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September 15, 2008

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 15

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, September 16

Noon New Adjunct Faculty Orientation—

Milavec Hall/NR

Noon Voter Registration Drive—

Courtyard/NR

7:00pm Volleyball vs Hostos—Hostos 7:30pm Soccer vs Rockland—Home

(Purchase)

Wednesday, September 17

CONSTITUTION DAY

2:30pm Academic Management Group/BX TBA Honors Contract defense Meeting/NR

Thursday, September 18

Noon New Adjunct Faculty Orientation—

Academic Office/BX

2:30pm Weight Watchers—227 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Salsa Mixer—King Hall Gym/BX
3:30pm Soccer vs Westchester—Home

Friday, September 19

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, September 20

9:00am Jumpstart Testing and Registration—

King Hall Gym/BX

Noon Volleyball vs Westchester—Dutchess 1:15pm Volleyball vs Dutchess—Dutchess 7:00pm Soccer vs Dutchess—Home

Sunday, September 21

No Events Scheduled

Monday, September 22

6:30pm Soccer vs Globe—Home

Tuesday, September 23

11:30am Club Fair—King Hall Gym/BX Noon Professional Development

Workshop—Getting Students to Think Critically—108 Milavec Hall/NR

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Freshman Day: An Inspiration!

Inspired by the words of President Stephen Jerome and other Monroe administrators, more than 700 freshmen filled the King Hall gym in two separate sessions on Thursday, September 4 to launch their college careers.

Making a number of salient points about the crucial role higher education can play in a

person's life, President Jerome urged freshman to make the most of the opportunity before them.



"If you're sitting next to someone in class who is not doing the right thing," he advised, "change your seat! Get to know your professors; they can help you get where you want to be."

President Jerome also talked about choices in his own past and how those relate directly to decisions

Monroe freshmen will be making.

Other presentations were made by Vice Presidents Roberta Greenberg and Stephen Waldow, OCA Dean Carol Genese, and Director of Public Relations Gary Axelbank.

Vice President Greenberg played the 2008 Graduation highlight film as moti-

vation for the freshman. "Visualize yourself in a video like this on your graduation day," she said. "On Thursday, June 3, 2010, we'll be taking pictures and video of YOU!"

Good luck Monroe College freshman! ■

The King Graduate School, Bachelor's Program, and Online Learning also kicked off the Fall Semester with special events. See page 4.

STUDENTS

■ Kristy Richardson, who received her Bachelor's Degree in CJ in Spring '08 has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue further studies in England.



Iacinth Freckleton

On June 5, 2008 at the National Association of Black Accountants, New York Chapter 28th Annual Scholarship and Award Gala, MBA student Jacinth Freckleton was awarded the "Chronicles Most Contributing Collaborator Award".

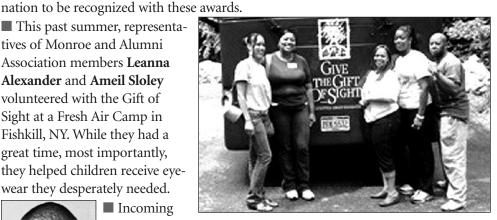


Richardson

■ The American hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation has awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to four Monroe Hospitality students, Stephanie Gonzalez, Julio Morello, Santo Davera, Jr., and Oliva Ledesma. Monroe was one of only 33 colleges in the

■ This past summer, representatives of Monroe and Alumni Association members **Leanna** Alexander and Ameil Sloley volunteered with the Gift of Sight at a Fresh Air Camp in Fishkill, NY. While they had a great time, most importantly, they helped children receive eve-

wear they desperately needed.





Luis Rodriguez

Incoming

freshman, Hospitality major Luis Rodriguez, coordinated all the food preparation and ran the Bar-B-Q for the Bissel Gardens Eating Healthy –Living Healthy event that was held in the northeast Bronx over the summer.

■ On August 17 at Flushing Meadow Park, two Monroe students **Ephraim Zamora** and **Daniel Gautreau**, participated in *Junta* Hispana, a national event that celebrates the cultures, traditions,

heritage, food, dance, music, art, customs and people of 20 Spanish-speaking countries. Led by Monroe adjunct professor Johanna Espinosa, the two students experienced "Event Marketing" and were involved in the logistics of the event, including stage assistance, set up, sampling, and much more.

STUDENT LIFE

On Thursday, July 31 Student Life hosted the Fourth Annual Spring Poetry Slam. Seven competitors faced off in three elimination rounds. In the end our POETRY SLAM champions were **Orande Baltimore** (Bronx Poet) in first place, Yvan Mendoza (New Rochelle Poet) in second place, Rashad Champaine (Bronx Poet) in third place.



ST. LUCIA CAMPUS

On August 9 and 10, Monroe's St. Lucia campus held its graduation weekend for 40 graduates. The festivities began on Friday evening with the Graduation Gala at the Sandals resort. Vice President **Anthony Allen** spoke as did St. Lucia Deans Ramesh Sinanan and Bill McDonald. After the award ceremony, dancing continued late into the night.

The weekend culminated with Sunday's fabulous graduation with more than 400 people in attendance. There was also local media present to hear remarks by Monroe dignitaries as well as the St Lucia Prime Minister, the Minister of Education, and a member of the local Monroe advisory board. The guest speaker was the U.S. Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean, Mary Ourisman.

After the ceremony there were a number of festivities including a dinner with the Ambassador, Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Attorney General, Minster of Transportation, and a few other St. Lucia dignitaries.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, September 16 beginning at noon in the New Rochelle courtyard.

MONRO COLLEGE

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 The Harquin Group.

ALUMNI

The Alumni Association is making an effort to help the more than 250 million people who suffer from poor vision by partnering with the GIFT OF SIGHT organization. It's an effort to donate used eyeglasses that are cleaned, repaired and hand-delivered to those in need. There are GIFT OF SIGHT receptacles at each Monroe campus. Alumni also contacted businesses and local opticians so that used eyeglasses can be donated at those locations as well. The initial effort, during the summer months, yielded over 150 pairs of glasses. In honor of the 75th anniversary of the college, the Alumni Association has set a goal of 750 donated eyeglasses by the end of 2008.



OCA

The Office of Career Advancement (OCA) extends a warm welcome to all new students and 'welcome back' to all those returning.

Now is the perfect time to get acquainted with your advisors and the many services that are available at OCA. They can help you fine tune your resume, polish your interview skills with a mock interview, and assist with all of your career-planning needs this semester. Stop by for a snack and enter to win a raffle prize at the OCA OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, September 18th from 12:00—3:00pm at the OCA office in the Bronx and New Rochelle.

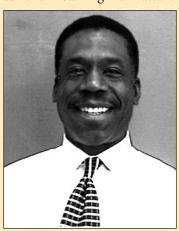
The New Rochelle campus will be the site of the annual PART-TIME JOB FAIR on Thursday, October 2nd, from 4:30—6:30pm. Resumes and professional attire are required. Look for the Job Fair Success Workshops that will precede the event. Attendance is highly recommended...those who attend the workshops frequently get jobs! Visit OCA on both campuses for more information about the Part-Time Job Fair.

Also, please note that the biggest fair ever...THE OCA COLLEGE-WIDE JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 from 4 p.m. − 6:30 p.m. Check the Monroe web site for information about the workshops on both campuses that will help prep for the event. ■

NEW MONROE FACES

■ Erin Bernstein—Controller

The college's new controller is the affable **Erin Bernstein**, who had been the controller for the district partnership Division at Edison Schools as well as the CFO at Atrium staffing Manhattan.



Walter Eddie

"My passion is education and I've missed being part of it," she said. "My job is to insure that Monroe continues to maximize resources so that our students can be successful."

■ Walter Eddie — Executive Director of Student and Residence Life

Walter Eddie comes to Monroe after many years with the Boys Club of New York facility in Harlem and as Executive Director of the Walt Frazier Foundation.



Erin Bernstein

"This is really right in line with what I've always done and that is helping young people succeed and develop themselves," he said. And let's face it, starting this position at the beginning of the semester when we're so busy has given me a real sense of purpose here at Monroe!"

ATHLETICS

Support Monroe Athletics!

■ Men's Soccer Home games are played at SUNY Purchase.

DAY	DATE	VS.	TIME
Tue	9/16/08	Rockland CC	7:30pm
Thu	9/18/08	Westchester CC	3:30pm
Sat	9/20/08	Dutchess CC	7:00pm
Mon	9/22/08	Globe	6:30pm
Wed	9/24/08	ВМСС	4:00pm
Mon	9/29/08	Bronx CC	7:30pm
Thu	10/02/08	Kingsboro CC	7:30pm
Thu	10/09/08	Queensboro CC	8:00pm
Thu	10/16/08	ASA	7:30pm

■ Women's Volleyball home games are in the King Hall gym.

DAY	DATE	vs.	TIME
Tue	9/23/08	Bronx CC	7:00pm
Tue	9/30/08	Rockland CC	7:00pm
Tue	10/07/08	Hostos CC	7:00pm

STUDY ABROAD

Over the Labor Day weekend, 18 Culinary students left to spend the semester in Italy as part of the Study Abroad Program. The students are currently studying in the south of Italy and they will move on to the north to Ferrara in about five weeks and then study at the famed Academy Barilla in Parma for the last leg of their 15-week study abroad journey. ■

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

■ The King Graduate School, Bronx Bachelor's program, and Online Learning held their new students orientation events on Tuesday, September 9.

More than 140 new



MBA students participated in the Orientation dinner at the elegant Davenport Club in New Rochelle.

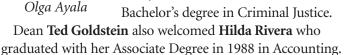
■ The Bronx Bachelor's orientation dinner in the King Hall gym was attended by more than 200 students.

Of particular note were students who returned to Monroe after decades away. Theo Woods graduated with an AOS degree in Accounting/Data Processing back in 1978. He is

now returning to Monroe to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Theo currently works for a CPA firm in Manhattan and after

many years has decided his Bachelor's Degree will be good for career advancement.

Olga Ayala, who was last at Monroe in 1984, returned to Monroe to earn her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.





learning held a Meet

Hilda Rivera

and Greet for new students in the King Hall Conference room on the same night. Students got a chance to interact and also to meet some of the people who will help them navigate the online systems through the semester.

Calendar of Events

5:15pm

12:05pm SGS Team Meeting—307 King Hall/BX Volleyball vs Bronx—Home 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 24

On-line Learning Open House-Monroe Hal/BX Academic Technology Meeting/BX 2:30pm 4:00pm Soccer vs BMCC-Home

> **Professional Development** Workshop—Getting Students to Think Critically—108 Milavec Hall/NR

TBA Honors Research Workshop/NR

Thursday, September 25

Noon Professional Development Workshop—Getting Students to Think Critically—501 Jerome Hall/BX Weight Watchers—227 King Hall/BX

Association of Proprietary Colleges meeting— Desmond Hotel—Albany, New York

Friday, September 26

Professional Development Workshop—ANGEL CNS and Gradebook—501 Jerome Hall/BX

Association of Proprietary Colleges meeting-Desmond Hotel—Albany, New York

Saturday, September 27

9:00am Jumpstart Classes Begin/BX Jumpstart Parent Breakfast—King Hall 9:00am

Gym/BX

Volleyball vs Orange—Ulster Noon 1:15pm Volleyball vs Ulster—Ulster

2:30pm New Adjunct Faculty Orientation—501

Jerome Hall/BX

Sunday, September 28

No Events Scheduled