MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

May 4th, 2009

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, May 4

8:30am to 7:30pm Bookstore Open/BX

Tuesday, May 5

8:30am to 7:30pm Bookstore Open/BX

10:00am	NYPD Cadet Corp Recruiting—King Hall Lobby/BX
12:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm	Weight Watchers—110 Milavec Hall/ NR
3:00pm	Baseball vs Sullivan CC at Cooney Grauer Field—234th St. & Bailey Ave.
5:45pm	High School Graduate New Student Orientation —BA King Hall/BX
6:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, May 6

8:30am to 7:30pm Bookstore Open/BX

10:00am	SGS Renaissance—Admissions Purple Room/BX
11:00am	Student Services Freshman New Student Orientation—TBA King Hall /BX

Thursday, May 7

8:30am to 7:30pm Bookstore Open/BX

9:00am	Baseball Regional Tournament at Purchase, NY
2:30pm	Weight Watchers—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX
5:45pm	Student Services Freshman Student Orientation —TBA King Hall/BX
6:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, May 8

9:00am to 1:00pm Bookstore Open/BX

8:30am	NYSFAAA Tri-regional Conference—King Hall Gym/BX
10:00am	Professional Development—Staff and Faculty Only—Microsoft Office—104 Milavec Hall/NR

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Google Apps is Here!

A Digital Revolution for Students!

The Spring, 2009 semester marks the start of a whole new digital age for Monroe students: *GoogleApps for Education*. Just sign in to your email through *My Monroe* or http://googleapps.monroecollege.edu, and you will be transported to the magical world of *Google Apps*. It's a dazzling array of communication, planning, and work and play tools that will make the Monroe College web site the center of your collegiate and digital universe.

"This is the cutting-edge of digital potential," said Chief Information Officer **Terrance McGowan**. "Students will find that *Google Apps* is user-friendly and makes it easier to get things done. It will also create a central hub for communicating with many people in many different ways."

Working in close partnership with Google, Monroe is now able to provide students with an arsenal of applications and services. The centerpiece is an email box more than 700-times the capacity of current student mailboxes with attachment flexibility of up to 20mb. Remember those annoying "mailbox full" messages? Well, they are now a thing of the past!

Also, *Google Apps* is much more than just mail. Students will be able to prepare assignments using an online suite of Microsoft Office compatible programs and not have to rely on a USB drive to store files (including music, photos, video, etc.), access convenient inter-format texting and chats including audio and video, customized web page creation, tools that make group projects a breeze, a litany of calendar, schedule and to-do tools, and much more. New services will be added on a regular basis.

To get to *Google Apps*, just log in. Your college E-mail address remains the same, as does your ID and password. Please note that all your old email may not all be in the new mailbox immediately; it will appear shortly. ■

For more information or help with *GoogleApps*, refer to the contact links included in your welcome email or send an email to helpdesk@monroecollege.edu.)

STUDENT LIFE

■ On the evening of Monday March 30th in Syndicate Hall, Club Trivia proved to be a challenging event for the competing clubs. Each round consisted of a jeopardy-like question format and a 60-second lightning round, and then a final lightning round. The energy was high and wits were flying. The top three were the *Monroe Singers* in first place the *Drummers/Drama* in second and *Predestined* in third place.

■ Book Drive—Support education in Africa by donating used college text books at any of the designated boxes around the Bronx campus. This book drive is being sponsored by the Monroe Student Leaders.

Carolyn Bennett

■ Because Monroe College firmly believes in the correlation between success in the classroom and staying active, the New Rochelle campus has appointed **Carolyn Bennett** as new Coordinator of Intramural & Recreational Programs. Ms. Bennett has launched some exciting new programs and all are welcome. For more information, call her at 6459 or visit the Student Life office.

OPEN RECREATION

Volleyball
Every Monday 4–6pm
King Hall Gym, Bx. campus

Basketball
On Tues. MAY 5, 12 & 26 6pm-9pm
King Hall Gym, Bx. campus

Every Friday 1–4pm
Hooperstown, Mt. Vernon

Double Dutch
Every Thursday 5–7pm
Alison Hall Rear—Parking Lot

INTRAMURALS

6-on-6 Flag Football
Starts MAY 25th.
Registration Deadline May 18th

June Jam Basketball Tournament
JUNE 19th & 26th.
Registration May 4th–18th.

Independence Day Wiffle Ball Tournament
Starts JULY 1st.
Registration June 1st–24th.

6-on-6 Dodgeball
Starts JULY 15th.
Registration April 1st–May 18th.

ACCOUNTING

■ In March, 2009, IBM announced that approximately 5,000 of its employees were going to be laid off. Soon after, IBM HR personnel were on the Bronx Campus to hire six Monroe Accounting students. This is on the heels of Deloitte and Touche, the world's largest CPA firm, hiring Monroe students. The way major corporations and CPA firms are pursuing Monroe College students is an indication that a career in accounting is, in essence, recession proof and that they highly value the training that Monroe offers.

Note: Prof. **Jacob Lamar** has lost another of his student office assistants! Ms. **Katie Nguyen**, who doubled as an accounting intern at IBM, was hired in a full time position by IBM. For information on being an accounting major contact Professor Lamar at 646-393-8347 or jlamar@monroecollege.edu

■ On April 18 the Monroe College chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) finished second place in the Deloitte NABA Case Competition at the their headquarters in Manhattan. The task was to explain the rules on an Accounting and Finance case, including recommending a remedy for the company that had a compliance problem with the SEC.

ALLIED HEALTH

The Bronx Allied Health Professions Club is participating in the AIDS Walk New York on Sunday, May 17, in Central Park beginning 8:30AM. HIV/AIDS expert Professor **Levern Jackson** and student **Frederic Thomas** are helping to lead the way for the Monroe community to become involved in this worthy event. To register or sponsor, go to aidswalk.net or call 212-807-9255, and ask for Team #3015. You'll be able to access downloadable materials online. And don't forget to get friends and family to sponsor you! ■

ACADEMICS

On March 24 Monroe College formalized its relationship with CPLC Education Center, which opened its first-ever facility on a college campus. CPLC will provide academic-level English language skills to international students to help them succeed in college. The CPLC office is in the lower level of Constable Hall in New Rochelle, located on the corner of North Ave. and Main St.

For more information call **Wayne Kennedy** at 914-740-6530. ■

KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

The winners of the **Melissa Carolyn Chiang** and **Luo-Jen Chiang** (MCC/LC) Scholarships for the Spring 2009 semester are **Deepika Mehra** and **Kameil Bennett**. Both students submitted excellent personal self-nomination essays and will each receive a one-time award of $1000.00. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

■ On April 2 Bronx Supreme Court Judge **Nelson Roman**, who is also a member of the CJ advisory board, visited King Hall gym, to talk about his career with the NYPD and Brooklyn's DA Office, what to expect in college and law school, the job of a judge, and he emphasized the educational skills necessary to succeed.

■ On April 7 Mr. **George Tsougarakis**, a partner with Hughes and Hubbard, and also a member of the CJ Advisory Board, spoke with CJ students in the Annex about becoming an attorney, attending law school, and the role of a private attorney.

■ On April 14, 2009 several members of the Criminal Justice Club attended the NYPD Women's History Celebration at Police Headquarters hosted by the Policewomen's Endowment Association. Afterwards, CJ club members met Police Commissioner **Raymond Kelly** and other NYPD officials.

■ On Friday, April 10 the NY Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and HERO (Hispanic Executives Reaching Out) hosted a luncheon at Maestro's Caterers in the Bronx to honor NYPD Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. Monroe College Criminal Justice faculty, many of whom are current or retired NYPD officers, attended the event to help honor Commissioner Kelly.

ST. LUCIA

Two December accounting grads, **Sean Alexander** and **Esubius Athill** presented their senior theses at the University of the West Indies' Caribbean Criminology Conference in Trinidad on April 7 and 8. Both are members of the Royal St. Lucia Police Force.

Alexander's work, 'Building Integrity in the Caribbean Police Service', and Athill's 'Early Intervention to Reduce Criminal Behavior' were selected as outstanding examples of academic research specific to circumstance in the region. This was an important event for the St. Lucia campus and a testimony to the quality of our students and the excellence of their work. ■

CULINARY

Be careful what you wish for! When Chef **Frank Costantino** became Dean of the School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts he challenged students to have perfect attendance and if they did he promised to prepare a gourmet dinner for them at the Culinary Arts Center.

Well, maybe Dean Costantino underestimated the motivation of Monroe students as one hundred and sixty students rose to the challenge and on April 15, they cashed in what Chef Costantino called his "Golden Ticket" to a buffet reception that included such delicacies as Marinated Field Leeks and Roasted Wild and Cultivated Mushroom Salad with Truffle Oil and Fresh Herbs, Spiced Pine Nuts and Mustard Seed Vinaigrette; Roasted Organic Fingerling Potato Salad with Crème Fraiche, Chives and Pickled Red Onions; Grilled Marinated Farm-Raised Shrimp and White Bean Salad with Shallots, Garlic and Fresh Herb Dressing; Pan-Seared Marinated Sea Scallops with Arugula, Crumbled Bacon, Aged Balsamic, and Coney Island Style Fries with Dipping Sauces.

Even better, the students were rewarded with achievement in college that only regular attendance can bring. Undoubtedly it was a feast Chef Costantino was only too happy to serve!

■ In their first competition on Saturday, April 25, the Monroe Culinary Team was an unqualified success. Participating in the Metro NY Culinary Competition Sponsored by Minors Food Service, the Monroe student chefs took the top six places (out of sixteen) capturing six of the eight medals awarded in the competition (two gold and four silver).

Coached by instructor Chef **Eric Pellizzari**, the Monroe team prepared *Chicken Chasseur*, a classic French chicken, in the competition. The gold medal winners were **Kareem David** and **James Daversa**.

Monroe Hurler Tosses No-Hitter!

On Sunday April 26, Monroe Mustangs sophomore pitcher **Jonathan Gonzalez** pitched a complete game no-hitter against Hagerstown CC, the #20-ranked team in the nation. Monroe (24-13-1) won the game 9-0.

Gonzalez, who played his HS ball at Cardinal Hayes HS, surrendered only three base runners in the nine innings (two errors and a walk). According to Coach **Luis Melendez**, Gonzalez changed speeds and had good location throughout the game. He was also helped by stellar Monroe defense, in particular a sweet play by second baseman Benny Negron who saved the gem with a great pick and throw in the ninth-inning.

Although this was the first no-hitter ever by any Monroe pitcher, Gonzalez said through the game he wasn't even aware of it. "I didn't pay any mind to it," he said. "It was like 90 degrees with a lot of humidity and I just wanted to get my teammates back inside as fast as I could."

On the season, Gonzalez is 5-1, with 65 strikeouts and a 1.83 ERA and is the team leader in all three categories. ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

The Bronx Bachelor's Program held its New Student Orientation Dinner on Tuesday, April 28th for 150 new students.

President **Stephen Jerome** welcomed everyone and spoke about the special culture of Monroe College and the need to complete your college education in order to compete in today's economy and earn a Bachelor's Degree.

The Alumni guest speaker was Mr. **Ramon Perez** who received his Associates Degree in Business Management from Monroe College in 2003 and subsequently received his Bachelor's Degree from Monroe in 2005. He spoke about academic excellence and setting goals for yourself.

The evening ended with a special magic trick by Dean **Ted Goldstein** who said he could make water disappear, but your education stays with you for life. ■

INTERNATIONAL

The Office of International Students lead by Sayaka Tamura welcomed 11 new students from Japan on Friday, April 24 with a pre-semester weekend of activities including a picnic in a park and a tour of many NY City landmarks. Welcome to Monroe!

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11:00am Student Services Freshman New Student Orientation—TBA King Hall/BX

Saturday, May 9

9:00am to 1:00pm Bookstore Open/BX
9:00am Baseball Regional Tournament at Purchase, NY
10:00am DC-37 Class—312 West Hall/BX
10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Registration—Jerome Hall/BX

Monday, May 11

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, May 12

10:00am NYPD Cadet Corp Recruiting—King Hall Lobby/BX
1:00pm Professional Development—ANGEL LMS (Grade Book)—501 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm Weight Watchers—110 Milavec Hall/NR

Wednesday, May 13

2:30pm Academic Management Group—501 Jerome Hall/BX —Annex/BX

Thursday, May 14

10:00am NYPD Cadet Corp Recruiting—King Hall Lobby/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers—307 King Hall/BX
3:00pm Bi-Weekly Events Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX

Friday, May 15

8:00am Insurance Committee Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX
4:00pm Baseball District Tournament in North Carolina

Saturday, May 16

10:00am DC-37 Class—312 West Hall/BX
Noon Baseball District Tournament in North Carolina

Sunday, May 17

8:15am Aids Walk—Central Park—Sign Up at Allied Health Professions Office, West Hall/BX

OCA

Dressing for a Job Interview is not always so "seamless" for many Monroe students and you can help. The OCA is setting up its first annual *Suited-to-Succeed Clothing Drive*.

Simply donate your clean/used ties, suits, sport coats, blazers, slacks, dress shirts, and belts to one of the bins at the OCA on either campus by August 1st so those clothes can be used by Monroe students in their quest for success.

Those who donate will be entered in a raffle to win a $100 gift card to P.F. Chang's Restaurant. For more information, call the OCA in New Rochelle at X6470 or in the Bronx at X8650. ■