MONROE COLLEGE

# Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

March 23, 2009

## Calendar of Events

For club meeting schedules visit:
www.monroecollege.edu/campuslife/monroeclubs

**Monday, March 23**

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| 9–2:00pm | Learning Resource Center, Accounting Lab, and Library Open/BX |
| 6:00pm | SGS Freshman Orientation—211 King Hall/BX |

**Tuesday, March 24**

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| 8:30am | Breakfast Seminar for Invited Staff – King Hall Conference Room/BX |
| Noon | Faculty Meeting/NR |
| Noon | Bachelor's Program Early Acceptance Lunch for Business and Accounting—108 Ustin Hall/BX |
| 12:10pm | Bronx Workforce 1 Information Session—919 West Hall/BX |
| 12:15pm | SGS Team Meeting—301 King Hall/BX |
| 12:30pm | Stress Management Seminar—Lunch and Learn—413 King Hall/BX |
| 12:30pm | Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX |
| 3:00pm | Weight Watchers—110 Milavec Hall/NR |
| 4:00pm | F-1 Regulations Update—514 Main Hall/NR |
| 5:45pm | High School Graduate New Student Orientation—207 King Hall/BX |
| 6:00pm | Faculty Meetings/BX & NR |
| 6:00pm | Bachelor's Program Early Acceptance Dinner for Business and Accounting—202 Ustin Hall/BX |
| 6:00pm | SGS Team Meeting—TBA West Hall/BX |
| 6:30pm | Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—602 Jerome Hall/BX |

**Wednesday, March 25**

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| 10:00am | SGS Renaissance—Admissions Purple Room/BX |
| 1:00pm | Camp Vacamas Information Session—King Hall Conference Room/BX |

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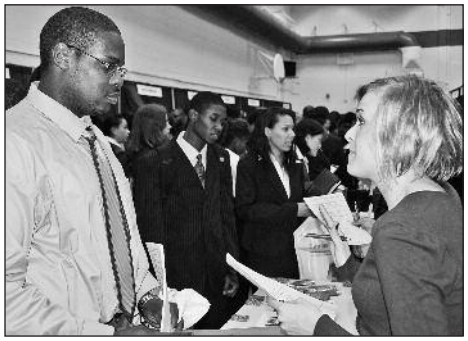
## Fighting the Recession:
# OCA Jobs and Careers Expo



The best way to fight the recession and unemployment? Get a job! That philosophy was on glorious display in King Hall on Wednesday, March 18 as the Office of Career Advancement (OCA) held its Spring Jobs and Careers Expo. Most importantly, more than 80 companies participated in the event looking for Monroe students.

"This speaks volumes about the quality of Monroe students and their preparedness for the world of work," said OCA Dean **Carol Genese.** "Our 76-year college mission is to help students get jobs and launch careers," she said, "and during these tough economic times, employers come to Monroe. We must be doing something right!"

Employers at the Expo expressed delight that students had researched their companies or organizations beforehand so they were prepared to talk seriously about working in the real world.

"We're always looking for talented people, so why not look in the communities we serve?" said **Dan Calderon**, the Executive Team Leader of Human Resources for Target. "There's always a great applicant pool here. That's why we come to Monroe."

"This teaches you to broaden your search, how to find a job," said Business Management major **Roy Harris, II**. "It's phenomenal."

More than 700 students took part in the fair and many made contacts and appointments for job interviews, secured internships, or even got hired for jobs. For information on all aspects of job preparation and readiness, contact the OCA at 800-55-MY-OCA.

**For more information about the OCA, see page 3**

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

■ On March 10, more than 70 attorneys, all members of the New Rochelle Bar Association (NRBA), came to the New Rochelle campus to hear a presentation on the use of DNA evidence and forensic science in high-profile crime investigation and case solving.

This Continuing Law Education (CLE) session was sponsored by NRBA and produced by the College's School of Criminal Justice. Presenting were Adjunct Professors Sgt.-Det. **William Cannon,** NYPD and Sgt.-Det. **Cornelius Douglas**, NYPD, plus special guest speaker, **Fredric I. Green**, Chief, Sex Crimes Bureau, Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

The guests also feasted on a buffet meal produced by Monroe College's Culinary Arts students.

■ In conjunction with the Correctional Association of New York, Monroe's CJ Club has embarked on a legislative campaign to repeal the Rockefeller Drug Laws. Through February club members worked on a petition drive and gathered 35,000 signatures to present to Governor **David Patterson** in Albany on March 10, which was dubbed "Drop the Rock Advocacy Day". Supervised by Professor **Michelle Mason**, ten club members were selected to be right on stage during the presentation of the petitions to Governor Patterson and Assembly Speaker **Sheldon Silver**.

Afterwards, CJ club members participated in lobby sessions with legislators and staff people to discuss the reasons to repeal the strict laws. Criminal Justice members, **Cantabile Jones** and **Yolanda Mauleon,** were selected to speak with the executive staffs of Senator **Darrel Aubertine** and Assembly woman **Linda Rosenthal**.

The students explained the need for more funding for alternatives to incarceration and the need for people incarcerated under the Rockefeller laws to have their sentences reviewed if the legislation passes.

■ On March 10 some New Rochelle Criminal Justice students along with Prof. **Anthony Papa** and Prof. **William Bishop** attended a CJ Career Fair at Pace University in Pleasantville. Students were able to speak with representatives of several federal, state, local and private organizations related to the Criminal Justice field. The trip was a success and several of the students came out of the fair with leads that will help them become employed in their field. ■

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

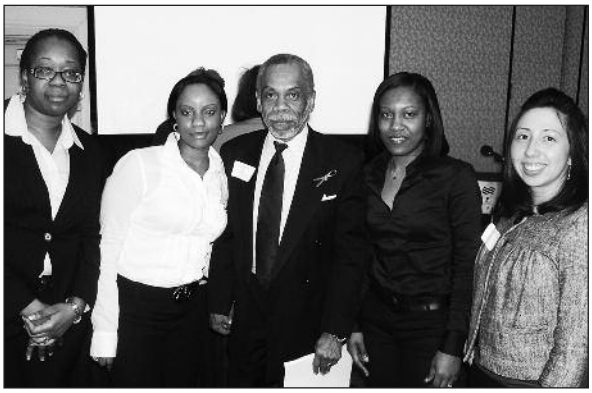
■ On Saturday February 28th the International Admissions Office hosted its first "Sponsor Information Day". The event allowed the sponsors of Fall 2009 international students the opportunity to come to campus and learn more about Monroe College, the F1visa process, and funding options for international students. Dean **Karenann Carty** was on hand to welcome our guests and the Monroe College Baking and Pastry class treated them to a desert tasting.

For more information on Monroe's international programs **Selina Suarez** at 914-740-6519

■ International students from Antigua were treated to a delicious lunch cooked by Monroe Culinary students as part of their Lunch Cookery class. In part the session helped provide material to be used for background for future Monroe admissions trips to that lovely island.

■ It is not the easiest transition to come to New York in the frigid January temperatures, so in an effort to warm the hearts of the new international students who arrived for the winter 2009 term, On February 11 International Student Services arranged a welcome dinner at one of the College's favorite restaurants, Dinosaur BBQ in Harlem. The students shared a jovial bus ride down to the city on a dreary Wednesday afternoon, but the weather was quickly trumped by laughter, singing and conversation over a delicious menu of BBQ ribs, chicken and all the fixings. The dinner also gave the students, who came to Monroe College from Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean, a chance to build the type of collegial bond that is so important to the success of a new class. ISS staff members **Angelyn Forbes-Freeze**, **Alexandra Chow**, and **Sannicia Sammy**, an alumna-turned-staff member who organized the welcome dinner, were on hand to further encourage ties between the students and the counseling staff in International Student Services. All who participated left with a full belly and renewed sense of support as the students' first semester draws to a close. ■

## OCA



■ On Tuesday, March 17th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, **Edwin Bowan**, President of the Westchester Human Resources Management Association (WHRMA), invited some students from the newly formed HR Club to attend a breakfast meeting. The topic of the meeting was on Global HR and Legal Overview in Changing Times. **Teka Berbick**, President of the HR Club, **Patricia Brown** and **Tameica Cameron** had the opportunity to meet with professionals from the human resources field.

HR Club meetings are held every Thursday at 12:00pm in Constable Hall, room 305. For more information, please contact **Sharon D'Amelia** at sdamelia@monroecollege.edu.

■ With a bleak economy, a competitive job market, and the added challenge of navigating immigration regulations, it is more important than ever that the talents and skills of Monroe's international student population stand out. In an effort to help students develop an effective resume that includes the extra polish it takes to successfully compete in the job market, International Student Services, in cooperation with the OCA, hosted a Resume Review Night in New Rochelle on March 16. Counselors met one-on-one with students to review, update, and brainstorm ways to make students' resumes shine.

Resume review services are available through the OCA on an on-going basis.

## ALUMNI

On February 28th, President **Stephen Jerome** and Alumni Affairs Director **Leslie Jerome** greeted more than 60 people for an Alumni Reunion at the Universal Resort in Orlando. A barbeque dinner at the Hollywood Suite on City Walk was followed by a private viewing of the Mardis Gras Parade. Spirits were high as the festive floats went by and the on-lookers tried to catch some of the hundreds of necklaces that were thrown. Many of the graduates brought their children to take part in all the festivities.

The evening ended with a wonderful outdoor concert with **Pat Benatar** as the featured singer. As one of the graduates said, "I hope this becomes an annual event in Florida!"

## CULINARY

On Saturday, March 13, six culinary students from the School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts served hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail reception at the 16th Annual Cultural Awareness Salute Dinner at the NY Marriott Marquis. The black tie event,
hosted by the Clack Culinary Alliance (BCA) in recognition of "Culinary, Hospitality and Diversity Excellence" was attended by many influential people in the industry. The students, under the supervision of Chefs **Gerry Byrne** and **Edward Moon**, did a fantastic job. Congratulations to students and chefs for their wonderful work!

## SIFE

*Denia Aponte*

SIFE's *Career Connections Magazine* has an inspiring feature this month about Monroe SIFE team member, **Denia Aponte**. The article explains how Denia was inspired by the SIFE team in 2004 when she was living in a shelter for battered women. At that time SIFE helped her turn her life around and now as a SIFE team member, she's able to give back and help out others who are in similar circumstances.

You can read the entire article here: http://www.monroecollege.edu/campuslife/monroeclubs/sife ■

## ATHLETICS

# Play Ball—It's Time for Baseball and Softball!

The Monroe Mustangs men's baseball team and Lady Mustangs women's softball team have begun their spring campaigns.

Coming off their best season ever where they reached the NJCAA, Division I Regionals, Coach **Luis Melendez** and the Mustangs are looking forward to going a few steps beyond this season.

Coach **Derrick Brown's** Lady Mustangs also have a lot to look forward too, coming off last year's fine finish which took them to the final day of the Region XV playoffs.

For schedules, stats, and results visit: www.monroecollege.edu/athletics ■

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1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation—401 King Hall/BX
2:00pm Faculty Meeting/NR
3:00pm Stress Management Seminar—108 Milavec Hall/NR
5:00pm F-1 Regulations Update—111 Ustin Hall/BX
6:00pm Faculty Meetings/BX & NR
6:00pm SGS Team Meeting—TBA West Hall/BX
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 26

**Monroe Honors Students to Northeast Region Honors Conference, Annapolis, MD**

Noon Spirit Entertainment Cruises Information Session—919 West Hall/BX
Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
12:15pm Student Services Freshman New Student Orientation—301 King Hall/BX
1:00pm Mosholu Montefiore Camp Information Session—King Hall Conference Room/BX
2:00pm International Coffee Hour—International Office—Main Hall/NR
2:30pm Weight Watchers—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—608 Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Associate Program President's and Dean's List Award Ceremony—Eastwood Manor/BX

### Friday, March 27

**Monroe Honors Students to Northeast Region Honors Conference, Annapolis, MD**

### Saturday, March 28

**Monroe Honors Students to Northeast Region Honors Conference, Annapolis, MD**

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

### Sunday, March 29

**Monroe Honors Students to Northeast Region Honors Conference, Annapolis, MD**

9—2:00pm Learning Resource Center, Accounting Lab, and Library Open/BX

### Monday, March 30

Noon Platinum Club Meeting—919 West Hall/BX
2:30pm Deans' Council—501 Jerome Hall/BX
6:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation—211 King Hall/BX

### Tuesday, March 31

10:00am NYPD Cadet Corp Recruiting—King Hall Lobby/BX
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
4:00pm Monroe Dancers—Syndicate Hall/NR
5:45pm Student Services Freshman New Student Orientation—207 King Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—602 Jerome Hall/BX

### Wednesday, April 1

10:00am SGS Renaissance—Admissions Purple Room/BX
1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation—401 King Hall/BX
4:30pm Honors Board Meeting—Conference Room—Main Hall/NR
6:15pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm King Graduate School Advisory Board—Ustin Hall Conference Room/BX
6:30 Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX

### Thursday, April 2

TBA Disney Internship Program Information Session—919 West Hall/BX
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
2:00pm International Coffee Hour—International Office—Main Hall/NR
2:30pm Weight Watchers—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm Bi-Weekly Events Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—608 Jerome Hall/BX

### Friday, April 3

8:30am Honors Colloquium—New Rochelle Public Library/NR

### Saturday, April 4

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

### Sunday, April 5

9—2:00pm Learning Resource Center, Accounting Lab, and Library Open/BX