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At the Bronx commencement ceremony held on Saturday, June 7 at Columbia University's Wein Stadium, 804 students received associate degrees and 453 students received bachelor's degrees. In honor of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the college, three retired, former employees served as Grand Marshals: Charlotte Cohen, a member and former head of what was called the Secretarial Science department, Mary O'Connell who was one of the first staff members employed at Monroe, and Charlotte Reynolds, the so-called "voice of Monroe" who served as receptionist. The more than 1000 people in the line of march entered the field to the cheers of the audience which numbered around 8,000.

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Monroe College Celebrates 70th Anniversary

In January of 1933, during the worst part of the Great Depression, visionary people who had the foresight and conviction to follow their instincts created what has become Monroe College. During 2003 we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the college.

First named Monroe School of Business under the direction of Mildred King, the institution was located on Boston Post Road in the West Farms section of The Bronx. Monroe opened with an initial enrollment of seven students.

In 1936, Harry E. Jerome joined the school. Economic conditions in the nation and world were still dismal. Millions of people were unemployed. Monroe served a unique role – it taught people business skills that would enable them to find work in offices. Many of these first students had careers, but those jobs were eliminated as businesses failed.

Monroe's enrollment grew slowly through the 1930's and the period of World War Two. It continued preparing people for business and early on earned a reputation for the competence of its graduates. Business always wants dependable employees. As unemployment of the 1930's turned to labor shortages during the war years, Monroe's graduates continued to be in demand.

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Criminal Justice Program to Begin at Monroe College

By Howard Goldin

Being innovative and bold are not characteristics only descriptive of the young. This is true of institutions as well as individuals. Monroe is again expanding its offerings. The newest major field of study, starting in the fall semester, is Criminal Justice. Monroe President Stephen J. Jerome explained the rationale for adding the new program. He said, "Monroe's venture into criminal justice reflects the college's mission and 70-year tradition of providing high-demand courses of study that offer promising career opportunities." President Jerome called this "an historic occasion. It marks the first time the college is preparing people for careers beyond the fields of business and technology." He observed that the program combines, "academic excellence, faculty who are professionals from the field, and a generalist approach, which is highly desired by employers, all offered in an environment where the college's hallmark personal service is paramount."

Veteran law-enforcement professional and educator William H. McDonald has been named as chairperson of the new department. Those enrolling in the program may choose a course of study ending with either an associate or bachelor's degree. Dr. McDonald stated, "Monroe's entry into the field will offer another educational option, one that is based on a three full-semester schedule that provides students with the option of earning a bachelor's degree in as little as three years."

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Message from President Stephen Jerome…

In this, our 70th anniversary year, Monroe College is building on its proud past, working toward success each day, and laying the foundation for a bright future. As we celebrate this impressive legacy I am aware that the concepts and educational philosophy Monroe College has relied on for the last 70 years are even more significant in today's complex world than they were decades ago.

For example, throughout our history each of our academic programs has been designed to provide students with the foundation for rewarding careers. With the introduction of Criminal Justice, to begin in September, Monroe students will have the opportunity to enter a field that is exciting and has a remarkably wide-range of career opportunities. Criminal Justice also is an indication that Monroe College continues on a path of growth and change, as it is the college's first venture into the social sciences.

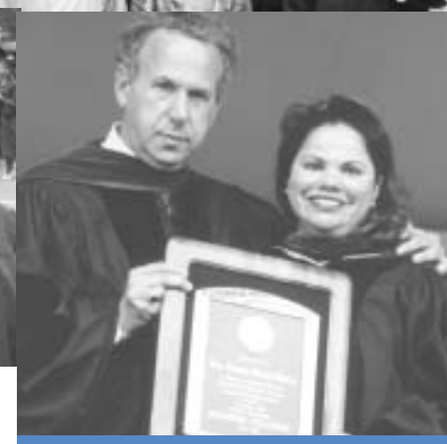
Another example of current growth that has a tradition in success is in Monroe Mustang athletics. This year our women's volleyball team had its best-ever season, Mustang men's soccer played in the Region XV championship game, the Lady Mustang basketball team had a 19-11 record reaching the region semifinals, and, of course, our magnificent men's hoopsters won the Region XV and District 3 championships, and then caused a stir in the national tournament in Kansas when they went 3-1 and finished fifth! Play on!

In this edition of the Observer, you'll find insight into Monroe College happenings that reflect the growth and change in this historic year. It's no surprise to the Monroe College community that we excel in activities like SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) that are based on application of our academic programs. But, you'll also read about mothers and daughters who attend Monroe College together, graduates who are succeeding in the business world, and the many on and off-campus events that help to make Monroe College the unique and wonderful place that it is.

So, happy 70th anniversary to all of us. We have much about which to be proud!

Stephen J. Jerome
President

Bronx Campus



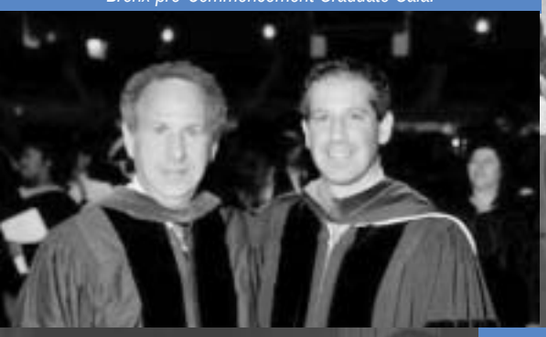
Monroe College President Stephen Jerome presents plaque to Bronx campus commencement speaker, NYS Education Department Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education, Johanna Duncan-Poitier.

Rain can't dampen Monroe graduates' spirit! At Bronx commencement ceremony graduate eagerly waits to cross the stage and greet President Jerome to the cheers of family and friends.

Nivia Camara Charlotte Cohen

New Rochelle Campus

President Jerome toasts graduates at the Bronx pre-Commencement Graduate Gala.



At the New Rochelle pre-Commencement Graduate Gala, Vice President Marc Jerome (right) and Professor Marlene Hollick, Allied Health Sciences (left), present plaque to Jasmine Sherriffe.

2003 Grand Marshals - Bronx

Charlotte Renolds *Mary O"Connel* *Leticia Merrill*

A Family Affair

Josephine Dondero, Director of the Academic Reinforcement Center, celebrates with her husband, Nick who graduated from Monroe's New Rochelle campus with an Associate degree in Computer Information Systems. Marie Dondero (right)graduated from SUNY Cortland as a physical education teacher and has begun her Master's degree in health education at Hofstra University.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER AMONG MONROE GRADS

By Howard Goldin

As another school year came to its conclusion, students from kindergarten through college donned their caps and gowns to participate in this year's graduation ceremonies. More than 1,700 students have earned degrees at Monroe College this year. The graduates gathered together with members of their families, friends, professors, the staff, and administration of the college to celebrate this milestone in their lives.

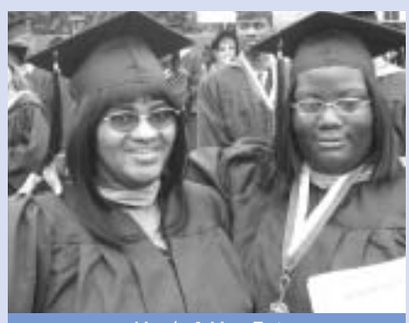
The event and what it represents is special and meaningful to graduates and their families. To two families the meaning was multiplied as both mother and daughter were graduating. Althea Davis and her eldest daughter Thawona Davidson both received AAS degrees. The two honor students have taken many classes together and assist each other in their work. The attitude of cooperation has not eliminated competition.

Davis explained, "When it comes to grades we have a healthy competition. I don't want to get less than her and she doesn't want to get less than me!" Both are looking forward to earning a Bachelor's degree.

The other mother-daughter combination is Margie Tart and her daughter Mary. Each received a Bachelor's degree with honors. Margie Tart began her studies at Monroe in January, 2000. She has surmounted immense obstacles to earn her degree. Her husband of 30 years, who had been suffering the effects of a stroke since 1994, died during her first semester. An event so momentous as to derail the life of even the strongest individual did not stop Tart's education. After her husband's death, she had to get a job. Tart began as a temp and has subsequently been hired by the New York City Campaign Finance Board as an administrative assistant.

She said, "Although I was working, it didn't stop me from furthering my education."

The Tarts have been in a number of classes together and helped each other. The computer literate mom helped her daughter master the computer while Mary tutored her mother in math. Margie Tart recently wrote in anticipation of graduation, "I will be marching down the aisle on June 7th, 2003, a very proud mother of eight. All eight of my children will be present at the graduation to see not only their mother graduate, but their sister also."



Margie & Mary Tart

Althea Davis & Thawona Davidson

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Monroe College Celebrates 70th Anniversary

In 1943, the school changed its name to Monroe Business School and took additional space in preparation for the post-war surge of enrollment. During the 1950's and early 1960's Monroe continued to grow. In 1960 the former "Starlight Ballroom" was added. The same year a division was added to teach new business machine skills. In 1963, the name was again changed, this time to Monroe Business Institute.

In 1966 Monroe added its first computer, heralding the start of a new era of business education. The same year, Stephen J. Jerome joined the institution. Three years later Monroe opened a campus on Fordham Road to serve the west Bronx. During this period, Mildred King reduced her involvement with the school, ultimately retiring in 1972.

The decade of the 1970's saw Monroe emerge as a junior college. In 1972, Monroe began granting two-year associate degrees. In 1977, the West Farms campus closed and all programs were consolidated in the Fordham Road area. The next year Harry Jerome retired and Stephen Jerome became president.

During the 1980's in short order, South Hall opened (1981), a branch campus was opened in New Rochelle (1983), and the State of New York authorized Monroe to grant AAS degrees (1985). Two years later, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education designated Monroe as a candidate for accreditation.

Nineteen ninety was a banner year. Middle States accreditation was granted and the institution changed its name to Monroe College. Enrollment growth led to the opening of Jerome Hall in 1991 and King Hall at 190th Street in 1993. The following year Marc Jerome joined the college and became director of the New Rochelle campus.

In 1996, the college was authorized to offer bachelor's degrees. The first students were enrolled for the winter 1997 semester. In 1997, the college added an adjacent 80,000 square feet to King Hall. In the late 1990's additional space was acquired at the New Rochelle campus. At the same time, students began living on campus.

At the turn of the new millennium, new facilities opened at both campuses. In New Rochelle, a new learning center was developed, the number of residential students grew dramatically, additional computer and classroom space opened, and construction of Milavec Hall, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003, got underway. In the Bronx, the opening of West Hall added additional classroom and office space.

Academic and program changes have seen the college emerge as a major educational institution in the Bronx/lower Westchester region. New programs such as Health Office Associate, Criminal Justice, and a culinary component for Hospitality and Tourism Management have enhanced the college's associate-degree offerings. A Criminal Justice program and Business Management minors in Finance, Hospitality and Tourism Management, and Marketing are attracting greater numbers of students to the baccalaureate offerings.

Monroe's recognized leadership in technology, teaching, and personal service are well deserved. The college has one of the best ratios of students to computers in the metropolitan area. Its award-winning learning centers, the fame of the Monroe Mustang men's basketball team (which finished fifth in the nation in the 2003 national tournament), a dedicated and committed faculty, and state-of-the-art technology are true reasons to celebrate. Monroe is a unique institution that serves as a "beacon of hope for the people of The Bronx and New Rochelle." The strength of the institution is based on a commitment to constant change and improvement while preserving the best of personal service and dedication to student success.

Kossivi (Marquis) Codijia: Listen to Mom!

When his mother advised Kossivi (Marquis) Codijia to enroll at Monroe, he was smart enough to take her advice. What Marquis ultimately learned was that that mom (who received her associate degree from Monroe a few years earlier) was right.

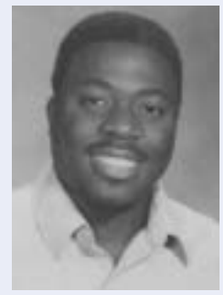
"She told me that I'd be able to get my degree quicker and that I would receive special attention," Marquis said. "As it turned out, I got my degree in three years. Also, I spent a lot of time with Dean Goldstein and the staff really worked with me. They really did."

Marquis was so motivated that he ultimately earned two degrees: a bachelor's degree in Business Management in December, 2001 and another in Accounting in August, 2002. He went for his second baccalaureate degree because an accounting degree was one of the requirements in order to sit for the CPA exam, which he passed on his first attempt.

"Unquestionably my success is a living testimony of the painstaking work and unique professional dedication of the whole Monroe academic community, from the faculty to the administrative support team," he said. "I consider myself a true member of the college community, not merely due to the family ties that I have developed with some faculty members over the years, but also because I worked, on a part-time basis, as a math tutor at the King Hall Learning Resource Center."

Because of that hard work, Marquis is now able to reap the benefits. Originally one of seven staff accountants at Ria International, a pharmaceutical and chemical raw materials wholesaler in Whippany, NJ that grossed $15,000,000 in sales last year, Marquis ultimately became the accounting supervisor, a position he now holds.

Marquis has traveled a long distance, as an international student from West Africa, traveling to and from Monroe each day by bus and two trains, working as a math tutor in the Learning Resource Center, and now as an accounting supervisor who is fielding offers from CPA firms in Manhattan.



Clearly, Kossivi (Marquis) Codijia has a bright future ahead of him, with only the sky as the limit.

Hamdiya Ismalia: Her Education Can Change the World

She traveled the world for an education and now she hopes to change the world.

Hamdiya Ismalia, a 28 year-old native of Salaga, a small farming community in the northern part of Ghana, West Africa, got her Bachelor's degree in business management at Monroe College in August, 2001. She's now a second-year Master's student in Columbia University's economic division.

"It was very hard to leave my mother, three brothers, and three sisters in Salaga," Hamdiya remembered recently. "But, I take my education seriously. I'm very motivated."

That motivation, which took her far from home, will ultimately bring her back home to apply what she has learned about marketing, business, and finance to improve the lives of her countrymen. Her idea is to mobilize the informal economy and bring development to small villages.

"In Salaga there's so much poverty and illiteracy," she said. "I'm going to try to develop programs that will help them."

In order to do that, Hamdiya will likely draw on her American experiences and education. "Along with teaching technical skills, I'm going to work with the villagers on developing financing and credit, as well as implementing basic literacy for adults."

Hamdiya got her first taste of the business world processing rebates for Trans Credit America in New Rochelle and currently works as an intern doing impact analysis at the United Nations.

So from Monroe College, to Columbia University, to the UN, and ultimately back home to rural Salaga in Ghana, West Africa, Hamdiya Ismalia has lofty goals to, "affect the lives of people and have real impact."

Bronx Week Parade

The Monroe College contingent that marched in this year's Bronx Week Parade spent some fun moments with music stars Ashford and Simpson just before the parade kicked off. Val Simpson was inducted in the Bronx Walk-of Fame this year.

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TWO NEW CHAIRS

Monroe College is proud to welcome two new department chairs. Mathematics chair Conrad "Connie" Goldberg, Ph. D. and Criminal Justice chair William "Bill" McDonald, Ph.D. assumed the reins of their respective programs this spring.

In addition to a career with numerous corporations in the field of information technology, Professor Goldberg has an extensive background in teaching math, statistics, and physics at Queens College, The New York Institute of Technology, Baruch College, Queensborough College, and the Keller Graduate School of Management. His corporate career spans a broad range of positions at corporations that include Vital Basics, Inc., Computer Sciences Corporation, MSC Industrial Supply Corp., and Tambrands, Inc.

A native West Virginian, Dr. McDonald holds more than 40 commendations from his career as a law enforcement officer and also has an extensive background as a criminal justice educator. He worked in the police department in Washington, DC, with the U.S. Treasury, and for the Connecticut State University System. He was an educator at Tunxis Community College, the British Police Command College, the Irish and Scottish Police Colleges, and in the Connecticut Community College System.

Good luck to Connie and Bill!

Dr. Conrad Goldberg, Chair, Mathematics Department

Dr. William McDonald, Chair, Criminal Justice Department

Monroe College SIFE Teams Earn Victories and Satisfaction

Monroe College's four-year SIFE team (Students in Free Enterprise) took home the regional championship at the competition held in Hartford, Connecticut on April 8, 2003. Teams with whom they competed included Quinnipiac College, Franklin Pierce College, SUNY at Albany, and Sienna College. In addition, the two-year program earned runner-up status.

SIFE is a non-profit organization that encourages the skills of leadership and teamwork by way of a cooperative relationship between higher education and business. SIFE has chapters at more than 800 colleges in the United States, and more than 1400 colleges in 33 countries. It makes connections between what is learned in the classroom and real-world situations.

The responsibility of service to the community is a major component of SIFE, and Monroe team members teach computer skills to the elderly, help high school students prepare for the work world, and promote the importance of obtaining a college education. They work with seniors, youth, and neighborhood businesses in educational outreach programs.

Ben Hope Monroe, vice president of operations of the Monroe College team said "The main focus of the club is to make a difference in the world." The 50-student club, based at the New Rochelle campus, has members with differing college majors, from accounting to hospitality and tourism management to business.

One activity carried out by the Monroe team is the Senior Tech Savvy program that teaches seniors to use computers. The students teach their elders basic computer skills, how to send e-mails, and applications. Although some have never previously used a computer, they quickly master the material.

THE 2003 MONROE COLLEGE SIFE TEAM

Back row (l to r): Rickardo Dobson, Benhope Munroe, Nadia Noel, Oratio Thomas, Vaughn McCarthy
Middle row (l to r): Francine Reid, Nickesha James, Averyl Shakespeare, Kadijah Williams, Sean Lee
Front row (l to r): Mario Wickremanyake, Thalia Wilson-Palmer, Advisor, Kelly-Anne Russell, and Faculty Advisory, Professor Max Torres

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Criminal Justice Program to Begin at Monroe College

Graduates of the Associate in Science degree program will be prepared for entry-level positions in law enforcement, corrections, counseling, the courts, and private security. The program is designed for the generalist who wants to work in the field of criminal justice but does not yet have a clearly defined goal.

The Bachelor of Science degree provides students with competencies and the credential necessary for law enforcement positions. These include city, county, and state police positions, federal police/agent positions in more than 68 federal agencies, and a myriad of specialized agencies that employ large numbers of officers. The court systems offer a wide variety of employment opportunities at the federal, state, and local levels, in both adult and juvenile court systems. The corrections system offers opportunities beyond the traditional custodial staffs of jails, detention centers, and state/federal prisons. The program can also lead to careers in the private security industry. Positions vary from the highly technical security operations of banks, casinos, and highly sensitive research centers to hospitals, tourist sites, and corporate facilities.

Monroe Students Win International Scholarships

Two students of Monroe's Hospitality and Tourism Management Program, Glenna Coleridge-Taylor and Kavelle Martin, are the recipients of the first New York Chapter/Africa Travel Association (NYATA) Student Membership Scholarship. Both attend the New Rochelle campus. Marlene Melton, president of the NYATA stated, "We are thrilled that this program is under way. We are particularly proud that Ms. Taylor and Ms. Martin will be the charter recipients and we congratulate them. We hope this scholarship program will become a coveted opportunity for aspiring travel industry professionals."

Left to Right: Kavelle Martin, Glenn Coleridge-Taylor

The scholarship is in the form of an expense-paid stipend to attend the Africa Travel Association's Annual International Marketing Congress in Lusaka and Livingstone, Zambia. It included the cost of Congress registration, hotel accommodation, airfare and attendance at all Congress seminars and programs, along with a one-year ATA membership. The students had an opportunity to explore some of Zambia's most exciting tourist assets, including the world-famous Victoria Falls.

The value of the NYATA scholarship can range from $1500 to $2500, depending upon the destination selected for the Congress. A major goal of the initiative is enhanced awareness and promotion of Africa as a continent offering numerous, exciting tourism destinations.

On Monday, June 16, the scholarship recipients talked about their experiences on the Monroe College New Rochelle campus and showed a slide presentation at the event that included students, faculty, staff, as well as Mwelwa Musambachime, the Zambian ambassador to the United States.

Left to Right: President of the NY Chapter of the ATA Marlene Melton, scholarship winner Kavelle Martin, Monroe hopitality student Mwape Chibwe, Zambian Ambassador Mwelwa Musambachime, faculty member Loris Crawford, scholarship winner Glenna Coleridge-Taylor.

Virtual Enterprise Students Honored

By Howard Goldin

Virtual Enterprise, a program where high school students work in a simulated business enterprise, is an exciting way for students to learn. A program of the New York City Department of Education, Virtual Enterprise has grown to include not only high schools in the city, but 300 schools throughout the nation and 5,000 worldwide.

Richard Levitt, Assistant Director of VE International, and a member of the New Rochelle faculty, explained the practical importance of the education and experience the students gain. "VE provides a corporate simulation. Students are getting on the job experience in a controlled environment. They run a business."

Participating high schools in the Bronx include: Clinton, Columbus, Lehman, Morris, Taft, and Walton. Many of these students also are taking courses at Monroe. During the fall semester, 250 students were enrolled and 185 attended classes during the winter semester. Among the courses for which they received college credit are: accounting, introduction to business, spreadsheet, computer networking, and multi-media.

The success achieved by these students was celebrated at an academic achievement dinner held on May 29. Monroe's Vice President Marc Jerome lauded the students' accomplishments, "You made the decision: I'm going to do this. You started it and you finished it." Jerome concluded his remarks with words of advice to the students, "Whatever you begin, finish it. Take chances."

Monroe College Hosts Bronx Author

Robyn Mostacero, the Bronx-born author of *For Their Own Good*, was a guest lecturer in a Monroe College composition and literature class on Wednesday, June 18. Mostacero's mother, Rita, is a former Monroe student.

Pictured (l. to r.) Cydalia Acevedo (Robyn's sister), Rita Mostacero, Robyn Mostacero (holding *For Their Own Good*), and Community Board 12 District Manager Carmen Anguiera, an adjunct lecturer at Monroe College.

Monroe College A Leader In Minority and Business Degrees

Monroe College is one of the nation's leaders in granting associate degrees to minorities and one of the nation's top schools in granting associate degrees in business according to a *Community College Week* analysis of 2001-2002 US Department of Education statistics.

"This is confirmation that individualized attention and small classes can lead directly to student achievement," commented President Stephen Jerome. "With our learning centers, extensive academic support services, and network of tutoring workshops, Monroe College staff and faculty make a genuine commitment to student success."

In a survey of 2,565 institutions, Monroe College was ranked 17th in the nation in the number of associate degrees granted to minority students. The 783 minority students who earned Monroe associate degrees in 2001-2002, was an increase of 32% over the 594 degree-winners in 2000-2001. Monroe was 11th in the nation in granting degrees to black students and listed at 28th in Hispanic-American graduates.

The study also indicated that Monroe College is one of the nation's top schools in granting business degrees. In 2001-2002, 783 Monroe students earned associates degrees in Applied Science in Business Administration, ranking Monroe third in the nation.

"The Monroe College business program is taught by faculty who are as much at home in a business office as they are in a classroom," said Associate Academic Dean Carol Genese. "The 'real-world' perspective they bring integrates the latest business software and technology into the academic offerings."

While the *Community College Week* study analyzed 2001-2002 information, which is the most recent available, the trend of growth at Monroe College has continued to the present. In 2003 Monroe College graduated the greatest number of students in the school's illustrious seventy-year history. At the June graduations Monroe College conferred degrees on 1,710 students. Of those, 1,064 were associates and 646 bachelor's degrees.

Academic achievement is also on the rise at Monroe. The college presented 313 awards for academic achievement this year, another record. Forty-five graduates were presented with Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards for attaining final GPA's of 4.0 and 268 students received departmental honors for attaining final GPA's of more than 3.75.

Associate Academic Dean Carol Genese

The annual *Community College Week* analysis is an in-depth look at educational trends and patterns based on US Department of Education data. The study showed that one of every six associate degrees granted is a business degree, making it the second most popular field of study (behind liberal arts).

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Commencement 2003

President Jerome welcomed the students and guests who endured a steady rain and cool temperatures. "You are sophisticated having achieved your goals, competent from having mastered the academic requirements of the college, and confident having realized how much you can do and how well you can do it."

New York State Education Department Deputy Commissioner Johanna Duncan-Poitier was this year's commencement speaker. She urged the graduates to look beyond the clouds and rain to a brighter future. She cautioned them not to give up when faced with difficulty. She talked about her achievement despite her own humble roots. "But, with high position comes responsibility," she said.

At the New Rochelle graduation ceremony held on Tuesday, June 10 at the Westchester County Center, 260 students received associate degrees and 193 students were granted bachelor's degrees. Four thousand people filled the hall to watch the pageantry and ceremony as the graduates, faculty, administrators, and platform party entered in their academic attire. Professor Loris Crawford, this year's Grand Marshal, carried the College Mace at the front of the procession.

President Stephen Jerome and Vice President Marc Jerome welcomed the graduates and their families. To thunderous applause, Marc Jerome recognized the places graduates call home and President Jerome congratulated the graduates calling them "winners who are prepared to move forward in the world of business."

WABC-TV television news reporter Marcus Solis, the New Rochelle commencement speaker, said that success in the news business is about overcoming obstacles. But in the final analysis, Mr. Solis told the graduates, one way or another, the job is to "make it work."

Monroe's 2003 commencement ceremonies may be over, but they truly are moments in time. They will not be forgotten by the 1,700 graduates and the 12,000 people who came to wish them well.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2003!

Monroe Students Attend Presentation by IBM Recruiters

On May 30, graduating bachelor's students attended a presentation by recruiters from IBM about employment opportunities. IBM has hired nearly 100 Monroe graduates in the past few years.

Monroe Graduates Participate in Annual Chinese-American College Information Program

Ying Yu Lee (left) and Qui Tong Feng (right), both graduates of Monroe's bachelor's program, talk to perspective students about the benefits of attending Monroe at the 15th annual college fair on Sunday, April 6, 2003 at the Chinese Community Center in Chinatown.

Fifth Graders at Monroe

Every second Friday through the spring semester, Mr. Perry Lopez' 5th grade class from nearby PS 33 came to the Bronx campus of Monroe to work in a computer lab. The students were assisted by Oratio Thomas and Wilson Polanco of the I.S. Dept., who said that working with these children was among their most rewarding experiences. The students spent their time researching material about Romeo and Juliet for an end-of-the-year performance.

Wilson Polonco and students.

Oratio Thomas assists 5th grader.

Monroe Honors Top Students

The honoree achieved a 3.70 – 4.00 for the President's and 3.40 – 3.69 for the Dean's List. (Fall 2002)

Bronx
Dean's List

Ngozi Agwu
Sheikh Ahmed
Victor Aikhoje
Adeola Akinsemoyin
Anna Akulova
Mohammed Alam
Randy Alexandre
Merle Alfred
Evelyn Alonzo
Danielle Alston
Elizabeth Andujar
Skeffington Anthony
Aida Antonetty
Jacelyn Arce
Clairon Austrie
Rolando Aviles
Mawulawoe Awudza
Erick Barrett
Charles Benjamin
Tamara Bennett
Tina Berroa
Luis Breton
John Bros
Bernadine Browne
Rafael Bueno
Elizabeth Butler
Carmen Caban
Miguel Cabral
Leighton Campbell
Tawanda Campbell
Elizabeth Carela
Arsenia Carrasco
Bonilyn Charles
Yanique Christie
Dionis Cochrane
Nordia Coleman
Lorraine Collash
Catherine Concepcion
Gina Constable
Toya Cook
Herman Cordero
Denochy Cowan
Sharon Crawford
Michelle Cruz
Douglas Dando
Kadidia Daouda
Andrea Davis
Jane Davis
Antoinette DeSisso
Gloria Diaz
Wendy Diaz
Lawrence Dorsett
Arenica Evans
Jill Fairley-Foster
Sammy Falero
Ana Ferrera
Carmen Fiallos
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Hasan Fogle
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Markena Francis
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Audrey Henderson
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Luisa Hiciano
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Melinda Lebron
Yu Ying Lee
Monique Leibert
Francine Lewis
Qiang Lin
Francine Lindo
April Logue
Aminata Long
Dionicio Lopez
Sandra Lopez
Uda Lopez, Jr.
Olasubomi Macaulay
Michelle Macklin
Joseph Martinez
Yolanda Mason
Millicent Matos
Tamara McGriff
Carlos Melendez
Joan Mendonca
Denise Miles
Ena Miller
Sean Miller
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MONROE MUSTANGS: The Sweetest Hangover!

Fans of Monroe College basketball have to be forgiven if a few months after the end of the basketball season, they are still feeling the effects of a "Mustang hoops hangover."

The Lady Mustangs completed the 2002-03 season with a best-ever 19-11 record, qualifying for the Region XV semi-finals for the first time. The Monroe College men's basketball team had a 31-3 dream season, winning the Region XV and District 3 championships, and achieving an incredible fifth-place finish in the NJCAA Division I national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. This was unquestionably the best and most memorable performance in the history of Monroe College basketball.

"We've raised the bar for future Monroe teams," said Mustang first-year head coach Jeff Brustad. "I'm very proud of how we responded to the pressure of the big games."

After the fifth-place finish at the national tournament, the Mustangs came home to enthusiastic fans. Along with press coverage from network television, the New York Times, Daily News, Newsday, Journal News and virtually all the local Bronx newspapers, Borough President Carrion declared March 27, 2003 to be Monroe Mustangs Day in the Bronx and Congressman Eliot Engel sent formal congratulations.

Superstar Forward, Ryan Williams

DISTRICT 3 CHAMPS!

As winter and spring turn into summer, the outlook for Mustang basketball is bright and so is the future for many of the players who helped make the past season successful. Both women's head coach Seth Goodman and men's head coach Jeff Brustad are excited about their recruiting efforts so far, anticipating bringing talented players to Monroe College so the standard of success remains high..

Many of the players have solidified their plans for next year. Having received a full scholarship, guard and team co-MVP Kingsley Edwards will be heading south to Orlando, Florida, where he will be a vital part of the NCAA Division I team at the University of Central Florida. Forward Terry Hill is on his way to play at Grambling, center Ken Obukwelu will attend the University of Tampa, and swing guard Paul Smith will be up in Rockland County, playing at Division II St. Thomas Aquinas.

As for the Lady Mustangs, sophomore center Kizzie Gibson will take her Division II basketball scholarship to North Carolina to play at Elizabeth City College. Team captain Akeisha Cumberbatch will be continuing her schooling and her college basketball career at SUNY Westbury.

Past and future, this is an "era to remember" for Monroe College basketball!

Region XV Champs!

Monroe Fans root for team!

Monroe Fans in South Carolina.

VOLLEYBALL AWARD

Monroe College Athletic Director Bert Shillingford and volleyball head coach Tenesha Hunt present the team MVP award to sophomore Lisa Jackson at the Mustang athletic awards dinner held on March 27.

Pictured l to r.: Shillingford, Asst. Coach Lenore Donovan, Jackson, and Hunt

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