MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

March 9, 2009

Calendar of Events

For club meeting schedules visit:
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Monday, March 9

OCA Job Fair Preparation Week/BX & NR

12:10pm	MS Office 2007 Training (Intermediate Excel)—418 King Hall/BX
5:00pm	MS Office 2007 Training (Excel)—408 King Hall/BX

Tuesday, March 10

OCA Job Fair Preparation Week/BX & NR

A Villegas to Course Technology Conference—Las Vegas, NV

8:00—5pm	Legislative Advocacy Day—Off Campus/BX
12:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm	Grammatically Essential Mini Sessions—201 King Hall/BX
3:00pm	Weight Watchers—110 Milavec Hall/NR
5:45pm	High School Graduate New Student Orientation—207 King Hall/BX
6:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—602 Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, March 11

OCA Job Fair Preparation Week/BX & NR

A Villegas to Course Technology Conference—Las Vegas, NV

6:15pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, March 12

OCA Job Fair Preparation Week/BX & NR

TBA Women's Basketball – National Tournament – Rochester, MN

A Villegas to Course Technology Conference—Las Vegas, NV

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Real World Education:
Monroe Prof Nabs Killer Suspect!

On Friday, February 27 at 2:15am, while most of his students were either sleeping or doing some late-night studying, Monroe Criminal Justice Professor **Cornelius J. Douglas**, AKA Sgt.-Det. Douglas of the NYPD's Bronx Warrant Violent Felony Squad, was apprehending one of the city's most wanted in a Yonkers apartment.

Sgt. Douglas and his team of detectives arrested Keith Phoenix, the man accused in the high-profile, hate-motivated brutal murder of an Ecuadorian man in Brooklyn. After his arrest, Phoenix admitted to the killing. In fact, he essentially confessed to Sgt. Douglas right on the spot.

"As we put the cuffs on him he told me, 'So I killed someone, does that make me a bad guy?'" Professor Douglas was saying in the Jerome Hall CJ office last week.

Not only does society benefit from Sgt. Douglas' courageous and important work, but Professor Douglas' students also get the best of his two worlds.

"When I come to class, they ask me about current cases," he said, referring directly to the real-world education that is uniquely Monroe. "I know I inspire the students," he added, "but, you know, I also learn from them. I hear about perceptions of the NYPD and their views of how the criminal justice system works."

A 22 year veteran of the NYPD, Sgt. Douglas is a first-generation cop who loves both his jobs. "After class I stay around to talk with students," he said, "and on the job, I get satisfaction from closing a case, making the streets safer and help bringing closure to victims' families."

Professor Douglas teaches a number of courses for the School of Criminal Justice, including Forensic Applications, Intro to Policing, Juvenile Delinquency, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Law, Homicide Investigations and Police Ethics.

An affable man who appears more like a teddy bear than a homicide detective, Cornelius Douglas wears plain clothes on both his jobs! ■

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SGS

On February 18, the School of General Studies welcomed its new class with an orientation, complete with balloons and motivational speeches by former students and Monroe staff.

"It's hard not to be inspired by our SGS students," noted SGS Dean **Alex Canals**. "When we greet them at orientation, we make a pact that no obstacle is going to keep them from achieving their goal and earning a college degree." ■

INTERNATIONAL

■ There's a new International Student Office on the Bronx campus in Ustin Hall! F-1 visa students on the Bronx campus can now meet with the SEVIS Coordinator, **Christine Kerr** on Wednesdays, in Ustin Hall, room U212 from 9am to 7pm. Students can request SEVIS related services, discuss their immigration status or any other advisement issue. She can be reached for questions or to schedule an appointment at ckerr@monroecollege.edu or x8745 on Wednesdays. Students are encouraged to stop by and update their contact information and get regulations updates.

March 09 Workshops for International (F-1 visa) students	
F-1 Student Employment Workshop Tuesday, 3/10, noon – 1 pm Main Hall, Room 514	**F-1 Regulations Update** Tuesday, 3/24, 4 – 5pm Main Hall, Room 514
F-1 Student Employment Workshop Wednesday, 3/11, 5 – 6pm Ustin Hall, Room U111	**F-1 Regulations Update** Wednesday, 3/25, 5 – 6pm Ustin Hall, Room U111

■ On Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 International Office staff and students attended the Annual Kick-Off Event for the New York Chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBA's.

Guest Speaker, **Mariela Dabbah**, a well known author, speaker, and consultant was on hand to share her insights as the co-author of "The Latino Advantage in the Workplace."

The students had the opportunity to network with NSHMBA corporate sponsor representatives from: Parents Magazine, Merill Lynch, HSBC, Cushman and Wakefield, and Madison Square Garden.

The National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) is a professional organization founded in 1988 to "foster Hispanic leadership through graduate management education and professional development in order to improve society." This organization assists undergraduate students aspiring to pursue an MBA as well as current MBA's and MBA graduates.

To learn more contact **Magdelyn Gomez** at 718-933-6700 Ext. 8396. ■

ATHLETICS

Two Championships in One DAY!

On Sunday, March 1, the Monroe College men's and women's basketball teams each won Region 15 championships.

The Mustangs won the men's Division I championship by defeating ASA institute 58–45 in the finals, giving them a 30–2 overall record and a perfect 10–0 conference record.

The Lady Mustangs won the women's Division III championship by defeating Suffolk-Selden CC 82–53, giving them a 29–1 overall record and a perfect 21–0 conference record.

"We're so proud of our basketball players and coaches who truly exemplify the Monroe culture of success," said Executive Vice President **Marc Jerome**. "Our winning teams and entire athletics program are ongoing proof that when we work together, we can achieve greatness."

As a result of the double victories, both teams will advance in their quest to win national championships. The NJCAA #9-ranked Mustangs played in the District 3 tournament in Cumberland, Maryland on March 7–8. Should the Mustangs qualify, the NJCAA men's Division I national tournament is scheduled for March 17–21 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The defending national champion NJCAA #2-ranked Lady Mustangs will play in the NJCAA women's Division III national tournament in Rochester, Minnesota on March 12–14. This is their sixth consecutive Region championship. They have won two of the last three National Championships.

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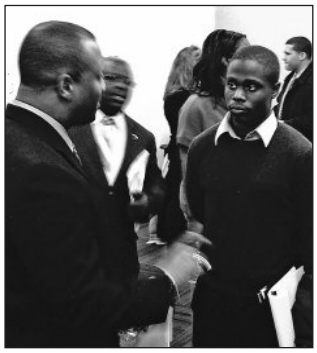
KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

On Saturday, February 28 at the Inn at Longshore in Westport, CT, the 3rd Annual Scholarships Awards/Networking Reception for the National Black MBA Association honored a number of Monroe students and staff. MBA students, **Ian Ruddock** and **Kameil Bennett** and Accounting students **Carlo Samuels** and **Alisha Clark** received academic scholarships. Business Student Services Counselor **Craig Woodward** received the MBA of the Year Award and Dr. **Roberta Harris** was given the award for Educational Partner of the Year. ■

BUSINESS

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, the School of Business held a networking event with its Business Advisory Board Members. The event was attended by well over 80 students from all majors as well as board members from JP Morgan Chase, AXA Advisors, MetLife, Kraft Foods, Bank of American, Verizon Wireless, Capital One, and other.

Dr. **Tilokie Depoo**, Chair of Business Administration, explained that "given the current economic climate and the value of networking, this event was not only timely but necessary. Our students got an opportunity to meet with real business executives from a wide cross section of industry, which is all part of the preparation to begin their careers."



The event also gave Business Advisory Board members a chance to meet the students who benefit from their advice on curriculum and new programs. Board Members were so impressed with Monroe students that three companies extended employment offers to them. The event was cosponsored by The Club for the Advancement of Business Students (CABS) and the College's Championship Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kaplan test prep came to New Rochelle on Friday, February 27th to administer a practice LSAT to the Pre-Law Club. Sixteen students took the exam, an actual LSAT exam that was previously administered to potential law school candidates.

After the results are in, Kaplan Test Prep will be returning to the New Rochelle campus to individually assess each student's needs.

For more information on signing up for future LSAT prep tests and classes, contact Prof. **Anthony Papa** at apapa@monroecollege.edu. ■

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

"Dancing Through Time"

King Hall — Thursday, February 26, 2009

HONORS

On Friday, February, 27 the American Presidency honors class visited Teddy Roosevelt's home at Oyster Bay. The trip brought the class closer to the legacy of one of the nation's great presidents and a greater understanding and appreciation of his role in history. ■

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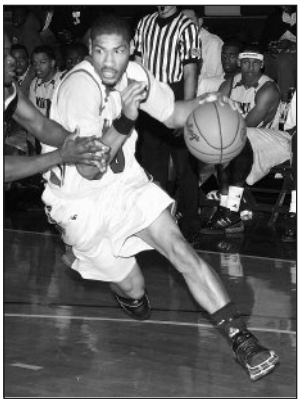
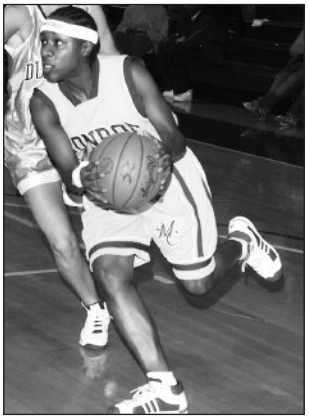
Hoopsters Become All-timers



Westly Perryman

Two basketball players have emblazoned their names in the all-time Monroe record books. At press time, Monroe sophomore guard **Westly Perryman** has scored 969 points, which puts him at third on the all-time Monroe scoring list behind **Issiah Francis** (1,274) and **Garfield Johns** (1,202).

Lady Mustang sophomore guard **Talaya Robinson** has scored 820 points to date, which places her third behind **Fantasia Goodwin** (1,685) and **Angela Pace** (850). With the three-game national tournament still to come, it's quite possible that Robinson will end up in second place. ■



Talaya Robinson

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Noon — Dress for Success Fashion Show—King Hall Gym/BX [NEW]
Noon — Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
12:15pm — High School Graduate New Student Orientation—301 King Hall/BX
12:15pm — SGS Team Meeting—301 King Hall/BX
2:00pm — International Coffee Hour—International Office—Main Hall/NR
2:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm — Grammatically Essential Mini Sessions—201 King Hall/BX
6:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—608 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, March 13

OCA Job Fair Preparation Week—BX & NR

TBA Women's Basketball—National Tournament—Rochester, MN

8:00am — Academic Retreat—Ustin Hall/BX

Saturday, March 14

TBA Women's Basketball—National Tournament—Rochester, MN

10:30am — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
12:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX

Sunday, March 15

No Events Scheduled

Monday, March 16

2:30pm — Deans' Council—Academic Office/BX
4:00pm — IBM On-Campus Recruitment for Accounting Interns—919 West Hall/BX [NEW]

Tuesday, March 17

TBA Men's Basketball—National Tournament—Hutchinson, KS

10:00am — NYPD cadet Corp Recruiting—King Hall Lobby/BX [NEW]
12:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm — Weight Watchers—110 Milavec Hall/NR
4:00pm — Academic Management Meeting—Main Hall/NR
5:00pm — Lowe's Information Session—Annex/BX
5:45pm — High School Graduate New Student Orientation—207 King Hall/BX
6:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—602 Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, March 18

Job Fair/BX

TBA Men's Basketball—National Tournament—Hutchinson, KS

2:30pm — Academic Technology Committee—TBA/BX
3:30pm — Honors Program Pinning Ceremony—305 Constable Hall/NR
6:15pm — Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, March 19

TBA Men's Basketball—National Tournament—Hutchinson, KS

11:00am — United Hebrew Geriatric Center Information Session for Health Majors—Annex/BX
Noon — Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
2:00pm — International Coffee Hour—International Office—Main Hall/NR
12:15pm — High School Graduate New Student Orientation—301 King Hall/BX
2:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm — Research Paper Workshop—501 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm — Bi-Weekly Events Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX [NEW]
4:00pm — High School Explorers' Club Visits College for IT Seminar—818 Monroe Hall/BX
6:30pm — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—608 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, March 20

TBA Men's Basketball—National Tournament—Hutchinson, KS

7:00am — IBM Research Facility Trip—Off Campus/BX
10:00am — Faculty Professional Development—Online Faculty Workshop—711 Jerome Hall/BX
10:30am — Research Paper Workshop—501 Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm — Bachelor's Program President's and Dean's List Award Ceremony—Eastwood Manor/BX

Saturday, March 21

TBA Men's Basketball—National Tournament—Hutchinson, KS

10:00am — Faculty Professional Development Online Faculty Workshop—711 Jerome Hall/BX
10:30am — Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
2:00pm — Research Paper Workshop—Library, Jerome Hall/BX

Sunday, March 22

No Events Scheduled