MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

April 6th, 2009

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, April 6

2:30pm	Spring Schedule Review—TBA/BX
6:00pm	SGS Freshman Orientation—211 King Hall/BX

Tuesday, April 7

Last Day of Classes

11:45am	Wells Fargo Information Session—Annex/BX
Noon	Medical Assisting Luncheon—312 West Hall/BX
12:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm	Weight Watchers—110 Milavec Hall/NR
3:30pm	Baseball vs Gloucester CC at Gloucester, NJ
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 8

Final Examinations

10:00am	SGS Renaissance—Admissions Purple Room/BX
1:00pm	SGS Freshman Orientation—401 King Hall/BX
4:00pm	Baseball vs Dutchess CC at Dutchess CC
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, April 9

Final Examinations

Noon	Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour—Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX

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Campus Life:

An Activity Boom in the Bronx!

Never before has the Bronx campus been so busy both in the classrooms and out of the classrooms. With an eye towards helping students learn, grow, and express, the Office of Student Services has developed an array of activities and programs that provide a little something for everyone. In fact, a visit to King Hall is not complete without a glance at the colorful TV plasma screen display, and the array of posters announcing happenings, as well as a visit to the information tables in the lobby.

"It's no secret that students do better academically if their other intellectual and creative needs are being met," said Student Affairs VP **Roberta Greenberg**. "Also, we take the notion of a family atmosphere at Monroe College very seriously and when we participate in student activities and performances, we all benefit, faculty and staff included."

During the Winter '09 semester, social clubs and activities on the Bronx campus were plentiful:

The Poetry Club held its first event during Black History Month in February, called *Be Inspired*. Students enjoyed lunch while listening to the poetic phrasings. Speaking of inspiration, Professors **Geoffrey Smith** and **Flemmie Kittrell** jumped out of their seats and dropped pearls of poetic knowledge on the audience as well.

On February 26, the Rhythm & Moves Dance Club held their debut performance, *Dancing Through Time* in the King Hall gym. *Dancing* was a journey through various dance styles that loosely tracked the development of African dance through the popular styles of Hip-Hop dance that we see in videos today. A narrative went along to give a brief history of each style performed. The dances choreographed were African, Gum-Boot, Tap, Salsa, Fraternity Step-Dance, and Hip-Hop.

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NEW ROCHELLE ACTIVITIES

■ MC Theatrics did a great job of bringing to life the issues facing women as the 'VOICES OF SHE' sounded loud and clear on Thursday, March 19th at the Union Baptist Church. There were varieties of musical numbers and theatrical performances designed to highlight a range of issues facing women including relationships, marriage, children, drugs, abuse, pregnancy, sexism, and careers.

Ultimately, the show inspired cooperation between the sexes. Congratulations to all involved in the production which, judging from the crowd's response, was a triumph in every sense of the word.

■ Monroe's young debate team continues to excel! They have competed against some of the best in the nation and held their own.

Following a gripping debate one judge was heard to remark, "These are the best first-year debaters I've seen!" Another administrator summed up a recent performance this way, "The Monroe debaters were 'David's' amongst 'Goliaths' and you proved the giants mere mortals."

The debate team's excellence and professionalism stem directly from the dedicated faculty advisor, Professor **William Bishop**, with an assist from Dean **Karenann Carty**, and Mr. **Walter Eddie**.

For more information on the Debate Team send an email to wbishop@monroecollege.edu

■ Club Awards are presented each month in New Rochelle during the Monthly Club Meeting. February award recipients were:

Predestined:
Community Service Achievers

Monroe Drummers:
Most improved club

Media Crew: Most involved Club

■ *Pants Down and Poppin'* was a panel discussion on the fashion trends that students have accepted and their impact on success. The esteemed panelists and attending students had a positive exchange of beliefs and ideas. Many valid sub-issues were also discussed about self-identity, social responsibility, making firm decisions, and role modeling.

ACTIVITY BOOM IN THE BRONX

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The *We Got This* Drama Club truly impressed Monroe College on March 5 with their historical premier performance in the King Hall gym; not to mention that they are the first Bronx Campus Drama Club – ever! To top it off, the event was a tribute to and featured **Ntozake Shange**, an historical and international literary figure who authored *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf.*

There was also the Sister to Sister Club, the Man-to-Man Club, a rousing talent show, and much more.

For information on activities, to participate, or to initiate your own, visit **Anyikem Asong** in the Office of Student Services on the first floor of King Hall. ■

KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, March 31 **Seth Fischoff**, Chief Investment Officer, Agamas Capital Management, gave a presentation in Ustin Hall on the timely topic of "Banking, Housing and the Current Credit Crisis."

Mr. Fischoff talked about the credit crisis, economic risks and incentives, responsibilities of financial intermediaries, potential solutions and their repercussions.

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

The Bronx Bachelor's Program President's & Dean's List Awards Ceremony was held at the Eastwood Manor on Friday, March 20 to celebrate academic achievement from the Fall, 2009 semester. More than 400 students and guests attended as well as staff and faculty members.

Students were celebrated in a very Monroe-like way: photos, food, dancing, awards, and gifts. The evening was punctuated by President **Stephen Jerome's** address as he talked about the importance of possessing advanced degrees in order to compete in today's economy. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

■ On Monday, March 23, CJ professor **Anne Paulle** was a guest on *BronxTalk*, the TV talk show that's hosted by PR Director **Gary Axelbank**.

Professor Paulle talked in detail about domestic violence, offering a status quo analysis for the Bronx and City as well as discussing the implications of the highly-publicized **Chris Brown/ Rihana** DV incident.

■ On March 19 the CJ Club hosted its 2nd annual Women's History Month celebration. Approximately 150 students attended this event which recognized the accomplishments of women in the criminal justice field. The guest speaker was **Donna Roman-Hernandez**, an award-winning independent Latina film director, who recently retired at the rank of Captain with the Caldwell Police Department after 26 years of police service. ■

ALLIED HEALTH

For two days in March, the Bronx Allied Health Professions Club hosted a Marrow Donor Drive for the Icla da Silva Foundation, established in 1992 after the death of **Icla da Silva**, a thirteen-year-old Brazilian girl who was diagnosed with leukemia and died despite her family's dire efforts to discover a matching donor.

Anyone between the ages of 18 – 60 who meets the stated health requirements may enroll. For just a few minutes of your time, who knows whose life you may save?

For more information see Prof. **Marlene Hollick** on the third floor of West Hall. ■

ACADEMICS

On March 14, the art history class at Monroe College went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. Students toured the Ancient Egyptian, Ancient Near East, and Greek and Roman wings with **Carol Heft**, professor of Art History. Of particular interest were the non-western sections of the museum, which include art from Asia, Africa, Oceana, and South America. ■

INTERNATIONAL

On Monday March 23 the Office of International Admissions hosted BSZ Waldkirch High School from Germany for the day at Monroe College. This was their first visit to the United States. They were very impressed with the staff and the facilities and they are looking forward to exploring opportunities to partner with Monroe College! ■

CULINARY

■ On Tuesday March 31 the School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts held tryouts for the Spring Monroe College ACF (American Culinary Federation) Junior Culinary team, which will compete in its first competition on Friday, April 24th, at the BOCES Barrytech Center in Westbury Long Island.

The students demonstrated their knife and cooking skills and were judged by Dean **Frank Costantino**, Chef **Eric Pellizzari**, and guest Chef **Michael Vignapiano**.

The winners: 1st—**Karim David**; 2nd—**Christina Gonzalez**; 3rd—**Marc Lamarre**; 4th—**Leo Rodriguez**

■ Beginning Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19 Monroe College host the finals of the *America's Best High School Chef* (*ABHSC*) competition in the Culinary Arts Center.

The search for **ABHSC** began in the fall and will culminate in the three-day culinary competition between eight teams comprised of high school seniors who have a strong desire to pursue the culinary arts in the future. Four of those teams are from New York City. In their entries and through the finals the teams are judged on teamwork, skill and leadership abilities. ■

BUSINESS

■ On March 19 the SIFE Team from Osaka University of Commerce visited with the Monroe College SIFE team to discuss developing innovative projects that would impact their respective communities. Dr. **Tilokie Depoo**, Sam Walton Fellow of the Monroe SIFE Team, stated that "it was exciting to meet SIFE colleagues from across the world and to share and learn from each other."

■ On March 31 the Monroe SIFE team was given an award by the HPEDC Women's Business Resource Center for their work in supporting entrepreneurs in the Bronx.

■ On Thursday, March 26th, the SIFE team hosted three projects in the lobby of Main Hall: Green Apple City, Finding Your Dreams and Let's Can Hunger. These initiatives focused on recycling, saving energy, retrieving unclaimed funds, and fighting hunger. ■

ACCOUNTING

Monroe's excellent Accounting program continues to pave the way for students to launch well-paying careers. Even during the recession, major companies like Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and IBM continue to pursue and hire Monroe College accounting majors. When they come to Monroe they usually bring along a former Monroe student who is now in their employ to entice current students.

Shanel Hiland

For example, **Shanel Hiland** will begin at Deloitte as an Assistant Auditor for mEnterprise Risk Services this fall and **Sasha-Ann Russell** was also hired by Deloitte. ■

Sasha-Ann Russell

Calendar of Events

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12:15pm Student Services Freshman 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
3:30pm Baseball vs St. Joseph's College at Patchogue, NY
4:00pm Softball vs Queensborough CC at Queensborough CC
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—608 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, April 10

Good Friday—College Closed

3:30pm Baseball vs Globe at Dutchess Stadium

Saturday, April 11

Final Examinations

10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—612 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Baseball vs Middlesex CC at Middlesex, NJ
1:00pm Softball vs NYU at Cooney Grauer Field—234th Street and Bailey Avenue
3:00pm Baseball vs Middlesex CC at Middlesex, NJ
4:00pm Softball vs NYU at Cooney Grauer Field—234th Street and Bailey Avenue

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday—College Closed

Monday, April 13

Final Examinations

3:30pm Baseball vs Scout Day at Dutchess CC
6:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation—211 King Hall—BX

Tuesday, April 14

Final Examinations

12:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—501 Jerome Hall—BX
3:00pm Baseball vs Orange CC at Orange CC
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 15

10:00am Grades Due
10:00am SGS Renaissance—Admissions Purple Room/BX
1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation—TBA/BX
4:00pm Softball vs Dutchess CC at Dutchess CC
4:00pm Baseball vs Dutchess CC at Dutchess CC
5:00pm School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts "Golden Ticket" perfect attendance celebration—Culinary Arts Center/NR
6:00pm Nursing Information Session—Annex/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, April 16

12:15pm Student Services Freshman New Student Orientation—207 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm Bi-Weekly Events Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX
3:30pm Baseball vs Bronx CC at Bronx CC
4:00pm Softball vs Westchester CC at Cooney Grauer Field—234th Street and Bailey Avenue
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX
7:00pm Softball vs Westchester CC at Cooney Grauer

Friday, April 17

High School Culinary Competition—Culinary Arts Center/NR

3:30pm Baseball vs Brookdale CC at Brookdale CC

Saturday, April 18

High School Culinary Competition—Culinary Arts Center/NR

8:30—3:30pm Defensive Driving Course—Prior Registration Required at Alumni Office—Syndicate Hall/NR
10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Baseball vs ASA at Purchase, NY
3:00pm Baseball vs ASA at Purchase, NY

Sunday, April 19

High School Culinary Competition—Culinary Arts Center/NR

Noon Baseball vs Sufffolk-Grant CC at Suffolk-Grant CC
3:00pm Baseball vs Sufffolk-Grant CC at Suffolk-Grant CC