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Monroe Alumni Connection

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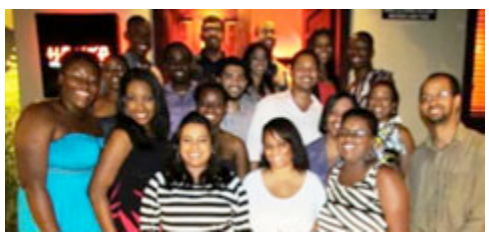
Alumni Ambassador Program

Monroe Graduates Connect All Over the Globe!!!

Monroe grads are found all over the world and they are forming groups in their respective geographic area. It is a winning combination to have them network with each other as well as to have them meet with prospective students. Shaun Merrique and Krystal Dookoo are International Admissions Counselors at the College. They have just returned from Trinidad & Tobago, Commonwealth of Dominica, and St. Kitts where they connected with some of our alumni.

St. Kitts

Commonwealth of Dominica



Trinidad & Tobago

Pictured above are the groups from those events. As Shaun Merrique says, "The alumni network in the islands is a wonderful resource for our admissions initiative. It is a chance for prospective student to meet grads who already have had the Monroe experience".

Tracey Toussaint Hidalgo -Bachelor's in Business Management 2006

First Recipient of the Leslie Robbins Jerome Scholarship

When a team of University of Toledo representatives first came to the Monroe New Rochelle campus, they had to explain to the Monroe current students about the University and where Ohio was located. Many of the students, who came to find out about the scholarship, had no idea that Ohio was in the Midwestern part of the US which could easily be driven to in a day.

Tracey Toussaint- Hidalgo, who hailed from Maraval, a small town in Trinidad, was the first person to take advantage of the scholarship. She studied, persevered, and took the GRE test. After doing well on the test, she entered the Human Resources MBA program at the university as a recipient of the scholarship, which has been endowed by Leslie Jerome an alumnus of University of Toledo and also current Director of the Office of Alumni Relations at Monroe.

Tracey met Francisco Hidalgo as her campus guide. Now married, with an adorable 2 year old son Eli, she works as an Expense Clerk at Costco. As she says, "Toledo is quieter and the pace is slower. That is something I am used to from my small home town in Trinidad. I really enjoy living here".

President Jerome Recipient of Two Awards

Borough of the Bronx Recognition

On Tuesday, January 3rd, President Stephen Jerome was the recipient of two special awards. First, Councilman James Vacca presented him with a proclamation from the Borough of the Bronx, awarding him special recognition for his 45th years of service to the college and to the local community.

Councilman James Vacca said: "I have taught at Monroe, and I know the college is unequalled in its commitment to the students and the customer service that is provided. Monroe College offers a special opportunity to the residents of the Bronx and we are so happy that the college has been here for almost 80 years".

Veterans at Monroe present Special Award

President Jerome also received a special award from Keith Rivera, who is the student leader of the Veterans of America Club. Keith represents the more than 400 veterans who are now students at the college.

President Stephen Jerome was presented with the Challenge Coin, which is given by military leaders to the men and women who are in their unit. As Keith said upon presenting the coin, "The coin represents the confidence leaders have in the individuals who are following them into combat zones."

"President Jerome and Monroe College have had a huge impact on the lives of the thousands of young men and women who have graduated from the different campuses."

To find out more about becoming a student through the Veterans Program at Monroe College, please contact Allen Hansen at or 646-393-8567.

Football Program to Begin in Fall 2012.

Monroe College will be making history again when they set out to start the first football program in the history of the college. This will open up a new opportunity for the New York City high school grads, as well as those living in the surrounding area. Many of them have dreams to play football but remain close to home.

Terry Karg, the newly hired football coach is excited about the prospect of starting a new program and looks forward to the challenges that may come his way.

There are scholarships available to the athletes who want to attend, in addition to this, room and board are available.

Education Program

The Early Childhood Education program is off to a great start. With 45 students registering, the program is well under way. The program offers a bachelor's degree that is focused on early child development from birth to the second grade.

ALUM OF THE MONTH

Natasha Neysmith MBA '07

Senior Marketing Manager
Natures Publishing Group

"The most important doors that an education will open are the ones in your mind"

Natasha Neysmith is the Senior Marketing Manager for the Academic Journals Division of Nature Publishing Group. She is currently based in New York and manages a portfolio of sixteen journals covering a wide variety of disciplines from obesity to gastroenterology and molecular therapy. Her experience in the field of science, technology and medical (STM) publishing spans all marketing channels and media including books, journals, CD-ROMS, and online knowledge environments for science and medical communities. Natasha obtained her MBA degree from Monroe College in 2007 and Bachelor's degree in English Literature from Virginia State University.

Natasha has over 10 years' experience in the fields of marketing and public relations. She has worked as a Channel Marketing Manager for CIBC World Markets where she supported the VP of Technology Solutions and Infrastructure by producing corporate materials on firm strategies and promotional materials on their portfolio of funds and annuities, as well as other sales support materials. She also has worked with Scholastic Inc. where she spent four years implementing marketing and product strategies for Literature Initiatives within Scholastic Education.

Natasha also has been actively involved with a number of organizations along with her educational and career pursuits. Over the years she has taken time to stay active in the community through her affiliations with such organizations as Jamaica Impact, Inc. (JAMPACT), National Black MBA Association, Inc., The Door, as well as the Monroe College Alumni Association & Monroe College Alumni Association Board.

Upcoming Events

- Alumni Business Owners' Showcase— February 9th
- Stick Fly on Broadway — February 25th
- 5th Annual Family Day at the Bronx Zoo — TBA
- Bowling — TBA
- Cocktail Party at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk — TBA

To register for our Alumni events go to our **Events Calendar.**

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