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Monroe College Launches Au Pair Academy to Provide Special Academic and Cultural Enrichment Courses to Meet the Needs of Busy Au Pairs

First Class Begins On Friday, October 23rd

BRONX, NY, October 21, 2020 -- Monroe College, a national leader in educating urban and international students, today announced the launch of its new Au Pair Academy to provide special academic and cultural enrichment courses for foreign nationals working as au pairs in the U.S.

While Monroe has a long history of offering continuing education classes and similar programming to au pairs and other non-matriculating students, the new Au Pair Academy will bring together a portfolio of select, affordable classes designed specifically to meet the general needs, interests, and time-constraints of these busy individuals.

Four courses, each reflecting 24 or 36 hours of instruction, will be offered virtually through the Au Pair Academy between now and the end of the year. Classes will typically cost less than \$300 and be held during weekends and evenings. The first one begins this Friday, October 23rd.

Reservations are now being accepted for the first five classes:

- <u>TOEFL ibt Preparation</u> (October 23rd start / 36 program hours)
- Introduction to Marketing and Branding (October 30th start / 24 program hours)
- The Psychology of Success (November 13th start / 24 program hours)
- Your Future, Your Career (November 27th start / 24 program hours)

"We are delighted to establish our new Au Pair Academy, which looks to give busy au pairs a chance to terrific American college experience while they earn their required instructional hours," said Marc Jerome, president of Monroe College.

He added: "With more than 900 international students at Monroe each semester, local au pairs will find they fit right in here, no matter where they call home."

Monroe hired Dr. Jason Tannenbaum to establish the Academy, create its programming, and oversee its day-to-day operations. He is well-known and respected within the au pair education community, having successfully managed similar programs at other colleges. Au pairs interested in learning more about the Academy can <u>visit Monroe's website</u> or email Dr. Tannenbaum directly at <u>jtannenbaum@monroecollege.edu</u>.

Non-citizen au pairs working in the U.S. are required to complete a minimum of 72 hours of educational instruction at an accredited institution of higher learning during their year-long assignment as an au pair. Monroe's new Au Pair Academy courses will help them to meet this responsibility.

Au pairs and others eager to improve their mastery of the English language are also welcomed at Monroe's English Language Learning Institute (ELLI).

ABOUT MONROE COLLEGE

Founded in 1933, Monroe College is a recognized leader in urban and international education. The College is proud of its innovative programs to increase college access, affordability, and completion outcomes, especially among first-generation students.

Monroe educates close to 7,000 students each year, offering Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degree programs from New York campuses in the Bronx and New Rochelle, as well as in the Caribbean nation of St. Lucia. Students may also pursue degree programs through Monroe Online.

Programs are offered through Schools of Allied Health Professions, Business & Accounting, Criminal Justice, Education, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Nursing, as well as through its King Graduate School. Liberal arts and continuing education programs are also available. For more information and admissions criteria, please visit http://www.monroecollege.edu.