MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

June 1, 2009

Calendar of Events

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

Sunday, May 31

10:00am Japan Day at Central Park – Off Campus Trip/NR

Monday, June 1

In-Class IT Information on Careers/BX

Tuesday, June 2

Noon New Faculty Lunch – King Hall Conference Room/BX

3:00pm to 7:00pm Grad Finale – King Hall Gym /BX

3:00pm Weight Watchers – 110 Milavec Hall /NR

Wednesday, June 3

Student Financial Services Annual Retreat – Offices will be open to receive documents and payment/ BX & NR

In-Class IT Information on Careers/NR

1:30pm All About Your Credit – King Hall Gym/BX

2:30pm MS Office Training – Access – 406 King Hall/BX

5:00pm SGS Transitional Ceremony – King Hall Gym/BX

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

Thursday, June 4

Student Financial Services Annual Retreat – Offices will be open to receive documents and payments/ BX & NR

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

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

IT Professionals Panel, Lunch, and Career Expo/BX

3:00pm to 7:00pm Open House – Admissions Office, King Hall/BX

6:30pm Associate Graduate Gala – Maestro's /BX *continued on page 4*

Spring Semester: Monroe's Season of Success

With graduation just around the corner, two inspiring award ceremonies this week honoring student academic success in nursing and business heralded a glorious spring at Monroe College.

On Thursday May21, the School of Allied Health Professions graduated its first class of RN's, a shining achievement for the students and also for the college.

"In a very short time we have grown our nursing program so that we can develop quality RN's during this period of monumental nursing shortages. Each of these students is eminently employable," said Dean **Jerry Kostroff**. "But what really made this pinning ceremony so inspiring was their motivation to succeed."

Like many Monroe students, the nine nursing students who completed the program have work and family responsibilities, which made the occasion that much more satisfying. To be fully certified, the students will need to pass a final round of state examinations at the end of the summer.

On Tuesday, May 26, the School of Business inducted 24 associate students into Alpha Beta Gamma and 44 bachelor's and 45 MBA students into the Monroe chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, the international honor societies for business management and administration.

"This was an uplifting ceremony," said Dean **Michael Marinaccio**. "Our business faculty and staff insist on high academic standards and when we see so many students who have achieved so well, our pride is un-bounded."

According to Chapter President Professor **Stacy Crawford**, these are long-lasting awards. "Your honor society designation sets you apart from the masses and your membership conveys academic excellence and a commitment to high principles and superior achievement throughout your lifetime."

The Monroe culture of success will continue in the coming weeks with the SGS transition ceremony on June 3 and, of course, graduation day on Friday, June 12. ■

For information on the new MS program in Criminal Justice, call 888-4-KINGGRAD

PEOPLE

Monroe Student on WPIX-TV

On the morning of May 8, Monroe student **Anthony Cannonier** and his HAVIC Squared Entertainment steppers group were featured on the WPIX, channel 11 Morning News. Anthony, a Business Management major who has been at the foundation of HAVIC for the past four years, is planning to use his Monroe education to help grow the business end of his performance troupe. ■

Nesta's Monroe: The Real World!

Nesta Felix, the ever-popular Coordinator of Student Life on the New Rochelle campus, has applied her MBA studies in just the way Monroe's real world educational philosophy was intended.

Focusing her course work on the very real New Flex Hoops, Inc., a program she founded to foster the development of girls and young women, Nesta not only has begun something that impacts the lives of others and broadens her own horizons, but also has earned her the recognition of a $1,000 grant from the Organization for Entrepreneurial Development.

"Nesta's project encompasses the best of the Organization for Entrepreneurial Development and Monroe College," said Dean **Michael Marinaccio** at the award ceremony on May 14. Dean Marinaccio is also a consultant with OED which "partners with educators and educational institutions for the improvement of entrepreneurial skills and knowledge."

Nesta will be graduating from the King Graduate School this spring with a 3.9 GPA. ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

On May 14, School of Business Professor **Minal Patel**, a member of the New York Women's Foundation, took her students to the organization's annual breakfast at the Hilton Hotel in Manhattan celebrating great women. The students, **Jessica Cruz**, **Alexa Parache**, **Alex Gomez**, and **Kiamazulu Ferreira** were thrilled to meet a number of high profile people, including Grammy award winner **Angelique Kidjo**. ■

CULINARY

The buzz in the culinary program is the fun Frito Lay contest to determine the best recipe for bar, finger, or tavern food. There's a $500 first prize.

Those interested should attend one of the workshops in the Culinary Arts Center on Tuesday, June 2 from11am–2pm or Thursday, June 4 from 9am–12noon.

The deadline for recipe submissions is Monday, June 22.

For more information contact Dean **Frank Costantino** at fcostantino@monroecollege.edu or Chef **Tracy Zimmerman** at tzimmerman@monroecollege.edu. ■

OCA

The Office of Career Advancement is hosting a series of career expos for each of Monroe's schools. The expo for the School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts was held on May 19th. It featured a panel of experts in the industry and an expo with companies offering employment and internships.

This week the OCA will spotlight the School of Information Technology. On Tuesday, June 2, there will be a major NSBE Recruitment Event at noon in the King Hall Gym.

Then on Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 am in the King Hall Gym, a panel of experts will talk about careers in Information Technology.

For more information contact the OCA on any Monroe campus. ■

INTERNATIONAL

■ On May 19, 2009 a dozen Monroe students got to see **Charles Gibson** present the news live from ABC studios in Manhattan. The trip provided the opportunity to learn about how international events occurring in some of the home countries of Monroe's students are relevant to an American audience.

Under the guidance of Professor **Aldith Williams** of the Business Department, students were also encouraged to expand their cultural awareness by exploring the role of international business in world events.

A highlight of the trip was an impromptu question and answer session with ABC reporter **David Muir** who talked with students about his career and gave an overview of a typical day as a network reporter. Mr. Muir also emphasized the importance of securing an internship and making a positive impact once there.

Students left with an autographed photo and a new appreciation of the importance of real-world experience. The trip, organized by **Alexandra Chow** of the International Student Center, included a tour of ABC studios.

■ In an effort to support students and to prepare them for the challenges they'll face after graduation, the International Student Center, in cooperation with the Office of Career Advancement, Office of Alumni Relations, **Dr. Roberta Harris** of King Graduate School and **Marina Dadashev**, Director of Graduate and International Career Advancement, hosted a "Life After Graduation" retreat on May 15th at the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle. The retreat featured a series of presentations about how to land a job, how to pursue a Master's degree and how to navigate the complex immigration regulations that apply to international graduates. The highlight of the retreat came in the form of two lively guest speakers: **Jim Huerta**, CEO of ResearchPAYS®, a consulting firm and President of the New York Chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBA's (NSHMBA) and **Pearline Blackwood**, Esq., an immigration attorney who regularly dedicates her time in support of this Monroe College event. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

■ On Friday, May 15th the Criminal Justice Club went on a trip to the NYPD Forensic Investigations Division which encompasses the Crime Scene Unit, Latent Print Unit, Police Laboratory, Bomb Squad, and the Firearms Analysis Section. The trip clarified the role of the crime scene investigator that many students first encounter by watching the popular CSI television series.

The students learned that detectives respond to crime scenes to process evidence, provide courtroom testimony, and analyze firearm and ballistic evidence. Contrary to television, all DNA testing is conducted by chemists and analysts from the New York City Medical Examiner's Office.

Clearly this was real world education at its best: The students learned how to dust and lift latent fingerprints from the real crime scene investigators – the NYPD Crime Scene Unit. They attempted to retrieve fingerprints by applying fingerprint dust to potential evidence to reveal latent prints and transferred the evidence to fingerprint cards, which in an actual crime scene would be entered into a database to search for a finger print match.

■ Monroe College Criminal Justice students who interned at The Legal Aid Society during the Winter, 2009 semester were given their certificate of completion at an award ceremony on May 8. At the event, Professor **Lisa Whiteside** and OCA Advisor **Cathy Carbonelli** spoke words of encouragement to all honorees as they continue their education in the Criminal Justice field. ■

ALUMNI

Distinguished Alumni of the Month
Omar Newell

Omar arrived at Monroe College from Jamaica West Indies in 2005 and immediately became an active presence on campus. He joined the SIFE team (Students in Free Enterprise) and was one of the presenters at the Regional Competition. The judges were impressed with the participants from Monroe and awarded them first place in that competition. Omar also helped establish the Pre-Law Club and the Debate team on campus. He was one of the founding members of the Honors Council.

After Omar expressed an interest in law, he went on to seek a mentor in a prestigious New York law firm who encouraged him to apply to the top law schools in the U.S. He has just finished his first year at Northwestern Law School in Chicago, Illinois. He continues to be very active at Northwestern and is an important member of the Black Law Student's Association and the Diverse Admissions committee.

Omar will spend his summer working with a professor at Northwestern doing research on the synergies between social activism and litigation. Omar's advice to other students and alumni is, "Be as active as possible on campus and explore all the opportunities that come your way!" ■

ATHLETICS

Be a Mustang or Lady Mustang. Play soccer for Monroe.

Recruiting going on now. Don't hesitate, don't wait!

■ Men's soccer coach —
Marcus DiBernardo: 646-925-7444 or mdibernardo@monroecollege.edu

■ Women's Soccer Coach –
Brett Polow: 347-432-7771 or bpolow@monroecollege.edu

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Friday, June 5

Student Financial Services Annual Retreat – Offices will be open to receive documents and payments/ BX & NR

9:00am	Staff Meeting – Annex/BX
9:00am	Nursing Entrance Examination – 920 and 922 West Hall/BX
10:00am	Intrepid Museum Trip – Off Campus – Sign Up at IT Office, Monroe Hall/BX
10:00am	MS Office Training – Word, Excel, PowerPoint – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
10:00am	Professional Development – Staff and Faculty Only – Microsoft Office – 711 Jerome Hall/BX

Saturday, June 6

10:00am	DC-37 Class – 312 West Hall/BX
Noon	Professional Development – ANGEL LMS (Testing) – 104 Milavec Hall/NR

Sunday, June 7

9:00am	Nursing Entrance Examination – 920 and 922 West Hall/BX

Monday, June 8

2:30pm	MS Office Training – PowerPoint – 406 King Hall/BX
5:30pm	MBA Resume Seminar – Constable Hall /NR
6:30pm	MBA Graduate Gala – Club 101/BX & NR

Tuesday, June 9

3:00pm	Weight Watchers – 110 Milavec Hall/NR

Wednesday, June 10

Noon	EASE Team Meeting – TBA/NR
1:00pm	SGS Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX
6:00pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm	New Rochelle Graduate Gala – Greentree Club/NR

Thursday, June 11

Noon	Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
12:10pm	Mid-Semester Internship Seminar – 919 West Hall/BX
6:30pm	Bachelor's Graduate Gala – Maestro's/BX

Friday, June 12

Graduation The WAMU Theater at Madison Square Garden

9:30am	Bronx Allied Health Professions and Criminal Justice
1:00pm	Bronx Business, Hospitality & Culinary Arts, IT, and MBA
4:30pm	New Rochelle – All

Saturday, June 13

9:00am	HIV Screening – 307 West Hall/BX
10:00am	DC-37 Class – 312 West Hall/BX
10:00am	MS Office Training – Excel – 420 King Hall/BX

Sunday, June 14

No Events Scheduled