MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

January 12, 2009

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 12

8:30—7pm	Bookstore Sales/BX
6:00pm	SGS Freshman Orientation—TBA/BX
6:30pm	Student ANGEL Orientation—Learning Resource Center, King Hall/BX

Tuesday, January 13

8:30—7pm	Bookstore Sales/BX
Noon	OCA Open House—OCA Main Hall/NR
12:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation Dinner/BX
2:30pm	Weight Watchers—106 Milavec Hall/NR
3:00pm	Community Service—TBA/NR
6:30pm	Student ANGEL Orientation—Learning Resource Center, King Hall/BX
7:00pm	Men's Basketball vs Lackawanna CC—Home (Mt. St. Michael's)

Wednesday, January 14

8:30—7pm	Bookstore Sales/BX
1:00pm	SGS Freshman Orientation—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm	Academic Management Group—TBA/BX
2:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
3:00pm	Community Service—TBA/NR
6:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
7:00pm	Women's Basketball vs Mohawk Valley CC—Home (Mt. St. Michael's)

Thursday, January 15

Association of Proprietary Colleges Meeting—Marriott Hotel—Albany, NY

8:30—7pm	Bookstore Sales /BX
11:00am	Club Fair—Main Hall Lobby/NR
Noon	New Adjunct Orientation—Milavec Hall/BX
Noon	OCA Open House—OCA West Hall/BX

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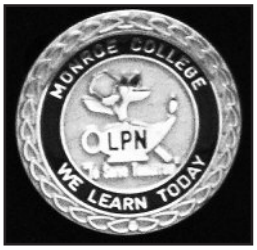
LPN Students Are Pinned For Success



In a festive ceremony in West Hall on December 18, nine Monroe students got "pinned" in recognition of their completing the one-year LPN program. This qualifies them to take the important NCLEX exam and ultimately enroll into Monroe's RN degree program.

According to Allied Health Science Dean **Dr. Jerry Kostroff**, their prospects for passing the NCLEX exam are excellent because in the past, an impressive 94% of Monroe students have passed.

"Their futures are brighter than the white uniforms they wear," Dr. Kostroff said. "They've worked hard to arrive at this step and I am confident that they will each make significant contributions in the field of health care."

The pride of the students themselves was evident as they were feted by President **Stephen Jerome**, Vice President **Roberta Greenberg**, Monroe staff and faculty, and their families.

Monroe established its nursing program just two years ago and this is the second successful class to complete the LPN program. While the pinning ceremony itself has a sense of splendor, Dr. Kostroff says it is a permanent stamp of association with the college.

"Wherever they go, whenever they put on their nurse's gowns," he said, "they can proudly show off the pin as a reminder to themselves and to those they serve that this is a health care professional who succeeded at Monroe College." ■

For more on the School of Allied Health Sciences, see page 4.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Monroe Student Leadership Club holds an induction ceremony every semester to usher in new club members who have completed the orientation/training component of the program. On December 18, the semester's induction ceremony was a very special one, as it commemorated the club's first anniversary.

All members of the Leadership Club were required to go through an extensive training process where they learned various leadership skills including communication, business etiquette, group dynamics, customer service philosophies, etc.

The club was founded in September of 2007 by Vice President for Student Affairs **Roberta Greenberg** and has advised by Student Services Counselor **Edith Saint Fleur**. Under their direction, the Student Leadership Club has inducted over thirty members in the past year.

The Office of Student Services encourages every student to get involved! Here are some comments from students who have participated in club activity:

Sister-to Sister Club

- "It gives me an outlet. It gives me someplace to feel like I am an equal; a place where I can lay my burdens down."—*Taniqua Miller*
- "It's an example of dignity, honor, greatness and cultural diversity." — *Onika Adams*
- "It has enhanced my knowledge on how specific life experiences impact one's behavior. I feel connected to women who understand my situation and I feel better about myself overall."—*Alison Isebert*
- "It's very important because it gives you courage to voice your honest opinion about issues. You gain experience on life lessons."—*Tina Clarke*

Dance Club

- "This has given me a real sense of school spirit, more pride and joy about Monroe College, my class work and my college experience in general. It is also teaching me to be a better team player and how to collaborate with others." —*Shaneequa McGhaney*
- "It has helped me to be more organized in school and has taught me about time management. It's a great club because I love to dance!"—*Sabrina Boyd*
- "This has enhanced my educational experience tremendously because it has taught me how to get along with others and work within a group." —*Felicia Melbourne*

To join a club visit Student Services, Students Life, or www.monroecollege.edu/campuslife/monroeclubs. ■

Honors Colloquium

The end-of-semester Honors Colloquium was held on Friday, December 12 at the Ossie Davis Theater in New Rochelle.

The colloquium features presentations by honors students including skits, power point presentations, videos, poems, group presentations that include the performing arts, and poetry all relating to honors course material. ■

OCA

Marina Dadeshev

In today's challenging economy, the OCA and King Graduate School are increasing students' employment opportunities with new Director of Graduate and International Career Advancement, **Marina Dadeshev.**

Ms. Dadeshev comes to the college after a career at Lehman Brothers as a strategist, responsible for global campus recruiting and diversity recruiting. Also, her experience in the financial services sector with Deloitte Consulting should dovetail nicely with the professional objectives of Monroe's MBA students.

"I look forward to guiding them in their ongoing career development," Ms. Dadashev said, "and assist them in all aspects of their job search. ■

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for **Tracey Toussaint,** who graduated from Monroe in 2006 with a degree in Business Management. She is the first recipient of the **Leslie Robbins Jerome** Scholarship at the University of Toledo, in Toledo, Ohio. Tracey graduated with honors in the MBA program at the University. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Monroe graduate who is interested in pursuing their MBA at the University of Toledo. **Johann Mendoza** '06, will be the second scholarship recipient and he will begin his studies this month. ■

Tracey Toussaint

KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

On Saturday, January 3, the King Graduate School of Business welcomed a new class in the Winter, 2009 semester with a joyous affair at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle.

Along with addresses from a number of college dignitaries, they got to greet the new OCA Counselor **Marina Dadashev** (see page 2). Also, Dean Dr. **Conrad Goldberg**, and Assistant Dean Dr. **Roberta Harris** provided detail about the nature of studying for an MBA degree at Monroe and the kinds of hands-on projects that characterize the program.

There were 25 students at the orientation, who were representative of the increasingly international nature of the King Graduate School student body. In fact, because of their international travel, not all new students could attend and as many as 65 additional new students will start in King this semester, many of them hailing from around the globe.

As the sun reflected spectacularly off Long Island Sound, it was hard not to be inspired by the bright future these new MBA students will have at Monroe. ■

HOSPITALITY

Frank Constantino

The new Dean of the Monroe School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts is **Frank Constantino**. Mr. Constantino's credits are impressive; he's been a highly decorated Chef and top culinary coach, having coached the Art Institute's junior hot food team to the 2006 New York State Junior Hot Food Championship. In fact, he's also been a winner of the 2002 Coupe des Nacions at the Festival de Gastronomie in Quebec City, Canada, as a member of the Big Apple Culinary Team, and he's won gold medals in ACF competitions and other recipe contests.

In addition to his impressive professional credentials, Mr. Constantino has also been an award-wining culinary educator for more than 18 years.

But, above it all, Mr. Constantino is one of the most affable people around. He, his wife and three sons own a small farm where they raise heirloom and specialty fruits and vegetables grown organically and bio-dynamically.

Having come to Monroe in the late fall, Mr. Constantino said he's really looking forward to building on the strengths of Monroe's great faculty, students, and facilities. Welcome to Monroe! ■

BACHELOR'S

On Tuesday, January 6, the Bachelor's program held a New Student Orientation Dinner for approximately 200 new Bachelor's Program students, consisting of recent Monroe College Associate graduates, older Monroe College Associate graduates, and transfer students.

President **Stephen Jerome** welcomed everyone and spoke about the special culture of Monroe College and the need to earn a Bachelor's Degree in today's economy.

Dean **Ted Goldstein** introduced all of the Bachelor's Program Professors and stressed the importance of good attendance and class participation as well as making and keeping your commitment to graduate.

The guest speaker was Ms. **Catherine Barreto** who received her Associates Degree in Hospitality Management from Monroe College in 1996 and subsequently received her Bachelor's Degree from Monroe in 2002. She spoke about academic excellence and overcoming obstacles and achieving her goals.

The evening ended with a special magic trick by Dean Goldstein who said he could make water disappear, but your education stays with you for life! ■

ALLIED HEALTH

On December 1, 2008, the Monroe College community got answers to the question, "Do you know?" as more than 95 students, faculty, and staff participated in free HIV screenings as one of the activities sponsored by the Bronx Allied Health Professions Club in recognition of World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day efforts at Monroe were coordinated in conjunction with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Morris Heights Health Center with the goal of providing the expertise necessary for HIV screening, counseling, and community health education. ■

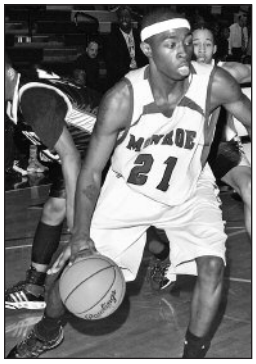
ATHLETICS

Regina Washington

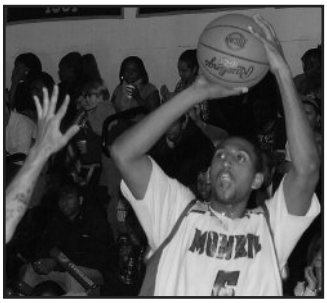
Don't look now, but both Monroe teams are on top of Region XV and are on the national rankings charts.

The defending national champion Lady Mustangs are still undefeated at 14–0, having beaten two Division I teams (the Lady mustangs are D III) in Florida just before New Year's. With a renewed front court of sophomores **Alyscia Jordan** and **Marquita Quarles** and bright newcomers in the backcourt **Aminah Davis** and **Regina Washington,** the Lady Mustangs, who were ranked at #3 in the pre-season national polls, are now at #1 and have to be seen as favorites to repeat as champs.

Aminah Davis


Charles Funches

As for the men, it's also been a great year for them. They are currently 14–2, having bested their hottest start since 2002–03 with 13 straight wins to open the season. This year Monroe boasts of a deep front court with **Djim Bandoumel** and **Charles Funches** new to the roster. They also added stud scorer **Kyle Wright** to last year's dynamic All-American **Westly Perryman**. Together they are lighting up the season for the #24-ranked Mustangs.


Kyle Wright

Be sure to check www.monroecollege.edu/athletics for schedules so you can thrill in person to all the high-flying Monroe hoops action. ■

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7:00pm Women's Basketball vs Queensborough CC—Queensborough

7:00pm Men's Basketball vs Gateway CC—Gateway CC

Friday, January 16

9:00—1pm Bookstore Sales/BX

10:00am SGS Freshman Orientation—307 King Hall/BX

1:00pm Open Gym Basketball—Hooperstown/NR

3:00pm Community Service—TBA/NR

Association of Proprietary Colleges Meeting—Marriott Hotel—Albany, NY

Saturday, January 17

TBA Men's Basketball at Community College of Rhode Island Invitational—Community College of Rhode Island

9:00—1pm Bookstore Sales/BX

10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX

Sunday, January 18

TBA Men's Basketball at Community College of Rhode Island Invitational—Community College of Rhode Island

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed—College Closed

1:00pm Women's Basketball vs Community College of Rhode Island—Community College of Rhode Island

Tuesday, January 20

Inauguration Day

11:30am Club Fair—King Hall Gym/BX

3:00pm Community Service—TBA/NR

Wednesday, January 21

2:30pm Academic Technology Committee—TBA/BX

3:00pm Community Service—TBA/NR

7:00pm Women's Basketball vs Dutchess CC—Dutchess CC

Thursday, January 22

8:30—7:30pm Eating Disorders Awareness—King Hall Lobby/BX

10:30am Eating Disorders Awareness Workshop—Annex/BX

Noon New Adjunct Orientation—Academic Office, Jerome Hall/BX

6:30pm Eating Disorders Awareness Workshop—King Hall Lobby/BX

9:00pm Flag Party—Radisson/NR

Friday, January 23

10:00am Faculty Professional Development—ANGEL CMS and Grade Books—711 Jerome Hall/BX

1:00pm Open Gym Basketball—Hooperstown/NR

3:00pm Community Service—TBA/NR

Saturday, January 24

Noon Women's Basketball vs BMCC—BMCC

2:30pm New Adjunct Orientation—Academic Office, Jerome Hall/BX

5:00pm Men's Basketball vs Westchester CC—Westchester CC

Sunday, January 25

No Events Scheduled