MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

September 13, 2010

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 13

8:30am–7:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
Noon Laser Tag – King Hall Gym/BX
3:00pm Student Services New Student Orientation – 413 King Hall/BX
6:00pm SGS New Student Orientation – TBA/BX
F. Costantino and Monroe Faculty-Alumni Compete in USA Cup Culinary Competition – Orlando, FL

Tuesday, September 14

8:30am–7:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
Noon Hypnotist – King Hall Gym/BX
12:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
3:30pm F-1 Student Orientation and Welcome Social (new International Students) – Residence Inn/NR
4:00pm Women's Soccer vs Sussex CC/Sussex CC
6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
F. Costantino and Monroe Faculty-Alumni Compete in USA Cup Culinary Competition – Orlando, FL

Wednesday, September 15

8:30am–7:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
Noon Salsa Coffee House Act – JAG/BX
2:30pm Academic Management Group – 301 West Hall/BX
7:00pm Volleyball vs Bronx CC/Bronx CC

Thursday, September 16

8:30am–7:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
Noon Career Advancement Open House – Main Hall/NR
Noon SHMCA Incoming and Returning Scholarship Students Meeting – Courtyard/NR
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm Writing Across the Curriculum Consulting Committee – 501 Jerome Hall/BX
4:00pm Women's Soccer vs Westchester CC – Westchester CC
6:30pm Men's Soccer vs Westchester CC/City Park
6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

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IT'S ACADEMIC!

New Academic Center Welcomes the Fall Semester

There's a gorgeous new Academic Center on the New Rochelle campus that reflects the college's continued emphasis on high academic standards. As you enter Main Hall, look to your left and you'll see the Academic Center (AC) that provides the space, technology, and human resources to reinforce classroom learning and enrich each student's educational experience.

"The new AC is a place where students, faculty and staff will gather to address the college's most vital goal — providing an excellent teaching and learning environment" said Dean Karenann Carty. "Along with available tutors and other academic support systems, students will have access to the latest technology."

The AC features individual and small group tutoring stations, plus workshop and conference areas for study groups and support services. Also housed in the AC are offices for the campus academic administration and general education faculty.

Services available for students in the AC include peer tutoring, professional and targeted tutoring, math clinics, general academic support services, and academic integrity seminars.

The AC also provides faculty with a place to meet to discuss educational issues, collaborate on projects, and share best practices to enhance instructional effectiveness. Adjunct faculty members are encouraged to utilize computers for their course planning and administrative responsibilities and to meet with students one-on-one or in small groups.

The AC will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 10:00pm, Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. ■

For information on academic support in the Bronx, see page 2

Strachan *Guerrero* *Liburd*

HOSPITALITY

Three Monroe students were awarded scholarships from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation based on their GPA, overall personality, success in the classroom, and community involvement. Congratulations to **Shanae Strachan, Veronica Guerrero**, and **Nicole Liburd**! ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

The bachelor's program new student orientation dinner on September 1 was attended by approximately 200 new Bronx bachelor's students, including those going right from their associate program, transfer students, and returning associate grads. One who is returning to Monroe from the early 80's was **Teresa Wright**, who currently works for the Department of New York Parks and Recreation. OCA Dean **Carol Genese** offered encouragement about careers and President **Stephen Jerome** spoke about the need for higher education in today's competitive world. ■

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KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

■ In July, the Westchester Greater Connecticut Chapter of the National Black MBA Association volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford on their Health & Wellness Summit to help the community deal with Childhood Obesity & Juvenile Diabetes and a variety of other issues.

■ In August, they participated in a networking event called *How to Own Your Career* which provided information on personal marketing, use of social media and networking, and other methods for career advancement. ■

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Training for Microsoft Office
Jerome Hall, Room 501

PowerPoint (Basic)
September 25 . . . . . .10am–12pm

Excel (Basic/Intermediate)
October 4 . . . . . 2–4pm

Excel (Advanced)
October 15 . . . . . .10am–12pm

PowerPoint (Basic/Intermediate)
October 21 . . . . . 2–4pm

Microsoft Office Integration (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
November 5 . . . . . 9am–12pm

How to Write an Essay
King Hall, Room 214

Write a Fabulous Thesis Statement
September 15 . . . . . 2:30–3pm
September 15 . . . . . 4–4:30pm
September 18 . . . . . .11–11:30am

Introductions to Keep 'em Reading
September 22 . . . . . 2–2:30pm
September 22 . . . . . 4–4:30pm
September 25 . . . . . .11–11:30am

Supporting Ideas that Raise the Roof
September 29 . . . . . 2–2:30pm
September 29 . . . . . 4–4:30pm
October 2 . . . . . .11–11:30am

Conclusions to Die For
October 6 . . . . . 2–2:30pm
October 6 . . . . . 4–4:30pm
October 9 . . . . . .11–11:30am

Improve Your Grammar
King Hall, Room 214

September 15 . . . . . 2–2:30pm
November 1 . . . . . 2–2:30pm
September 20 . . . . . 4– 4:30pm
November 3 . . . . . 4– 4:30pm
September 25 . . . . .11:30am–12:00pm
November 13 . . . . . .11–11:30am
October 12 . . . . . 2:45–3:15pm
December 2 . . . . . 2:45–3:15pm
October 14 . . . . . 4– 4:30pm
December 7 . . . . . 4– 4:30pm
October 23 . . . . . .11–11:30am

How to Write a Research Paper

How to Research and Find the BEST Information — Monroe Library, Jerome Hall
September 27 . . . . . 2–3:30pm
September 30 . . . . . 2:45–4:15pm
October 2 . . . . . .10–11:30am

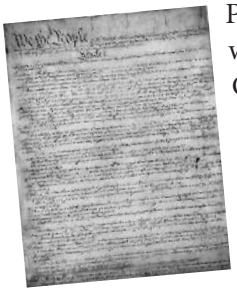
Organizing Your Information King Hall, Rm 214
October 5 . . . . . 2:45–4pm
October 8 . . . . . .10:30–11:45am
October 9 . . . . . .10:30–11:45am

Quoting, Paraphrasing, Summarizing, and Citations / King Hall, Rm 214
October 13 . . . . . 2–3:30pm
October 16 . . . . . .10–11:30am
October 19 . . . . . 2:45–4:15pm

Proper Documentation – Footnotes, Works Cited & References / King Hall, Rm 214
October 25 . . . . . 2–3:15pm
October 28 . . . . . 2:45– 4pm
October 30 . . . . . .10:30–11:45am

ACADEMICS

■ Throughout this week, all Intro to Political Science classes will be celebrating the Constitution Day.



As a result, those classes will have discussions on the relevance of the Constitution to many aspects of life and how many contemporary issues in business, politics, finance, banking, education, religion, immigration, taxation, housing, sexual relations and marriage seem replete with constitutional issues, "impacts," challenges, and decisions.

■ The latest edition of Creative Campus the college's student literary magazine is now available. Find it at the entrance to many college buildings. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Over the summer, Criminal Justice Professor **Alfred Medina** was part of a team of U.S. law enforcement trainers that conducted a use-of-force workshop for the Egyptian police. This workshop was sponsored by The Emergence Group, which is contracted by the U.S.

Government. The ultimate goal was to "collaboratively strive for professional excellence in global policing" by sharing strategies and experiences in use-of-force. The Egyptian police commanders in attendance were very professional and eager to compare law enforcement strategies. ■

WELCOME TO THE FALL SEMESTER!

Freshman Orientation

Bachelor's Orientation

King Graduate School Orientation

OCA

■ Stop by for a sweet snack and enter to win a raffle prize at the OCA open houses on Sept. 14 from 12–1pm at the BX OCA (West Hall, 4th floor) and Sept. 16 from 12–1pm at the NR OCA (Main Hall). While you're there, brush up your resume, polish your interview skills with a mock interview, and do some career-planning.

■ The annual Part-time Job Fair is on Sept. 30, from 4–6pm at the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle. Resumes and professional attire are required. Look for the Job Fair Success Workshops that will precede the fair. Attendance is highly recommended … those who attend the workshops usually get the jobs!

■ **The OCA College-Wide Job and Internship Fair** to be held on Oct. 20 from 4–6pm at the BX Campus. There will be full-time Job Fair Success Workshops at both campuses preceding this fair.

■ In conjunction with the OCA, H&R Block came to the Bronx campus on Sept. 8th to offer their $300 tax preparation course for FREE to all Monroe accounting and business students and graduates. The class consists of 84 hours of instruction, including interactive, professional discussions, one-on-one instructor assistance, hands on experience with the latest tax software, and real world tax preparation exercises.

Barry Greene, OCA Director said "H&R Block has provided this wonderful benefit to our students and graduates for the last seven years. The program offers our accounting and business students and grads not only the opportunity to learn tax preparation, but the possibility to interview and then be selected for a job at Block upon successful completion of the course. It also gives students the chance to help build their resume and prepare for a permanent job upon graduation. It is a win – win situation for the Monroe family, and for H&R Block." ■

H&R BLOCK

VETERANS

■ Welcome to all the Veterans who are attending Monroe College for the first time and to returning Veterans, welcome back! All Monroe veterans, whether active duty, or reservist & NYS NG should send an email to or call Chief **Allen Hansen**, Monroe's Director of Military and Veteran Affairs, or stop by his office on the first floor of King Hall to say hello.

■ The *Student Veterans of America* will be meeting on Sept. 16 from 1210-1300, in the Purple room in Admissions - King Hall. All Veterans, Reservists, NYS NG, and dependents using the GI Bill are encouraged to attend.

■ The Bronx is having a Veterans Parade and all Monroe College Veteran/students are invited to participate on Sept. 26. For more information contact Chief Hansen at Hansen@monroecollege.edu or 646-393-8567.

ATHLETICS

Beginning with the fall semester, three Monroe teams are being "rewarded" for last year's great seasons with stiffer competition in higher divisions. Men's soccer and the entire track and field and cross-country programs will move to Division I (they were Division III) and Lady Mustangs softball will now compete in Division II for the first time (they were Division III).

"This is what commitment to excellence is all about," said Athletic Director **Bert Shillingford**. "We keep setting the bar higher and higher and then we make the commitment to reaching it. Expect great things from Monroe Athletics this year!"

Monroe baseball and men's basketball will continue to compete in Division I and women's basketball and volleyball will once again play in Division II.

Here are home/local schedules for Monroe's teams for the month of September, so you can plan accordingly. You can be sure our athletes and coaches would love to have you root them on in person! ■

Women's Volleyball		
9/15	7pm	vs. Bronx CC @ Bronx CC
9/23	7pm	vs. Westchester CC @ Westchester CC
Women's Soccer		
9/16	4pm	vs. Westchester CC@ Westchester CC
9/18	5:30pm	vs. BMCC @ City Park, NR
9/21	6:30pm	vs. Suffolk Grant @ City Park, NR
Men's Soccer		
9/16	6:30pm	vs. Westchester CC @ City Park, NR
9/23	6:30pm	vs. ASA @ City Park, NR
9/28	6:30pm	vs. Rockland CC @ City Park, NR
Cross-Country		
9/18	10:30am	CW Post Invitational @ CW Post

For the latest information on Monroe's teams, become a Facebook fan of "Monroe College Athletics".

Calendar of Events

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Friday, September 17

9:00am–1:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
10:00am Professional Development – ANGEL 7.4 Using Rubrics – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
TBA Volleyball – Pasco Hernando Classic – Pasco Hernando, FL
7:00pm Movie Night – Off-Campus Event/BX

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur – Classes Meet as Scheduled
8:30am Jumpstart Testing/Registration – King Hall Gym/BX
9:00am–1:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
10:30am Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Sunday, September 19

TBA Volleyball – Pasco Hernando Classic – Pasco Hernando, FL
3:00pm Men's Soccer vs Massasoit CC – Massasoit CC
5:30pm Women's Soccer vs BMCC – City Park

Monday, September 20

9:00am–5:00pm Bookstore Sales – BX
Noon Airbrushed Shirts – King Hall Lobby/BX
5:00 Men's Soccer vs Manchester CC – Manchester CC

Tuesday, September 21

9:00am–6:30pm Bookstore Sales/BX
11:30am Club Fair – King Hall Gym/BX
Noon Professional Development – ANGEL 7.4 Assessments – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
3:00pm Writing and Communications Center Advisory Board – 501 Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Women's Soccer vs Suffolk Grant – City Park
7:00pm Volleyball vs Dutchess CC – Dutchess CC

Wednesday, September 22

9:00am–6:30pm Bookstore Sales/BX
2:00pm Voter Registration – King Hall Lobby/BX
2:00pm Club Leaders' Meeting – King Hall Conference Room/BX
3:00pm Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX

Thursday, September 23

9:00am–5:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
TBA Alumni Infusion – Annex/BX
11:00am Affinity Health Plan – King Hall Lobby/BX
Noon Professional Development – ANGEL 7.4 Assessments – 104 Milavec Hall/NR
2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX
4:30pm Women's Soccer vs Nassau CC – Nassau CC
6:30pm Men's Soccer vs ASA – City Park
7:00pm Volleyball vs Westchester CC – Westchester CC
9:00pm Start of Semester Dance – King Hall Gym/BX

Friday, September 24

9:00am–1:00pm Bookstore Sales/BX
10:00am Online Faculty – Elluminate/ANGEL 7.4 Mandatory – 711 Jerome Hall/BX

Saturday, September 25

8:30am Jumpstart Parent Orientation – King Hall Gym/BX
9:00am–1:00am Bookstore Sales/BX
9:00am Security Guard Training – TBA/BX
Noon Volleyball vs Orange CC – Orange CC
1:15pm Volleyball vs Ulster CC – Orange CC
2:00pm Roller Skating – Off-Campus Event/BX