MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

June 21, 2010

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, June 21

Midterm Progress Reports

2:00pm Open Gym – King Hall Gym/BX
3:00pm Open Rec. Soccer – Bus Departs from Main Hall at 2:45 – City Park/NR
5:30pm Internship Awareness 919 West Hall/BX
6:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – 401 King Hall /BX

Tuesday, June 22

10:00am NYPD Cadets – King Hall Lobby/BX
3:00pm Metropolitan Museum of Art – Off Campus Event/BX
5:00pm Conversations with Successful People in Allied Health Today – Annex/BX
5:00pm Cocktails and Career Conversations for Allied Health Students and Graduates – Annex/BX
6:00pm Professional Convention Management Association – TBA/BX

Wednesday, June 23

Midterm Progress Reports

1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – 307 King Hall/BX
2:00pm Open Gym – King Hall Gym/BX
3:00pm Weight Watchers – 107 Milavec Hall/NR
3:00pm Open Rec. Soccer – Bus Departs from Main Hall at 2:45 – City Park/NR
3:00pm EASE Conversation Partners – 515 Main Hall/NR
3:30pm Show Stopping Steppers – King Hall Gym/BX
3:30pm Boot Camp – King Hall Gym/BX
6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm MBA Advisory Board – Ustin Hall Conference Room/BX

Thursday, June 24

Midterm Progress Reports

TBA A Day in the Life of Human Resource Professionals – Marriott Hotel/NR
8:00am Community Meeting for Non-Profit Organizations – Annex/BX
Noon Language at Lunch – Main Hall Courtyard/NR

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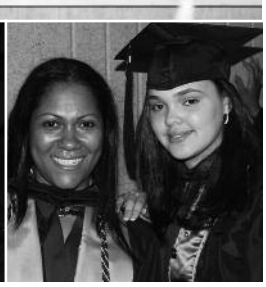
Senator Schumer Inspires Grads at Commencement

New York Senator **Charles Schumer** was a surprise guest at two of the 2010 Monroe College Commencement Ceremonies held Friday, June 11 at the Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Urging the students to pursue their dreams with his signature call to "go for it!", Senator Schumer delighted the graduates and their families with information about tax credits for college tuitions and anecdotes about his own path to success.

Other keynote speakers for the more than 2,800 Monroe graduates were Wall Street executive, author, and public speaker Dr. **Westina Matthews**, NYC Comptroller **John Liu**, and CNBC Senior Energy and Personal Finance correspondent **Sharon Epperson**.

"We were honored to have Senator Schumer address our graduates along with our other inspirational keynote speakers," said Monroe College President **Stephen Jerome**. "But the real stars of the day were our graduates as they exemplified the best of Monroe College." ■



For photos of the Academic Award Ceremonies, Graduations Galas, and Commencement Ceremonies, visit My Monroe

ACTIVITIES

■ On Wednesday, June 16, the Office of Student Development sponsored a discussion panel comprised of five Monroe College Alumni entitled "Top 5 under 35" to give insight to some of the obstacles that students face and provide information on how to overcome challenges.

These "top 5" Monroe grads who are all successful and all under the age of 35, talked with more than 180 students about coming from difficult backgrounds, outside distractions that can hold students back, difficult environments for success, time management, etc. Among the solutions presented was to access support systems that are available at Monroe College and to use mentoring as a possible solution.

■ On Thursday, June 24th from 12:00 to 2:00pm in the King Hall Gym, the annual Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration will feature the culture of the Garifuna people. The Garinagu (singular Garifuna) are an ethnic group of mixed ancestry who live primarily in Central America.

In addition to the history, music and dance of the Garifuna people, the Caribbean Heritage Day celebration will feature the food, music and culture of many Caribbean nations. Please come and join the celebration!

■ Explore the basics of a new language this summer! Join us for Language at Lunch! First Fun Session: Thursday, June 24th—Main Hall Courtyard. Learn Japanese & Enjoy Sushi! Open to Students, Faculty and Staff. RSVP to **Maureen Reville** at mreville@monroecollege.edu

■ Do you know Tom on MySPACE? Have FACEBOOK Friends? Are you LinkedIn? Do you TWITTER? BLOG much? Hi5?

The Monroe Alumni Association and King Graduate School, along with NSHMBA (National Society of Hispanic MBAs) is hosting an event on June 30th at the Culinary Center in New Rochelle, devoted to personal branding via social networks. A panel of Social Media Gurus will discuss the Do's and Don'ts of Social networking, how to develop your personal brand and increase your network! NSHMBA is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering Hispanic leadership through graduate management education and professional development in order to improve society. For more info: http://www.nshmba.org/. RSVP: www.tinyurl.com/collegenight2010

■ On Friday, June 4 in Milavec Hall, Monroe College hosted a Mount Vernon High School Recognition Dinner honoring senior honor students who completed a rigorous accounting course taught by Professor **Max Torres** at Mount Vernon High School. This collaborative Jump Start course afforded these seniors an opportunity to earn three college credits and the experience of being college bound on a high school level. The students were given Certificates of Acknowledgement signed by Prof Torres and Dean **Karenann Carty**. In addition to having a wonderful dinner reception, due to their high academic achievements the students were given scholarship opportunities upon enrolling to Monroe College for this upcoming fall semester. ■

Calendar of Events

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Noon Caribbean American Heritage Event – King Hall Gym/BX
Noon Human Resource Society Meeting – Constable Hall/NR
Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
2:00pm International Coffee Hour – International Student Center – Main Hall/NR
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX
2:45pm Music Club – 211 King Hall/BX
4:00pm Club Leaders' Recognition Dinner – King Hall Gym/BX

Friday, June 25

Midterm Progress Reports

9:30am Microsoft Office – Office Integration (Basic/Intermediate) – 501 Jerome Hall/BX
9:00am Security Guard Training – TBA/BX
11:00am Splish Splash Water Park – Off Campus Event/BX

Saturday, June 26

Midterm Progress Reports

9:00am Career Clinic – Main Hall/NR
9:30am Dourney Park – Off-Campus Event/NR
10:00am Faculty Professional Development Presentation – Online Faculty (Elluminate/ANGEL 7.4 – Intermediate) – 524 Main Hall/NR
10:00am Jersey Gardens Shopping Spree – Off Campus Event/BX

Sunday, June 27

Midterm Progress Reports

Monday, June 28

2:00pm Open Gym – King Hall Gym/BX
2:00pm Bingo – 223 King Hall/BX
3:00pm Open Rec. Soccer – Bus Departs from Main Hall at 2:45 – City Park/NR
6:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation– 401King Hall /BX

Tuesday, June 29

10:00am Veterans' Information Session – TBA/BX
10:00am NYPD Cadets – King Hall Lobby/BX
10:00am Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX
Noon Student Veterans of America – Admissions Office – King Hall/BX
Noon Bachelor's Mixer and Resume Review – Bachelor's Program Office–Jerome Hall/ BX
Noon Professional Convention Management Association – TBA/BX
12:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm Allied Health Professions Club – 303 West Hall/BX
5:00pm Bachelor's Mixer and Resume Review – Bachelor's Program Office–Jerome Hall/ BX
5:00pm Business Etiquette Under the Stars – Courtyard/NR
6:00pm Professional Convention Management Association – TBA/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, June 30

2:00pm Open Gym – King Hall Gym/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm Weight Watchers – 107 Milavec Hall/NR
3:00pm Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX
3:00pm EASE Conversation Partners – 515 Main Hall/NR
3:00pm Open Rec. Soccer – Bus Departs from Main Hall at 2:45 – City Park/NR
3:30pm Show Stopping Steppers–King Hall Gym/BX
3:30pm Boot Camp – King Hall Gym/BX
5:30pm National Society of Hispanic MBA's Social Media's Night Out – Courtyard/NR
6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall – BX

BUSINESS/ACCOUNTING

■ On June 3rd, the NABA New York Chapter named Monroe MBA grad **Ian Ruddock** as its 2009-10 NABA (National Association of Black Accountants) New York State Chapter Student of the Year. In the last three years, two Monroe College NABA student presidents have won this prestigious award.

Ian Ruddock

Also, NABA awarded scholarships to three Monroe College MBA students. **Emily Wang** was awarded its highest 2010 scholarship, and **Allecia Gordon** received the Goldman Sachs scholarship and **Yo Katsuse** received the Eisner scholarship.

Congratulations to all the students and to Faculty Advisor Max Torres. Monroe's NABA Chapter has been an ongoing source of pride to the college.

■ Soon there will be a Monroe Chapter for ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting). The same major companies that provide scholarships and jobs for NABA members will be doing the same for ALPFA members. It's important to recognize that students of any ethnicity can join and benefit from either NABA or ALPFA.

All Monroe students are encouraged to join and actively participate in professional organizations in their field because of the numerous opportunities they present. For example, over the past two years 80 Monroe students have received scholarships from the NBMBA (National Black MBA Association) and four more students recently received scholarship awards for taking first place in the case competition in April. ■

VETERANS

■ **Calling all Veterans!**

Every Thursday from 1210-1300 (12:10pm —1:00pm) in the Admissions Office – King Hall there will be a meeting of the Student Veterans of America, a National organization of students that serve or have served their country. Also, National Guard/ Reservists members are invited to join with their fellow Vets.

To keep you informed of the latest activities and benefit updates, please contact the Monroe Veterans office at veterans@monroecollege.edu with your current contact information.

■ Open House information for friends who are Veterans: Wednesday, June 23rd at King Hall Admissions from 1600-1900 (4:00pm-7:00pm) and Thursday, July 8th from 1630-1930 at the Milavec Hall.

These are OPEN to ALL Veterans, National Guard/Reservists or dependents in the community that can use the GI Bill or are not sure if they qualify for any other GI Bill programs. COME CHECK IT OUT!!! ■

INTERNATIONAL

■ On May 21, at the Residence Inn in New Rochelle, more than 70 graduating international students

participated in an "After Graduation" workshop conducted by the Office of International Student Services. Students learned about their work visa options, as well as received tips on job interviews and resume writing. Students who were not able to attend should schedule a meeting with a counselor at the Office of International Student Services on the New Rochelle campus.

■ On Sunday, June 6th, the East Meadow in Central Park became a Japanese festival, complete with parades of *Samuri* and *Ninjas*, dancers and musicians. **Angelyn Forbes-Freeze** (International Student Services) and 40 students from the ASA and MSA clubs, many dressed in *yukatas*, joined the throngs. Activities included playing traditional Japanese instruments (including a large drum called a *taiko*, played with bachi sticks) and learning a traditional dance customized for New York; decorating a fan and learning to write their names in Japanese calligraphy (*kanji*); playing with traditional toys and getting *kabuki* face painting; trying on a beautiful *yukata* for a photo op and eating *sushi*, *soba* noodles and *miso* soup. The weather held as *ninja* warriors took the stage and musicians played not only traditional music but also great jazz. *Arigato* (thank you), Japan Day! ■

HONORS PROGRAM

On June 1, the Honors program held a special lecture with Holocaust survivor and author **Jay Sommer**, who is currently Professor of Hebrew and Russian languages at Fairfield University.

Mr. Sommer related life experiences from a childhood of poverty and religious persecution in Czechoslovakia during the rise of Nazi Germany and his escape from Forced Labor Camps by pretending to be a Christian farmhand. Showing images from his memoir *Journey to the Golden Door*, he explained the ordeal of coming to America with a fourth-grade education, studying hard with a natural gift for languages, and eventually becoming National Teacher of the Year. ■

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

NSBE.org
National Society of Black Engineers

On Wednesday, March 31, seven Information Technology majors attended the 36th Annual NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Convention in Toronto, Canada.

With more than 30,000 members, NSBE is one of the largest student-managed organizations in the country, comprised of more than 233 college and university chapters.

The 2010 convention had numerous networking and job development opportunities, workshops and seminars about career and educational choices, resume sessions, and interactions with students from all over the world. ■

ATHLETICS

Dezouvre to Iona!

Randy Dezouvre

Monroe Mustang forward/guard **Randy Dezouvre**'s transition from NJCAA to NCAA basketball will not mean a geographical shift as he has signed to continue his college career down the road from Monroe at Iona College in New Rochelle.

Dezouvre, who emerged as a vital cog on the 2009-10 Mustang team that finished eighth in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament, averaged 11.1 ppg, 5.24 rpg, and shot 70.6% from the free throw line this season. But it was in that National Tournament that Dezouvre really proved his mettle, providing dynamic hustle and a never-say-die approach. In the National Tournament he averaged 13.5 ppg, 3.75 rpg, and shot 84.6% from the charity stripe.

"Randy proved that he is a big- game player with incredible desire," said Monroe head coach Jeff Brustad. "There's no doubt that the Gaels will learn to appreciate what he brings to the court, especially his passion for winning."

Dezouvre came to Monroe from Champlain-St. Lambert HS in Montreal, Canada where he was an All-Canadian First-team All-Star.

Two Former Mustangs Drafted by Major League Teams!

Former Monroe Mustang standout **Jose Macias** became the first Monroe baseball player ever selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, when he was selected by the Oakland A's in the 18th round (545th overall). Soon after, **Victor Lara** became the second, when he was selected in the 34th round by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Macias, a shortstop at Monroe who went on to star as a pitcher at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, was the leadoff hitter and spark plug on the Mustangs 2008 Region XV championship team. Selected as a First-team All-Region All-Star, Macias also excelled in the classroom at Monroe, sporting a 3.9 GPA.

"Jose is an amazing young man with integrity and character," said Mustang head coach Luis Melendez. "He worked so hard when he was here at Monroe and it's gratifying to see this part of his dream come true. I am so happy for him and his family."

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, the 21 year-old Macias came to Monroe from DeWitt Clinton HS where he earned All-City mention. He played in 34 games for the Mustangs, hitting .373 with 12 doubles, a triple, a home run, 24 RBI, and 36 runs scored.

Converted to a full-time pitcher in his senior year, Macias had a 9-1 record, an incredible 0.87 ERA, struck out 118 batters in 92 innings, and opponents batted only .161 against him.

Lara was the closer on the Mustangs 2009 Region Championship team. He was 2-2 with 2 saves for Monroe and this year at Keystone College in Pennsylvania he was 0-1 with 3 saves. He had 19 strikeouts in his 17.2 innings of work. What undoubtedly attracted scouts was Lara's fastball that has been clocked as high as 98 mph.

"When you can throw as hard as Victor does, the sky is the limit on how well he can do," said Coach Luis Melendez. "I am bursting with pride over his achievement and also for what it says about the Monroe College baseball program."

Lara came to Monroe from Coral Gables HS in Miami, FL. ■

Jose Macias

Victor Lara