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Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

January 18, 2010

Calendar of Events

For club meetings and activities schedules, visit: www.monroecollege.edu/campuslife/monroeclubs

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed – College Closed

Tuesday, January 19

Last Day for Program and Schedule Adjustments
Last Day to Change "I" Grades

Wednesday, January 20

2:30pm	Academic Management Group – TBA/BX
3:00pm	Weight Watchers –110 Milavec Hall/ NR
6:00pm	Bachelor's Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm	Student Angel Workshop – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, January 21

Noon	Bachelor's Program Coffee Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm	Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX

Friday, January 22

10:00am	Faculty Workshop – ANGEL LMS – 711 Jerome Hall/BX

Saturday, January 23

4:00pm	Alumni Association Cruise to Nowhere Departs – Reservations Required

Sunday, January 24

8:00am	Alumni Association Cruise to Nowhere Returns to Port

Monday, January 25

Noon	Mandatory Internship Workshop – 919 West Hall/BX
5:00pm	Faculty Workshop – ANGEL Grade Book– 501 Jerome Hall/BX
5:30pm	Mandatory Internship Workshop – 919 West Hall/BX

Tuesday, January 26

11:30am	Ring Day – King Hall Lobby/BX

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School of CJ Holds Court!

On Tuesday, January 12, the School of Criminal Justice cut the ribbon on a new courtroom in South Hall on the Bronx campus. On hand to do the honors were Monroe College President **Stephen Jerome**, Bronx Borough President **Ruben Diaz, Jr.**, School of CJ Dean **Michele Rodney**, and seven NYS Supreme Court Judges.

"This is another illustration of our commitment to providing quality real world education for Monroe students," said President Jerome, "and we expect this facility to inspire the next generation of attorneys and judges."

Borough President Diaz agreed, pointing out that the newest member of the Supreme Court, Justice **Sonia Sotomayor,** as well as a number of recently-appointed NYS appellate judges have come from the Bronx.

"In addition to providing enhanced educational opportunity for Monroe students," said Dean Rodney, "the new courtroom will help bolster the relationship between the School of CJ and the legal community at large."

In fact, one of the judges who attended the ceremony approached Dean Rodney about using the courtroom for community workshops she's conducting on various aspects of the legal system.

The courtroom will be used by courses in criminal trial practice, criminal law, criminal procedure, and others. Also, as a member of the American Mock Trial Association, the School of CJ expects to not only participate in competitions, but also will serve as hosts. ■

Homecoming Dance—January 21st.
Tickets on sale in Student Development or Student Life

HONORS

■ In a celebration in the Bronx Annex on January 12, twenty-four students from the Bronx and New Rochelle campuses were inducted into the Monroe College Honors Program, bringing the total number of honors students enrolled in the program to 110. The students were welcomed by President **Stephen Jerome**, as well as several distinguished Monroe College executives, the Honors Board, faculty, and administrators.

Dr. **Donald Simon**, one of the founders of the honors program, talked about the challenges of studying at a more rigorous level, and said that the range of experiences that the Honors Program provides make the entire program not only rewarding, but fun. "Learning should be enjoyable," he said.

Also at the induction were a number of Honors Program alumni, who not only have completed their work in the honors program, but all of whom have enrolled in graduate studies and the Student Advisory Council. ■

HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY

Kimarah Issac

Damain Cawley

■ Congratulations to **Kimarah Issac** and **Damain Cawley** who are recipients of American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation scholarships.

■ The School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts has founded a Junior Culinary team comprised of students who have displayed their culinary and pastry skills under pressure. Made up of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, the team will be competing in the New York State Hot Food championship in Schenectady, NY on February 13, 2010. ■

ALUMNI

■ As a System Administrator in New York Columbia Presbyterian, Monroe alum **Reynoso Seide** (B.A., Computer Information Systems, June 2007) was named Employee of the Month. In making the selection, his supervisor, Support Services Director of Operations **Graham Gulian**, said:

"Rey has been with our department for just under two years. Frequently I receive calls or emails from people throughout the organization who want to commend Rey on his patient, thorough service. Rey even asked me if he could carry a pager so that staff with technical issues on weekends or off hours could be helped.

Rey volunteers his time to teach basic PC skills to people in his neighborhood who have never used a computer and asked if he could do the same for employees. So Rey developed a program and has begun teaching classes. They have been enthusiastically received and are becoming very popular. Most importantly, Rey does this work out of the goodness of his heart and exemplifies all the values that NYP embraces.

■ The Monroe alumni association held a coat drive that turned out to be an overwhelming success. Headed by **Ann-Marie Fergusson**, who currently works for NYC Hospital, they were able to collect over 80 coats in just two weeks and delivered them to New York Cares. ■

SIFE

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) alumni, many of whom were part of the national championship team in 2005, will return to Monroe for a SIFE ALUMNI INFUSION on **Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, in Ustin Hall—Room 111**.

SIFE is a global, non-profit organization that is changing the world through highly-dedicated student teams. The Monroe SIFE team not only provides career and networking opportunities, as well as personal and professional growth for its members, but also aspires to improve the standards of living and quality of life of the people of our community, nation and world.

SIFE at Monroe has been a nationally-acclaimed organization that has provided unmatched opportunities for students. This is an excellent opportunity for good students who want to have an impact on the world around them. For more information, contact Sam Walton Fellow Professor **Stacey Crawford** at 914-740-6439 or scrawford@monroecollege.edu. ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

On Monday, December 29, 2009 the Bronx Bachelor's Program held its new Student Orientation Dinner

The approximately 200 new students were introduced to administrators, staff and faculty who talked about opportunities within respective majors.

There was also an alumni address by **Geslier Davis** who graduated from King Graduate School of Business, who talked about having passion for your major field. Also **Sandra Clayton**, a 1986 Associate Graduate who is coming back to start her Bachelor's in Accounting, talked about the next step.

For information on getting your Bachelor's degree, visit the office on the first floor of Jerome Hall on the Bronx campus. ■

FACULTY

■ Professor **Wellesley Whitted** has created a very useful App for the Android Operating System for those interested in quality dining in NYC. What his APP allows you to do is click on a location in NYC and you are given all the eateries in the area and what their Dept. of Health inspection records are.

Professor Whitted entered the APP in the NYC Big Apple Apps Contest. Voting has ended and the winners will be announced soon. Congratulations to Professor Whitted!

■ Professor **Harvey Gilmore** has had his second law review article published. This one, entitled *To Failure And Back: How Law Rescued Me From The Depths,* considers some of the reasons that attorneys have an overly acute sense of frustration in their chosen profession.

You can read his article here: **http://works.bepress.com/harvey_gilmore/6/**

■ Recently Prof. **George Defeis** presented a paper related to his dissertation at the Clute Institute Conference entitled "*Strategic Alliances & Customer Impact, A Study of Community Hospitals*" and was awarded "*Best Paper.*"

Written with Mary Helen McSweeney-Feld, Ph.D. of Iona College and Suzanne Discenza, Ph.D., Rockhurst University, the paper focused on customer relationships within community hospital settings in the healthcare industry. It also proposed a new framework for analyzing types of alliances formed in these settings, conditions for alliance sustainability, outcomes for the patient/customer base, and it examined preliminary case studies of strategic alliances in community hospitals to provide support for the validity of the construct of strategic alliances and grounds for future research. ■

ATHLETICS

HOOPS ON A ROLL

Terric Harris

Both Monroe basketball teams are rolling. The Mustangs are 13–3 and just beginning to really gel as the conference season approaches. In fact, after their 90–77 homecoming win over Globe, the Mustangs are the class of Region XV having won their last 10 conference games dating back to the beginning of the 2008–09 season.

The Lady Mustangs are 12–3 and are ranked #15 in the NJCAA, Division II poll. Remarkably, those three losses are the most regular season losses they've had since the 2003–04 season. In their first year in Division II (they had been in DIII), the Lady Mustangs will be competing against Orange CC, CCRI, and Dean to determine who will ultimately advance into the post-season tournaments.

For more information on Monroe athletics and to get news, results, and other information first, become a Facebook fan of "Monroe College Athletics." Or just access the Facebook page through the Monroe athletics web pages. ■

Find us on Facebook

Simone Victor

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On Thursday, December 10th, a Monroe College Senior Seminar class presented the "ToadCard", an application for Google's Android Operating System which the class has developed and hopes to market (it has been uploaded to Google's MarketPlace and already has been downloaded hundreds of times). The class also discussed the initial design, development process, the networking and infrastructure, and the future plans for both the product and the group.

Calendar of Events

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Noon	Mandatory Internship Workshop – Main Hall/NR

Wednesday, January 27

11:30am	Ring Day – King Hall Lobby/BX
1:00pm	Deadline for Next Issue of Weekly Observer
2:30pm	Academic Technology Meeting–TBA/BX
3:00pm	Weight Watchers – 110 Milavec Hall/NR
6:00pm	Bachelor's Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, January 28

11:30am	Ring Day – King Hall Lobby/BX
Noon	Bachelor's Program Coffee Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
2:30am	Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX

Friday, January 29

10:00am	Faculty Workshop – Mandatory for Online Faculty – 711 Jerome Hall/BX

Saturday, January 30

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 31

No Events Scheduled

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