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October 8, 2007

#### Calendar of Events

Monday, October 8

**COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATED - COLLEGE CLOSED** 

Tuesday, October 9

Noon Research Paper Workshop – 112

Milavec Hall /NR

12:10pm Student MS Office 2007 PowerPoint Training – 501

Jerome Hall/BX

12:10pm Poetry Club meeting – 201 King

Hall /BX

2:30pm Academic Meeting/NR

7:00pm Volleyball vs Hostos CC at Hostos

Wednesday, October 10

2:00pm African Dance: King Hall Gym/BX 3:00pm ANGEL Gradebook Workshop –

104 Milavec Hall/NR

3:30pm Soccer vs Ulster CC at City Park/NR 7:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment

Night – 1st Floor, Jerome Hall/BX

9:00pm Club Trivia Game Show –

Syndicate Hall/NR

Thursday, October 11

Noon Research Paper Workshop –

112 Milavec Hall/NR

Noon Organizing the Job Search

Seminar – Career Advancement –

Main Hall/NR

2:30pm Academic and Student Affairs

7:00pm Volleyball vs Bronx CC at Monroe

Friday, October 12

9:00am Online Faculty Workshop – 806

Monroe Hall/BX

10:00am Student MS Office 2007 Excel

Training - 810 Monroe Hall/BX

Saturday, October 13

10:00am Six Flags – Fright Fest/NR

10:00am Student MS Office 2007

PowerPoint Training –

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## FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREER MANAGEMENT Do the OCA Math:

#### **Preparation + Practice = Professional Position!**

he OCA (Office of Career Advancement) on both campuses has put systems and increased office hours in place to help guide Monroe students to successful careers.

OCA's approach is designed so that each Monroe student can have career skills assessed, match academic interests and career goals to course of study, develop job-readiness, and ultimately build a portfolio that will give focus to the realization to the student's goals.



"This is an exciting time in career advancement at Monroe," said Dean **Carol Genese**. "As the job marketplace has become more competitive, it's now necessary for students to be working toward career goals not at the end of college, but from the day they begin. That's why this fall Monroe freshmen are using their portfolios as guides to success."

For a number of Monroe students and graduates, the march to success began over the past few months when they started new jobs. For example, many from the School of Allied Health Professions launched careers.

OCA initiatives this fall include developing a job prep plan, integrating career development concepts into the curriculum, and compiling a portfolio containing essays, projects, and internship evaluations. The OCA is also establishing a "Platinum Club" which will identify exceptional students who have completed the career development programs and are best qualified for employment at brand-name companies.

"Without exception, all Monroe students have a meaningful career waiting for them," said Dean Genese. "But they have to be prepared to take the necessary steps and the first ones to take are to visit the OCA on either campus and meet with a Career Counselor."

Call the OCA HOTLINE @ 1-888-55-MY OCA For more on OCA, see page 2

#### OFFICE OF CAREER ADVANCEMENT

#### Seminar Series

On Thursday, September 27 the OCA (Office of Career Advancement) held Seminar One on the Bronx campus in its Seminar Series on Career Development and

Advancement.



Conducted by career consultant Dr. Edward R. Speyer, this first seminar was a hit with more than 100 students who packed the West Hall lecture room.

Dr. Speyer talked about motivation. But more importantly he helped students organize their job search, lent focus to their career materials, and provided invaluable advice on interview and other vital job development skills.

Seminar One in New Rochelle is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 from 12-1:00pm at the OCA Office in Main Hall. For information on other Career Development seminars this semester, call the OCA hotline at 800-55-MYOCA.

#### ■ Part-Time Job Fairs

On September 25th OCA conducted a preparatory workshop, aptly titled "How to

Prepare for a Job Fair." Over 100 students attended and received tips on resume writing, how to "dress for success," how to prepare a brief introductory "speech" to prospective employers, and how to follow up with companies after the fair.

On October 2nd at the New Rochelle campus, OCA's Annual Part-Time Job Fair took place. Businesses that participated include: VIP Healthcare



Services, Abigail Kirsch, Apawamis

Club, Bath & Body Works, Bright Horizons, College Nannies & Tutors, Family Services of Westchester/ Americorps, HSBC Bank, Leafstone Staffing Services, New Roc Regal Cinemas, Payless Shoe Source, and the US Army.

The fair was a great opportunity for both our students and the employers.

Please prepare for the upcoming Job/Internship Fair for New Rochelle and Bronx students, which will take place at the Bronx campus on October 30th. If you need assistance with your resume, and/or tips on how to make it as successful as possible, come to the OCA, located on the 4th floor in West Hall or in Main Hall in New Rochelle.

#### **Attention Accounting Students**



Learn how to prepare tax returns using computers and earn money during the next tax season (January–April). Classes are held on Sundays between 10/14–12/9 from either 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm.

To qualify you must have taken or be enrolled in AC 231 FEDERAL INCOME TAX I. Please register ASAP at the front desk in the OCA on the fourth floor of West Hall or in Main Hall in new Rochelle.



#### **Hispanic History Month**

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Monday, October 1, Federal Judge **Dora Irizarry** met with Criminal Justice students to discuss sentencing disparities in the criminal justice system. The students were intensely interested in the startling statistics highlighting those disparities. She concluded by talking about commitment to trying to solve the devastation of the many individuals who are affected by sentencing laws and their criminal involvement.

On Monday evening, October 22 at 8:00pm, the School of Criminal Justice invites you to spend an evening with **Dominic Carter**, of NY1, who will be talking about his new book about sexual abuse, No Momma's Boy. For more information send an email to Professor **Lisa Whiteside** at lwhiteside@monroecollege.edu

#### **BACHELOR'S PROGRAM**

On Tuesday, October 2, the Bachelor's Office held a "meet and greet" day in which students got to talk with counselors about their progress and get a copy of next semester's degree requirements.

More than 200 Bachelor's Program Students stopped by and were able to eat, relax, mingle, talk to each other and to Bachelor's Program Faculty & Staff. Everyone was given a copy of their Degree Audit in preparation for Winter 2008 registration.

For more information the Bachelor's Program visit the Bachelor's Office on the first floor of Jerome Hall.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- On Thursday, September 19, Monroe College was honored by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce at its Fifth Annual Awards Banquet. The event recognized Monroe with an Educational Excellence Award. Before President **Stephen Jerome** accepted the award, a short video was played in which President Jerome spoke about the remarkable growth of the college and also the importance of the businesses who participate in the Chamber.
- On Friday, September 21, the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation held its 20th Annual Tent Party at the Fulton Fish Market that featured the President of the Dominican Republic and a host of dignitaries and corporate executives. Monroe College sent a contingent of staff members to attend. A group of culinary students, led by Chef **Daniel Hinder**, served scrumptious paella.
- On Sunday, September 30 a dozen students from the Multicultural Student Association had a "HOT" time at the Chili Pepper Festival in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. There was a lot of tasting, accompanied by music and dance from around the world. It seems every culture cooks with chili peppers!
- On Wednesdays in the King Hall gym, Student Services is holding free dance classes on new African/Afro-Caribbean dance. **Jerbean Gilkes**, a dancer, independent choreographer, and member of the Charles Moore Dance Theatre, is the instructor for the class. The registration deadline for this semester has already passed, but be sure to sign up for next semester. Contact **Anyikem Asong** in the Student Services Office (ext.8204).
- On Thursday, October 18, at 7pm, the Office of Student Services will present a night of live Latin music in the King Hall gym. The dance concert will benefit Visions, an organization that provides services for the blind and visually impaired. The group, Los Ciegos del Barrio, is comprised of blind musicians and they'll play salsa, bachata, meringue, and bolero music designed to get you on your feet! Be in the King Hall lobby on Tuesday, October 9 for the event kick off with CD's for sale and raffle as well as tickets for the show, which are \$5 (\$7 at the door).



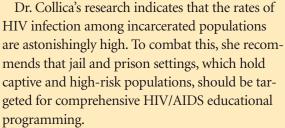




#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This month Professor

Kimberly Collica had a scholarly paper published in the Journal of Correctional Health Care called, "The Prevalence of HIV Peer Programming in American Prisons: An Opportunity Wasted".



Congratulations to Dr. Collica on her work. To read the entire paper, visit http://jcx.sagepub.com/cgi/content/ abstract/13/4/27. ■



**Arthura Mitchell**, a Bachelor's student in the School of IT is in "Second Life", a virtual world where she is known as **Mahogany Slade**.

In her final semester at Monroe, Mahogany has joined Dancing Ink Productions LLC as a Metaverse Marketer.



"Monroe has shown me what a great networking and socializing tool virtual worlds can provide," she said. "The geography, society, culture, academic, and technology environment of virtual worlds keep me interested, and most importantly, excited, about learning new things."

As part of a previous internship, Mahogany Slade was Monroe College's "In-World" Senior Analyst in Second Life. Along with a team of 11 other Monroe College interns, she was responsible for establishing all aspects of Monroe College's virtual presence.

For more information, contact Professor John McMullen at jmcmullen@monroecollege.edu ■

#### **ATHLETICS**

# Soccer and Volleyball – Working Hard!

ith a new coach, the Monroe Lady Mustangs volleyball team is admittedly still feeling its way. They started off losing their first two matches, but on 9/23 Coach Cortorreal got her first win over Westchester CC. Since then, they've beaten BCC and their record is now 2-6.

The men's soccer team has beaten Rockland, Westchester, and Bronx CC in its six games, leaving the

Mustangs with a 3-3 record.



#### **Upcoming volleyball match:**

Thursday, 10/11 at 7pm vs. BCC in the King Hall Gym

#### **Upcoming Soccer Games:**

Wednesday, 10/10 at 3:30pm vs. Ulster at City Park in NR Tuesday, 10/16 at 4pm vs. Nassau at Mt. St. Michael Academy Thursday, 10/18 at 4pm vs. Queensboro at Queensboro Monday, 10/22 at 4pm vs. Suffolk at City Park in NR

For more information, contact the Athletics Department at 914-740-6430

#### SIFE in Fortune

The Monroe College SIFE Team was featured in the October issue of

### FORTUNE

Fortune Magazine. In an ad taken out by Campbell's Soup and SIFE, two Monroe grads who work for Campbell's, **Kristal Francis** and **Mohammed Razai**, were pictured. The accompanying article mentions the ethnic diversity that Monroe SIFE team students lend to corporate recruiting opportunities. On your newsstand now!

#### **ALUMNI**

he Monroe College Alumni Board met on September 19, 2007. A major focus of the meeting centered on the development of alumni group activities designed to "give back" to both the College as well as the local community. Discussions included "community projects," "giving back," "homecoming," and "the upcoming 75th anniversary celebrations."



#### Calendar of Events

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10:00am ANGEL Gradebook Workshop –

104 Milavec Hall/NR

Noon Volleyball vs Nassau CC at Nassau 1:15pm Volleyball vs Queensborough CC at

Nassau

Sunday, October 14

No Events Scheduled

Monday, October 15

2:30pm ANGEL for Onsite Classes – 501

Jerome Hall/BX

Tuesday, October 16

Noon Faculty Meeting/NR

12:10pm Student MS Office 2007 Word Training – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

12:10pm Poetry Club meeting –

201 King Hall/BX

4:00pm Soccer vs. Nassau CC at Mt. St.

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5:45pm Faculty Meeting / NR 6:00pm Faculty Meeting / BX

Wednesday, October 17

1:00pm Closing for Submission of Material for Oct. 22 Issue (weeklyobserv-

er@monroecollege.edu)

2:00pm African Dance – King Hall Gym/BX 3:00pm ANGEL for Onsite Classes – 104

Milavec Hall/NR

3:30pm Honors Induction/NR 4:30pm Honors Board/NR 5:45pm Faculty Meeting/NR

6:00pm Faculty Meeting/BX

7:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment

Night – 1st Floor, Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, October 18

4:00pm Soccer vs Queensborough CC

6:00pm (Senior Day) at Queensborough Career Services Social Event –

Havana Room – New York, NY
6:00pm Volleyball vs Bergen CC at Bergen

7:15pm Volleyball vs Union CC at Bergen 7:00pm "Los Ciegos del Barrio" – Live Music to Celebrate Hispanic

Heritage – King Hall Gym/BX

8:30pm POETS Event/NR

Friday, October 19

9:00am Using ANGEL Test bank – 806

Monroe Hall/BX

6:00pm Comedy Show (Ha Comedy Club

NYC)/NR

Saturday, October 20

9:00am Online Faculty Workshop – 501

Jerome Hall/BX

10:00am Student MS Office 2007 Excel

Training – 403 King Hall/BX

Noon Volleyball vs BMCC at BMCC 1:15pm Volleyball vs Globe at BMCC 1:30pm Soccer vs Hostos CC at Riverbank

Sunday, October 21

No Events Scheduled