Ann Baxter
Shermalin Benbow
Hanif Benjamin
Kameil Bennett
Ginamaria Berardi
Teka Berbick
Patrice Bethune
Aleta Bignal
Ricardo Bingham
Heather Birmingham
Carlton Blake
La Vonne Blondell
Marvasia Bolden
Ingrid Boyd
Tiffany Brabham
Fleur Brathwaite
Dina Breton
Josanne Briggs
Keshauna Bromley
Olando Brooks
Sharima Brown
Josan Brown
Keenisha Brown
Esmin Brown
Nathalee Brown
Glasmin Brown
Marlon Brown
Melissa Burgos
Alberto Cabrera
Janill Cabrera
Greshon Cadet
Tamaira Caines
Jacqueline Carr
Christopher Caruso
Gina Castro
Wayne Charlery
Danicca Charles
Jernine Charles
Adonis Charles-Barnes
Nengguo Chen
Paula Chidumo
Winsome Clark
Tevia Clarke
Mandissa Clarke
Lloydette Coghiel
Nicola Coombs-Simpson
Alisha Cooper
Tenisha Cornick
Shenise Crawford
Christine Crisci
Jenry Cruz, Jr
Garfield Daisley
Joetta Daniel
Tasha Daniel
Avonis Daniel
Giovanni Daniel
Keisha David
Rochelle Davis
Patricia Davis-Barrett
Fiona De Gannes
Diovanny Dejesus
Tamara Denton
Victoria Depaulis
Ann-Marie Deveril
Daby Dewberry
Nekesa Dillon
Dorithea Dorival
Charlene Dujon
Monnecia Duncan
Deon Durrant
Rohan Easington
Derionne Edmeade
Sumer Edwards
Ruth Edwards
Andrea Espin
Tanya Essue
Shatrice Fahie
Anthony Fairclough
Miguel Fernandez
Daniel Fichera
Andrea Figueroa
Pavel Filippov
Amanda Fitzpatrick
Nicole Ford
Arthur Foster
Karel Francis
Stacey Francis
Zhichao Gao
Vanessa Gardner
Paulrick Garraway
Riah George
Karen Gibson
Maria Gonzalez
Michel Goolaman
Amala Gopeesingh
Camille Gordon
Ryan Gordon
Coral Graham
Phaedra Grant
Sherronie Grant
Melecia Granville
Lennon Gray
Shirvon Greene
Sade Greenidge
Kalpana Gurung
Kimberly Hall
Jermaine Hamilton
Leanna Hamilton
Michelle Hamilton-Plummer
Enascio Harrigan
Colin Harrison
Maurice Harvey
Ricardo Haye
Chaka Hazelwood
Sue-Wayne Headley
Ingrid Henderson
Brandon Henry
Kurleigh Henry
Constan Henry
Josephine Hernandez
Tanaya Hewitt
Michael Higgins
Shanel Hiland
Nadine Hinds
Lorraine Hines
Naseem Hosein
Aijie Huang
Anna Hubbs
Shawn Hutchinson
Nicole Irby
Melissa Jaishwar
Kaydian James
Simone Jean-Marie
Verena Jeffers
Kimberly Jenkins
Yu Hui Jiang
Shamirelys Jimenez
Rohan Jnbaptiste
Hector John
Louisea John
Nordia Johnson
Jascintha Johnson
Cheryl Johnson-Yates
Shannel Jones
Marjorie Jordan
Dinia Joseph
Leif Joslyn
Renske Kelly
Pasha Kelly
Bernice Kerr
Ria Khan
Stephanie Kinlaw-Franklin
Abraham Kiryako
Mehmet Kukaj
Janine Lake
Alicia Lalite
Karen Lattibeaudiere
Nicola Lawrence
Marlene Lawrence
Lashon Lee
Marvette Lewis
Fiona Lewis-Ricketts
Sharde Lezama
Jie Li
Jianlun Liu
Sandra Lyimo
Kiarra Maloney
Veronica Manderson
Shanna Manwaring
Sanjeev Maraj
Melissa Marius
Kathy Marmolejos
Adanna Marshall
Takiese Martin
Melissa Martin
Janelle Mason
Charisma Mayfield
Latoya McCray
Scott McDonald
Timna McDoom
Omar McIntosh
Nicholas McLaughlin
Sherene McLeary
Sheryl McPherson
Vanessa Mejia
Yvan Mendoza
Ayoka Millette
Shaun Millington
Dixieann Millington
Alicia Mills
Celia Minzie
Shannon Mirander
Sean Mitchell
Sayaka Mitsui
Jomani Moore
Aimee Morabito
Heather M Morgan
Alicia Murray
Motohide Nakazawa
Kerri Nardozzi
Kavita Nauth
Omar Newell
Dania Nezbeth
Tula Nisbett
Natasha Noel
Adreyana Oliver
Cristina Orejuela
Adriana Ortega
Beata Osypka
Rosalee Page
Oddette Parker
Elizabeth Parra
Karimah Peart
Kahreen Pettigrew
Avelyne Prince
Demetria Pugh
Lorraine Pusey-Harrison
Suleiman Rabadi
Zebadiah Rabsatt
Vashti Ram
Jenny Ramirez
Ilene Raymond
Kenver Regis
Tracey-Ann Reid
Chikudi Richardson
Kandi Ricks
Tanielle Rivers
Denise Roache
Simone Robotham
Emilio Rodriguez
Samoro Rouse
Bernadette Royer
Clive Ruddock
Nikeisha Sadler
Foureratou Saidou-Maiga
Candice Sanchez
Marlene Santana
Ferdinand Senior
Wanny Serrata
Jenny Sierra
Diana Silva
Anton Simpson
Timothy Simpson
Rajkumarie Singh
Tessa Smith
Ruejah Smith
Sophia Smith
Marilyn Smith
Trilicia St. John
Delmena Sterling
Nereen Stewart
Fanchon Stover
Joel Straker
Diaby Sylla
Nadeisha Taylor
Talia Taylor
Andre Thomas
Angela Thomas
Tessa Thorpe
Chiaki Tokunaga
Khameelah Tomlin
Anissa Truitt
Tiela Trumpler
Kailin Tu
Jeannette Tuthill
Anya Valmont
Sarai Vazquez-Banga
Annette Victor
Helerin Voit
Auslyn Vouzan
Jisanne Walker
Yifei Wang
Qian Wang
Fenghui Wang
Sherene Warner
Avril Wheatley
April Wheatley
Cherisse Williams
Jhair Williams
Travisia Williams
Nadine Williams
Sheena Williams
Kimya Williams
Loriann Williamson
Doshain Williamson
Jude Wong Kang
Liang Xu
Liuqing Yang
Clarisol Yapor
Ana Yauger
Craig Young

St. Lucia Dean's List

George Deterville
Jihan Felicien
Sylvester Joseph

St. Lucia President's List

Brenner Camille
Eldeen Henry
Nigel Jawahir
Troy Lamontagne
Delvin Mathurin
Brian Samuel
Denver Thomas

STUDENT PASSPORTS!

Monroe freshmen are learning that there are many rewards for getting involved in school clubs and activities, as well as making full use of college resources like student counseling, the learning center and the library.

In fact for one student, being an active participant in the widely popular Passport program brought not only the benefits of getting involved, but on October 25, he also walked away with a brand new Dell laptop!

"When I woke up this morning, I never thought I'd have a new laptop by the end of the day," said an extremely excited Jose Marin as he took his prize out of the box. An IT major who did not previously own a laptop, Jose had a pretty wide grin for most of the afternoon.

"Sure, we gave away a lot of nice prizes." said Vice President of Student Services Roberta Greenberg, "But it was most important to illustrate that making the most of Monroe College and all of its resources can bring many rewards. While some won tangible prizes, the majority of freshman who participated will benefit in much larger ways in the long run."

In order to qualify for the prizes, freshman had to have their "Passport" stamped at any six of these seven areas: Student services, OCA, The Learning Center, the Library, a club fair or any extra-curricular event. The completed Passports were then selected at random for the prizes.

While everyone who participated in the Passport Program was a winner, these are the students who won prizes:

Nano Ipod – Randy DeLeón, Bernardino Nieves

Spirit of NY Cruise for Two – Saroya Morris

Two Tickets to "The Color Purple" – Marion Jeffery

Two Tickets to Caroline's Comedy Club – Vanessa Otero

Dinner for Two at Virgil's – Carolann Sobers

Movie Tickets – Marvin Bradley, Diana Cintron, Melody Santiago, Sabenlly Morrillo, Yurico Batista, Nicole Ragin, Landa Valenzuela, Yocasta Santana, Joanna Springer, Lisa Daniel

Los Ciegos Del Barrio

On Thursday, October 18, The Monroe College Office of Student Services, in conjunction with the Office of College Relations, held a benefit for Visions Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The event featured Los Ciegos Del Barrio, a wonderful Latin music group of blind musicians who hail from the Bronx. The next day, at the annual Visions luncheon at the Harbor Restaurant on City Island, the college donated the $1,000 they had raised.

Pre-College Institute

The Fall Semester began early – August 25th to be exact - for 25 students who attended the Pre-College Language and Culture Institute, a pilot program for students who are speakers of languages other than English. Led by professionals from a language institute, these students wrote, spoke, read and listened as they improved their English skills before actually beginning college. In addition to the classroom experience, the students from Puerto Rico, Japan, Vietnam, Mexico, the Philippines and the Dominican Republic communicated during rock climbing and on trips into the City, the Bronx Zoo, and Brooklyn for a ride on the Cyclone, before taking in a baseball game. They studied hard, learned a lot, and also had fun while becoming part of the Monroe family!

More Than Ever: MONROE IS HONORED!

The Monroe College Honors Program is having an important effect on the college as a whole, not just on the individual Honors students. So says two of the college administrators who were instrumental in establishing the program.

"I see the honors students not only performing expertly in their studies, but throughout the campuses providing leadership in other areas of the college," said Dean of Academics **Karenann Carty**. "They are becoming the leaders of clubs and have helped bring some creative programs to the campuses, in and out of the classroom."

Dean Carty cited the interactive academic and experiential research projects with honors students at other colleges such as the University of Maine and Richard Stockton College. Honors students have initiated new clubs such as the Pre-Law Club and the Debate Society and hosted social and cultural events, lectures and excursions that are open to the college community. They can be seen in the Honors Center and on the honors floor in Allison Hall engaged in study groups and having lively discussions about their current papers and projects. Honors students generally volunteer to serve as ambassadors of the college for new students and as teaching assistants and tutors.

The Honors Program has also brought the college into the National Collegiate Honors Council for which our students have been selected to present at regional and national conferences. At the end of this month, six honors students, along with Professors Terry Jewett and Karenann Carty, will be making several presentations at the NCHC national conference in Denver.

Dr. Donald E. Simon, the College's Assistant Vice President for Governmental Affairs, who has taught in the Honors Program since its inception in the fall of 2004, is impressed with how the honors students have improved academic standards at the college.

"The students rise to meet the challenges and produce papers and projects that are absolutely first rate," he said.

Professor Simon added that because the students take general-track classes in addition to their honors curriculum, their high academic standards are, in plain language, rubbing off on other Monroe students. "As a result," he said, "many students decide to pursue graduate education after earning their bachelor's degrees because they realize they can achieve at higher academic levels than they first thought."

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

During the last week of June, the Multicultural Students Association had an experience they won't soon forget. Supervised by Angelyn Forbes-Freeze, Hector John, the newly-elected president of MSA, Ayoka Millett, and Adona Marshall, they cooked and served meals to twenty homeless families at a community center in Peekskill.

Everyone was very thankful for the home-cooked meal. One gentleman was heard to say, "This food was cooked with a lot of love, because everything is so tasty." Another could not stop complimenting on the "spicy lentils." He also expressed his sincerest appreciation for the home-cooked meal.

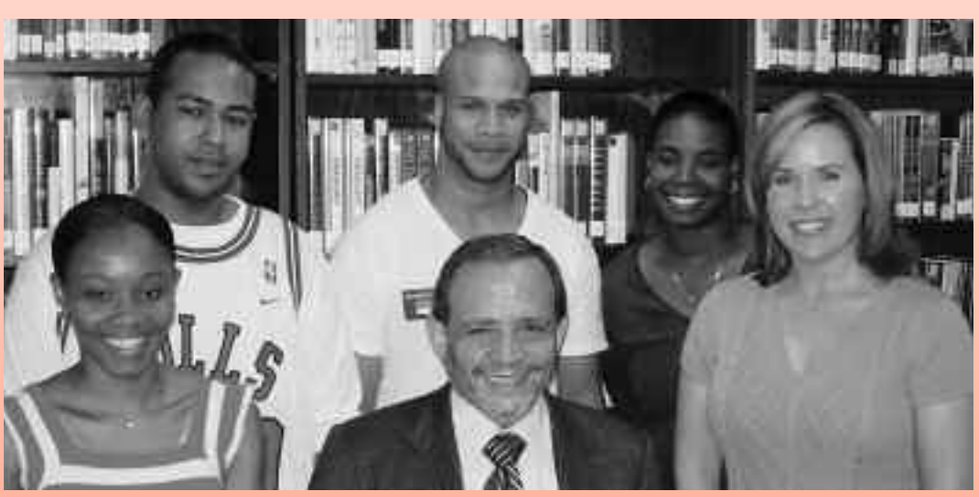
Afterwards Mr. John said, "It taught us a lesson of being there for our brothers and sisters who are in need and how we must always help to lift them up by giving positive support."

COME ONE, COME ALL
The Bachelor's Program is Bustling!

The Monroe College Bachelor's Program is bursting with opportunity for the many students who returned to Monroe this fall after earning their Associate degrees last spring. There are also students coming back to Monroe after some time away from college as well as transfer students from other colleges.

"The Monroe College Bachelor's Program continues to be the land of opportunity," said Bachelor's Dean Ted Goldstein in his busy office in Jerome Hall. "And this fall, maybe more than ever, so many Associate graduates realized that their degree is just one step in their march toward upward mobility. Also, students returning to Monroe are thrilled with the expanded choices of Bachelor's majors and transfer students quickly appreciate the culture of individual support that defines our college."

This fall the Bachelor's program's array of offerings is punctuated by a brand new Public Health Degree Program which gives students the opportunity to have significant impact on the health of their communities and at the same time launch successful careers. In addition, there's a new 150-credit Public Accounting Degree Program that will prepare students to sit for the CPA exam.



"Monroe students achieve because they set their sights high," said Dean Goldstein. "And that means viewing an Associate degree not as an end, but as a beginning. And that's why our Bachelor's program continues to grow."

So welcome Bachelor's students; you are on the road to success. As for Associate students, congratulations on taking that important first step!

NEW VOLLEYBALL COACH

New Monroe Lady Mustang Volleyball Coach Esther Cortorreal uses her winning personality and effervescent smile to full advantage when coaching her young team. As a result, despite a difficult first season in terms of wins and losses, the Lady Mustang players have responded with enthusiasm, a desire to succeed, and a strong foundation for the future.

"We're building the program from the ground up," Coach Cortorreal said. "That means we've got a lot of talented freshman who want to grow and develop together as a team. Usually, that's the fastest path to a championship."

In fact, on this year's squad, all but two of the thirteen players were freshmen.

An accomplished volleyball player at Bronx Community College and Concordia College, Coach Cortorreal went on to serve as assistant coach at Concordia. Good luck, coach, and welcome aboard!

MONROE ADDS TRACK!
INDOOR, OUTDOOR, X-COUNTRY ON THE WAY!

In the Fall Semester, Monroe College unveiled a brand new track and field program. This added six new sports to the Athletics roster. Men's and women's cross country began in the fall, the men's and women's indoor track will be part of the winter sports season, and the men's and women's outdoor track season will run in the spring.

"We've wanted to do this for awhile," said Athletic Director Bert Shillingford. "But when a recent survey showed an overwhelming interest from students and student/athletes, we knew there would be no better time than the present!"

Monroe athletics have thrived under Shillingford's tutelage with a national championship, appearances in national tournaments, and numerous Region titles and playoff appearances. As a result, the expectation is that the new track program will hit the ground running, literally and figuratively.

At the helm of the new program is veteran track coach Thomas Dunn, who comes to Monroe with extensive experience. He made his mark as Head Track Coach from 2004-2007 at Norman Thomas HS. Before that he was a decorated coach at Brooklyn Tech, coaching a national 4x800m champion.

FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREER MANAGEMENT
Do the OCA Math: Preparation + Practice = Professional Position!

The OCA (Office of Career Advancement) on both campuses has put systems and increased office hours in place to help guide Monroe students to successful careers.

OCA's approach is custom-designed so that each Monroe student can have his or her career skills assessed, match academic interests and career goals to a course of study, develop job-readiness, and ultimately build a portfolio that will give focus to the realization of stated goals.

"This is an exciting time in career advancement at Monroe," said Dean Carol Genese. "As the job marketplace has become more competitive, it's now necessary for students to be working toward career goals not at the end of college, but from the day they begin. That's why this fall Monroe freshmen are using their portfolios as guides to success."

For a number of Monroe students and graduates, the march to success began over the past few months when they started new jobs. For example, many from the School of Allied Health Professions launched their careers. A partial list was published in the September 24 edition of the Weekly Observer.

"Without exception, every single Monroe student has a meaningful career waiting for them," said Dean Genese. "But they have to be prepared to take the necessary steps, and the first ones to take are to visit the OCA on either campus and meet with a Career Counselor."

After that, the sky is the limit!

New Monroe Executive Director of Corporate Development

Monroe College is pleased to announce that it's new Executive Director of Corporate Development is **Joseph Orlando**. In his new position, which is in conjunction with the Office of Career Advancement, Mr. Orlando will be broadening student opportunities by expanding the corporate base for jobs and internships.

"Monroe's fundamental philosophy is to maximize student success," said President Stephen Jerome. "With his broad corporate experience, Joe Orlando will be able to support that goal on a daily basis and in a variety of ways."

Most recently, Mr. Orlando served as President and CEO of Barnert Hospital in Patterson, NJ. Before that he was the Senior Vice President for the North Bronx Healthcare Network.

"It's going to be exciting for me to help develop student potential to the fullest," Mr. Orlando said. "The students are so well prepared when they graduate from Monroe that they are well-qualified for entry into the corporate world."

Monroe Professor on TV!

You might have seen Monroe Professor **Joey Jackson** on TV recently. It was hard to miss him! On Friday, October 12 Prof. Jackson appeared as a consulting attorney on CNN's Nancy Grace Show and the next day he was on the FOX News Channel. WMYW then broadcast the same interview during their Monday night newscast. Professor Jackson, a practicing attorney who teaches business and civil rights law, commented on the Brittany Spears custody case and other contemporary subjects.

NY1 Reporter Visits College

On Monday, October 22, 2007 Dominic Carter, political reporter for NY1 News, visited Monroe to share details about his journey from several Bronx housing projects to the distinguished position as "the best political reporter in NY."

In a motivational speech to over 200 Monroe students, faculty and staff, Mr. Carter spoke candidly about his childhood. He discussed being raised in a single-parent household by a schizophrenic mother, and he talked about his high school guidance counselor who told him he would never succeed. To prove him wrong, he was motivated to enter college and complete his degree in three years. He spoke about being denied entry into graduate school three times and his work as an intern for a local radio station (WBLS/WLIB).

Ultimately, his appearance at Monroe was about believing in oneself and how the desire for success must rest within the individual. He asked several students to discuss their future plan for success and concluded by sharing the essentials for succeeding in the workplace.

After the presentation, Mr. Carter took photos with the audience, gave out NY1 hats and autographed copies of his recently released book "No Momma's Boy."

HEALTHCARE FOR STUDENTS!

Affordable healthcare is now available to all Monroe students! All a student needs to do is make an appointment and bring their ID.

Monroe College and the Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) have formed a unique collaboration to provide healthcare for every Monroe student at any of the six MHHC Bronx locations.

"Monroe College is interested in more than just a student's academic progress. We firmly believe that being in good physical and mental health contributes to a well-rounded lifestyle", said Roberta Greenberg, Vice President for Student Affairs at Monroe College. "Good health is an important element in ensuring a student's success," she concluded.

Students are responsible for a copay for basic services and have a wide variety of specialties available at reasonable fees. Services at MHHC include comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care; pediatrics; eye care; obstetrics and gynecology; nutrition; and asthma/allergy services.

"MHHC is pleased to partner with Monroe College to assist their students to better understand and maintain good health while at the same time help them establish strong relationships with quality healthcare providers," said Anita Wilenkin, Chief Operating Officer of MHHC.

Since 1981, MHHC has been a major provider of healthcare to the Morris Heights section of the Bronx and the surrounding areas. To make an appointment, call 718-716-4400. For more information, visit www.mhhc.org or call Student Services.

Monroe Dean Wins Prestigious Award

Howard Leslie, the Monroe College Dean of Student Financial Services was given the prestigious Thomas Monahan Service Award at the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association's 39th annual conference.

Mr. Leslie was recognized for his hard work and long service to the Association, including volunteering on the association's hotline, coordinating workshops, and helping to develop guidance counselors. He also established and directed the coordination of State-wide Electronic Data Training, chaired the Loan Services Committee, and implemented numerous innovations that are critical to the awarding of financial aid.

During the four-day conference, Mr. Leslie made a presentation to explain new regulations that redefine the relationship between students, their educational institutions, and lenders.

CONSUL GENERAL OF JAMAICA COMES TO MONROE

For many, his mere appearance was inspiring. For others, it was the story of national pride and history that he told. But maybe it was the conclusion of his speech with a Bob Marley lyric that sealed the joy at the Monroe College appearance by Dr. Basil K. Bryan, Consul General of Jamaica.

"This is a first for me," said Medical Assisting major Angela Harewood as she and her two friends feasted on heaps of curried chicken, roti, and coconut rice. "I'd never met nor seen a Consul General before and it really means a lot to me, my heritage, and my culture."

"I thought the historical information he gave was great," said Georgiana Bah, also a Medical Assisting major. "Until he said it, I didn't know that I share roots with Colin Powell."

On Wednesday, June 27, Dr. Bryan participated in Monroe's Caribbean Heritage Day that featured food, music, flags, and cultural pride not only for people of Jamaica, but of all Caribbean nations.

"I am most impressed," Dr. Bryan noted after a private audience with President Stephen Jerome, a few students, and faculty. "What I like is the business of the campus where you can see that the relationships between students and faculty are strong."

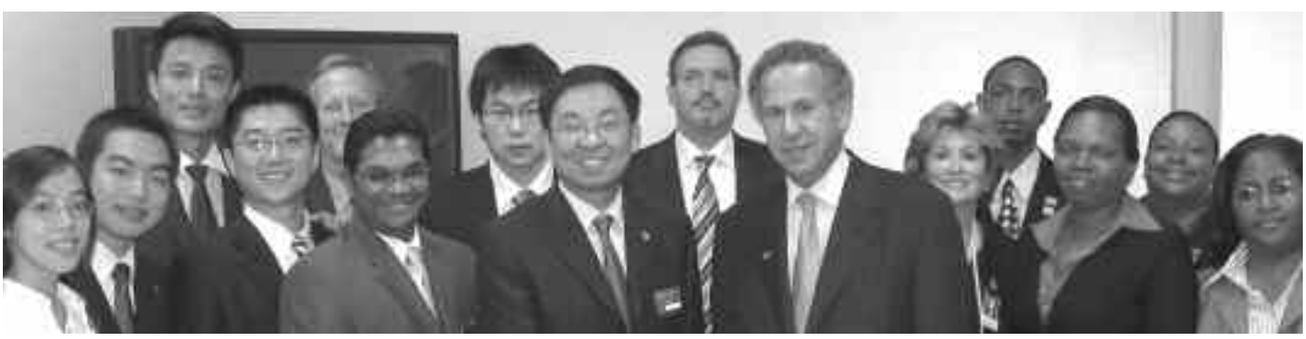
According to Professor Patricia Edwards, who set up the celebration in the King Hall gym, "We're teaching Caribbean history in the classroom and this is a way to take the education out of the classroom and make it come alive."

As the celebration of the more than 200 attendees carried on into the afternoon, it was hard not to hear the echo of the Consul General's recitation of Marley, "One love, one heart, let's get together and feel all right."

Chinese delegation meets Monroe SIFE team!

Recently, a delegation from the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade met with Monroe College President Stephen Jerome and the Monroe College SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Team. They discussed what was called the "spirit of university," sharing the experience of SIFE and collaborative SIFE projects between the two institutions, how to best prepare college students from both countries to be future entrepreneurs, and what education models could be used. There were also discussions on establishing a formal partnership between Monroe College and Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade.

After the meeting, gifts were exchanged and President Jerome said, "In this age of globalism it is vital for students to have a perspective that expands their horizons. This visit can be the start of a relationship that will enhance the understanding of the international opportunities in the classroom and in the world of business."



Santa at Monroe

On Sunday, December 2, as New York had the first snowfall of the season, Monroe College held its annual Children's Holiday Parties at The Bronx and New Rochelle campuses for the families of Monroe students, staff, and faculty. The event has become a popular tradition as Monroe staff welcomed hundreds of party-goers with Christmas cookies, face painting, clowns, TV and cartoon characters, and, of course, a visit with Santa Claus.

Every child who attended received a gift from the college as well as balloons and cotton candy. Happy Holidays to all from Monroe College!

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