MONROE COLLEGE

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"What you need to know…at Monroe"

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Calendar of Events

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Monday, June 22

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due
SGS Office and In-Class Registration/BX
Student Services In Class Registration/BX

9 to 7:30	MBA Registration – Ustin Hall/BX
12:30 to 7	Registration for Allied Health and Criminal Justice – King Hall Gym/BX
5:30pm	MBA Interviewing Workshop – Constable Hall/NR

Tuesday, June 23

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due
SGS Office and In-Class Registration/BX
Student Services In Class Registration/BX

11:00am	Allied Health Career Expo – Annex/BX
11:30am	Lunch and Learn Business Panel – 919 West Hall/BX
12:30 to 7	Registration for Accounting/Finance, Business, Information Technology, and Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts – King Hall Gym/BX
3:00pm	Weight Watchers – 110 Milavec Hall /NR
TBA	Criminal Justice Club to Mount Vernon Police Department Special Operations and Equestrian Units/NR
5:45pm	High School New Student Registration – 301 King Hall/BX
6:00pm	Spring Athletic Banquet – Juliano's/NR
6:30pm	Graduate Criminal Justice Program Open House – Annex/BX; Milavec Hall/ NR

Wednesday, June 24

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due

TBA	Registration for Criminal Justice and Allied Health/NR
10:00 to 5	Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX
5:30pm	MBA Exchange – Ustin Hall/BX

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76th Monroe Commencement
A Day to Remember

Friday, June 12 was a day to remember for thousands of graduates, their families and friends, and Monroe staff and faculty as President **Stephen J. Jerome** conferred degrees on more than 3,000 graduates in the college's 76th annual commencement. To accommodate the graduates and their families, there were three separate graduation ceremonies at the WaMu Theater at Madison Square Garden.

In his address, President Jerome emphasized the importance of personal contact at the college and in students' futures as a formula for success. "We have a culture of caring and a mission of proudly offering access and opportunity to motivated students who desire to enrich their lives in a personalized and supportive environment', he said. "Even in the technological world we live, never forget the importance of personal communication."

Keynote addresses were delivered by Nassau County Executive **Tom Suozzi**, Monroe Board of Trustees member and former New Rochelle School superintendent Dr. **James Gaddy,** and WWOR news anchor, **Brenda Blackmon**.

Executive Vice President **Marc Jerome** pointed out that Monroe's diverse student body is united in their common goals and achievements. "You represent geographic locations from around the country and around the world. You represent different races, different religions, different colors and different beliefs", he said. "Yet, you are united in one thing — you are going to succeed. Yes. Whatever, life brings at you, you are going to succeed."

More than 16,000 people attended the three ceremonies. ■

For photos of graduation and the galas login to My Monroe

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

■ Professor **Mark Giuliano** has been instrumental in developing vital Crisis Intervention Teams with the Police Departments in White Plains and Yonkers. He is responsible for the oversight of the clinical staffing for programs making impacts on helping the homeless. Instead of arresting a homeless person or taking them to a hospital, this team tries to recognize any potential problems before they happen and encourage people to take advantage of available services. In White Plains, the number arrested for resisting arrest dropped from 6 to 1 during the first year. Similarly in the first year, mental health referrals nearly doubled going from 126 clients referred to 225.

These programs have been receiving significant acclaim not only from the media but from political leaders all over Westchester County.

■ The School of CJ kicked off its Spring Semester 2009 Lecture Series on Tuesday, June 9 with Manhattan Deputy Borough President **Rosemonde Pierre-Louis**. She talked about careers in the legal profession and advised students on how to seize opportunities by fortifying themselves with education and real world experience. She also emphasized making the most of the opportunity that a Monroe education presents.

■ The School of CJ will again be hosting the Summer Law Program for high school students and incoming college freshmen. Held from Tuesday August 11th through Friday August 21st, this exciting program affords high school students the opportunity to meet, interact with, and be taught by lawyers and law enforcement professionals who specialize in various areas of the Criminal Justice system. Open houses for the program will be Monday, July 6 at 6:30 in Allison Hall and Saturday, July 11 at 11:00am in Milavec Hall.

For more information call 914-740-MSLP (6757).

■ The New Rochelle Bar Association presented a check for $1,000 to The Monroe Foundation, Monroe College's foundation for scholarship initiatives, to provide financial assistance to worthy students applying to the Summer Law Program. The check presentation was made on June 8 by three Bar Association presidents at the organization's annual election of officers and summer picnic. ■

ACCOUNTING

On Thursday, June 4th, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA), New York Chapter, held its 29th Annual Scholarship and Awards Reception. Seven Monroe students received scholarships. Five of those students are international students. Congratulations to **Ian Ruddock, Carlo Samuels, Sasha-Ann Russell, Joureen Ward, Daveliva Ross, Tennesha Lynch,** and **Dwaine Campbell**. The students were judged on their resumes and essays about leadership abilities and NABA involvement. ■

OCA

■ The OCA Career Expo for the School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts held on Tuesday, May 19 was a great success. The event kicked off the OCA's school-specific Spring Career Expos. The idea is to give students a chance to focus on job and career development opportunities within their major.

In this case, a panel of experts in the industry talked to students about careers in Hospitality/ Culinary. Then there was a Career Expo of companies offering employment and internships. Considering the downturn in the economy, especially for this industry which has been one of the hardest hit, it was downright impressive to see the desire to hire Monroe students!

■ Dressing for a job interview is not always so "seamless" for our students and so the *OCA's Suited-to-Succeed* Clothing Drive continues. If you have not contributed, it is not too late. 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 1.

This program benefits students who are unable to purchase interview attire due to financial constraints and helps them transition to the workforce. It also lends a hand to your spring cleaning!

After donating, you will be entered in a raffle to win a $100 gift card to P.F. Chang's Restaurant! Visit the OCA on either campus for more information. ■

STUDENT LIFE

■ Every month, clubs and officers are recognized for their excellence. For the month of May the winners are the Criminal Justice Club (Most Improved), **Mercedes Sharpe** (Most Community Service), and the Student Activities Council (Community Service Achiever).

■ New Rochelle Club Officers have embarked on a stock market challenge this semester. Each club has been assigned to invest "one million dollars" in three companies for six weeks. Their investments and stock prices are being monitored weekly by **Professor Donovan** and Student Life coordinator **Nesta Felix**.

■ Last weekend six student leaders attended the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life in which they walked or ran the memorial field track all night to raise money for ACS. By midnight there were still some groups walking. In fact, the Monroe group left the field at 7am!

■ Neither the 5am departure time nor the two days of rain could deter a determined group of forty students from taking part in a tour of Washington, DC earlier this month as part of Monroe's Spring Sensation. The event was a joint effort between the New Rochelle Criminal Justice and Business departments as well as the Criminal Justice Club.

They visited the Capitol, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Supreme Court, Smithsonian, Library of Congress, National Museum of Crime and Punishment, and met with U.S. Representative Nita Lowey. While the business students visited the Reagan Building and International Trade Center, the criminal justice students paid their respects at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial where they took in the personal and professional stories of officers killed in the line of duty. ■

ST. LUCIA

The St. Lucia campus started a branch of ITSA (Information Technology Students Association) last semester. The club meetings are held every Saturday. **Anwar Deterville** was elected president, **Chun Yung** is the Vice President, and **Anika Armstrong** is the secretary.

On Saturday June 6 the club held a workshop on Cisco Routers conducted by the Cable and Wireless Company (LIME), the largest provider of Internet services in St. Lucia. **Terry Goodman**, an IT student who works for Lime, brought the routers for the workshop. He gave a lecture about the usage of routers at LIME. Students worked with the equipment and configured the routers to create a local network.

The club is planning field trips to IT companies. The next club project will be the installation of computers donated by the College to St. Lucia Schools. ■

KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

The King Graduate School and the National Society of Hispanic MBA's invites you to the NSHMBA College Night on Thursday, June 25th from 6:45pm–9:30pm in the new Annex building on the Bronx campus. Statistics show that when you join a professional organization, you more than double your chances for career success, so this is a great opportunity for Monroe MBA students.

To register/RSVP visit: www.tinyurl.com/collegenight or contact: **Magdelyn Gomez** at 646.393.8396 or mgomez@monroecollege.edu. ■

INTERNATIONAL

■ June 11th, the day before graduation, was busy for international graduates, family and friends. The Alumni Association arranged a bus tour of New York City with professional tour guide Professor Susan Zuckerman and her husband, Art. This gave our guests an overview of the history and architecture of Manhattan, as well as a taste of New York style barbeque. Upon return, a home-style "social" in the library (hosted by the **International Student Center**) gave them a chance to meet additional international graduates, professors and staff. **Angelyn Forbes-Freeze**, Associate Director of International Student Services, baked brownies, cakes and tea breads, and the ISS staff assisted with arranging platters of crudités, fruit and cheese. International students helped set up and serve the food.

■ On May 31, three of Monroe College's new Japanese students became celebrities for a day as they hosted a group of thirty Monroe students at Japan Day in Central Park. **Hitomi Nagasaka, Midori Seki** and **Nao Korogi** donned traditional Japanese dresses known as a "yukata".

Everyone participated in the origami instruction, samplings of free Japanese cuisine including udon noodles, dumplings and a variety of different teas, as well as an appearance by one of Japan's pop culture icons, Hello Kitty.

■ As part of its celebration of Caribbean Heritage Month, Monroe welcomed Hon. **Crisipin S. Gregoire**, the Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of Dominica to the United Nations for a special topics lecture on Tuesday, June 16. Hundreds of Monroe students packed the King Hall gym on the Bronx campus to hear Ambassador Gregoire's impassioned remarks about the role the United Nations plays in solving global problems.

"Not only was this a moment of pride for our Caribbean students," said Professor **Patricia Edwards** who was instrumental in bringing the ambassador to the college, "but students from all backgrounds learned about efforts to bring prosperity and stability to the corners of the globe." ■

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

Thursday, June 25

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due

TBA Registration for Business, Accounting/Finance, Information Technology, and Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts/NR
Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Applebees – 911 West Hall/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX
1:00pm High School New Student Registration – 301 King Hall/BX

Friday, June 26

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due

9:00am Nursing Entrance Examinations – 920 and 922 West Hall/BX
10:00am Jones Beach Trip – Office Campus– Sign Up at Student Services/NR

Saturday, June 27

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due

10:00am DC-37 Class – 312 West Hall/BX
10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – 703 Jerome Hall/BX

Sunday, June 28

Mid-Term Progress Reports Due

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

Monday, June 29

6:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX

Tuesday, June 30

7:45am Faculty Appreciation Day, Garden Breakfast – Franklin Courtyard/NR
Noon to 7 Mid-Term Semester Mixer with One Minute Resume Reviews – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Faculty Appreciation Day, Class Act Lunch – Franklin Courtyard/NR
3:00pm Weight Watchers – 110 Milavec Hall/NR
5:45pm High School New Student Registration – 301 King Hall/BX
5:45pm Faculty Appreciation Day, Reception for Evening Faculty – Franklin Courtyard or Main Hall/NR

Wednesday, July 1

10:00am Blood Drive – King Hall Gym/BX
Noon EASE Team Meeting – TBA/NR
1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – TBA/BX
2:30pm Deans' Council – Academic Office/BX
12:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall /BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – 501 Jerome Hall/BX
8:00pm Lecture Sponsored by School of Criminal Justice – Henry Fury, Esq. – Annex/BX

Thursday, July 2

Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
1:00pm High School New Student Registration – 301 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – 612 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, July 3

Independence Day Observed – College Closed

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day – College Closed

Sunday, July 5

No Events Scheduled