MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

June 16, 2008

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 16

4:00pm	Community Service at St. Anthony's Residence/BX
5:15pm	Career Conversations with President Jerome—919 West Hall/BX

Tuesday, June 17

Noon	Poetry Club—201 King Hall/BX
Noon	Health Fair—King Hall Gym/BX
Noon	Professional Development Workshop—Effective Assessment—501 Jerome Hall/BX
Noon	CABS Meeting–203 Ustin Hall/BX
3:30pm	Weight Watchers 103 Milavec Hall /NR
4:00pm	Intramurals–Basketball—Harrison Lot/NR
4:30pm	Tennis and Ra—The Roc Club/NR
4:45pm	Debate Team Practice—516 Main Hall/NR
6:00pm	Smartthinking Workshop—Learning Resource Center/BX
6:00pm	Karate–Syndicate Hal/NR
6:30pm	School of Allied Health Professions Advisory Board Meeting—501 Jerome Hall/BX

Wednesday, June 18

2:00pm	Hip Hop Dance Class—King Hall Gym/BX
2:00pm	Grammatically Essential Mini Sessions—Subject Verb Agreement—201 King Hall/BX
5:30pm	Aerobics—Syndicate Hall/NR
6:00pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night—Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, June 19

Noon	Sister to Sister–"Real Talk" Group Discussion for Women—201 King Hall/BX
2:00pm	International Students Coffee Hour–International Student Services—Main Hall/NR
2:30pm	Grammatically Essential Mini Session—Comma Usage–201 King Hall /BX

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75th Anniversary Commencement:
Dreams Do Come True!

Anyone who attended any one of the three magnificent 75th Anniversary graduations held at the WaMu Theater at Madison Square Garden on Thursday, June 5 can attest that with hard work, dedication to the task, and the support of many, dreams of a Monroe College degree do come true!

President **Stephen Jerome** conferred more than 2,700 college degrees at the ceremonies, making the 2008 graduating class the largest in the college's 75-year history. Combined from the three ceremonies, there were 101 MBA degrees, 1,110 Bachelor's degrees, 1,475 Associate degrees, and 18 nursing certificates.

In his address to the graduates, President Jerome referred to Monroe's humble beginnings in 1933 with just seven students and said that the values founder **Mildred King** placed on higher education were still relevant today and formed the continuing mission of Monroe College.

"In the technological world in which we live, we teach our students the importance of personal communication," President Jerome told the graduates. "Use wisely what you have learned, never forget the past, appreciate the present, but most of all look to the future."

Keynote addresses were delivered by Bronx Borough President **Adolfo Carrion, Jr.**, NY State Education Department Sr. Deputy Commissioner **Johanna Duncan-Poitier**, and NY City Deputy Mayor **Dennis Walcott.** ■

Visit *My Monroe* for photos of the graduations and galas

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

■ Monroe College Criminal Justice 2008 graduate **Janill Cabrera** was this year's recipient of a $500 scholarship presented by the New Rochelle Bar Association at its Annual Picnic and Meeting held June 5th at Five Islands Parks, New Rochelle. A Haverstraw resident, Janill plans to apply to law school and seek a job in criminal justice.

■ Also at the Bar Association's Annual Meeting and Picnic, Monroe announced plans for its annual Monroe Summer Law Institute, August 12-22, a combined academic and field trip program for teens interested in exploring careers in law or criminal justice. For further information call 914-740-MSLI (6754).

■ On May 29th, thirty members of the Bronx and New Rochelle Criminal Justice Clubs participated as studio audience members at a taping of the Judge **Karen Mills Francis** television show. The nationally syndicated program features real civil court cases and is in the process of filming its inaugural season which will air in September.

Members of the CJ clubs observed four court cases that involved issues like property disputes to landlord tenant issues. The litigants were able to present evidence and provide witness testimony to support their claims. The students thought the judge was fair and agreed with her rulings on the cases. Club members were invited to return to the show with family members for future tapings. ■

CULINARY ARTS

On June 4, the Convention & Banquet Planning Management Class, the Dean, Faculty and Students of the School of Hospitality Management & the Culinary Arts presented the *Spirit of Hospitality Awards* Banquet at the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle.

The Keynote Speaker was **Mei Campanella**, the college advisor of the Careers Through Culinary Arts Program who for the past ten years has worked in the field of youth development.

There were a number of awards presented: the Rising Star Award, Excellence in Baking and Pastry Arts Award, the Spirit of Service Award, the Mentoring Award, the Golden Pineapple Award, the Fellowship Award, the Teamwork Award, and recognition for Involvement in Extracurricular Activities

According to Dean **Luke Schultheis,** "the Students and faculty get to celebrate in an intimate manner. They studied very closely together and have forged ties with us and each other that are really tight and this is a great way to express it and share achievements."

He added that the event is run professionally with culinary classes, dining room management classes and the Banquet and Convention class organizing, handling the invitations, voting on awards, setting the agenda, and running the program from start to finish. "Honestly," Dean Schultheis said, "it was the best event I've seen of this type at the college."

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL, 2008 SEMESTER!

■ On Monday, June 16 from 12:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the King Hall Gym these majors will register:

- Business • Accounting & Finance
- Information Technology • Hospitality Management & the Culinary Arts

■ On Tuesday, June 17 from 12:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the King Hall Gym these majors will register:

- Allied Health Professions • Criminal Justice

BACHELOR'S

At the graduation gala held on May 30, the Bachelor's Program Class of 2008 presented a special award to President Jerome in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Monroe College.

Three students came to the podium and said, "President Jerome, we would like to say thank you for everything you do for the students at Monroe College and your commitment to helping us achieve our goal of graduation. We would like to honor you on the occasion of the college's 75th anniversary by presenting you with this plaque which reads:

Presented to ***Stephen J. Jerome,*** *President, Monroe College, In gratitude for your untiring dedication, support and overwhelming commitment to excellence. You have inspired and motivated countless students to be the best they could be. With all our respect and admiration, the Bachelor's Program graduating class of 2008. In honor of the 75th Anniversary of Monroe College.*

As the President left the podium, it was clear he was moved. He was then given a standing ovation by graduates, faculty and staff. ■

ALUMNI

Monroe College Alumni Association has launched a new web site. Monroe graduates are now eligible to register with the new interactive alumni directory that is now part of the alumni web page. You will be able to :

- Update your information
- Search the on-line college directory
- Post and read current Class Notes
- Receive discounts to social and professional events

. . . . and much, much more

To find out more, please go to: www.monroecollege.edu and click alumni.

ONLINE LEARNING

■ Dean **Barbara McMullen** reports that the *Student Lounge on WOW!*, a chat room where any fully online student can go to meet others online, is becoming an important forum for communication and shared learning. WOW! is an online community on ANGEL designed specifically for Monroe's fully online students. It is where students have the opportunity to interact with all other fully online learners, all online faculty, and administrators from key campus offices. There is also a link to a Facebook-like social network for the students in WOW!

In a sample session she reviewed for Monroe administrators, Dean McMullen noted how the students are able to converse about important academic issues and even study together.

To learn more about WOW! and Online Learning's social network, and how they can help you achieve in school, contact Dean McMullen in the Online Learning office in Monroe Hall or bmcmullen@monroecollege.edu

■ While on vacation in late May, **Juliet N. Grant**, Assistant Director of Online Learning, travelled to Virginia Beach and met with **Bevol Morris** a full Online Learning June, 2008 Business Management graduate. Bevol shared how Monroe College has made an impact in his life both personally and professionally. In 1991 while he was completing his Associate's degree at Monroe, he met his wife **Cecile** in a Sociology class. After they were married and relocated to Virginia Beach they wanted to maintain their relationship with Monroe College. Hence, Cecile and Bevol completed their degrees at Monroe College through the Online Learning Program.

Bevol encourages any adult who is working, raising a family, needs support, and wishes to complete his or her education to enroll at Monroe through the Online Program! ■

OCA

On Friday, May 16, forty students met in The Annex for a day-long seminar presented by the International Student Services Office and The Office for Career Advancement. After a continental breakfast and opening remarks by the Director of ISS, **Emerson Phillips,** students broke into small groups for intense workshops on *Searching for the Right Job, Interview Techniques, The OPT Application Process*, and *Real World Experience* through the eyes of Monroe Grads and the Alumni Office.

At the conclusion of the small group sessions, Ms. **Pearline Black**, an Immigration lawyer, informed the students about the application process for the H 1 B work visa. She also answered questions about the STEM extension for students on OPT. This extension has very specific parameters and may apply to Monroe grads in Computer Science and Information Technologies.

Students pronounced the day a success as they left armed with notes, flyers, and pamphlets to help them survive *Life After College*.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

■ Caribbean Heritage Day—On Tuesday, June 24 from 12:15-2:30 in the King Hall Gym, in honor of Caribbean Heritage month, the Department of English & Social Sciences and the Office of Student Services will sponsor Part II of Caribbean Heritage Day, which will celebrate the culture, music, dance and food of the Caribbean. There will be booths displaying the history, culture & food of the various countries of the Caribbean. The Monroe Dance Group will perform and members of the P.I.T. (Poetry Is Truth) Club will recite as well.

If any student would like to participate with music, song or dance, please contact Ms. **Anyikem Asong** in the Office of Student Services in King Hall for more information.

■ Join us for a day of fun in the sun at Jones Beach! Friday, June 20, 2008, the bus will leave from Main Hall at 11:30am sharp and will return at 6:00pm. Space is limited, so please sign up in the office of Residence Life.

■ Monroe students can participate in a summer shopping spree at Woodbury commons on Friday, June 20. A bus will depart from King hall at 8:30 am. The cost is $5.00 (non-refundable). To sign up contact student services in King Hall or x 8295.

■ Meet the Mets! Go to Shea Stadium to see the Mets take on the Florida Marlins on Friday August 8 beginning at 7:10pm. Tickets are $20 (limit of 4) and can be purchased in the Office of Student Services in King Hall.

■ Monroe College will be hosting two events during Bronx week. On Wednesday, June 18 the will be a Meet the Grantmakers Symposium in the King Hall gym from 9:00am-3:00pm. Topics will include Strategies for Preparing Bronx nonprofits to identify Resources During Fiscal Downsizing.

Then on Thursday, June 19 from 9:00am-1:00pm the North Bronx Economic Development Summit will be held in Ustin Hall. All members of the college community are invited to attend both events.

■ The Monroe Student Leaders have the following upcoming events

- Health Fair, Tuesday, July 1st in King Hall Gym from 12-2pm
- Blood Drive, Wednesday, July 2nd in King Hall Gym 10-3:30pm
- Spring Talent Show, Tuesday July 24th

Note we are looking for comedians, singers, dancers, and musicians. Sign up for an audition in the office of Student Services. ■

ACCOUNTING

Natasha Bracey

■ Apparently Accounting Department Chairman **Jacob Lamar** is still having problems holding onto his student staff. Recently, popular accounting tutor **Natasha Bracey** informed Professor Lamar that she will be leaving her post. Even though she's been a great addition to the lab, Professor Lamar was delighted!

You see, Natasha was interviewed by Mint Finance and hired the next day to a full-time job doing year-end accounting: adjusting entries, closing entries, financial statements, etc.

For years Professor Lamar has contended his accounting students have rewarding careers waiting for them and his ongoing inability to keep them working in his department is hard proof that he's right! For more on careers in accounting contact Professor Lamar in Ustin Hall at x 8347 or jlamar@monroecollege.edu.

■ At the NY State Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) 28th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala, a number of Monroe College students were recognized with awards.

Geoff Cooper was one of two students who won the NABA New York Student of the Year Award. **Nadine Williams** won the Academic Achievement Award, **Ian Ruddock** received the Mastering Mentorship Award, Professor **Max Torres** was named Outstanding Faculty Advisor, and Monroe College was designated as having the Most Improved Student Membership.

In addition, **Jaureen Ward**, **Ian Ruddock**, **Carlo Samuels, Sarde Lezama**, **Fiona Lewis Ricketts**, and **Nadine Williams** won scholarships from participating sponsors Morgan Stanley, Delouitte & Touche, Eisner LLP, and NABA NY.

At press time, Professor Torres and nine Monroe students are attending the National NABA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. ■

BUSINESS

Recently MSN Money videotaped a news segment with the Monroe SIFE team and their ongoing efforts to educate children in the community about the importance of opening bank accounts and saving money. Monroe SIFE has been working with teachers at the Bronx Organization for the Learning Disabled (B.O.L.D.) preschool where the children created their own bank. As part of the virtual exercise, the children deposit into and withdraw from the bank. They learn about deposit and withdrawal slips, using ATM's, as well as the concept of earning and saving, so money can be available for purchases.

You can view the MSN Money segment on the MSN website. For more information about SIFE contact Professor **Tilokie Depoo** in Ustin Hall at tdepoo@monroecollege.edu. ■

LEARNING RESOURCES

The Learning Resource Center (King Hall) and Accounting Lab (Ustin Hall, Room 103) will be open from 9:00am until 2:00pm on Sundays from July 6—August 3

The Library (Jerome Hall) will be open from 9:00am until 2:00pm on Sundays from July 13—August 3. ■

Calendar of Events

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Friday, June 20

8:30am	Depart for Woodbury Commons Shopping Trip $5.00/BX & NR
11:00am	Jones Beach Trip/NR
1:00pm	Open Gym Basketbal—Hooperstown/NR
1:00pm	Naked Food Tasting—Culinary Arts Center/NR

Saturday, June 21

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, June 22

No Events Scheduled

Monday, June 23

6:00pm	SGS New Student Orientation—309 King Hall/BX

Tuesday, June 24

Noon	Poetry Club—201 King Hal/BX
Noon	Seminar—How to Market Yourself—Main Hall/ NR
Noon	CABS Meeting—203 Ustin Hall/ BX
Noon	Professional Development Workshop—Effective Assessment–108 Milavec Hall/NR
TBA	Caribbean Heritage Day—King Hall Gym/BX
TBA	Spoken Word Café—Garden on 190th Street Behind King Hall/BX
2:30pm	Grammatically Essential Mini Sessions—Pronoun Usage—201 King Hall/BX
3:30pm	Weight Watchers 103 Milavec Hall/NR
4:00pm	Intramurals—Basketball—Harrison Lot/NR
4:30pm	Tennis and Raq—The Roc Club/NR
6:00pm	Karate—Syndicate Hall/NR

Wednesday, June 25

1:00pm	SGS New Student Orientation—309 King Hall/BX
2:00pm	Hip Hop Dance Class—King Hall Gym/BX
4:45pm Hall/NR	Debate Team Practice—516 Main
5:00pm	Professional Development Workshop—Effective Assessmen—108 Milavec Hall/NR
5:30pm	Aerobics—Syndicate Hall/NR
6:00pm	President's and Dean's Reception—Green Tree Club/NR
6:00pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night——Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, June 26

8:30am	Rock Climbing Party—Off Campus Event/BX & NR
Noon	Sister to Sister—"Real Talk" Group Discussion for Women—201 King Hall/BX
Noon	Seminar–How to Market Yourself—919 West Hall/BX
12:30pm	Criminal Justice Career Day—West Hall/BX
2:00pm	International Students Coffee Hour—International Student Services—Main Hall/NR
2:30pm	Grammatically Essential Mini Sessions—Special Catch Up—201 King Hall/BX
2:30pm	MS Office 2007 Training Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint—408 King Hall/BX

Friday, June 27

9:00am	MS Office 2007 Training Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint—408 King Hall/BX
10:00am	On-Line Faculty Workshop—501 Jerome Hall/BX
10:00am	Maniacs Outing—Rockland Country State Park/NR
Noon	Rock Climbing Party Off Campus Event/NR
1:00pm	Open Gym Basketball—Hooperstown/NR
1:00pm	Naked Food Tasting—Culinary Arts Center/NR

Saturday, June 28

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, June 29

No Events Scheduled