MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

March 29, 2010

Calendar of Events

For club meetings and athletics schedules visit the Monroe college web site.

Monday, March 29

5:30pm Negotiating Your Offer Letter – for Graduate Students – 110 Ustin Hall /BX

A Ephrem, N Shah, A Beene, R Perugini, P Richards, N Howard, R Garcia, and V Cruz at Datatel Users' Group Conference – Gaylord National Resort – National Harbor, MD

Tuesday, March 30

Noon Faculty Discussion "Meaningful Classroom Discussions" – TBA /NR

10:00am Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX

Noon Job Fair Debriefing – Main Hall/NR

5:15pm Faculty Discussion "Meaningful Classroom Discussions" – TBA/NR

5:45pm New Student Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX

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Wednesday, March 31

9:00am New Hire Training Program/BX

2:00pm Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX

2:30pm Academic Management Meeting – TBA/BX

6:00pm Bachelor's Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

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Thursday, April 1

9:00am New Hire Training Program/NR

Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

12:15pm SGS Team Meeting – 307 King Hall /BX

12:15pm New Student Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX

2:00pm International Student Services Coffee Hour – Main Hall /NR

2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX

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P&D AT MONROE
A Tradition of Excellence

Gala celebrations of student achievement have become time-honored traditions at Monroe College and this semester's President's and Dean's (P&D) List events on the Bronx and New Rochelle campuses once again illustrate one of the college's core values: commitment to accomplishment.

"We have been holding these events at least as far back as the 1970's," said Dr. **Donald E. Simon**, Assistant Vice President for Governmental Affairs. "Recognition for students who have earned academic honors reinforces the high-value the college places on success in the classroom."

Twice each year, Monroe invites students who qualified for the President's list with a 3.70 – 4.0 GPA and those who make the Dean's List with 3.40 – 3.69 GPA to a festive dinner and dance at a prestigious venue.

"The P&D event has become part of the goal-setting that helps students do well," said Bachelor's Program Dean **Ted Goldstein**. "It gives them something to shoot for," he said. "When they start a semester, they know that if they do well, the college will honor them with a special night. And I must say that over the years, these have become inspiring events."

The most recent New Rochelle P&D event honored more than 570 academic achievers at the Greentree Country Club and the Bachelor's Program held its most recent P&D event on Friday, March 19 at Eastwood Manor for more than 400 students and their guests. The Bronx Associate P&D took place on Thursday, March 25 at Eastwood Manor with 250 students and their guests in attendance.

"Of course, this is not the only time we reward academic achievement in this way," noted Dr. Simon. "Students can also look forward to the commencement galas in June where graduates celebrate their accomplishments." ■

For information on graduation, graduation galas, ring days, and the grad finale see page 3

OCA

Dress for Success Fashion Show

The Office of Career Advancement congratulates **Wa-nona Thomas** and **Alexis Abrante** for winning best professionally-dressed participants in the Dress for Success Fashion Show held Thursday, March 18 in King Hall. They received gift certificates as prizes. **Angie Medina** and **Adam Torres** were raffle winners of corporate business suits from Macy's. The student audience chose the best dressed winners.

Career and Internship Fair, March 24, 2010

HONORS

The Honors Program sponsored a visit to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Eighteen students from the Honors Experience class taught by Dr. **Donald E. Simon** and Professor **Susan Zuckerman** visited the Museum and viewed a program entitled "Piecing It Together," which deals with life in the tenements around 1890 and focuses on the emerging garment industry.

Through an interactive program, the students learned about living and working in the tenements. The experience was part of Monroe's "real world" education bringing classroom studies to life. ■

Calendar of Events

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Friday, April 2

GOOD FRIDAY – COLLEGE CLOSED

Saturday, April 3

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 4

EASTER SUNDAY – COLLEGE CLOSED

Monday, April 5

TBA Healthy Snacks – West Hall – BX & Main Hall/NR
5:30pm Honors Colloquium – Annex/BX
6:00pm SGS New Student Orientation – King Hall Conference Room/BX

Tuesday, April 6

LAST DAY OF CLASSES
5:45pm New Student Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX

Wednesday, April 7

FINAL EXAMS
11:30am Ring Day – King Hall Lobby/BX
1:00pm SGS New Student Orientation – 307 King Hall/BX
6:00pm Bachelor's Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall /BX

Thursday, April 8

FINAL EXAMS
11:30 Ring Day – King Hall Lobby – BX
Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall /BX
12:15pm New Student Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX

Friday, April 9

FINAL EXAMS

Saturday, April 10

FINAL EXAMS

Sunday, April 11

FINAL EXAMS
9:00 to 2:00pm Accounting Lab, Math Lab (501 Jerome Hall), the Writing Lab, and Library Open /BX

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

■ The ITSA (Information Technology Student Association) and NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) clubs have been involved in a fascinating intergeneration computing project in collaboration with Pace University, Westchester Community College, Fordham University, and the Westchester Alliance.

During the week of February 8, nine Monroe students were teamed up with a senior they will be mentoring at the United Hebrew Geriatric Center. Then a week later, the students were put through training where they wore special glasses to understand what it feels like to see through the eyes of a senior.

They are now involved in the project which runs weekly though April, culminating with a graduation ceremony at the end of the month.

■ Monroe College donated 10 computers to the Bronx House Community Center on Pelham Parkway, which did not have a computer room previously. Students from the ITSA club setup the computers, installed wireless NIC cards, networked the computers, helped upgrade the software, and got them prepared for use. Now Bronx House has a computer room! The project includes ongoing maintenance as well. ■

ACTIVITIES

(Mock) Casino Night

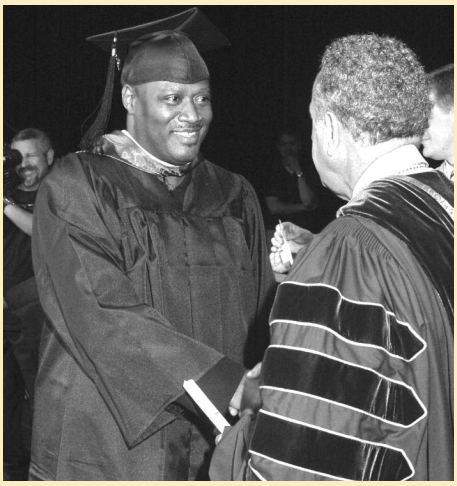
Thursday, April 1, 2010
from 7:00pm – 11:00pm
in the King Hall Gym

Black Jack, Texas Holdem, Roulette, Caribbean Stud, Big Wheel, Craps & Chuck-a-Luck

- $5.00 PP, 1 Guest Limit (Guest must be over 18, with valid ID)
  Includes: $200 in chips, refreshments, & free photo
- Top rollers can win prizes
- Must purchase tickets in advance from the Student Development Office in King Hall ■

Graduation 2010

Friday, June 11 at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden



Bronx Ring Days
King Hall Lobby • April 7 – 9

Bronx Grad Finale
King Hall Gym (cap & gown distribution)
Tuesday, May 25 • 12 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26 • 12 – 7:00 pm

New Rochelle Grad Finale
TBA (cap & gown distribution)
Wednesday, May 19
Thursday, May 20

Commencement Galas
Associate — Thursday, June 3
Graduate — Monday, June 7
Bachelor's — Tuesday, June 8
New Rochelle — Wednesday, June 9

ENGLISH

Writing Review Sessions

Monday, March 29	
12:00pm – 1:30pm	HARR 601
1:30pm – 3:00pm	ALLN 800
3:00pm – 5:30pm	HARR 601
Tuesday, March 30	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	MAIN 521
1:00pm – 2:30pm	MAIN 521
4:00pm – 6:30pm	MAIN 523
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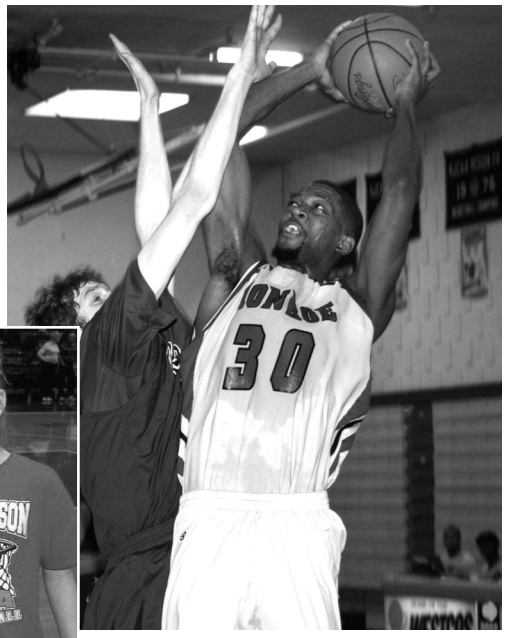
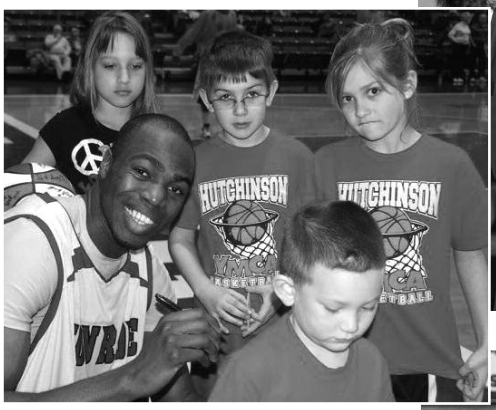
ATHLETICS

Mustangs and Lady Mustangs Achieve in Nationals !

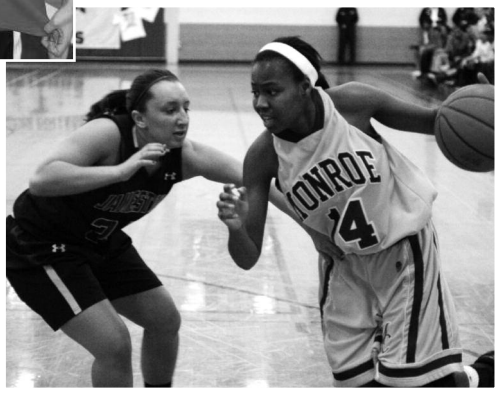


2009 – 10 was a golden season for Monroe College basketball. Both the men's and women's teams were Region and District champions and in the just-concluded national tournaments, the Mustangs (29-8) finished seventh in the nation and the Lady Mustangs (25-7) were eighth.



After dropping their first game of the sixteen-team NJCAA Division I Men's National Basketball Tournament that was played in Hutchinson, KS, the Mustangs won three-straight against some of the nation's best to conclude with an impressive 3-1 tournament record including a come-from behind win in the final game.

"There is considerable satisfaction in winning your final game of the season," said Coach **Jeff Brustad**. "It's what every team tries to do and it doesn't always happen. Our players stepped up and showed what they were made of."



Monroe has made it to the final day in all three of its national tournament appearances under Coach Brustad, giving them an all-time Division I national tournament record of 8–4.

The Lady Mustangs also rebounded from a first-round loss in the NJCAA Division II Women's Basketball National Tournament that was played last week in Peoria, IL, winning their second-round game and qualifying for the seventh-place game in the twelve-team tournament. They ultimately lost that game, but considering their almost entirely freshman lineup, this was a very successful season.

"We can hold our heads high," said Coach **Seth Goodman**. "We played hard on every possession in every game until the final buzzer. We represented ourselves and our college proudly and with distinction."

This was Monroe's seventh consecutive national tournament appearance under Coach Goodman. The previous six were in Division III and included two national championships. Coach Goodman has a 14–7 career record in national tournaments.

After the final men's game, Mustangs players were swarmed by some of the local children who had come to favor the Mustangs in the tournament. The players autographed shirts and programs and some even gave away game sneakers that they autographed, much to the delight of the kids. Those simple gestures made for a heart-warming postscript to the long and successful season. ■

TRACK SUCCESS

On Saturday March 20, the Monroe track team had its first outdoor meet of the season. Eight men and three women qualified for Nationals:

Women:

Yashmeena Powell – 200m
Charez Weste – 800m
Julissa Freeman – Discus

Men:

Darren Sligh – 200m
Marlon Dwyer – Shot Put, Discus, 4x100m relay
Darren Sligh, Donel Fernandes, Louis Gutierrez and **Gerardo Aponte**, **Jephte Pierre** – Pole Vault