MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

December 8, 2008

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 8

12:30pm	Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
2:30pm	Winter Schedule Review/BX
6:15pm	SGS Freshman Orientation—209 King Hall/BX

S Jerome, R Greenberg, K Carty, J Wallis, and D Simon to Middle States Commission on Higher Education Conference—Baltimore, MD

Tuesday, December 9

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

9:00am	NOVICE TAP and State Grant Training—420 King Hall/BX
10:00am	NYPD Cadet Corps Recruitment—King Hall Lobby/BX
Noon	Monroe Dancers—225 King Hall/BX
Noon	Poetry Club—201 King Hall/BX
12:05pm	SGS Team Meeting—307 King Hall/BX [NEW]
5:00pm	Women's Basketball vs Queensborough CC—Mt. St. Michael (Home)
5:45pm	High School Freshman Orientation—214 King Hall/BX

S Jerome, R Greenberg, K Carty, J Wallis, and D Simon to Middle States Commission on Higher Education Conference—Baltimore, MD

Wednesday, December 10

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

8:30am	Institutional Aid Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX
1:00pm	SGS Freshman Orientation—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm	Weight Watchers—Main Hall Conference Room/NR
6:15pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night—Bachelor's Program Office Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, December 11

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

12:15pm	High School Freshman Orientation—203 King Hall/BX

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Monroe SIFE Boosts Business!

The Monroe College SIFE team is engaged in an exciting partnership that is paving the way for entrepreneurs to thrive. Working with the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation's Women's Business Resource Center, the Small Business Administration, and the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program of NYS, Monroe SIFE students have been teaching Bronxites the ins and outs of starting and managing businesses with their highly-effective Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (EAP).

EAP is a series of free intensive workshops conducted by SIFE students and other professionals designed to help entrepreneurs develop business plans and secure financing. According to SIFE faculty advisor Prof. **Tilokie Depoo,** this not only benefits the local economy, but cuts to the heart of the Monroe College real world mission.

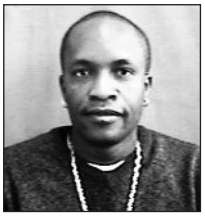
"EAP is an important practical component of our students' education," he said. "They apply what they've learned in Monroe classrooms to guide real-life entrepreneurs in their endeavors. As a result, they're not only sharing vital information about surviving during these challenging economic times, but they are directly helping to build the Bronx."

In fact, Professor Depoo explained, EAP has helped Bronxites open enterprises in financial services, baby-sitting and day care, printing, and computer graphics. Also, the partnership forged by EAP underscores other SIFE successes as three SIFE graduates who are now employed at HPEDC assist Monroe In coordinating the program.

For more information on participating in SIFE or the EAP program call 646-393-8694. ■

For more SIFE activities see page 2…and visit the Campus Life section of the college web site.

ACTIVITIES



Hector John

■ **Hector John**, a member of Monroe's Debate Team, came in sixth in the NYU debate tournament. It's the college's highest placement to date and congratulations to Hector who achieved this in only his second tournament.

■ Through the fall semester, Monroe College collaborated with the Downtown Urban Theater Festival and presented *Lessons on the "A" Train* in a number of local high schools. *Lessons* is a play designed to inspire high school students to attend college. On November 19, *Lessons* came to the King Hall gym for a showing to the Monroe College community, as well as invited high school students.

■ On Thursday, November 13th, under a romantically-lit, heated tent in the Main Hall Courtyard, Assoc. Director of International Student Services **Angelyn Forbes-Freeze**, members of Professor **Stacy Crawford's** Convention and Banquet Planning class, and many other volunteers set up, decorated and cooked a feast to celebrate the international community on the New Rochelle campus. Over 150 guests were treated to turkey, stuffing, ham, curried goat and chicken, spicy pumpkin, spinach, channa and aloo, many creative pasta and rice dishes, and delicious desserts. Also, the group donated canned food to the nearby food pantry of Union Baptist Church, our neighbor on Main Street as well as a Westchester-based food pantry that has a matching grant, so the value is doubled.

■ The Poetry Club went to the Brooklyn Academy of Music on November 14th to attend the featured show "The Extraordinary Ordinary Lives of the Living" which was a produced by a current Monroe student, **Shawn Folk** — a.k.a. "Gif". The show was "something like a play that's more like a musical but really a concert". The evening was full of surprises, starting with an excellent dinner at the Brooklyn Moon Café and ending with great live music.

■ On November 15th, Monroe held its "College for a Day" event which introduced community adults to the various programs available at Monroe. Professors from the Schools of Allied Health, Information Technology, Criminal Justice, Accounting, Marketing, Business, MBA, and Culinary Arts were on hand to introduce the guests to the college environment. The event was a big success as many attendees signed up for classes for the upcoming semester.

■ The Drama Club went to see the Broadway show "Phantom of the Opera" on Saturday, November 22nd. This is the Drama Club's first semester in existence on the Bronx campus and they are looking forward to a semester full of exciting outings and performance during the Winter 2009 semester. New members are always welcome! For information visit Student Services.

ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

■ The Dance Club — a.k.a. "Rhythm & Moves" took an African dance class at the Djoniba Dance and Drum Center on 18th Street in Manhattan on Friday, November 21. Everyone had a great time in the class and hopes to return for more sessions next semester.

■ This year's annual Thanksgiving Parade in New Rochelle was bigger and better than ever! The Monroe Drum-line made its first appearance accompanied by the Monroe Dancers, Cheerleaders, MANIACS, SALSA, and Monroe administrators.

■ Last week Monroe College opened a new building at 2426 Jerome Avenue on the Bronx campus. For now called "The Annex," this new facility contains administrative offices and more than 5,000 square-feet of newly-remodeled space to be used for meetings, conferences, and receptions. ■

HONORS

On Tuesday, November 4, 2008, the Monroe Honors Program Board inducted 29 new members. In the opening remarks given by Dean **Karenann Carty**, she expressed how proud she was of the students in the program. Awards were also given out to the winners of the Spring 2008 Honors Colloquium. ■

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

On October 17th, the Criminal Justice Club visited The New York State Correctional Facility at Ossining, New York. The prison currently houses 2,200 prisoners and has a staff of 1,000.

Members of the CJ Club toured the facility including; the mess hall, barber shop, shower area, disciplinary hearing room, chapel, and the infamous yard. Students also got a glimpse of prison life while visiting "A Block" that is 88 cells long where prisoners are housed in individual cells that are 7 feet wide and 14 feet long furnished with a steel toilet, sink, and bed along with all of their personal belongings.

Students learned about academic requirements recruits must meet while in the Corrections Academy and the students asked many questions about exams, assignments, and promotional opportunities. ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

At the annual New York Women's Foundation dinner, which this year honored **Josephine Infante,** CEO of the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation, Monroe students and grads were out in full force, along with Professor **Mena Patel-Davis**, who is an active volunteer with the NYWF. During Ms. Infante's speech, she recognized the students in attendance from Monroe as future leaders, and the room erupted in applause! ■

OCA

■ On Saturday, November 15, seven Monroe College Accounting and Business Management students and OCA Director **Barry Greene** attended a special Internship and Leadership Program in lower Manhattan hosted by ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting.) The event included an Internship Career Fair with recruiters from top firms including Morgan Stanley, Grant Thornton, Deloitte, KPMG, Verizon and Ernst & Young.

■ OCA and Montefiore Medical Center partnered on an Information Session on Health Careers on Thursday, November 6th in the King Hall Gym. A week later, MMC came to the Office of Career Advancement and interviewed 33 students for medical administrative and assisting positions. If you need any assistance finding employment, please visit the Office of Career Advancement. ■

CULINARY

Dean **Carol Genese** recently visited Monroe's study abroad students at the Academy Barilla in Parma, Italy.

She reports that the students worked in the kitchens side by side with some of the best chefs in Italy and are truly immersed in this program as well as the culture and the food of Italy.

Before she left them, the students wanted to thank the college for giving them what they called the "opportunity of a lifetime". ■

ST. LUCIA

Bernadine Regis

The St. Lucia campus held the annual Student Government Association election this past week. In an uncontested campaign, **Bernadine Regis**, a Trinidadian, won the presidency.

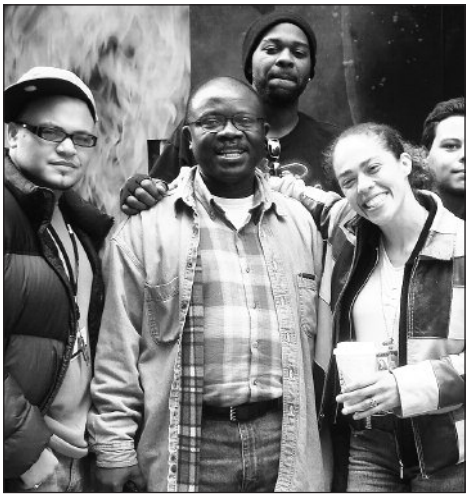
The SLUSGA (St. Lucia Student Government Association) is the center of SLU campus life, managing various student social activities, including this year's highly successful Kweyol Day celebration.

With the opening of the January semester, the SLUSGA will field sports teams for both men and women in cricket, soccer, and volleyball. ■

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On Friday, November 14th, the ITSA Club took a trip to the Sony Wonder Technology Lab in midtown Manhattan where students were able to partake in hands-on technology exhibits. The trip helped the students learn about past, present, and future forms of technology. For example, they saw the first cell phones and laptops.

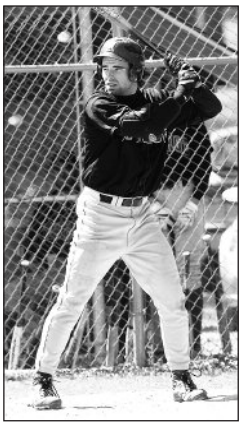
One student, **Ivon Camacho**, said that she learned that technology is an evolving field and that the trip opened her eyes to many of the opportunities she will have once she earns her degree. ■



ATHLETICS

Vincent Fiore

Four Mustang baseball players will continue their college careers when they complete their eligibility at Monroe. Pitcher **Vincent Fiore** will be attending the University of Hartford, pitcher/outfielder **Normand Gosselin** will play at Central Connecticut State University, pitcher **Jonathan Gonzalez** will go to Adelphi University, and pitcher **Joel Sanchez** will be at Felician College.



Normand Gosselin

MONROE GREATS RETURN TO COACH

This year's undefeated Monroe basketball teams have been bolstered by two former Monroe hoops heroes who have returned to Monroe as assistant coaches.

Dana Warner

For the men, **Dana Warner** was a Monroe star from 1998–2000. Coach **Jeff Brustad** is excited about bringing back a player who was a solid performer for Monroe and went on to lead a CCNY team to the CUNY title.

On Coach **Seth Goodman's** bench is **Telisha Moultre,** who, during her tenure from 2003–05, was the ninth leading scorer in Lady Mustang History. More importantly, her aggressiveness and cool under pressure lend just the sort of maturity that can be so valuable for Monroe's front-court players.

Telisha Moultre

Both Coach Brustad and Coach Goodman are banking that adding these two legacies to their staffs will keep the Monroe winning tradition alive. ■

Calendar of Events

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2:30pm Weight Watchers—227 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX

Friday, December 12

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

TBA Men's Basketball—William R. Bear Classic—Highland CC

Saturday, December 13

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
2:00pm Women's Basketball vs Westchester CC—Mt. St. Michael (Home)

TBA Men's Basketball—William R. Bear Classic—Highland CC

Sunday, December 14

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

9am–2pm Learning Center, Library, and Accounting Lab Open/BX

Monday, December 15

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

6:15pm SGS Freshman Orientation—209 King Hall/BX

Tuesday, December 16

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

8:30am Institutional Aid Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX
12:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
5:45pm High School Freshman Orientation—214 King Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX

Wednesday, December 17

10:00am **ALL GRADES DUE**
1:00pm SGS Freshman Orientation—307 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers—Main Hall Conference Room/NR

Thursday, December 18

FALL SEMESTER ENDS

8:00am Insurance Meeting—King Hall Conference Room/BX
9:00am PASS Class Begins/BX
12:15pm High School Freshman Orientation—214 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Weight Watchers—227 King Hall/BX
2:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX
6:00pm Monroe Student Leaders Induction Ceremony—919 West Hall/BX
6:30pm Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX

Friday, December 19

TBA Women's Basketball—Roxbury Invitational—Roxbury

Saturday, December 20

10:30am Bachelor's Program New Student Orientation/BX

TBA Women's Basketball—Roxbury Invitational—Roxbury

Sunday, December 21

No Events Scheduled