MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

July 26, 2010

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 26

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

Tuesday, July 27

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

TBA Teen Cooking Workshop Conducted by Dean Frank Costantino – New Rochelle Public Library/NR

Noon New York State Finance Recruiting – 105 Ustin Hall/BX

Noon Medical Assistant Luncheon – Annex/BX

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

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

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

Wednesday, July 28

FINAL EXAMS

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

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

Thursday, July 29

FINAL EXAMS

Student Financial Aid Counselors Not Available /BX & NR

Noon Student Services Freshman Orientation – Medical – King Hall Gym/BX

Noon Professional Development Seminar on Enrollment Management Strategy – TBA/NR

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

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

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

TBA Veterans' Information Session – TBA/BX

Friday, July 30

FINAL EXAMS

9:00am Security Guard Training – TBA/BX

Saturday, July 31

FINAL EXAMS

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

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School of I.T. Internships and Projects: *A Way of Life!*

Originally established as a complement to an already varied curriculum, the School of Information Technology's internship requirement is fast becoming a defining educational experience. Also, IT students are at the center of an incredible array of community projects that not only support worthwhile organizations, but are providing Monroe students with unmatched real world experience.

"The list of internships is impressive," said Dean **Janice Girardi**. "We've had students at corporations like MTV, MSG, the United Nations, Bloomberg LLP, and the March of Dimes. As a result students have gotten a priceless taste of the real world of IT while they're still in school and in some cases, the internships have led directly to employment."

As a prime example Dean Girardi pointed to a student who will soon begin working full time at the United Nations.

As for the projects, the unique intergenerational computing project at the United Hebrew Geriatric Center is now being duplicated at the Henry Street settlement with ITSA (Information Technology Students Association) and NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) students helping seniors who are homebound, setup and use computers, as well as aiding seniors at the center's computer lab.

Similarly, the project at Bronx House in which Monroe students setup a computer center literally from scratch is now expanding as Professor **Abdel Kmir**'s Wireless Technology class is in the process of installing WIFI throughout the community center.

"The importance of these enhancements to classroom education can't be overstated," said Dean Girardi. "Every one of the students who participates in an internship or an outreach project has a distinct advantage when it comes to launching their career when they graduate. And isn't that exactly what Monroe College is all about?" ■

For more information on the School of IT call 646-393-8355 or email jgirardi@monroecollege.edu

ACTIVITIES

■ On June 30, the King Graduate School and the Alumni Association teamed up with the National Society of Hispanic MBAs to host a panel presentation on "Social Media: A Guide to Personal Branding."

Louis Pagan, co-founder of LatISM (Latins in Social Media), spoke about the lack of representation of Latinos at national forums on social media (Facebook, Twitter, blogging, etc.). Panel Moderator **Reina Valenzuela** shared her passion about how Latinos and all other population groups can build their community using social media skills.

"This event enabled our MBA students to become better-versed in social media networking skills from a group of panelists particularly sensitive to the needs of our students," said **Leslie Jerome**, Director of Alumni Relations.

■ On July 9, the Monroe College Student Leadership club that helps organize events and support various college functions went on their spring semester retreat to the YMCA in Frost Valley. There they worked on various leadership skills and activities to help sculpt their trust and work ethic with one another.

"The retreat brought us together not only as a group but as a family. We grew stronger together as well as individually, learning about what may be holding us back and the potential we each have to becoming leaders," said **Shanette Smith**, one of the student leaders.

■ On Friday, July 9th, the Office of Residence Life sponsored a trip to the NY Aquarium in Brooklyn, NY. The students and staff had a great day and were able to see the feeding of the penguins, the shark exhibit, a brand new 4D show, and a wonderful Sea Lion Show.

■ On July 9, the Monroe College SIFE Money Making Matters team began what will be a six-week financial literacy program at the Bracey House Projects Day Program for Children, located directly across from Allison Hall. The program teaches children between the ages of 6–14 how to properly utilize money and the importance of saving and budgeting and give them a better understanding of how to save and manage their money wisely.

■ After almost twenty years, revered Business Professor **Sandi Peduto** will be retiring. A devoted member of the faculty, Professor Peduto will be missed. The entire college community wishes her well and thanks her for her tireless work on behalf of Monroe College.

■ On Thursday, July 15 a group of students toured at the United Nations along with the Worldview Mission Association. In addition to learning about the organization, they viewed the General Assembly Hall and participated in a unique roundtable discussion with Ambassador **Henry L. Mac-Donald** of the Mission of Suriname and Youth Leader **John H. Boyd** III of "FIRE" in Dept. Worldview Mission Association.

■ On Thursday, July 15, the Academics and the International Office joined forces for their second *Language at Lunch* event featuring a Spanish-language lunch. The food was delicious and everyone left with Spanish phrases to use. The last *Language at Lunch* of the semester will be on the final day of classes, Tuesday, July 27th, at noon in the Main Hall courtyard, featuring Turkish food and language. Everyone's invited!

■ On July 16, a number of Monroe faculty and staff attended a celebration in honor of Dr. **Karenann Carty** on her recent accomplishment in earning an Ed.D degree in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania. The event was hosted by some of the men who participated in her doctoral research. Congratulations!

■ On Monday, July 19, the Monroe College School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts presented one of the highlights on the culinary calendar: *A Chef's Legacy — the 5th Annual Craig Rutman Memorial Scholarship Dinner* in the Culinary Arts Center in New Rochelle. The theme was "Taste of the Mediterranean" and food preparations were made by Dean **Frank Costantino**, the members of the 2006 ACF team that won the state championship with a four-course Mediterranean menu, and Monroe culinary students. Also, the School of Hospitality's Conventions and Banquets classes had a major role in planning and managing the event.

Dolce Sarde, fine Italian wine importers of Greenwich, Ct., sponsored the wine bars, donating all the wines used during the festivities and offered tastings and explanations of the wines.

A Chef's Legacy honors the memory of Chef **Craig Rutman**, Monroe's first Director of Culinary Arts and raises funds for Monroe College students who will be participating in the Study Abroad Program in Italy.

■ On Tuesday, July 20, the School of Business and Accounting recognized students who recently became eligible for induction in the Business Honors Societies: Sigma Beta Delta (Bachelor's), and Alpha Beta Gamma (Associate). ■

VETERANS

■ It's important that those who serve our country have access to the best education the US has to offer. Please refer a Veteran to the college Veterans Office. Send the name, phone number and email address of a Veteran to veterans@monroecollege.edu or call (646) 393-8470. Prizes will be given to the the most referrals of Veterans who become Monroe students.

■ The SVA — Student Veterans of America — will meet EVERY Thursday during Club hours Noon–1300 in the Admissions Office in King Hall. All Vets/students SHOULD attend!! ■

ENGLISH

■ Finalists, faculty, and friends gathered on July 15 in King Hall to hear readings by the winning writers who participated in the 13th Annual English Department Writing Contest.

Winners this year were **Abdule K. Soale**, first place winner in short prose; **Theresa C. Paris Rodney**, second place winner in prose; **Tara Torres**, first place in poetry; **Kathryn A. Cordero**, second place poetry winner; and **Erinne Perry** won honorable mention for her poem.

First and second place winners in each category are awarded certificates and a generous gift card from Barnes & Noble. The winning poems and prose works will be published in the Fall, 2010, edition of *Creative Campus*.

■ Students in EN 070 or EN 072 who want to brush up on their skills to test into College-Level English for Fall 2010 can attend the English Academy in Milavec Hall on August 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th from 4pm – 7pm.

If you can't make that session there will be second sessions on August 23, 24, 25, 26 from 9:00am – 12:00pm or 2:00pm–5:00pm. You can register at the front desk in the Allison Hall Learning Center at EXT 6426, or email jdavid@monroecollege.edu with your name, Student ID, Phone Number, and which session you're interested in. Registering ahead of time is highly recommended. ■

FINANCIAL AID

Coming this September, the Office of Student Financial Services will have a Facebook page. Keep up to date with deadlines, calendar of events, what's happening with financial aid/bursar on federal, state and school levels, counselor information, etc. There will also be forms, links, FAQ's and other information that could be helpful and vital to you. Once it launches, become a Facebook friend so you can stay on top of your financial aid. ■

Find us on Facebook

ALUMNI

The Monroe College Alumni Association is sponsoring the annual Cruise-To-Nowhere on the beautiful Carnival Cruise Lines on October 14–16. All members of the Monroe College Community are invited.

For more details contact Sophiaf@att.blackberry.net or visit the Alumni office for more details ■

OCA

July is "on–campus recruitment" month at the OCA. On July 27th at 12:00, Lowe's will be in West Hall room 919 to interview for retail store management positions. At 12:00, the NYS Dept. Tax & Finance will be in Ustin Hall, room 105 to interview for Tax Auditors. Come to the OCA for more info and to have your resume approved. ■

The *Weekly Observer* accepts materials from the Monroe College Community. Please send all submissions to weeklyobserver@monroecollege.edu. The *Weekly Observer* is written by **Gary Axelbank**, Director of Public Relations, edited by **Dr. Donald E. Simon**, Assistant Vice President for Governmental Affairs, and is designed by Harquin Creative Group.

ATHLETICS

Former Monroe Mustangs standout basketball player and University of Idaho signee **Djim Bandoumel** was one of 14 players named to the 2010 Canadian Development Men's National Team.

Bandoumel will play in a series of exhibition games against other international teams with the DMNT this month.

"Djim brings athleticism, length and experience to our program," Idaho head coach **Don Verlin** said. "We are extremely excited to have him a part of the Idaho family and proud of his opportunity to compete for his home country."

This season at Monroe, Djim averaged 9.8 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game and helped lead the Mustangs to a 29–8 overall record, Region 15 and District III titles, and a seventh-place finish at the NJCAA national tournament. ■

Djim Bandoumel

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Sunday, August 1

9:00 to 2:00 Sunday Resource Locations and Lab Hours – Accounting/Finance – 103 Ustin Hall/BX

Monday, August 2

FINAL EXAMS

Tuesday, August 3

FINAL EXAMS

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

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

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

Wednesday, August 4

10:00am Grades Due

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

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

6:00pm School of Information Technology Advisory Board Meeting – King Hall Conference Room/BX

Thursday, August 5

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

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

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

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

Friday, August 6

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

Saturday, August 7

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

Sunday, August 8

No Events Scheduled