MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

July 5, 2010

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, July 5

Independence Day Observed – College Closed

Tuesday, July 6

12:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
5:00pm Student Services Freshman Orientation – IT – King Hall Gym/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, July 7

9:00am to 3:00pm Blood Drive–King Hall Gym/BX
1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – 307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Academic Technology Committee – TBA/BX
3:00pm EASE Conversation Partners – 515 Main Hall/NR
3:00pm Weight Watchers – 107 Milavec Hall/NR
6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, July 8

Noon Bachelor's Program Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Student Services Freshman Orientation – Culinary and BP – King Hall Gym/BX
12:15pm Bronx Honors Student Board – 203 King Hall/BX
2:00pm International Coffee Hour – International Student Center – Main Hall/NR
2:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, July 9

9:00am Student Services Freshman Orientation – Criminal Justice – King Hall Gym/BX

Saturday, July 10

10:30am Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

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Extend the Monroe Family
Share the Spirit!

Monroe students know the value of a college education better than anyone, how it can change a life and forge a future of success. Also, many students learn about the opportunities at Monroe through a relative, friend, or colleague who had attended before them. Therefore, it's time for current students to share that same Monroe sprit and extend the Monroe family by bringing in someone who can also benefit from a college education to Monroe.

On Tuesday, July 20 from 9am to 7pm, Monroe campuses in the Bronx and New Rochelle will be having special Open House sessions for current students and their friends to sample classes, meet professors, and participate in walking tours of the unique Monroe campuses.

"There's an unmistakable community sprit at Monroe borne of hard work and positive results," said Vice President of Student Affairs **Roberta Greenberg**. "So you probably couldn't find a more valuable gift for friends or loved ones than helping them get on a path to education and success so they can improve their lives."

In fact, that's exactly what happened to **Shanette Smith**, a CJ major who was encouraged to come to Monroe by her mother, a former student. "Everyone here is so friendly and is willing to help, so you don't feel alone or lost," Shanette said, "and that's exactly what my mother told me about Monroe!"

For more information about the Open House events on the Bronx and New Rochelle campuses call 800-55-MONROE or RSVP at monroecollegefamily.com. ■

***Share the Spirit* Open House – July 20 from 9:00am – 7:00pm**
RSVP at www.monroecollegefamily.com

ALUMNI

■ Alum of the Month

It took **Sophia Facey** a few years to realize that her twin passions, travel and event planning, could be a path to a fulfilling career. She graduated from the New Rochelle campus in 1996 with a degree in Computer Science. Several years later she worked at UBS Investment Bank as an Exchange Trade Derivatives Specialist and as a Facility Coordinator at Liberty International Underwriters.

"I have always enjoyed travelling and event planning. When I recognized my passion, I did some research, and landed in the travel industry. So while working full time in the financial industry, I worked for approximately three years on a part-time basis as a travel agent. A little over two years ago, I purchased a franchise and acquired my certifications and licenses. This gave me the opportunity to work directly with top level executives and gain first-hand knowledge of what goes on in the industry."

Last fall, Sophia worked with the Monroe College Alumni Association and planned an overnight "Cruise to Nowhere" on the *Norwegian Gem*.

Sophia is married and has two teenage boys. She is fortunate that the whole family enjoys travelling on the trips she plans.

When asked for advice to give to future graduates, she conjures up something she once heard, "Your personality shapes your brand, values, integrity, core beliefs and ethics. Think about what inspires and motivates you. Wrap this around your brand story, it will be your brand for life."

■ On Thursday, June 10th, 40 graduates and their families went on a tour of N.Y.C. sponsored by the Alumni Association. Professor **Susan Zuckerman** of the Honors Program was the tour guide for the day. The highlights included visiting Harlem, The World Trade Center site, Times Square, Battery Park City, and Strawberry Fields in Central Park.

According to **Leslie Jerome**, the Director of Alumni Relations, "Susan is a wealth of information about the history of New York. She can show you places you would never find on your own. You learn about the incredible history of the places you visit."

For more information about the Alumni Association visit www.monroecollege.edu/alumni. ■

BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING

■ From June 16–18, Monroe College NABA students were in Houston, Texas for the 39th Annual NABA (National Association of Black Accountants) National Convention and Expo.

As part of the activities, students had job interviews with a number of prestigious companies including GE Capital and Price Waterhouse Coopers. There was also instant payoff as **Jerome Coutou**, a recent MBA grad, was hired by J.P. Morgan Chase.

Professor Max Torres was one of the presenters at the Business-to-Business Breakfast Forum.

Also, two weeks ago at the NABA Regional Dinner, Monroe College NABA Student Chapter President-elect **Allecia Gordon** received a $1,000 scholarship from Goldman Sachs.

■ On Monday, June 14 Professor **Max Torres** and Admission Counselor **Anthony Camacho** participated in a Senior Awards Convocation for Mount Vernon High School where more than 250 college-bound seniors were honored for academic excellence. Several students, including some who were Monroe Jump Start students, received scholarships from various organizations and educational CBO's. Four of the students who have 3.3 GPA's and will be attending Monroe in the fall received certificates and were given Monroe scholarships.

■ On June 23, three entrepreneurs shared their career experiences and offered advice and encouragement to a packed house of attentive Business and Accounting students in "A Day in the Life of...," an on-going series sponsored by the School of Business and Accounting and the OCA. The guest panelists from major financial companies gave students a chance to hear from them, ask questions, and learn more about the real world of finance.

■ On February 25, students from Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), National Assn. of Black Accountants (NABA), and National Black MBA Assn.(NBMNAA) were recognized for their accomplishments this past academic year at a luncheon reception on the Bronx campus. The students spoke about their life-changing experiences since enrolling at Monroe and their pride in representing the College at competitions and conferences for their respective organizations. ■

ACTIVITIES

■ On Saturday, June 12th, the Office of Residence Life sponsored a barbecue for housing students.

Thanks to the amazing cafeteria staff and **Chef Vincent**, the day was a complete success! There was an overwhelming turnout and everyone got to enjoy the beautiful spring weather, listen to music, play outdoor games, and enjoy the fantastic food and ice cream.

■ On Wednesday, June 16th, the Office of Residence Life and Campus Activities Co-sponsored a trip to Grand Prix in Mount Kisco, New York for an afternoon of go-kart racing and the opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other and work together in teams in an off-campus event. The students got dressed in full gear for the race and were placed in teams of three. The race was 60 minutes from start to finish and the go-karts reached speeds of up to 35 MPH. Everyone involved had a fantastic time and there will be another Monroe Grand Prix again next semester. For more information contact the Office of Residence Life.

■ **English Academy**
For Students in EN 070 or EN 072
August 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th from
Time: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

■ **Math Academy**
For Students in MA042
August 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th
from 9:00am – 12:00pm or
6:00pm – 9:00pm

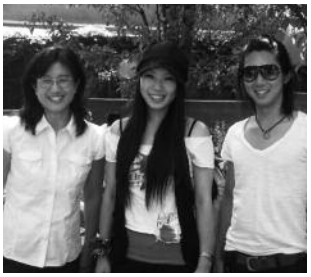
All classes in Milavec Hall. Register at the front desk of the Learning Center, Allison Hall Ext. 6426 or email jdavid@monroecollege.edu with your Name, Student ID, Preferred Session, and Phone Contact.

■ Monroe College staff and students attended the African American Festival on Sunday at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla on Sunday, June 27. **Nedra Brien**, the

Outreach Coordinator in the Admissions Department, and other attendees not only enjoyed the music, vendors, and entertainment, but also talked with other guests about the value of a real world education.

■ Monroe Academics is hosting the *Language at Lunch* series through the summer to explore different cultural themes. On Thursday, June 24, the theme was Japanese and featured a variety of Japanese food along with a language lesson by some Japanese students, and an origami lesson.

The next *Language at Lunch* will be on July 8 with Puerto Rican food and a Turkish lunch on July 22nd. The lunches will be from 12pm to 1pm. For more information, contact **Maureen Reville** in Main Hall. ■



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On Friday, June 18th, 2010, Professors **Shantanu Bhagoji** and **Jacqueline Shaw** took a group of students to the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria Queens, which is right across the street from "Sesame Street" and "Nurse Jackie" TV productions.

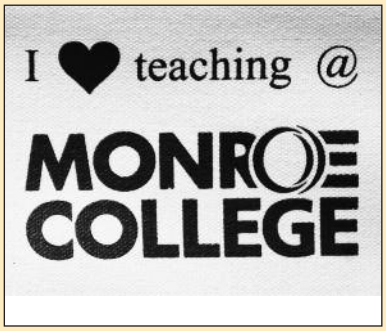
In addition to a museum tour, they talked about old movies and had a discussion on how motion, objects and illusion play an important role in animation as part of an interface with the video game workshop that followed. The students used various gaming software and the experience was an effective intro to further study of the very popular field of video game creation. ■

FACULTY

On Tuesday, June 29, Monroe College faculty were shown some love on Faculty Appreciation Day. There were luncheons and dinners on both campuses as well as a special video featuring students talking about their favorite Monroe professors.

"My professors are always there to help me," said **Raven Herbert**, a CJ major. "They allow me to contact them even when they're away from school so I can ask about homework and other course material," she said.

"That's exactly what makes Monroe faculty so special," said Asst. VP for Academics **Jeff Wallis**, who hosted the proceedings on the Bronx campus. "They don't teach head-to-head, but they teach heart-to-heart." ■



COURSE EVALUATIONS

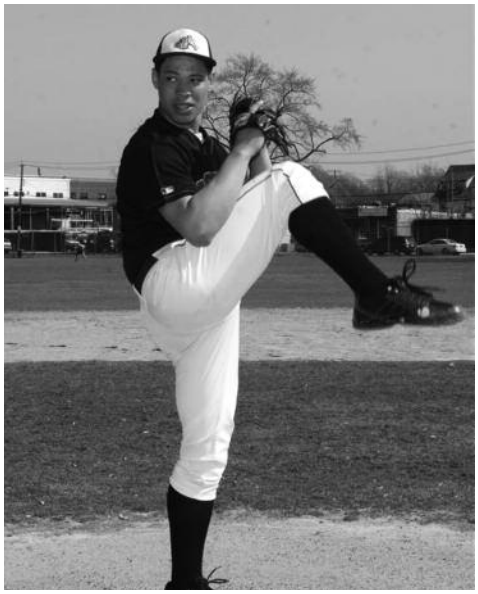
From Tuesday, July 6 through Sunday, July 25, students will have a chance to provide valuable feedback on their instructors and their courses. Students can access **EvaluationKit** forms for all spring 2010 courses from any computer, anywhere, at anytime. To participate (and EVERY student should!) visit My Monroe and you'll be able to log in beginning July 6. ■

ATHLETICS

Monroe Baseball Players Play On!

Monroe pitcher **Felix Lopez** has been selected for the Junior Olympic Team. Lopez will also be playing on Staten Island Tides of the ACBL (Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League) along with Mustangs **Jorge Navarette** and former Mustang **Jonathan Gonzalez**.

Shortstop **Keith Herring** and P/OF **John Apostolo** will be playing together on the Utica Brewers of the Eastern Collegiate Baseball League.



Jorge Navarette

Keith Herring

Track Champ to Run at Monroe!

Head track and field coach Mark Goodman is excited about bringing **Shamel Williams** of the Newburgh Free Academy to Monroe. Recently, Williams relay team broke the meet record at the NY State Championships in the 4x400 with a time of 3:13.96. His team went on to win the National Championships in that event. Shamel's relay split was a lightning fast 48.0 seconds.

Williams was also the Sectional champ in the triple jump with a jump of 44' 9".

We're excited about having Shamel on the Monroe track team this fall," said Coach Goodman. "With the success we had in last year's nationals, adding a proven winner like Shamel should help propel us to even greater heights."

Like all Monroe track athletes, Shamel will train for all the seasons, indoor, outdoor and cross country. Monroe Track and field is moving up to Division I in the fall. ■

Calendar of Events

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Sunday, July 11

No Events Scheduled

Monday, July 12

6:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – 401 King Hall/BX

Tuesday, July 13

12:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

5:00pm Student Services Freshman Orientation – Medical – King Hall Gym/BX

6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, July 14

1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation – 307 King Hall/BX

3:00pm Weight Watchers – 107 Milavec Hall/NR

3:00pm EASE Conversation Partners – 515 Main Hall/NR

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

Thursday, July 15

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

Noon Student Services Freshman Orientation – Business Accounting – King Hall Gym/BX

2:00pm International Coffee Hour – International Student Center – Main Hall/NR

2:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

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

4:30pm Honors Board Meeting – TBA – TBA

6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, July 16

10:00am Faculty Professional Development Presentation – Online Faculty (Elluminate/ANGEL 7.4 – Intermediate) – **Virtual Workshop – Faculty Participate from Home/BX & NR**

Saturday, July 17

9:30am Microsoft Office – Office Integration (Basic/ Intermediate) – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

10:00am Faculty Professional Development Presentation – Online Faculty (Elluminate/ANGEL 7.4 – Intermediate) – **Virtual Workshop – Faculty Participate from Home/BX & NR**

10:30am Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall – BX

Sunday, July 18

No Events Scheduled

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