November 8, 2010

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 8

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, November 9

10:00am NYFD Recruiting – King Hall Lobby/BX 12:10pm Bachelor's Program Early Acceptance Luncheon – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

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

5:00pm Writing Clinic - Academic Center -

Main Hall/NR

Bachelor's Program Early Acceptance 6:00pm Dinner – 501 Jerome Hall/BX 6:00pm School of Allied Health Professions

Advisory Board Meeting - King Hall Conference Room/BX

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

Wednesday, November 10

Academic Affairs Committee -2:30pm

301 West Hall/BX

3:15pm Weight Watchers - 103 Milavec Hall/NR

5:00pm Math Clinic - Academic Center -

Main Hall/NR

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

Hall/BX

Thursday, November 11

Veteran's Day - Day Classes Cancelled, Evening Classes Meet as Scheduled

2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX Bachelor's New Student Registration -2:30pm

605 Jerome Hall/BX

6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration -

605 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, November 12

10:00am Online Faculty - Elluminate/ANGEL 7.4 Mandatory – 711 Jerome Hall/BX

10:00am Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

Saturday, November 13

10:00am Writing Clinic - Academic Center -

Main Hall/NR

Math Clinic - Academic Center -1:00pm

Main Hall/NR

10:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration -

605 Jerome Hall/BX

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School of Criminal Justice:

The Real World is Really Alive!

f all we did was stand at the blackboard, students wouldn't get the essence of what being a criminal justice professional really means," said Dean Michele Rodney of the School of Criminal Justice. "But because we consistently bring the outside world into our classrooms and vice versa, Monroe CJ students graduate a step ahead." Here's a sample of what's been going on in CJ at



Rachel Lloyd and Dean Basil Wilson

Monroe: on October 19 as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Edgar Moya, Director of Member Emergency Operations for the Office of City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn, came to Monroe for a discussion on Emergency Management. He talked about 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina and how agencies operate in those types of circumstances.

Monroe Professor Anne Paulle invited Filmmaker Peter Cohn for a screening of his film, "Power and Control: Domestic Violence in America" on November 2. Well-received by the students, the film was followed-up by a panel discussion with Rachelle Abrahami, Director of NYC Family Justice Center and Sophia N. Welbeck, of the Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

For those interested in law school, on October 26, Professor Diana Dykes invited LSAT Instructor, Michael Laccetti from Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions to inform our students on the "Dos and Don'ts" of the LSAT Exam.

The real world of CJ is prevalent in the King Graduate School, too, as a standing room-only group of students gathered in the Annex on October 26 to hear Rachel Lloyd, the Founder & Executive Director of Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS) make a presentation about commercial sexual exploitation of children and domestic trafficking, her work with GEMS, and some of her personal experiences.

"This is the real world come to life," said Dean Basil Wilson of the King Graduate School's Program in Criminal Justice. "In all these activities students get to interact with experts on some of the most important issues in our field. Real world education helps them to be real successful!" ■

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ACADEMICS

The brand new academic center on the first floor of Main Hall invites you to "Meet the Tutors" so you can improve your grades. Using state of the art computers in a thoroughly comfortable, modern facility, student tutors Jhnelle Rolston, Donnette Bailey, Jeffrey Vazquez, Kael Valere, Edwina Telemaque, Renae Watkis, Alex-Ann Green, Gisele



Greaux Yanilka Faneyte, and **Gellisa Crawfordare** are standing by to assist you with research paper writing, online learning support, and other academic needs. They work one-on-one, in study groups, and provide math and English clinics. Be a better student. Stop by the Academic Center in Main Hall today!

CULINARY

On Saturday, October 23,
Monroe College culinary and
pastry students once again found
great success in an American
Culinary Federation-sanctioned
competition in Delhi, NY. In fact,
all thirteen students from
Advanced Symposium class
instructed by Dean Frank
Costantino took home medals.
Ten competed in the SK1
category, which is the preparation



of a contemporary hot food dish and **Shari Sweeney** and **Manuel Wong** won their first-ever gold medals in the competition.

These students received silver medals: **Tino Graham, Christopher Reid, Kenysha Leach, Jesus Alvarez, Christine Gonzalez, Erica McQueen,** and **Kareem Meade.** Stephanie Drake received a bronze medal. Three Monroe College students competed in the SP1 category, which is the preparation of a warm dessert. **Lourdes Mejia** and **Shamel Donigan** received gold medals and **Naomi Torres** received a bronze medal. Lourdes also received the award for "best in show" having the highest overall points in the competition. Manuel Wong received an award for "most improved" and Jesus Alvarez for "best classical interpretation."

Then after an all-night process, on Sunday morning, all four competitors from Chef Eric Pellizzari's Garde Manger class celebrated victory. **Rozalyn Early** won a silver medal for her Ovo Lacto (vegetarian) platter. She also received the award for "most artistic" in the cold food salon. Receiving bronze medals were **Jhnelle Rolston** for her chicken platter, **Thania De la Cruz** for her duck platter and **Amanda Guzman** for her seafood platter.

In addition to the success of the students this weekend, Chef Ed Moon received his first gold medal for his fall-inspired duck dish competing the professional K1 category.

VETERANS

- To all veterans: the ID stickers are in, so please come to King Hall admissions to pick up or email veterans@monroecollege.edu and give your name, student ID#, and email address.
- The Veterans Day Parade in NYC is on Thursday 11/11. The Monroe contingent will be starting on 28thSt & 5th Ave. All vets are invited to march and be honored for your service. Email for more details. There are no day classes on the 11th, so please join us!
- Also, there is scheduled to be a Veterans Parade in the Bronx on Sunday Nov. 14th. Again, email for more info.
- The Veterans dinner will be rescheduled to a date in December. Additional information will be in the next *Weekly Observer*.
- On this Veterans' Day, we would like to thank all of our veterans' students for their service to our country. If it was not for our veterans, the right to an education could be in jeopardy.

ACTIVITIES

Performance Artist "La Bruja" made her third return appearance to the New Rochelle campus on Wednesday, October 20th in the Allison Hall courtyard. Joining her for her performance were 700 high school seniors from throughout the region who have high GPAs and a track record for school leadership and community service. Warming up the audience was disc jockey J.J. Starr of Omega Radio.



INTERNATIONAL

- On October 23rd, International students from Monroe College came to the home of Associate Director of International Student Services **Angelyn Forbes-Freeze** to prepare a meal for twenty residents and overnight guests at the Jan Peek House homeless shelter in Peekskill, NY. The students discussed homelessness as well as recognized the good feeling that comes from putting energy and effort into a gift for those who might not otherwise have a nutritious meal.
- Friday, October 22nd was apple-picking day with Monroe's International Office. The turning trees provided a kaleidoscope of color on the drive upstate, and the students were grateful that Angelyn Forbes-Freeze brought along extra mittens, scarves, and vests for the fall breezes.

The wagon ride for the 20 students to the orchard at Lawrence Farms Orchard in Newburgh wound around a duck pond with

swans, near the sheep pen, and past kale and cabbage patches. The next part of the adventure included visiting a miniature village and the sugar pumpkin patch before negotiating a maze made of hay bales. The trip ended with deliciously warm-spiced apple cider and freshly-made apple cider donuts. A good time was had by all!





REFERRAL WEEK

The three days beginning Monday, November 8 are known as referral week at Monroe College. The idea is that Monroe students already know the value of education and so each student is encouraged to share that gift with a friend or relative by making a referral to the college. To do that, contact the Office of Admissions on any Monroe campus. Also, please note that if the referral comes to the Open House on Wednesday, November 17, then the referring student could win a free holiday turkey!

For any questions, contact **Tangee Rozier** at 646-393-8597.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

On November 1, Monroe CJ Deputy Chairperson **Diane Ort** participated in a forum on the **BronxTalk** television show about the recent anti-gay torture case in the Bronx. Seen on Bronxnet for more than 16th years, **BronxTalk** is one of the City's longest-running talk programs, hosted by Monroe



Director of Public Relations Gary Axelbank.

Professor Ort talked about a number of issues related to the criminal justice aspects of the case including gathering hard-to-find evidence, the challenge the DA has in prosecuting it, and the importance of community policing. You can watch the program here: http://bronxnet.org/tv/bronxtalk/viewvideo/262/bronxtalk/bronxtalk—monday-november-1-2010.

ALUMNI

On October 29, the Monroe College Alumni Association held an evening of culture, cuisine, and company at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, including wine and appetizers, a light dinner and a private tour of the exhibits. An interesting sidelight was that one of the sous chefs with the restaurant that catered the evening was **James Daversa** who is an alum of Monroe College!



ATHLETICS

Defeated in Districs, Monroe Women look to the Future

The 4–0 defeat to Holyoke CC in the District tournament this afternoon wasn't two minutes old before Monroe women soccer players and coaches started talking about 2011. "We'll take it further next year" and "we're getting better and better," were the comments that echoed across the bench as the players gathered their gear.

"We were beaten by a very good team today," Coach

Brett Polow said after the game, matter of factly
acknowledging the excellence of the Holyoke team across
the way. "But I tell you this, our program is only two years old and every Monroe



player who was here today will be better off for what happened in the long run."
Who could have expected the Lady Mustangs to even be on the field for the District championship when the season began? But now as reigning Region champs, they can look back with pride at an 8–8 season that brought a first-ever Player of the Week

(Mia Andrillon), two Region all-stars (Shawna Darling, Astrid Lasso), four second team All-stars (Ingrid Diosa-Melendez, Lasania Brown, Mia Andrillon, and Karina Rivera), and the Region title.

"Give Holyoke credit," Coach Polow said, "they fielded two All-American caliber players and were a step ahead of us. Maybe it sounds cliche, but wait till next year!"

High Anticipation for Monroe Hoops

Coming off stellar seasons by Monroe's two basketball teams, expectations are high for the coming season, which has just begun.

In 2009–10 the Mustangs were 28–9 and had an inspired playoff run that won them Region and District Championships and a 3–1 record and seventh place finish at the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS. If you listen to the whispers around the Monroe campus, there is the distinct possibility that this



year's team could be better. The Mustang coaching staff did a masterful recruiting job and there is talent up and down the lineup.

"We just might have a better team this year." said Men's Coach **Jeff Brustad**. "We need to go hard beginning with the opening tip on opening night and take nothing for granted. Our goal is always to play in and excel in the national tournament."

For the Lady Mustangs, the anticipation of this season is great, as well. Coming off a District championship season in their first as a Division II team, Monroe's women finished eighth in the 12-team national tournament with an almost all-freshmen team.

Well, those freshmen have now returned as sophs, seasoned with the experience that last year's accomplishments brought. In addition, there are some freshmen this year, who could be considered some of the team's best.

"The legacy of this program is that we have high standards," said Women's Coach **Seth Goodman** who has seen two of his teams become national champions. "So even though last year could be seen as a building year, we made our sixth-straight national tournament. This year we want to do more than just qualify."

Visit www.monroecollegemustangs.com for schedules and the latest Monroe hoops news. Also become a Facebook fan of "Monroe College Athletics." ■

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Sunday, November 14

No Events Scheduled

Monday, November 15

Noon Jazz Coffee House – JAG/BX 5:30pm Internship Meeting – 919 West Hall/BX [NEW]

Tuesday, November 16

10:00am NYFD Recruiting – King Hall LobbyBX 10:00am Blood Drive – King Hall Gym/BX Noon to 6:00pm Ring Sales – King Hall Lobby/BX

12:15pm Internship Meeting – 919 West Hall/BX (NEW) 5:00pm Writing Clinic – Academic Center – Main

Hall/NR 8:00pm Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop –

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

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

Wednesday, November 17

Noon to 6:00 Ring Sales – King Hall Lobby/BX

2:30pm Academic Technology Meeting – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

3:30pm Deans' Council – 501 Jerome Hall/BX 5:00pm Math Clinic – Academic Center – Main

5:00pm SGS Milestone Celebration–King Hall Gym/BX 6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night –

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Thursday, November 18

10:00am NYFD Recruiting – Milavec Hall Lobby/NR
Noon Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's
Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Writing Training Session – 112 Milavec

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12:10pm Academic Achievement Celebration – TBA/BX 12:15pm Internship Crash Course – 905 West

12:15pm Internship Crash Course – 905 West Hall/BX [NEW]

2:30pm Weight Watchers – 203 King Hall/BX

4:30pm Honors Board Meeting – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

6:30pm Bronx Associate Student President's and Dean's Dinner – Eastwood ManorBX

6:45pm Lecture: "Living the Best Life Possible,"
Dr. Kenneth Herman – For MBA Students
– Annex/BX

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

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

Friday, November 19

10:00am Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

6:30pm Bronx Bachelor's Program President's and Dean's Dinner – Eastwood Manor/BX

Saturday, November 20

9:00am Security Guard Training – TBA/BX
10:00am Writing Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

10:00am New Online Faculty Workshop – For Faculty Wishing to Teach Online – 711 Jerome Hall/BX

1:00pm Math Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

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

Sunday, November 21

No Events Scheduled