MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

November 5, 2007

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 5

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, November 6

ELECTION DAY – VOTE!!!

Noon	SIFE – 703 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon	National Association of Black Accountants – Annex/NR
Noon	National Society for Minorities in Hospitality – 920 West Hall/BX
Noon	Information Technology Student Association – 423 King Hall/BX
Noon	Environmental Protection Club – 301 West Hall/BX
Noon	Allied Health Professions Club – 312 West Hall/BX
12:10pm	Poetry Club meeting – 201 King Hall/BX
12:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
3:30pm	Salsa Dance Class – King Hall Gym/BX
5:30pm	Hispanic Heritage – The Library of New Rochelle/NR
6:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, November 7

2:00pm	African Dance – King Hall Gym/BX
4:30pm	Honors Board Meeting/NR
6:00pm	Preparing Your Portfolio – Alumni Center – West Hall/BX
7:00pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – First Floor, Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, November 8

Noon	Criminal Justice Club – 54 South Hall/BX
Noon	Club for the Advancement of Business Students (CABS) – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon	SIFE – 703 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon	Mid-Day Music Café – King Hall Gym/BX
12:10pm	Leadership Workshop Series – Communications/Work Ethics – 219 King Hall/BX
2:00pm	International Coffee Hour – Main Hall /NR
2:30pm	Academic Management Group

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JOBS! JOBS! Everywhere!

Hungry to turn their dreams to reality, hundreds Monroe students filled the King Hall Gymnasium (and the hallways and classrooms on the second floor!) to present themselves to the 85 businesses, corporations, and organizations which participated in the October 30 Career fair, which turned out to be largest and most successful in 75 years of Monroe College.

"We insisted on high standards of dress and preparation to maximize students' chances," said OCA Dean **Carol Genese**, "and their performance exceeded our expectations."

Employers were thrilled, too. Many left with dozens of resumes and legal pads filled with names and contact information for Monroe students they were planning to interview. In a number of cases, students made appointments for interviews and other opportunities for follow-up.

Among the reasons for the fair's success was the extensive preparation done by Monroe students. They worked with OCA advisors on improving their resumes and they attended sessions on making job fairs successful, which provided tips on what to ask prospective employers and how to research companies.

A representative from one business firm indicated that she met enough qualified applicants at the Monroe fair so she wouldn't have to place want ads in the paper to fill the company's numerous job openings.

For more information on launching your career call 888-MY-OCA or visit the OCA office on either campus. ■

Time for Hoops! See page 2.

STUDENT SERVICES

Monroe freshmen are learning that there are many rewards for getting involved in school clubs and activities, as well as making full use of college resources like student counseling, the learning center and the library.

For one student, being an participant in the Passport program brought not only the benefits of getting involved, but also that he walked away with a brand new Dell laptop!

"When I woke up this morning, I never thought I'd have a new laptop by the end of the day," said an extremely excited **Jose Marin**. An IT major who did not previously own a laptop, Jose had a pretty wide grin for most of the afternoon.

Sure, we gave away a lot of nice prizes," said VP of Student Services **Roberta Greenberg**, "but it was most important to illustrate that making the most of Monroe College and all of its resources can bring many rewards. While some won tangible prizes, the majority who participated will benefit in much larger ways in the long run."

In order to qualify for the prizes, freshman had to have their "Passport" stamped at any six of these seven areas: Student services, Office of Career Advancement, The Learning Center, the Library, a club fair, register at career services, or any extra-curricular event. The completed Passports were then selected at random for the prizes.

While everyone who participated was a winner, these are the students who won prizes:

Nano Ipod – Randy DeLeón, Bernardino Nieves
Spirit of NY Cruise for Two – Saroya Morris
Two Tickets to *A Color Purple* – Marion Jeffery
Two Tickets to Caroline's Comedy Club – Vanessa Otero
Dinner for Two at Virgil's – Carolann Sobers
Movie Tickets – Marvin Bradley, Diana Cintron, Melody Santiago, Sabenlly Morrillo, Yurico Batista, Nicole Ragin, Landa Valenzuela, Yocasta Santana, Joanna Springer, Lisa Daniel

On Thursday, October 18, The Monroe College Office of Student Services, in conjunction with the Office of College Relations, held a benefit for Visions Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The event featured *Los Ciegos Del Barrio*, a wonderful Latin music group of blind musicians who hail from the Bronx. The next day, at the annual Visions luncheon, the college donated the $1,000 that was raised. ■

ATHLETICS

Monroe Basketball

The basketball season at Monroe is always exciting and this coming season should be no different. Both the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs are loaded with talent and said both men's coach Jeff Brustad and women's coach Seth Goodman.

The first women's home game is on Monday, November 12 and the men will commence their home schedule on Saturday, December 1. The schedules for both teams, as well as rosters, and other information is always up to date and available on the Monroe College web site at www.monroecollege.edu/athletics.

If you can't make it to the games, at home or on the road, you can still follow the games as they happen by logging onto www.cybersportsusa.com. ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

On October 6, the Monroe College Bachelor's program participated in the Harlem Science Street Fair for the third consecutive year. It's an education-based event designed to bring an appreciation for science to the local community. Sponsored by the Harlem Children Society (HCS), the event featured a sophisticated internet communication to facilitate a live webcast across political boundaries and time zones of sister fairs taking place simultaneously on the Hopi reservation in Polacca in Arizona, Monterrey in Mexico, Meru in Kenya and Calcutta in India. Students, staff, and festival attendees in New York had the opportunity to actually talk face to face with participants in these distant locations throughout the day, creating an exciting and virtual international experience.

This year's festival featured multicultural live musical entertainment as coordinated by Prof. **D. Jeanne Ross** of Monroe College, who has been involved with HCS for several years in this capacity. The entertainment kicked off with Monroe's own Prof. **Neal Haiduck** and his trio playing Dixieland jazz. ■

ACCOUNTING

Ana Yauger, an Accounting student, was offered a paid internship position with the Reznick Group, a Washington D.C. CPA firm.

She is going to accept the offer and take classes online next semester. The offer was a result of the National Association of Black Accountants Eastern Region Event in early October in King of Prussia, PA.

Also, Accounting student **Diana Silva** was interviewed by IBM at the NABA Eastern Region Event and was offered a paid internship position. She will begin working next semester. ■

PEOPLE

Monroe College is pleased to announce that it's new Executive Director of Corporate Development is **Joseph Orlando**. In his new position, which is in conjunction with the Office of Career Advancement, Mr. Orlando will be broadening student opportunities by expanding the corporate base for jobs and internships.

"Monroe's fundamental philosophy is to maximize student success," said President **Stephen Jerome**. "With his broad corporate experience, Joe Orlando will be able to support that goal on a daily basis and in a variety of ways."

Most recently Mr. Orlando served as President and CEO of Barnat Hospital in Patterson, NJ. Before that he was the Senior Vice President for the North Bronx Healthcare Network.

"It's going to be exciting for me to help develop student potential to the fullest," Mr. Orlando said. "The students are so well prepared when they graduate from Monroe that they are well-qualified for entry into the corporate world."

To contact Mr. Orlando at Monroe call 888-55-MY-OCA.

INTERNATIONAL

International Fall '07 graduates from all majors gathered together on Friday, October 19th, for an extensive informational seminar, entitled "Life after Graduation." Sponsored by the Office of International Programs and Office of Career Advancement, the event featured several workshops including: Optional Practical Training, Work Permits, Job Search Strategies, and Interviewing Techniques.

The program concluded with an immigration presentation and Q&A session, facilitated by Immigration Attorney **Pearline Blackwood**.

This seminar is offered each semester to international students. For more information contact the Office of International Programs and Office of Career Advancement ■

BUSINESS

On October 13, Monroe College hosted the 2007 Walgreen's SIFE Team Training Conference for the North East Region which included five SIFE corporate partners: Walgreens, Kraft, Sam's Club, Best Buy, and Beiesdorf Inc. Students from all over the U.S. participated, including University of Arizona, SUNY New Paltz, L.I.M., Fordham University, and William Paterson University.

The training conference is an opportunity for new SIFE members to learn more about designing and improving community outreach projects, how to prepare for the SIFE competition, as well as preparing students for career opportunities with SIFE corporate partners. Sam Walton Fellow and Chairman of the School of Business **Tilokie Depoo** said, "These events are extremely important as it allows students, faculty members and corporate partners to make an impact in their respective communities. Monroe College values the partnership with the SIFE organization and the commitment students have in improving their communities." ■

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On Thursday, October 25, the Monroe College School of Information Technology Board of Advisors for had their tri-annual luncheon meeting to evaluate curricula, discuss new curricula and programs, and establish career paths for students based on the latest trends.

The board, which consists of nine professionals in the field of information technology, discussed the School of IT's newly implemented curricula and agreed that it was well positioned, especially the incorporation of IT Project Management, Field Experience, and Soft Skills. Also, the School of IT was urged to continue its partnerships with

large corporations in community-based projects, develop students' leadership skills, and give back to the Monroe community. The School of IT has been widely successful in its well-established wireless installation projects and other outreach initiatives.

"The Advisory Board is an essential piece in our program's development," said School of IT Dean **Janice Girardi**. "It allows us to stay contemporary with the industry and ensures that our curriculum is providing cutting edge education for our students."

On October 18th at 9am, Professor **John McMullen** took a group of students to visit the highly secure two-story UPS Data Center in Mahwah, NJ. This Data Center houses the largest DB2 Database in the world, contains computers ranging from PCs to Z/Series IBM mainframes, and has enough backup power to run for 7 weeks in the event of an electrical disaster. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

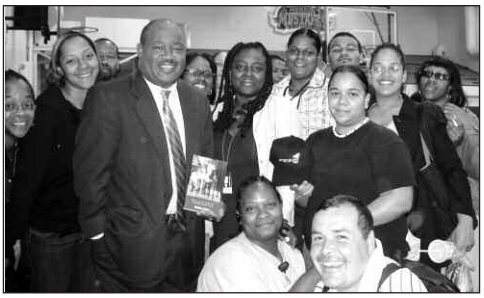
On Monday, October 29th, seventeen Monroe College Criminal Justice students participated in a Domestic Violence Awareness Conference hosted by the Bronx Borough President. The conference focused on community services available to victims of domestic violence, legal issues, shelter and housing placement, and the effects of domestic violence in the workplace.

A panel of experts in the field of advocacy, law, and labor policy answered questions. Many Monroe students asked thought-provoking questions about services for immigrant domestic violence victims, human trafficking, and expressed a need for domestic violence education programs for junior high school age children.

The Bronx Borough President, **Adolfo Carrion, Jr.**, thanked the students for their participation and posed for photographs. Any students interested in participating in Criminal Justice events should contact Professor **Michele Mason**, the Criminal Justice Club Faculty Liaison in South Hall.

On Monday, October 22, 2007 **Dominic Carter**, political reporter for NY1 News, visited Monroe to share details about his journey from several Bronx housing projects to the distinguished position as "the best political reporter in NY."

In a motivational speech to over 200 Monroe students, faculty and staff, Mr. Carter spoke candidly about his childhood. He discussed being raised in a single-parent household by a schizophrenic mother and his high school guidance counselor who told him he would never succeed. To prove him wrong, he was motivated to enter college and complete his degree in three years. He spoke about



being denied entry into graduate school thrice and his work as an intern for a local radio station (WBLS/WLIB).

Ultimately, his appearance at Monroe was about believing in "oneself" and how the desire for success must rest within the individual. He asked several students to discuss their future plan for success and concluded by sharing the essentials for succeeding in the workplace.

After the presentation, Mr. Carter posed for photos with the audience, gave out NY1 hats and autographed copies of his recently released book "No Momma's Boy." ■

Calendar of Events

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2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
6:30pm Associate President's and Dean's Award Ceremony – Eastwood Manor/BX

Friday, November 9

6:30pm Bachelor's Program President's and Dean's Award Ceremony – Club 101 (Park Ave and 40th Street)/BX
7:00pm Dance Showcase – King Hall Gym/BX
7:30pm Men's Basketball vs. Howard CC – Howard County Community College Classic

Saturday, November 10

10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
TBA Cross Country – NJCAA Nationals – Sunken Meadow State Park, NY
7:30pm Men's Basketball vs Chesapeake CC – Howard County Community College Classic

Sunday, November 11

VETERANS' DAY – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Monday, November 12

VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED – DAY CLASSES CANCELLED – EVENING CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED
7:00pm Women's Basketball vs Sullivan CC at Mount St. Michael

Tuesday, November 13

Noon ANGEL Gradebook Workshop – 501 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon How to Market Yourself Seminar – Career Advancement Main Hall/NR
Noon SIFE – 703 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon National Association of Black Accountants – Annex/NR
Noon National Society for Minorities in Hospitality – 920 West Hall/BX
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Noon Allied Health Professions Club – 312 West Hall/BX
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3:30pm Salsa Dance Class – King Hall Gym/BX
5:30pm Hispanic Heritage – The Library of New Rochelle/NR
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, November 14

1:00pm SGS New Student Orientation/BX
2:00pm African Dance – King Hall Gym/BX
7:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – First Floor, Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, November 15

Noon Criminal Justice Club – 54 South Hall/BX
Noon Club for the Advancement of Business Students (CABS) – 711 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon SIFE – 703 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon Mid-Day Music Café – King Hall Gym/BX
Noon How to Market Yourself Seminar – 919 West Hall/BX
12:10pm Leadership Workshop Series – Communications/Work Ethics – 219 King Hall/BX
12:15pm Information Session on Private Schooling – 413 King Hall/BX
2:00pm International Coffee Hour – Main Hall/NR
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
2:30pm Academic Technology Meeting
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, November 16

5:00pm Christmas Spectacular – Radio City Music Hall/BX
TBA Women's Basketball – Howard County Community College Classic

Saturday, November 17

10:00am ANGEL Gradebook Workshop – 418 King Hall/BX
10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Registration – Bachelor's Program Office, Jerome Hall/BX
TBA Men's Basketball vs Erie County CC at Erie CC (Buffalo)
TBA Women's Basketball – Howard County Community College Classic

Sunday, November 18

9:00–2:00 Learning Resource Center, Library, and Accounting Lab (602 Jerome Hall) Open /BX
1:00pm Men's Basketball – vs Alfred CC at Alfred CC