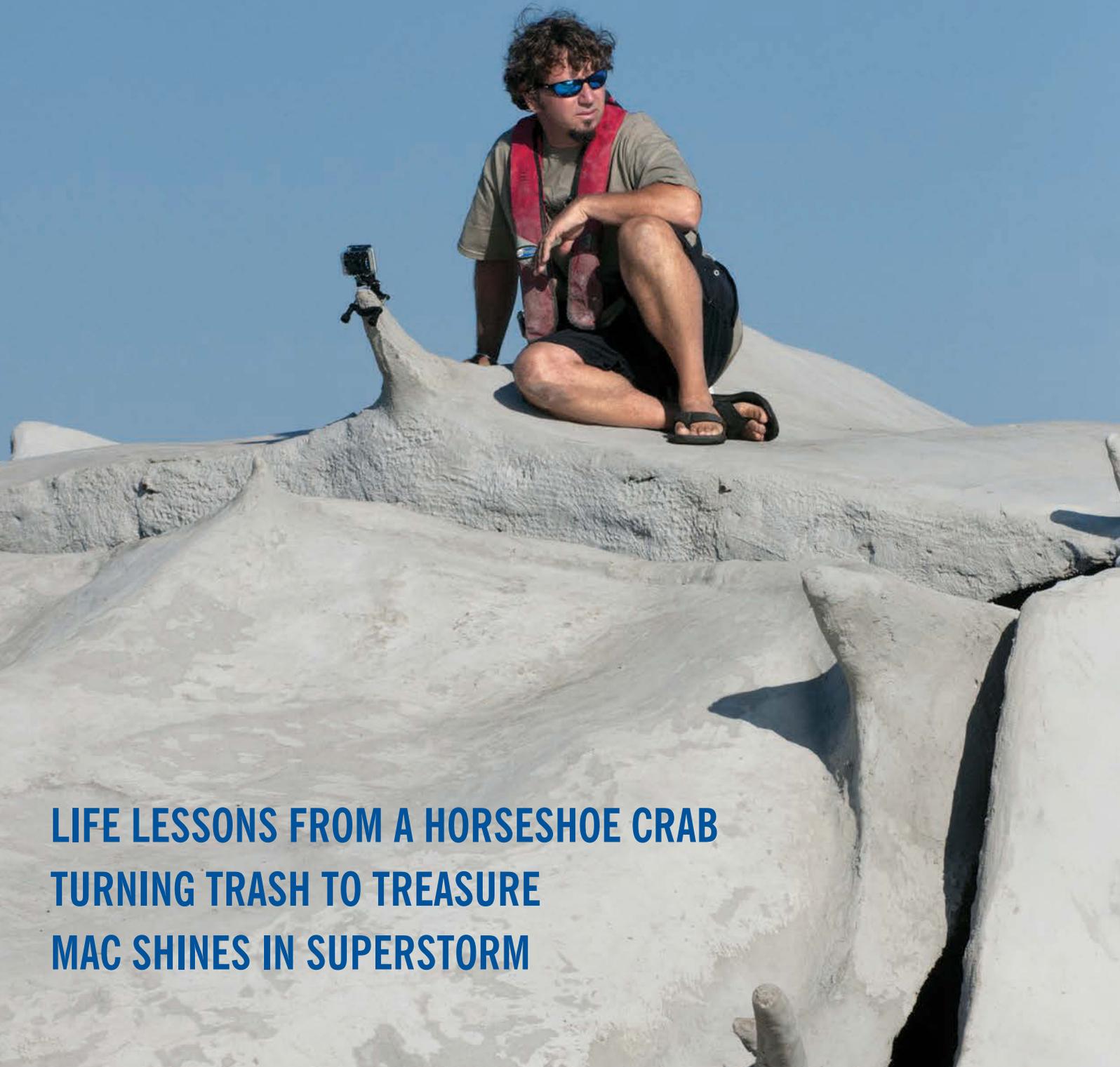


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# LETTERS READERS RESPOND TO SUMMER ISSUE



## ALL WORK NO PLAY?

The summer issue contained a letter written by Mr. Ken Dalecki in response to the two articles in previous issues chronicling fraternity life at Monmouth College 50 years earlier. The writer disparaged the articles because he obtained his college education in a far different and, apparently for him, superior manner. Allow me to be blunt. He obtained his education ... minus the fun.

Other than “a 50-mile walk to New York City,” his letter was devoid of any other “antics.” There was a great deal of fun to be had at Monmouth during the late 50s and early 60s. But along the way, most of us also managed to obtain a quality education. And many of us, like Mr. Dalecki, went on to great success in our professional lives.

Mr. Dalecki noted that, in those days, as mainly a commuter college, there was little if any on-campus housing. True. But there was a lot more off-campus housing than the “former motel near the beach in Long Branch serving as a student dorm.” There was a high-rise hotel on the beach, The Diplomat that housed Monmouth students. There were a number of old estate homes along Ocean Avenue that housed students ... and there was a number of fraternity and sorority houses scattered all around West Long Branch and Long Branch.

And that was where the fun came in. Students who pledged long and hard to become members lived with and got to learn about all crosswalks of society. We were mini melting pots. We learned how to run households, cook and serve meals,

engage in sports and student government, have fun, get along with others, have fun, contribute to charitable causes, have fun, participate in campus life and civic activities, etc. Oh, and did I mention, have fun! And, like Mr. Dalecki, many of us, myself included, simultaneously worked full- or part-time jobs.

The *Animal House* movie he referred to was just that ... a movie. When we reflect on our college days, we like to think that was the wild life we led because, after all, it WAS fun. But we did not engage in food fights nor did we sit around naked. As a rule, that was not part of our college experience either.

Mr. Dalecki is rightly very proud of the success he achieved and attributes it all to his work ethic. But there are many, many Monmouth grads “from back in the day” who had a great deal of fun during their college years and have gone on to great success as well. Doctors, lawyers, businessmen, journalists, statesmen, sportsmen...I could go on and on. Several have even become members of the university’s Board of Trustees. We all have achieved great success in life thanks to Monmouth College and Monmouth University. But many of us achieved that success after years as fun-loving fraternity and sorority members and we wouldn’t trade those fun-loving memories for just about anything.

And, I think, society, in general, is better off for it.

CHUCK HASSOL '61

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### CORRECTIONS:

On page 46 of the fall 2012 edition in the Class Note for Raymond Sandelli '70, the text indicated that he has a home in Ocean City, MD. It should have said Ocean City, NJ.

We regret the error.

## BEHIND THE PODIUM LOGO

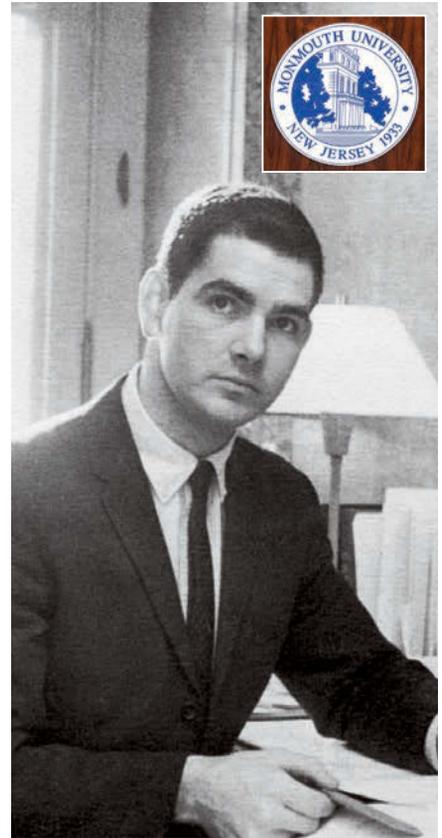


PHOTO OF STEPHEN RAFE IN 1963 SHADOWS YEARBOOK

When I was Monmouth College’s Director of Public Information, I had the school photographer, Ralph Binder, take the photo that appears in the logo mounted on the podium in the summer issue of the *Monmouth University Magazine*. I then had it accepted as the school’s official logo. That was in 1963, so it will be 50 years old next year.

I had finished my degree requirements in '62, had become the school’s first Alumni Director, and was promoted to Director of Public Information that same year. At that time, I was the youngest administrator in Monmouth’s history. I “walked” with my class in '63 and had the unique privilege of writing the commencement speaker’s address for my own class’s graduation.

STEPHEN RAFE '63

Awarded Outstanding Student Leader

# Life Lessons from a Horseshoe Crab

Things don't always go as planned. And for Chris Wojcik '91, August 30 proved to be one of those days. It was a warm, sunny day with blue skies and calm seas—a perfect morning for a boat ride with family and friends to celebrate the final stages of the installation of a monumental work of art that would also serve as a much-needed artificial reef.

Wojcik's unique project "Art as Reef" culminated in a 48-foot long, eight-and-a-half-foot tall horseshoe crab sculpture, built with 25 thousand pounds of concrete and steel, more than 500 hours of labor, and nearly \$100,000 in expenses. The massive built-to-scale construction, nicknamed "Princess Zoey Deschanel," was built to provide a habitat for undersea life and a destination for divers.

PHOTO: MARC STEINER PHOTOGRAPHY

The man-made reef was constructed of concrete and steel, Wojcik says, because they are the only materials that will eventually biodegrade and become part of the ocean after about 500 years. Construction of the sculpture, modeled after a resilient creature that has survived for 450 million years, was aided by Wojcik's nephew, Matt Lees of Point Pleasant Beach, and Mark Giampietro of Point Pleasant. Its glass eyeballs were blown by artist Blake Hudson in Oregon.

"The piece represents my belief that the oceans are a fragile place and that if a 'living fossil' like the horseshoe crab, having thus survived longer than practically anything else on earth, is in trouble then it does not bode well for the sea as a whole."

Within minutes of the final installation of Wojcik's project, years of careful planning yielded to the forces of nature.

After four hours of slow progress tugging the monumental artwork out to sea, with both a helicopter and parasailor spectating overhead, careful positioning of straps and belts, last-minute drilling of additional holes into the supporting barge to allow for water seepage, one of the straps of the crane holding the sculpture in place suddenly snapped.

**“ We are looking into exactly what went wrong. However, on the bright side, it is still a very usable habitat.”**

A booming crack sent the massive environmental art project sliding below the ocean's surface. More than 100 supporters and onlookers aboard more than 20 boats tracking the progress of the "Art as Reef" project gasped collectively. Among the shocked spectators were Dean Michael Palladino and Assistant Dean John Tiedemann from the School of Science and Dr. Jim Nickels from the Urban Coast Institute.

In an instant, Wojcik's labor of love went from potential Guinness World Record breaker, to broken wreck. "It's a heartbreaker," he said. Prior to the cable snap, the sculpture was expected to be listed as the world's largest underwater sculpture.

Wojcik later discovered that during its descent, the barge flipped over and landed on the sculpture, crushing it under a force of nearly 50 tons. Fortunately, a much smaller concrete



flounder that Wojcik also constructed over the past year to accompany the larger project survived totally unscathed.

Wojcik exhibited the same resiliency as his smaller sculpture following the unfortunate turn of events. “It is true that the horseshoe crab sculpture was completely destroyed during the deployment. It took a ride to the seafloor that it was never designed to withstand,” he said.

“We are looking into exactly what went wrong. However, on the bright side, it is still a very usable habitat,” Wojcik added.

“This experience has taught me a very valuable lesson in humility and keeping things in perspective. I have shed more than one tear in the last 24 hours and not one of them was for the loss of the sculpture itself. What got me emotional was the outpouring of support I got from my family, friends, and total strangers. I really have been given an amazing gift. I got to hear all the nice things that people usually say about you after you are dead, but I got to live through it.”

Wojcik’s creation, now submerged in about 80 feet water on the Axel Carlson Reef, one of 15 artificial reefs that make up New Jersey’s artificial reef program, is still a viable home for marine organisms.

Days after the mishap, Wojcik dove down to the reef to discover that marine life had not been dissuaded from exploring the structure as a potential new home. He saw an approaching shark, black sea bass and a school of scup on his exploratory dive.

Although his dreams for a destination for his undersea artwork have been, quite literally, shattered, Wojcik’s original goal of enhancing the environment is still intact. Even in its damaged state, the structure of the horseshoe crab sculpture will create a reef, allowing creatures like lobsters to live underneath and oysters to roam on the surface area.

Wojcik credits support from friends and local businesses as critical to the project.

Bill Cleary, an attorney, avid wreck diver, and the owner of the Shipwreck Grill in Brielle, donated dock space for Wojcik to construct and store the horseshoe crab sculpture before its lopsided voyage to the bottom of the sea. Cleary, who maintains a small museum of shipwreck artifacts near his restaurant, is an ardent supporter of the Art as Reef project.

Rich Kramer, of R. Kramer and Sons in Brick, donated the barge on which the sculpture sat prior to its launch. Wojcik said other significant contributors included Exelon Corp.; Reef Makers in Moorestown; Blue Ocean Institute, a conservation organization; and the Brielle Chamber of Commerce.

In late November 2011, as the project was nearing completion, Patagonia, the outdoor clothing and gear





WOJCIK WORKS ON THE INSIDE OF THE HORSESHOE CRAB INSET: CONCRETE FLOUNDER SCULPTURE SURVIVED INTACT

manufacturer, offered financial assistance and sponsored a fundraising event at the Lightly Salted Surf Shop in Asbury Park to raise money for the project. Also supporting the effort were the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, and the Ann E. Clark Foundation, a significant supporter of projects on New Jersey's artificial reefs. Moving the project to completion still required Wojcik to personally finance the final \$25,000 needed to tow the massive reef sculpture from the dock to its destination, 4.4 nautical miles southeast of Manasquan Inlet.

### Behind the Reef

Growing up on the Jersey Shore, Wojcik has always had a special relationship with the ocean. At an early age he discovered it was more than just a place where he could surf, swim or scuba dive. It has, Wojcik says, always been his life-long inspiration.

Like an octopus, Wojcik's talents reach in many directions. After earning his degree in biology at Monmouth, Wojcik began his career as a biologist for National Marine Fisheries Service in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. He went on

to earn an M.S. in Biological Oceanography in 1997 from Western Washington University.

While well-versed in science, Wojcik said his artistic side pushed him to explore avenues where he could combine his keen interest in both science and art. "My passion is to do exactly what I want to do," Wojcik said.

Through his company, Ionature, profiled in the May 2011 issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine, Wojcik builds exhibits and animal habitats for zoos, aquariums and museums around the world. His work is currently on display at the Bronx Zoo, Miami Metro Zoo, the Camden Aquarium and Utah's Hogle Zoo among many others.

Wojcik also helped invent "Save-A-Phone," a commercial product used to dry cell phones and other electronic devices that accidentally fall into the water.

Media has also served as an outlet for Wojcik's creative outlets. Active both before and behind the camera, Wojcik was the host of the "Shark Cam" for the Discovery Channel's Shark Week where he chatted online for five hours from the Georgia Aquarium.

He also produced, directed and was the primary camera operator for the Discovery Channel series, “Earth Grooves,” in collaboration with composer Eric Hemion. The duo also presented a multimedia collaboration— an underwater video shot by Wojcik and set to music performed by a string quartet and composed by Hemion—at the 2011 Winter Festival sponsored by the New Jersey Symphony.

When he’s not building environmental habitats, filming or implementing art projects, Wojcik is usually delving into one of his other passions like spear-fishing, surfing, studying alternative energy and emerging technologies, or traveling.

### Monmouth Sets Foundation

As a student at Monmouth, Wojcik took full advantage of what the school had to offer, becoming involved in Model United Nations and as vice president of Beta Beta Beta, the national biological honor society. He was also a member of the Student Government and served as a tutor for students with learning disabilities.

And his efforts to help the environment surfaced early when he and a few friends started a conservation group in the late-80s called “Action Now.” Through the group’s perseverance, the college began distributing recycling bins throughout the campus.

Wojcik also fondly recalls his time at Monmouth under the tutelage of his favorite professor, Dr. Donald Dorfman, with whom he has remained a good friend.

“Monmouth gave me the confidence that I could do well. When I finished, I felt really well-prepared,” he said.

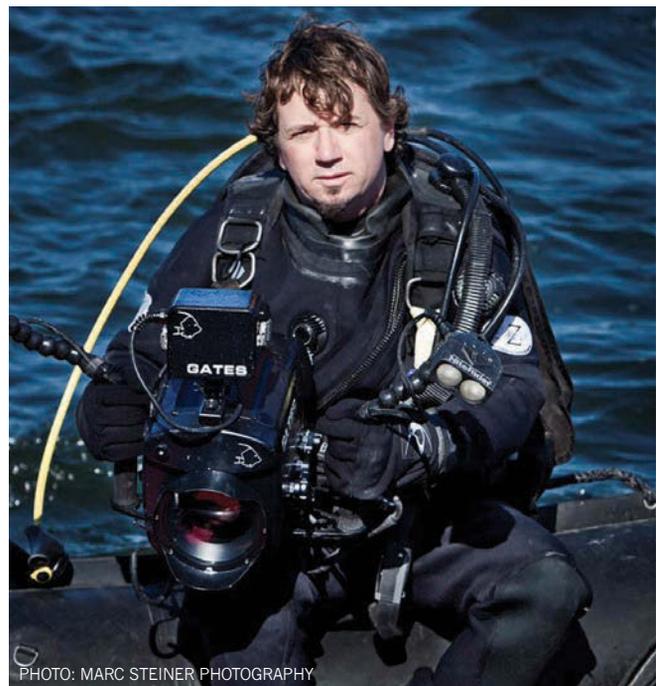
Wojcik will return to the Monmouth campus this spring to share his infectious curiosity and love of learning with a new generation of students. He is slated to teach two classes as an adjunct professor; one focused on Underwater Research Techniques and one on Scuba Diving. Passing on his knowledge is also a critical piece in Wojcik’s diverse career.

“I can’t wait,” said Wojcik.

And, exhibiting the optimism that underlies his versatile efforts in the media, arts, and sciences, Wojcik still plans to construct several more artificial reef structures, despite the heart-rending disappointment following the unexpected turn of events for his most recent project.

“All the material will still make good habitat,” he said. “It’ll be a little better for lobster than for blackfish, because it will be flat like a dinner plate.”

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### Looking Forward

Wojcik’s next Art as Reef project involves a beached finback whale off the coast of Oregon. In collaboration with a marine mammal biologist at a local university and local school groups, he plans to dig up the bones of a fossilized whale, make molds of the bones out of steel and then reassemble them.

“It’s kind of like what you see at the American Museum of Natural History with the dinosaurs,” said Wojcik.

The new project, which will likely cost upwards of \$1 million to complete, will then be submerged as an artificial reef. The finback whale, which is on the federal endangered species list, is the second largest whale in the world and the second longest animal in the world, sometimes reaching nearly 90 feet in length. It has been called “the greyhound of the sea” because of its sleek form and speed. [MU](#)

# MAC SHINES IN SUPERSTORM

Finest Hour for Facility during Darkest Days



## “MULTIPURPOSE” TAKES ON NEW MEANING AS MAC BECOMES LARGEST EVACUATION CENTER IN NEW JERSEY

In the aftermath of the ravages of superstorm Sandy on the Jersey Shore, the tone in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) was somber and became increasingly desperate as more than a week wore on for residents displaced by the superstorm. Inside the award-winning venue, usually the stomping ground for Monmouth Hawks’ basketball teams, the lighting was dim, and cots lined the floors in both the Boylan Gym and the much newer MAC.

Linking the two facilities was a flurry of activity from people trying to help make the lives of those evacuated in the wake of the devastating storm—some brought from as far away as Atlantic City—a little easier. Management

for the evacuees was coordinated among the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Department, the Monmouth University Police Department, the NJ Air National Guard, the NJ Army National Guard, American Red Cross, Department of Homeland Security, AmeriCorps, NJ Department of Health, County Health Department, Office of Emergency Management, the Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corp. and numerous other volunteers.

“All the credit goes to the people serving food, setting up cots, giving medical care and keeping the evacuees safe,” said Monmouth University Police Chief Bill McElrath. “It worked very smoothly. Everyone worked together as a team.”

“Every evacuee was treated with dignity and respect,” said Patti Swannack, vice president for Administrative Services at Monmouth University. She also saluted the efforts of AmeriCorps volunteers during the recovery period. “They set up cots, helped to feed people, and helped answer questions,” Swannack said. “They worked tirelessly,” she said.

Also contributing to the group’s cohesion were the tireless efforts from Director of Facilities Management Lester Hauck, the custodians and Monmouth University electricians. President Gaffney noted that because the bathroom facilities at the MAC were not designed to accommodate permanent residents, the custodial staff had to clean every area of the building around the clock.

At the height of the fallout from the storm, about one thousand people sought refuge in the MAC. A little over a week later, with power outages rampant throughout the region, there were still more than 100 people clinging to the aid and shelter offered in Boylan Gym, even as the rest of the campus struggled for a return to normalcy, and the basketball teams returned to practice on the floor of the MAC.

By the afternoon of November 7, the remaining evacuees were placed by emergency services agencies in other facilities.

The shelter established at Monmouth University was the first stop on U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet



**“ The volunteers, police, and members of outside agencies all served 12-hour shifts. We were able to feed them all, along with our displaced students, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM even when the rest of the region had no power.”**

Napolitano’s November 4 review of recovery efforts in New Jersey. Secretary Napolitano’s visit was led by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden '99, accompanied by Monmouth County Freeholders Thomas Arnone, Lillian Burry, Gary Rich and Serena DiMaso, and Congressmen Rush Holt and Frank Pallone, Senator Jennifer Beck, and Assemblywomen Caroline Casagrande and Pat Angellini.

Throughout most of the week following Sandy’s landfall, a makeshift infirmary was located in the Athletics training room.

“We are grateful to Secretary Napolitano for personally touring the shelter where she was able to meet the unsung heroes of that operation,” said Sheriff Golden, who also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Monmouth. “The hard work and dedication to this effort has maintained the safety and security of the facility and those who were displaced.”

The second floor track area was modified to become a game and recreation area for children facing boredom.

“It takes a united team effort, including federal, state, county and municipal officials, to help people recover and cope with the effects of this devastating storm,” said Sheriff Golden.

Mary Anne Nagy, vice president for Student and Community Services, lauded the efforts of the campus to support the many volunteers. “The volunteers,



BOYLAN GYM WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY AT THE HEIGHT OF THE EVACUATION EFFORTS

# SURVIVING SANDY

## STORIES FROM THE SHELTER



**“I just thank God that I have all my four children safe with me,” said one woman who was sheltered at the MAC after her home in Keansburg was washed away by the fierce tide that Sandy brought to the Jersey Shore on October 28. The 36-year old Colleen, who had grown up on the Jersey Shore, remained hopeful in spite of her dire situation and uncertain future. Three days later she and her family were relocated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to a motel room in Edison.**

One evacuee, named Poew, who stood barely five feet tall, sat on his cot next to his other family members who had been displaced because of Hurricane Sandy. With a smile on his face, he remarked how this had been the third hurricane he had endured. The Cambodian native was living in Texas with his family in 2008 when Hurricane Ike ravaged the coastline. He moved to New Jersey in 2011 only to be met by Hurricane Irene in August 2011, and now Sandy. Thankfully, the next day he and his family were relocated to a more private location by FEMA.

Another evacuee, a small boy named Damon, sat with his grandmother bouncing on the canvas of his cot, mostly out of boredom. His parents had made the decision that they would rather abandon him than spend even one night in a shelter.

One couple, who said they were evacuated from their home to New Brunswick and then back down to the MAC said they were still unaware whether their home remained.

Then there was Jake, who sat in his wheelchair chatting away with another older woman next to him. He was brought to the shelter because his medical condition prevented him from staying in his unheated home.

But in the face of such adversity, there was a resounding resiliency and compassion. And as most of the souls seeking refuge in the impromptu shelter retold their stories, some horrific, there was still a sense of hope that it would get better. “I strongly believe that everything happens for a reason, and I am so thankful that we were brought to safety when the water came up to our second floor,” said Colleen.

police, and members of outside agencies all served 12-hour shifts,” she said. “We were able to feed them all, along with our displaced students, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM even when the rest of the region had no power,” she said.

“For many of the workers and volunteers a hot meal was a welcome respite from the tragedy facing many of those sheltered on campus,” Nagy said.



MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM MCELRATH AND LESTER HAUK, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT FOR OPERATIONS HELP COORDINATE SHELTER EFFORTS

Monmouth University President Paul Gaffney, whose on-campus residence was still without power on Election Day, more than a week after the storm, said, “The University was proud to offer a temporary home for the evacuees and the talent to run evacuation facilities, but most important was the remarkable level of cooperation among the many organizations who cared so well for so many neighbors victimized by the storm.”

“My hat is off to Sheriff Golden and his senior staff and our own Chief Bill McElrath for setting the tone of cooperation. When experts review evacuation operations around the state, I feel this cooperation will be judged as a model,” Gaffney said.

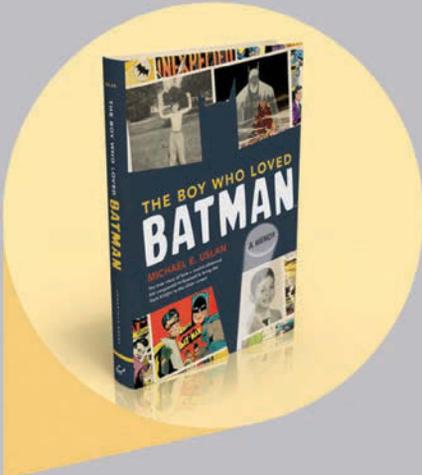
No matter how many championship banners are yet to be unfurled at the facility, hailed as one of the finest athletic facilities in the Northeast Conference, the MAC’s brightest days may always be remembered for adapting to unexpected circumstances as a life-saving shelter for more than a thousand New Jersey residents battered by Superstorm Sandy. [MU](#)

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MICHAEL E. USLAN 'HN 12 DELIVERS  
CONVOCATION ADDRESS AT FOUNDERS' DAY

## "Dr. Batman" Michael Uslan Headlines Founders' Day



USLAN IS THE AUTHOR OF THE 2011 MEMOIR, THE BOY  
WHO LOVED BATMAN

Michael E. Uslan, executive producer of all Batman movies since 1989, delivered the convocation address at the 79<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day celebration on October 10 after receiving the first ever doctorate of Fine Arts, with a concentration in comic books, from Monmouth University.

"This is the first doctorate of comic books ever given out in the world," Uslan said to great applause.

"From the *Boy Who Loved Batman* to the man who is dedicated to encouraging others to pursue their goals and their dreams with tenacity, we recognize you for setting in motion the groundbreaking reimagining of a superhero whose only real superpower is humanity," said President Paul Gaffney who introduced the record-breaking executive producer, describing him as "a self-made man who has become a power in his industry."

"By cinematically defining Batman in this way, you have established that we all have the capacity to be superheroes, and we thank you for this thoughtful illumination," Gaffney said.

It was not Uslan's first encounter with Monmouth. "I grew up down the street," Uslan said. Although he attended Indiana University in Bloomington, "I did take a summer course at Monmouth on the French Revolution...and I got an 'A,'" Uslan said to applause.

His family connection also extends to the physical structures of Monmouth's historic campus; Uslan's father, a stonemason, was responsible for the marble stairs outside the front entrance of Wilson Hall.

"How does a blue-collar kid from Ocean

Township buy the rights to Batman?" Uslan asked in his address. "How does he do it when he doesn't have any money or any connections in Hollywood?"

Uslan encouraged students to take "the road not taken," referring to his

favorite poet Robert Frost, as he decided to do many years ago as a student at Indiana University, after convincing a school dean that an academic course studying comic books as American Folklore was warranted. After initial resistance, Uslan won his case by leading the approval panel to draw their own parallels between the origins of Superman and Moses, arguing that comic books represent modern day mythology.

As a result, Uslan made academic and comic book history by teaching the first accredited college course on comic books as a legitimate American art form. He went on to earn a master's of science degree in Urban Education from Indiana University School of Education, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University School of Law. While pursuing his law degree Uslan took every course related to entertainment law that was available.

Uslan's dream was to resurrect the original, grittier vision, of Batman presented in early comic books, as distinct from the pop-culture image Batman came to represent following the explosive popularity of the 1960s *Batman* television series starring Adam West. "On the one hand, I was thrilled to see Batman on television," Uslan recalled. "But I was

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simultaneously horrified that the world was laughing at Batman.”

Despite ignoring insider advice that investing in the rights to Batman was a commercial dead-end, and a subsequent decade of rejections to various film proposals, Uslan was instrumental in bringing Tim Burton’s blockbuster film, *Batman*, to fruition in 1989.

Uslan is now one of the highest-grossing movie producers of all time, with the 2008 film, *The Dark Knight*, alone passing the \$1 billion mark, and its 2012 trilogy conclusion, *The Dark Knight Rises*, poised to do the same. Along the way, Uslan has won an Emmy for the television show, *Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?*, and been involved in prominent films including *Constantine* and *National Treasure*.

He is also the author of the 2011 memoir, *The Boy Who Loved Batman*, which describes his journey from Ocean Township to Hollywood. As he shared his journey as a boy buying comic books at the Wanamassa Pharmacy to a Hollywood mogul, Uslan challenged students to follow their dreams and believe in superheroes along the way.



THE PRESIDENT'S VISION AWARD HAD NOT BEEN PRESENTED SINCE 2005



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD WINNER JOHN O'DONNELL '67, MICHAEL E. USLAN HN '12, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63, PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY, VISION AWARD RECIPIENTS DR. DONALD B. MCKENZIE AND ARIE VAN EVERDINGEN

Uslan accepted the honorary degree “on behalf of all of the creators, writers, artists, editors and publishers in the comic book industry since 1934. These are people who created a distinct, legitimate art form as indigenous to this country as Jazz, and who, for most of their lifetimes, were scorned and derided, and their work accused of being—at best—cheap entertainment for children.”

“How amazed would they be to know that works of comic art have hung in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, at the Louvre, at the Smithsonian Institution, at the United Nations, and at universities and galleries around the world?”

“If you don’t think superheroes exist in our world, take a look at a great teacher and think again,” Uslan said.

Underscoring Uslan’s appreciation for the superhuman efforts of teachers, and the importance of fine arts, was the presentation of the President’s Vision Award to two former faculty members: Dr. Donald B. McKenzie, professor emeritus of English, and Arie van Everdingen, associate professor emeritus of Art.

The President’s Vision Award, established in 1999, is a highly

selective honor which has not been awarded since 2005. “The award was created to acknowledge those who have made important contributions to our University, and to our community,” Gaffney said.

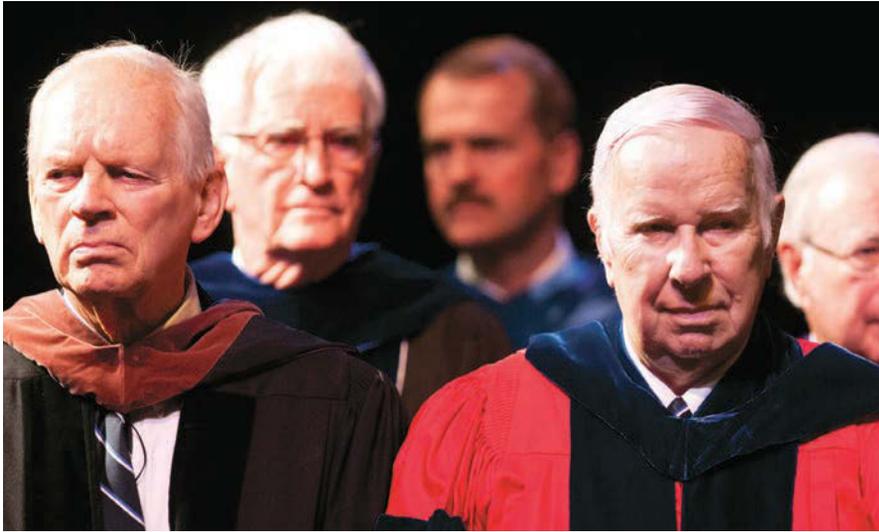
“The award has only been given five times,” Gaffney noted.

Trustee Thomas J. Michelli presented the candidates for their awards, introducing Dr. McKenzie as a “distinguished scholar, erudite professor, academic innovator, curriculum reformer, and generous supporter.”

“Today we are delighted to pay tribute to you for your unwavering commitment to Monmouth University,” Michelli said.

Michelli commended van Everdingen for being an “artist, educator, accomplished and lauded ceramist, endearing and enduring friend of Monmouth University.”

“You have sown seeds here, seeds that have grown deep and lasting roots. What we think of as essential elements at the core of this institution sprang from your efforts,” Michelli said, noting that van Everdingen was instrumental in ensuring the adoption of the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and a driving force in making the Rotary Ice House Gallery a reality.



VISION AWARD RECIPIENTS ARIE VAN EVERDINGEN AND DR. DONALD B. MCKENZIE

Dr. McKenzie, who joined the faculty at Monmouth in 1967, served as director of the M.A.T. in English program, and he developed and was the director—for the first two years—of the M.A.L.S. program. He chaired the Graduate Studies Committee for five years and served during his tenure on the Honorary Degree Committee, the Commencement Committee, and the General Education Oversight Committee. He is a lifetime member of the Monmouth University Library Association and longtime benefactor of the English Alumni Scholarship.

Professor van Everdingen began his teaching career at Monmouth University in 1966 and served with distinction for 25 years. He served as chair of the Art Department from 1974 to 1980, and received the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1993. An accomplished ceramist whose works have been exhibited throughout the United States including Greenwich House Pottery in New York City, he was also instrumental in rebuilding the ceramics studio.

McKenzie joked that between him and van Everdingen they taught at Monmouth for 57 years. “We endured a joint total of 252 commencements

and formal ceremonies like this one,” he said to laughter from the audience. “Paul Gaffney is either rewarding us or punishing us,” McKenzie added.

Van Everdingen also entertained the assembly when he noted that as a trained potter he was a member of “the second oldest profession.”

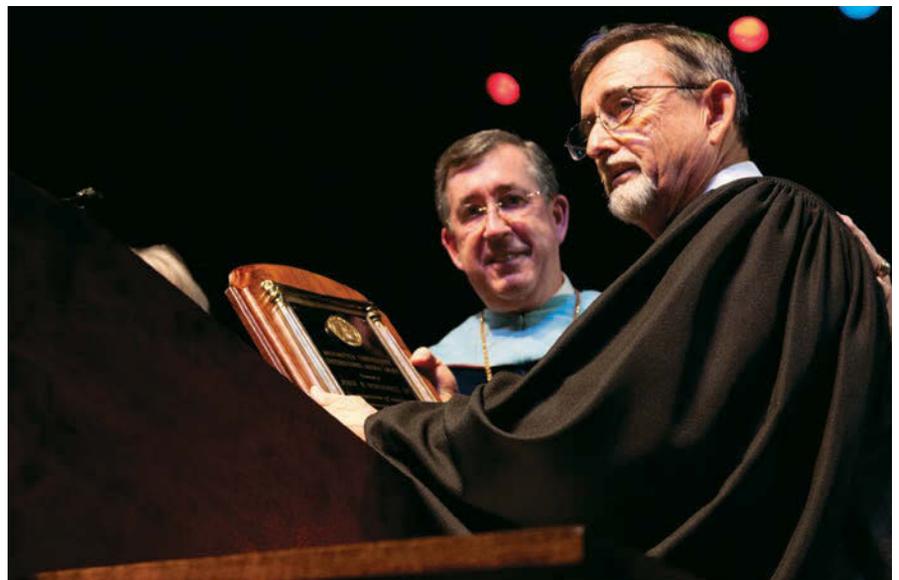
John O'Donnell '67, a retired engineer from Honeywell Business and Commuter Aviation, received the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award.

“You exemplify Monmouth graduate achievement, both professionally and personally,” said President of the Alumni Association Judith Cerciello '96, as she introduced the groundbreaking engineer and patent holder.

“When diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, you did not retreat,” Cerciello said of O'Donnell. “Your participation as a volunteer speaker, fundraiser, and research study participant is significant. And your promotion of therapeutic Parkinson activities, including your own enthusiastic enjoyment of salsa dancing, has inspired others,” she said.

“I'm shaking because I have Parkinson's. I'm not afraid of anything,” O'Donnell said as he approached the podium to accept his award. Although fatigue stemming from his 19-year battle with the disease cut his speech short, O'Donnell praised Monmouth's progress and his pride in the growth of the sciences since his graduation.

“Monmouth was a great experience, and I hope it will be a great experience for all of you,” O'Donnell told the students. [MU](#)



PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD WINNER JOHN O'DONNELL '67

# MEN'S AND WOMEN'S 2012-13 BASKETBALL

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## Men's Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/9	<b>HOFSTRA</b>	7:00 p.m.
11/12	at Notre Dame <sup>^</sup>	7:00 p.m.
11/17	at Rider	2:00 p.m.
11/19	vs. Georgia State <sup>#</sup>	7:00 p.m.
11/20	vs. South Alabama <sup>#</sup>	4:00 p.m.
11/21	vs. Tennessee State <sup>#</sup>	12:00 p.m.
11/26	<b>LAFAYETTE</b>	7:00 p.m.
12/3	at Binghamton	7:00 p.m.
12/5	<b>NAVY</b>	7:00 p.m.
12/8	at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
12/12	at Maryland	7:00 p.m.
12/22	<b>VILLANOVA</b>	7:00 p.m.
12/31	at Fordham	4:00 p.m.
01/3	at Wagner <sup>*</sup>	7:00 p.m.
01/5	at Mount St. Mary's <sup>*</sup>	7:00 p.m.
01/10	<b>SAINT FRANCIS (PA.)<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
01/12	<b>ROBERT MORRIS<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
01/17	at St. Francis (N.Y.) <sup>*</sup>	7:00 p.m.
01/19	at LIU Brooklyn <sup>*</sup>	4:30 p.m.
01/24	<b>FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
01/26	at Sacred Heart <sup>*</sup>	3:30 p.m.
01/31	<b>CENTRAL CONN. STATE<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
02/2	<b>BRYANT<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
02/7	at Quinnipiac <sup>*</sup>	7:00 p.m.
02/9	at Fairleigh Dickinson <sup>*</sup>	7:00 p.m.
02/14	<b>LIU BROOKLYN<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
02/16	<b>ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
02/21	at Robert Morris <sup>*</sup>	7:00 p.m.
02/23	at Saint Francis (Pa.) <sup>*</sup>	1:00 p.m.
02/28	<b>MOUNT ST. MARY'S<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
03/2	<b>WAGNER<sup>*</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.
03/6, 9, 12	NEC Tournament (high seeds)	tba

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

\* - Northeast Conference games

^ - Coaches vs. Cancer Classic First Round (South Bend, Ind.)

# - Coaches vs. Cancer Classic Second Round (Atlanta, Ga.)

All dates, times subject to change

## Women's Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/11	at UMBC	2:00 p.m.
11/16	at Washington State	10:00 p.m.
11/18	at Gonzaga	6:00 p.m.
11/23	<b>LAFAYETTE<sup>^</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.
11/25	at Lehigh <sup>^</sup>	2:00 p.m.
11/30	vs. High Point <sup>#</sup>	3:30 p.m.
12/1	vs. Navy/East Carolina <sup>#</sup>	3:30/6 p.m.
12/4	<b>GEORGETOWN</b>	7:00 p.m.
12/22	<b>DELAWARE</b>	3:00 p.m.
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^ - Thanksgiving Challenge

# - Navy Classic (Annapolis, Md.)

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Michael Maiden

# TURNING TRASH TO TREASURE

# HOW RESEARCH AT MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO TURN DISCARDED PLASTIC BOTTLES INTO A LIFE-SAVING SOLUTION FOR MILLIONS AND WHY YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO EASY ON BASMATI RICE

**D**r. Tsanangurayi Tongesayi, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics, is developing a unique, simple, and inexpensive method to extract deadly arsenic from drinking water that could dramatically improve the quality of life for millions of people, especially in economically underdeveloped nations.

Odorless, tasteless, and colorless, arsenic enters drinking water supplies from natural deposits in soil and rock that occur in many parts of the world, including the United States. Arsenic is also a hazard because of decades of agricultural and industrial use. For many years arsenic was used in the United States as a key ingredient in fertilizer, pesticides, and until 2003, as an essential component for pressure-treated lumber widely utilized as a structural and outdoor building material.

“Unless your backyard deck was built very recently, there is a very good chance you are living with arsenic in your home,” Dr. Tongesayi explained.

“Arsenic is toxic and carcinogenic,” Tongesayi said, “And it is found almost everywhere, including apple juice, infant formula, and in basmati rice.” Although basmati rice has long been considered a healthier alternative to white rice, Tongesayi urges caution about making it anything more than an occasional treat.

After testing a popular brand of the commercially available grain—a favorite staple of one of his colleagues—

Tongesayi concluded several years ago that the fashionable food item contained alarming levels of arsenic.

A U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) report released in September has justified Tongesayi’s concerns; the FDA survey found arsenic content in about 30 samples of Indian basmati rice in its preliminary analysis.

The FDA has also recently expanded oversight and testing of apple juice. According to the FDA, “Tests done in 2010 and 2011 show on average about three parts per billion (ppb) of arsenic in every one billion parts of apple juice. That is lower than the 10 ppb set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the maximum level allowed in public drinking water.”

Although federal regulators in the United States are paying closer attention to the almost invisible, but very real, dangers of arsenic, there are almost 100 million people in developing countries exposed to dangerously high levels of arsenic in their drinking water, without recourse to regulatory oversight or complex purification technology.

Kevin Henke, author of *Arsenic: Environmental Chemistry, Health Threats and Waste Treatment*, estimates that approximately 57 million people in the Bengal basin alone are drinking groundwater with arsenic concentrations elevated above the World Health Organization’s standard of 10 ppb.

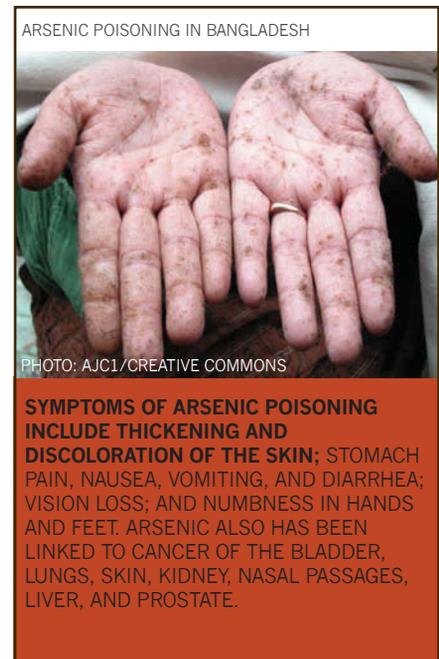
Tongesayi, who earned his bachelors and masters degrees at the University of Zimbabwe, while concerned about his colleagues’ consumption of basmati rice, is also keenly aware of the global

scope of the insidious threat that arsenic poses in economically challenged areas. Zimbabwe, with a population of more than 12 million, also has one of the lowest Human Development Index rankings, 173 out of 187, according to the United Nations.

Uncontrolled mining coupled with populations clustered around the arsenic-rich Zambezi river basin has exacerbated a public health crisis in the country. With a per capita annual income estimated at less than U.S. \$400, stemming the deadly contamination of arsenic is a major challenge.

“Dealing with arsenic contamination of drinking water in the developing world requires simple technology based on locally available materials,” Tongesayi said.

**LEFT:** DR. TSANANGURAYI TONGESAYI USES DISCARDED WATER BOTTLES TO HELP REMOVE ARSENIC FROM DRINKING WATER



“Water is responsible for most of the distribution of arsenic in the environment, and water also represents the major avenue of arsenic exposure to human beings.”

“Our process uses pieces of plastic bottles. We coat the pieces with cysteine, a harmless amino acid found in dietary supplements and foods, and stir the plastic in arsenic-contaminated water. The cysteine-coated plastic works like a magnet. The cysteine binds up the arsenic. Remove the plastic and you have drinkable water.”

Tongesayi and his student research assistants continue to test and refine the simple, inexpensive method for removing arsenic, while looking for ways to scale-up their laboratory experiments for wider field adoption. Keeping the system simple is a key goal of the project.

“When we started the experiments I cut the plastic bottles up using scissors,” Tongesayi said.

“Recently we acquired a machine to chop the bottles more efficiently into smaller pieces, which has yielded better results.” The advances come thanks to a new addition to Tongesayi’s lab, an industrial shredder, originally designed to destroy credit cards. “There were a few questions we had to answer before we were allowed to purchase the equipment,” Tongesayi joked.

“The smaller the pieces of plastic are,” Tongesayi said, “the greater the amount of surface area available for the cysteine to bind to, which produces better outcomes for arsenic removal.”

Tongesayi said his laboratory has tested the plastic bottle arsenic removal method on water containing 20 ppb of arsenic—twice the safe standard set by the EPA for drinking water—and produced drinkable water with 0.2 ppb—or less—a result that more than meets EPA and World Health Organization standards.



DR. TONGESAYI DISPLAYS CRUSHED PLASTIC USED TO ATTRACT ARSENIC

“The technology is so straightforward that people without technical skills can use it,” Tongesayi said, citing that as a key advantage over other arsenic-removal technologies, especially for the developing world.

“Sadly, discarded plastic bottles are almost always available locally, no matter where in the world you live, but the good news is that the application of cysteine [to isolate arsenic] does not require complicated technology.”

“We are trying to kill two birds with one stone; we are recycling water bottles, which are a nuisance in the environment and using them to remove arsenic from drinking water. Our method is very eco-friendly,” Tongesayi said.

“We can collect the plastics without paying a single cent,” said Tongesayi. The filters can also be used again and again until they are saturated with arsenic. Then they are stripped of the toxic material and “re-generated” so that they can be recycled.

Tongesayi and two of his former research assistants, Aracelis Lantigua '11 and Julia Elscheid '11, presented their preliminary findings at the 242nd

National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society, a major scientific meeting with 7,500 technical papers. At the conference Tongesayi also acknowledged the work of two other research assistants, Muhammad O. Ali '12, and Clara Abbey '11, who were unable to attend the conference. Abbey, a Biology major, is currently enrolled in medical school at St. George’s University School of Medicine.

“They worked with me as undergraduates, and they all did excellent work,” Tongesayi said.

“Dr. Tongesayi has established himself as an excellent mentor for his research students,” said Michael Palladino, dean of the School of Science. “This project is a model example of high-quality faculty scholarship involving undergraduate students with the potential to result in a patent and commercial applications,” he said.

Dean Palladino said that Monmouth University has entered into a Confidentiality Agreement with global chemical company AkzoNobel to pursue partnership and commercialization of this technology, which also has the potential for removing other potentially toxic heavy metals from drinking water.

“AkzoNobel has shown significant interest in Dr. Tongesayi’s research,” Dean Palladino said. “One future challenge will be to explore large-scale applications of this arsenic removal technique under a variety of industrial and environmental conditions to determine if it can be effective commercially,” he said.

In the meantime, Dr. Tongesayi has filed a provisional patent application and is continuing his research to refine and improve effectiveness of the innovative arsenic removal process.[MU](#)

Sharon Hazard

# DEFYING EXPECTATIONS AND MOVING FORWARD



**Fahed Al-Shelaimi '96: Military Professional, Peacemaker, and Nurturing Parent**

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When he got the phone call, his world collapsed. In an instant, the world he had worked so hard to make safe and secure was changed forever. It was October 18, 2001, when Fahed Al-Shelaimi '96 received the kind of news that shakes one's faith.

**T**he hospital in Kuwait called to say that his wife of 17 years and his five year-old daughter had been in a car accident. "I rushed to the hospital, and I was struck by the hard reality of life and death. I was told they didn't make it. They had passed away," Al-Shelaimi recalled.

For a moment, the usually in-command Kuwaiti Army Officer was at a loss at how to proceed. A devout Muslim, Al-Shelaimi remembers, "I did not know what to do, but I had belief in one thing, the mercy of Allah-God!" Good memories of his wife and daughter came flooding back, giving him the strength to carry on for his six surviving children.

"I went home to my children, five girls and one boy, and held them tightly, telling them that their loving mother and sister did not exist anymore. I was holding them like a mother bird hugging her chicks," he said.

Al-Shelaimi was faced with two options: live in the past or move forward. He chose the latter, telling his children, "Let us move ahead and see that our life together becomes a bright one."

"My faith and reliance on Allah was steadfast," Al-Shelaimi said, despite the tragic turn of events for his family. His thoughts and hopes were with his children, especially his youngest—and now motherless—10-month-old daughter, Hussa.

"I stayed home more and spent more time with my kids," Al-Shelaimi said. "I just wanted to hold onto them and make up for their sadness and loss."

He knew he had to be the pillar of the shattered family. And, like the army commander and strategist he was, he issued them an outline of his future plans, one that included an education.

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In February 2002, just four months after the tragedy, Al-Shelaimi was transferred to Tampa, FL, where he was stationed as Kuwait Military Attaché with the United States Central Command.

"We were all eager to have a change in our lives," Al-Shelaimi said. His older daughters would be returning to America where there were memories of happier times. From 1992 to 1996, then-Company Commander, Fahed Al-Shelaimi was a student at Monmouth University. Thanks to a scholarship from the Kuwait Government, his family lived in Long Branch, and his older daughters had attended school there while he pursued his studies.

Once back in the United States, the children started school and Al-Shelaimi was forced to be both mother and father, a role he embraced. "Again they started school, and again I spent more time to support them in their studies," he said.

"Living away from Kuwait made my daughters more mature and gave them a sense of responsibility. The girls now had to adjust to their altered lifestyle. They had to help with the house work, cooking, cleaning and taking care of each other, their brother and me," Al-Shelaimi said. Along the



FAHED AL-SHELAIMI '96 MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER OF KUWAIT, HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH JABER AL-MUBARAK AL-HAMAD AL-SABAH, IN 2011



CHAIRMAN OF THE GULF FORUM FOR PEACE AND SECURITY FAHED AL-SHELAIMI ACCUSES IRAN OF STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM IN A MARCH 2012 INTERVIEW

way, his children found new responsibilities in the household. Some were asked to be in charge of the cleaning, others the groceries and laundry.

"I was playing the tough father role and many times trying to imitate the sweet mother role of my late wife."

The military man, responsible for negotiating world peace and security in the Middle East and around the world, was thrust into the position of guiding three teenage daughters to maturity. "Men, marriage, clothes and fashion," were now on the list of topics for discussion in the household.

These personal conversations marked a divergence from Al-Shelaimi's professional responsibilities. As his young family matured under the guidance of a single father, Al-Shelaimi's work as chair of the United States Central Command Humanitarian Assistance Working Group required him to travel extensively.

Speaking at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. in 2003, he said of the situation in Afghanistan: "Many times we don't shoot bullets. We shoot medical supplies. We shoot school supplies. We shoot hope." Always the peacemaker with thoughts of the future, he said, "To fight terrorism is to build a nation."

Unlike the international strife Al-Shelaimi faced in his professional life, his family supported one another through difficult times. Sporting events and school activities were priorities. Even so, Al-Shelaimi recalls, "Sometimes I took my seven year-old son to work with me. In a family of almost all females, man-to-man time with my son was important," he said.

Today his two eldest daughters, Anwar and Dalal, have graduated from college, and one is married with a baby of her own. His fourth daughter, Heba, is a banker. His third daughter, Sara, is a college student. His son, Mohammed, is a now a high school senior.



FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DONALD H. RUMSFELD GREETES FAHED AL-SHELAIMI AT A 2003 MEETING. AT THE TIME AL-SHELAIMI WAS KUWAITI ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND CHAIR OF THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WORKING GROUP AT CENTCOM

“He wants to study in the United States, and I am steering him to Monmouth University,” Al-Shelaimi said. His youngest daughter, Hussa, is now in the eighth grade.

With his family’s path on more solid ground, Al-Shelaimi reflects genuinely and positively, “There is no better blessing than this.”

Since his retirement from military service in 2006 at the rank of colonel, Al-Shelaimi has been chairman of the Gulf Forum for Peace and Security in Kuwait and a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Formed in 1981, it is a coalition of six states, including Kuwait, with a mission to effect coordination, integration and inter-communication among the member states in all fields in order to achieve unity in the Arab Nations while maintaining religious and cultural ties.

“I am involved in domestic public policy by writing articles and giving media interviews,” Al-Shelaimi explains. In an interview that aired on Alaan Television on March 12, 2012, Al-Shelaimi said, “I have spent a lot of time with foreigners and have lived abroad. Some view the Middle East as a den of terrorism.”

“The Gulf Countries will not stand idly by if Iran continues with their policy,” Al-Shelaimi recently stressed. In his role as security advisor he also warned, “The Gulf Countries have declared time and again that they don’t want to be involved

in the nuclear dispute between Iran and the International Community.”

How did Monmouth shape his path as an international peacemaker? Al-Shelaimi majored in systems management, but said, “I took so many political science courses; I could have had a double major.”

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, associate vice president for Global Initiatives at Monmouth, remembers Fahed Al-Shelaimi as someone who “showed a strong commitment to learning about Middle East affairs in particular and world affairs in general.”

“Fahed brought much knowledge about Arabic culture given his Kuwaiti background. He showed great sensibility and respect for others and their ideas,” Dr. Sarsar said.

Despite his academic, military, and diplomatic successes, Al-Shelaimi weighs his greatest achievements on a different scale, “I was very happy and proud, like a child getting a reward, when my five daughters and only son gave me a mug for Father’s Day that said, ‘Number One Best Dad,’” he recalled fondly.

“I felt happiness, though it was a lot of work, that my children appreciated me as both mother and father.” [MU](#)

# events calendar

## DECEMBER

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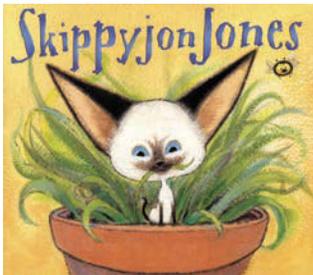
**Best of the Met: Live in HD**  
Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera*  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
\$23

### DECEMBER 9



**Performing Arts: Martina McBride**  
The Joy Of Christmas Tour  
Multipurpose Activity Center  
8:00 PM  
Order by phone: 800-745-3000  
\$45/\$55/\$65/\$85

### DECEMBER 12



**Children's Theatre:**  
**Skippyjon Jones**  
Pollak Theatre  
10:30 AM (SOLD OUT)  
12:45 PM  
\$12

### DECEMBER 15



**Best of the Met: Live in HD**  
Verdi's *Aida*  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
\$23

## JANUARY

### JANUARY 5



**Met Live in HD**  
Berlioz's *Les Troyens*  
Pollak Theatre  
12:00 PM  
\$23

### JANUARY 13



**Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)**  
Thomas Ades' *Tempest*  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
\$23

### JANUARY 19

**Alumni: Beer Tasting**  
Magill Commons  
7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
For more information:  
732-571-3489



**Met Live in HD**  
Donizetti's *Maria Stuarda*  
Pollak Theatre  
12:00 PM  
\$23

### JANUARY 22 – MARCH 8



**Art Exhibit: Convergence**  
Ice House Gallery  
Free and open to the public

### JANUARY 25

**Shadow Lawn Manor Dinner Tour**  
Wilson Hall  
6:30 PM  
Call 732-571-3509 for reservations and event pricing

**Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)**  
Mozart's *Clemenza di Tito*  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$23

### JANUARY 27



**Performing Arts: In the Mood**  
1940's Musical Revue  
Pollak Theatre  
4:00 PM  
\$45/\$35

### JANUARY 28



**Provost's Film Series: Lumumba**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
Free and open to the public

### JANUARY 31

**Artist Lecture: Convergence**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium  
4:30 PM  
Opening Reception in gallery:  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM



**National Theatre: Live in HD**  
**The Magistrate** starring  
**John Lithgow**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$22

## FEBRUARY

### FEBRUARY 4-MARCH 22

**Art Exhibit: Aftermath Series**  
**Joel Meyerowitz**  
From the Monmouth University  
Permanent Collection  
Pollak Gallery  
Free and open to the public

**FEBRUARY 7**



**National Theatre: Live in HD**  
**Barrymore – starring Christopher Plummer**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$23

**FEBRUARY 8**



**Performing Arts: Southside**  
**Johnny & the Poor Fools**  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
\$47/\$39/\$28

**FEBRUARY 10**

**Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)**  
**Mozart's Un Ballo in Maschera**  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
\$23

**FEBRUARY 15**



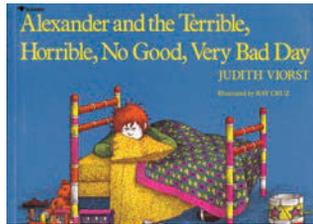
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**Robert Pinsky & Friends**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
\$20

**FEBRUARY 16**



**Best of the Met: Live in HD**  
**Verdi's Rigoletto**  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
\$23

**FEBRUARY 17**



**Children's Theatre**  
**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**  
Pollak Theatre  
2:00 PM  
\$12

**FEBRUARY 21**



**On Screen/In Person**  
**Film: Cafeteria Man**  
Q & A with filmmaker Richard Chisolm  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
Free and open to the public

**FEBRUARY 22**

**Met Live in HD (Encore)**  
**Donizetti's Maria Stuarda**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$23

**FEBRUARY 24**

**Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)**  
**Verdi's Aida**  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
\$23

**FEBRUARY 26**



**Provost's Film Series: Bamako**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
Free and open to the public

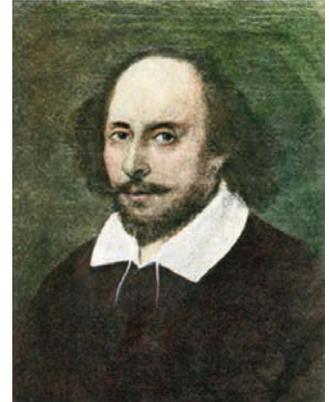
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**MARCH 2**



**Best of the Met: Live in HD**  
**Wagner's Parsifal**  
Pollak Theatre  
12:00 PM  
\$23

**MARCH 6-14**



**Dept. of Music and Theatre Arts**  
**Shakespeare's Twelfth Night or What You Will**  
Lauren K. Woods Theatre  
March 6-9, 12-14: 8:00 PM  
March 10: 3:00 PM

**MARCH 9**



**Alumni: Wine Tasting**  
Wilson Hall  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
\$26 (alumni)/\$35 (guests)

**Events Subject to Change**

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For information about other events, contact Special Events at **732-571-3509**.

# AUSUBEL IS OCEAN CHAMPION



PROFESSOR JESSE HUNTLEY AUSUBEL

**Professor Jesse Huntley Ausubel, director of the Rockefeller University Program for the Human Environment and vice president for Programs at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, was the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Future of the Ocean Symposium, sponsored by the Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute (UCI). Ausubel was also honored with a national Champion of the Ocean award following his address and a panel discussion.**

**T**he theme of the symposium, held on October 26, was Wealth from the Oceans: Use, Stewardship, and Security.”

Panelists included Lawrence R. Dickerson, president and chief executive officer of Diamond Offshore Drilling, which manages a fleet of deepwater offshore drilling rigs; Richard M. Larrabee, a retired rear admiral in the United States Coast Guard and the current director of the Port Commerce Department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and Christopher Koch, president and chief executive officer of the World Shipping Council, a trade association comprised of the world’s leading liner shipping ocean carriers.

Each of the participants shared a slightly different perspective on ocean stewardship shaped by extensive practical experience.

“We are really trying to bring national, local, and state leaders together, and I think the panel really accomplished that,” said Tony MacDonald, director of the UCI.

The panel discussion was moderated by President Paul Gaffney, a retired vice admiral in the United States Navy, who also served on the United States Commission on Ocean Policy and chaired the Ocean Research & Resources Advisory Panel, formed by a statute to advise federal agencies regarding ocean science and management matters.

The symposium, which was free and open to the public, was held in Woodrow Wilson Hall.

At the awards luncheon that followed the panel discussion, Ausubel, who was lauded by President Gaffney as a “renaissance scientist” and a true visionary, accepted the national Champion of the Ocean Award.

“Professor Ausubel was discussing climate change decades before anyone else,” Gaffney remarked.

Ausubel spent the first decade of his career in Washington, D.C. working for the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. On behalf of the Academies, he was one of the main organizers of the first United Nations World Climate Conference in Geneva in 1979, which substantially elevated the global warming issue on scientific and political agendas. He also coordinated and authored much of the 1983 NAS report, “Changing Climate,” the first comprehensive review of the greenhouse effect.

In the late 1990s, Ausubel helped initiate the Census of Marine Life, a decade-long international effort to assess the diversity, distribution, and abundance of marine life—the first of its kind and scale. The Census engaged some 2,700 scientists from around the globe, who participated in 540 expeditions and countless hours of land-based research.

The Census produced the most comprehensive inventory of known marine life ever compiled and cataloged it as a basis for future research—providing a baseline picture of ocean life, which can be used to forecast, measure, and understand changes in the global marine environment, as well as to inform the management and conservation of marine resources.

At the luncheon, Ausubel presented a copy of the final report to President Gaffney for accession in the Monmouth University library. “It is tremendously exciting to see the growth of the University as a whole,” Ausubel said.

“It is wonderful for the New York metropolitan area now to have an ocean university,” he said. “Monmouth University is joining the ranks of the national institutions that are making a difference. There is now a strong liberal arts college option in our region where people can get a first-rate education and get a strong introduction to the ocean.”



Ocean Leadership Awards were also presented at the luncheon to Rear Admiral Larrabee, Lawrence Dickerson, and Christopher Koch. Dickerson and Koch previously served as members of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy with President Gaffney.

The UCI was established in September 2005 as one of the Monmouth University’s Centers of Distinction to serve the public interest as a forum for research, education, and collaboration that fosters the application of the best available science and policy to support healthy and productive coastal ecosystems and sustainable coastal communities. [MU](#)



LAWRENCE DICKERSON



CHRISTOPHER KOCH



ADMIRAL RICHARD LARRABEE

TOP PHOTO: PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY, PORT COMMERCE DIRECTOR RICHARD LARIBEE, WORLD SHIPPING COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER KOCH, DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING CEO LAWRENCE DICKERSON, UCI DIRECTOR TONY MACDONALD

# ONCAMPUS

## MATHBOR IS AIBS PRESIDENT



**D**r. Golam M. Mathbor, professor in the School of Social Work and associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been elected president of the American

Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) 2012-2016. He previously served as its vice president from 2008 to 2012.

AIBS is an association of institutions of higher learning in the United

States aimed at promoting scholarly understanding between Bangladesh and the United States.

Dr. Mathbor is vice president of the International Consortium for Social Development. He has also served as vice president and president of the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development and was selected and served as a mentor for the 26th Annual National Conference on Ethics in America organized by Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic in October 2011 at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY.

Dr. Mathbor served as chair of the Faculty Senate of Monmouth University for the 2003-2004 academic year. He is the founding president of the Long Branch Concordance, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit community service organization in the State of New Jersey serving in the City of Long Branch.

## GAFFNEY IS GRAND MARSHAL

**P**resident Paul Gaffney was the grand marshal of the Long Branch Columbus Day Parade on October 7. Gaffney, who will retire at the end of the academic year in June, succeeded Long Branch School District Superintendent Michael Salvatore '98 who served as the parade's grand marshal in 2011.

Despite a rainy afternoon, President Gaffney and Christopher Columbus, portrayed by Ralph Ciambone, led an armada of floats and bands, including the Monmouth University Pep Band along with high school bands from Long Branch, Shore Regional, Monmouth Regional and other local schools.

"The Columbus Day Parade has a long history in the City of Long Branch dating back to 1946, and therefore is the perfect setting for the parade because of the diverse nationalities

that reside in this city," according to a release from the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce. Joseph Mercadante has

been the parade's chairman for the past eight years.



PRESIDENT GAFFNEY AND RALPH CIAMBONE AS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

**NOAA GRANT FOR UCI**

The Urban Coast Institute (UCI) has received a \$222,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to continue its work with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) Mapping and Planning Portal.

The grant will enable UCI to continue to work in collaboration with its project partners, including Rutgers University and The Nature Conservancy, to fill priority information and data gaps and to enhance the Portal’s visualization features to improve ocean planning and reduce the potential for ocean user conflicts. With this grant, the UCI will be able to expand its work to initiate a Recreational Boater Survey, similar to one currently underway in New England, which will produce a cross-regional dataset on ocean use and economic impacts of recreational boaters.

UCI Director Tony MacDonald said, “As demands on our oceans continue to grow, better planning will require broad-based data collection and data integration that can inform both conservation and development needs. Incorporation of this

data into the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal will increase certainty, improve efficiencies and minimize competition among ocean uses.”

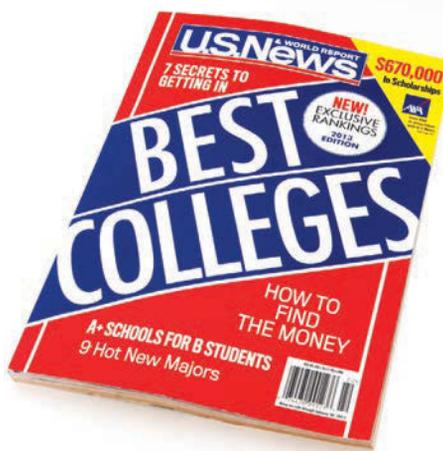
“This federal funding will help provide critical information about our state’s rich coastal resources,” said U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), who is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and serves on the Subcommittee that funds NOAA.

U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) added, “In New Jersey our ports, fisheries and recreational enjoyment are all dependent on effective management and protection of our coastal and marine resources. The work being done by Monmouth University and its partners to acquire quality science, data and geospatial information is critical to accomplishing effective ocean management. The waters off New Jersey are some of the most biologically diverse but highly used in the nation and these federal funds will help us protect these waters while developing a model for the nation.”

**U.S. NEWS RANKINGS JUMP**

Monmouth University’s ranking in *U.S. News & World Report’s* annual list of America’s Best Colleges has jumped again, from 41 in 2011, to 37 in 2012. Over the last decade, Monmouth is one of the fastest-rising universities in the Regional Universities North category, climbing from a Tier 1 ranking of 76 in 2005. *U.S. News & World Report* also recognizes Monmouth on its list of “A+ Schools for B Students.”

Over the past two decades, the *U.S. News* college rankings, which group schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has grown to



be the most comprehensive research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.

**HANDLIN NEW JEWISH STUDIES DIRECTOR**



Dr. Amy Handlin, associate professor of Marketing in the Leon Hess Business School, is the new director of the Jewish Cultural Studies Program for 2012-2014. She succeeds Dr. Aaron Ansell, assistant professor of Anthropology.

The Jewish Cultural Studies Program, launched in 2004, has presented a number of high quality lectures and film screenings, which have attracted wide attention in the community and in the media. Recent events included a November presentation by Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, “When Politics Is Jewish,” and a screening of the film: *Expulsion and Memory: Descendants of the Hidden Jews*, in October.

Dr. Handlin has been involved with Jewish community organizations and events for more than two decades and has served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County and as chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Dr. Handlin will work with the Office of Global Initiatives, with faculty, students, and staff, and with the surrounding Jewish communities, to build academic and cultural connections. Activities will include films, lectures, panels, and field trips, as well as fundraising and grant writing.

## MACDONALD APPOINTED TO FEDERAL COMMITTEE



**U**rban Coast Institute (UCI) Director Tony MacDonald was appointed in September to the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Federal Advisory Committee. IOOS is a federal, regional and private-sector partnership working

to enhance the nation's ability to collect, deliver and use ocean information.

"You can't properly manage what you don't understand," MacDonald said. "A system of integrated ocean observations is essential to tracking, predicting and adapting changes

in our oceans, and assuring that we can preserve its benefits for future generations," he said.

The committee will provide its expert advice to Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, as well as to the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee, a separate group comprised of federal agency partners who collectively oversee IOOS development.

"This committee is made up of some of the best minds from all sectors in the field of ocean observations, and with the committee's energy we'll take a major step forward to increasing access to and improving the way our nation does business in regards to ocean observations," said Zdenka Willis, U.S. IOOS program director, who serves as the committee's designated federal officer. "I'm really looking forward to working with this group to serve the nation and improve citizen safety, the economy and environment."

## SPSP AWARD FOR LEWANDOWSKI

**G**ary Lewandowski, Jr. Ph.D., associate professor of Psychology, was awarded the Society for Personality and Social Psychology's (SPSP) 2012 Media Prize. He received the award with Benjamin Le and Timothy Loving for creating ScienceOfRelationships.com - a website that shares the latest scientific research in social and personality psychology about love and relationships.

SPSP, the largest organization of social and personality psychologists in the world, promotes scientific research that explores how people think, behave and interact. Its annual awards recognize those who have made a unique and significant contribution to understanding the individual and social factors shaping people's personalities, interactions, and

behaviors. Lewandowski and colleagues will be honored at a ceremony at the 2013 SPSP meeting in New Orleans in January.

ScienceOfRelationships.com examines relationship themes in pop culture, provides engaging summaries of cutting edge research, and answers common questions that people have about relationships. In each case, scientific evidence supports all content on the site. The site is written by researchers and professors in the field of relationship science from across the country who are frequently sought out as media experts on the topic of love and relationships. Research in the areas of psychology, family studies, sociology and communication is presented in an



easy to read, conversational style – that is both informational and engaging.

## HRUZA LAB DEDICATED



DR. DENIS HRUZA '68 '77 MBA AND ANNE HRUZA '81 MBA

Faculty members and students gathered in the recently renovated lobby of the Science Building on October 4 to celebrate the naming of the Anne and Denis Hruza Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. The laboratory was named for two enthusiastic alumni supporters of the School of Science. Dr. Denis E. Hruza earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Monmouth in 1968 and returned to complete an MBA in 1977. Mrs. Hruza earned an MBA from Monmouth in 1981.

"This is a milestone gift for the School of Science," said Dean Michael Palladino. The Hruzans have pledged \$100,000 to support the students pursuing careers in the sciences. Dean Palladino noted that it was the largest named gift that the School of Science has received to date.

Mrs. Hruza retired as a manager from International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF) in Hazlet, in 2002. During a diverse career, she became a chemist specializing in quality control. A gifted artist as well as a scientist, Mrs. Hruza is an active member of the Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury and the Ocean County Artists Guild. She has

created watercolor paintings during alumni events and presented several of her studies to the University.

At the dedication of the laboratory, she encouraged students, especially female students, to pursue careers in the sciences, saying, "Go for it!"

Dr. Hruza is a regulatory affairs consultant, specializing in regulatory training, security plans, OSHA regulations, and global harmonized shipping. Before his retirement, he was a transport regulatory specialist with IFF for more than 40 years. Dr. Hruza is currently a consultant to Global Essence, Inc. of Freehold.

Dr. Hruza's involvement with the company has led to internships and postgraduate employment for Monmouth students, including Sean Grimes '12, who is now working as an analytical chemist at Global Essence.

The Hruzans are also supporters of the Summer Research Program ([www.monmouth.edu/srp](http://www.monmouth.edu/srp)), a 12-week, student-faculty collaborative research program where students work on original research projects under the supervision of Monmouth University faculty and staff.

## NURSING AWARD FOR MAHONEY



Dr. Janet Mahoney '87, dean of the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, was honored in October with a Diva and Don Award from the Institute for Nursing, the foundation of the New Jersey State Nurses Association.

The Diva and Don Awards celebrate professional registered nurses who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and been a positive influence on others. They honor extraordinary nurses who have conceived, developed, and/or implemented projects with positive and tangible results.

Mahoney is one of 19 RNs from around the state who were honored at a gala ceremony at Bally's Casino and Resort in Atlantic City.

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**Shadow Lawn Manor  
Dinner Tour**

January 25



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# Monmouth University Gift Collection



## MEN'S GRAY DRI-POWER RUSSELL POLO SHIRT

Men's gray dri-power Russell polo shirt with light gray stripe and white embroidered Monmouth University logo. 100% polyester available in small, medium, large, X-large, 2X-large, and 3X-large.

\$39.99 (Item # 2004259)



## RUSSELL ASH GRAY CLASSIC HOODY

Russell ash gray classic hoody with navy tackle twill Monmouth Hawks and front pockets. Made of 50% cotton and 50% polyester. Available in small, medium, large, X-large, and 2X-large.

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## NIKE QUARTER-ZIP SUEDED FLEECE

Nike quarter-zip sueded fleece in navy with white Monmouth logo and Nike swoosh logo, featuring side pockets. 80% cotton and 20% polyester, available in small, medium, large, X-large, and 2X-large.

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## RUSSELL DRI-POWER NAVY POLO

Russell dri-power navy polo with white MU logo. Made of 100% polyester. Sizes small, medium, large, X-large, and 2X-large.

\$39.99 (Item # 2004268)



## MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY TIE

Navy with white and gray stripe, and Monmouth University Logo embroidered in White. 100% polyester dry clean only.

\$19.99 (Item # 2004317)



## NIKE SWOOSH FLEX HAT

Nike dri-fit flex hat, one size fits all. Navy with white and gray accents and MU logo on front and "HAWKS" on back. 100% Polyester

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CROWDS GREET GEORGE WASHINGTON



PROFESSOR JOSEPH PATTEN AND DEAN MELISSA AS GEORGE WASHINGTON

Dean Melissa, visited the campus to help celebrate Constitution Day.

Mr. Melissa is the official and sole George Washington actor at Mount Vernon, has performed at state dinners in the White House and has portrayed Washington in television productions for NBC, PBS, and the Discovery Channel. He also performs at the National Constitution Center and has come to life as Washington in nations around the world, including France and China.

During the performance, coordinated by Dr. Joe Patten, chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology, students learned about Washington’s views on politics, his personal values and life codes, culture, and foreign policy in the late 18th century.

Students were briefly transported back to the 1790s when President George Washington paid a visit

on September 20 to the H.R. Young Auditorium in Bey Hall, which was packed to capacity. Washington, portrayed by

LGBT OLDER ADULTS PROJECT

Dr. Carolyn Bradley, associate professor in the School of Social Work, and Dr. Laura Kelly, associate professor in the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, have created the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Older Adults Project, designed to improve the quality of the lives of older LGBT adults through education, advocacy and the development of social activities for LGBT older adults, caregivers and their friends.

Operating under the aegis of the School of Social Work, the LGBT Older Adults Project has established an Advisory Board, conducted a consumer needs assessment and will be making a number of presentations. A screening of the film “Gen Silent,” which examines the experiences of LGBT people as they age, was hosted at Monmouth on Wednesday, September 19. For more



ON LEFT: DR. LAURA KELLY '88 BSN, PROFESSOR OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES, MARY ANN VITIELLO, MSN, ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN THE MARJORIE K. UNTERBERG SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES, ON RIGHT: LYNDIA ZIEMBA '08 MSW AND LOU STOREY '08 MSW, LCSW, ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, AND DR. STEVE THECCANAT, DIRECTOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER

information on the LGBT Older Adults Project, contact Dr. Carolyn Bradley (cbradley@monmouth.edu) or Dr. Laura Kelly (lkelly@monmouth.edu).

## ZAZZALI IS PUBLIC SERVANT IN RESIDENCE

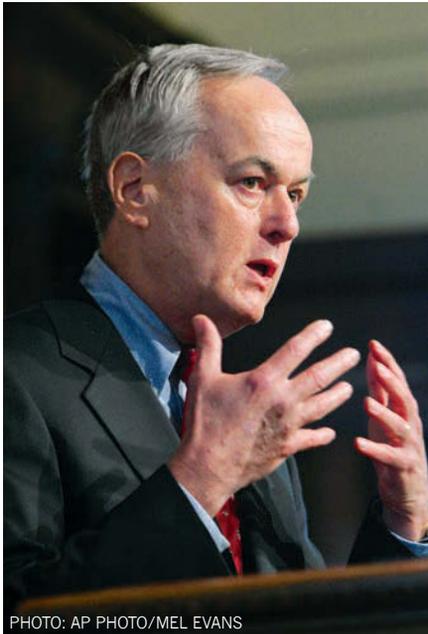


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**F**ormer New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice James R. Zazzali is Monmouth University's Public Servant in Residence during the 2012-2013 academic year. The former Chief Justice will give select lectures on campus during the year. Former New Jersey Governor Brendan T. Byrne served as Public Servant in Residence during the previous year.

President Gaffney said, "We are honored to have Chief Justice Zazzali join our campus. His knowledge and experience are invaluable and will bring a 'real world' perspective to our students, faculty, and staff."

Justice Zazzali was nominated to the Supreme Court by Governor Christine Todd Whitman in 2000. He became the

chief justice in 2006 and served in this position until his retirement in 2007.

Dr. Joseph Patten, chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology, said, "We are really excited to have Justice Zazzali work with our students as our Public Servant in Residence. He is well-respected by people of all political stripes because he has always placed the public good over any other interest."

The public servant in residence program, coordinated by the Office of Global Initiatives and the Department of Political Science and Sociology, was created in 2000 to provide a venue for public officials who wish to share their expertise with students and the campus community.

## LAW SCHOOL HAWKS OFFER INSIGHT



**P**rofessor Greg Bordelon lecturer of Political Science, and Pre-Law Advisor, invited recent alumni now attending law school to share their advice with students at two forums held on October 18 and 19. Also attending the events, sponsored by the Pre-Law Club were representatives from Temple University's Beasley School of Law and the Widener University School of Law for the first session and Tuoro Law School, Rutgers School of Law-Newark, Rutgers School of Law-Camden, and the Seton Hall University School of Law at the second session.

Alumni offering their admissions advice at the first panel discussion included Tamari Lagvilava '12, a 1L (first year) student at George Washington University, Lindsey Melody '10, a 3L (third year) student at George Washington University who contributed to the discussion via Skype, and Olivia Mills '12, a 1L at Rutgers School of Law-Camden.

Law students speaking at the second event included Dorcas Adekunle '07, a 3L student at the Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Brian Tiscia '10 and Liana Noble '09, 2L and 3L students at

the Seton Hall University School of Law. An unplanned visitor was Beau Howard '11, now a 2L student at Rutgers School of Law-Camden. On campus for another appointment, Howard was roped into participating on the panel at the last minute.

Unsurprisingly, both current law students and admissions personnel stressed the importance of applying early, and of obtaining personalized recommendations.

**LEFT:** TAMARI LAGVILAVA '12, MIRIAM PEGUERO, SENIOR AT MONMOUTH MAJORING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, OLIVIA MILLS '12. **RIGHT:** BEAU HOWARD '11, LIANA NOBLE '09, DORCAS ADEKUNLE '07, BRIAN TISCIA '10

**BIG EVENT HONORS FOUNDER**



The 13th Annual Big Event took place on October 6, with more than 400 students participating in community service activities. The event, organized by the Student Government Association (SGA), sent volunteers to Asbury Park beach, Ronald McDonald House, Monmouth Medical Center, Deal Lake, Francis Asbury Manor, and many local churches.

“The goal of this event is to get University students involved in community service. It is also to show the community, who can often have a negative image of Monmouth that the students are here to help them and positively impact the community,” said Ali Tuyahov who chaired the event.

Before volunteers dispersed to various worksite locations, members of the SGA honored Lauren Schwarz '02, a former SGA president who is credited with bringing the event, which originated at Texas A&M University, to Monmouth.

Jon Buchalski, assistant director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, described the event as extremely successful. “There were so many students that they felt like there wasn’t enough for them to do. They were constantly looking for more opportunities for service, and they had to keep getting more and more because of the number of people volunteering that day,” Buchalski said.

**POWER LIST FOR MURRAY**

Patrick Murray was named to PolitickerNJ.com’s 2012 Power List of “the 100 most powerful political players in New Jersey.” This marks the third consecutive year he has appeared on the list.

From the list: “#37. Patrick Murray, Director, Monmouth University Polling Institute – “The accuracy of Murray’s polls has put him at the forefront of non-partisan polling in the state, a reputation he enhances as a spot-on provider of political analysis. His polls will be closely watched as we move into gubernatorial primary season.”

The Monmouth University Polling Institute has been covering New Jersey issues since its founding in 2005. In addition to politics and elections, the poll focuses on quality of life issues important to the state and its residents. Starting with the current election, the Polling Institute now conducts national polls. Murray regularly appears on national and regional media outlets to discuss polling trends and campaign message strategy.



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# ONCAMPUS

## TD BANK SUPPORTS DEBATE PROGRAM



DR. JOSEPH PATTEN, CHAIR OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT; MARY ANNE NAGY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES/ INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT; TOM MINTY, TD BANK VICE PRESIDENT

Thanks to a grant of \$5,000 from the TD Bank Foundation, the Monmouth University Debate Hawks are beginning a third year of mentoring members of the Asbury Park High School Debate Team. Every Thursday afternoon members of the

Debate Hawks will conduct afterschool debate workshops for the high school students in preparation for debate tournaments sponsored by the National Urban Debate League.

The National Urban Debate League is credited with helping to catapult many

urban students into successful careers, including Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

A major goal of the program is to help participating Asbury Park students enhance their critical thinking skills by strengthening written, oral, and technological communication skills, in furtherance of their understanding of public policy theories and issues. Monmouth students also share their college experiences with the high school students and mentor them to pursue and attain a college degree. In 2011 all 11 graduating Asbury Park High School debate team members went on to college.

“TD Bank’s generous gift is quite literally helping to transform the lives of students on both the Asbury Park and Monmouth University debate teams,” said Debate Hawks Advisor Dr. Joseph Patten. The program was launched in 2009 with an initial grant of \$7,000 from the TD Bank Foundation.



## BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SHADOW

Members of the Student Alumni Association kicked off Spirit Week, leading up to Homecoming, with a birthday party for Shadow the Hawk on Monday, October 15. The event, held at the dining hall in Magill Commons featured a pie eating contest and a cup stacking contest.

Monmouth’s beloved mascot, Shadow, was officially named in 2004 following a contest involving local elementary schools.

Eric Bonham '04, a former president of the Student Alumni Association, was the originator of the naming contest. Close to 50 names were submitted for consideration by a spirit committee.

NATIONAL PRESS FOR SPRINGSTEEN SYMPOSIUM

MONMOUTH RANKS IN BEST 377



An academic symposium, *Glory Days: A Springsteen Symposium*, held at the Monmouth University campus in September, attracted national press, including coverage in *USA Today*. The symposium, organized by Dr. Mark Bernhard from the University of Southern Indiana, was the third academic conference coordinated with Monmouth University and Penn State Altoona.

Scholars, some travelling from Australia, gathered to critically examine Springsteen's considerable body of original work that has impacted the direction of popular music and American culture. According to Bernhard, Springsteen's influence extends from the stage into the classroom, and his works have turned up in the syllabi of courses across the United States and around the world.

Topics ranged from religion, politics, sociology, business, and literature. Mary Beth Marklein observed in *USA Today* that, "Springsteen's latest album, *Wrecking Ball*, a sometimes angry commentary on corporate greed and economic injustice, was the focus of at least a dozen papers."

Notable presentations included an address by Mike Appel, former Springsteen manager and producer; Peter Ames Carlin, the author of the 2012 biography, *Bruce*; Nick Mead, director of the Clarence Clemons' documentary, *Who Do You Think I Am?*; and Robert Santelli '73, Executive Director of The Grammy Museum.

The first symposium, held in 2005, drew hundreds of educators, journalists, historians, musicologists and fans interested in scholarship regarding Bruce Springsteen and his influence on American culture. A follow-up conference in 2009 also garnered an enthusiastic response from academic presenters.

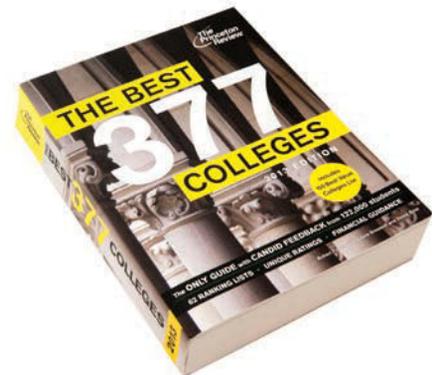
In 2011 Monmouth University became home to what ABC News described as "likely the largest collection of Bruce Springsteen memorabilia in the world." Nearly 15,000 documents including newspaper clippings, magazines, books and even three of Springsteen's high school yearbooks form the collection.

For an eighth consecutive year, Monmouth University was named one of the country's best institutions for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review in its 2013 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 377 Colleges*.

Only about 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges and three colleges outside the United States are profiled in the book, which is The Princeton Review's flagship college guide.

In its profile, The Princeton Review states, "The school's national stature is on the rise, resulting in a more competitive applicant base" and quotes extensively from University students who were surveyed for the book. Student comments include "[Monmouth University is] a small school that...provides an excellent community-like atmosphere," and professors are "very accomplished and have impressive backgrounds" and "truly care about helping their students succeed." In addition, one student says that he knows "many Monmouth University alumni and all have loved their experience. They say MU prepared them for their careers."

The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges in the book academically or from 1 to 377 in any category. The 80-question survey asks students to rate their own schools on several topics and report on their campus experiences.



# ATHLETICS

## PIECZYNSKI IS NEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Senior Michelle Pieczynski was named Northeast Conference (NEC) Player and Offensive Player of the Year in October. Pieczynski becomes the second Monmouth field hockey player to capture NEC Player of the Year and the first to claim NEC Offensive Player of the Year. She was also named, along with juniors Trish O'Dwyer and Alex Carroll to the All-NEC First Team.

Pieczynski joins Gina Chico (2000) as the only other Hawk to earn the league's player of the year honor. The forward, who became the program's first 100-point scorer this season, has 59 career goals and 8 assists, both program records. Pieczynski's 136 points put her 53 points ahead of Chico, who is now second all-time.

In November Pieczynski was added to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's (NFHCA) Senior Game roster. She is the first Hawk selected to play in the annual event and is this year's lone representative from the NEC.

"It is a great accomplishment and truly an honor to be selected to play in the Senior Game," commented Pieczynski. "My coaches have helped develop me over the last four years into the player I am today and knowing that I will be



representing Monmouth makes it even more special."

"We are so happy to see Michelle get this opportunity to showcase her skill with the country's best seniors," stated Head Coach Carli Figlio, who guided her squad to its fourth-straight NEC title game. "Her career at Monmouth

has helped propel the program to where we are today, and she deserves this recognition."

The third-seeded Monmouth University field hockey team fell to in-state rival and top-seeded Rider, 3-2, in the NEC Championship game on November 3.

## WAIT SIGNS WITH LONDON LIONS



Phillip Wait '12, a former team captain on the men's basketball team, has signed with the London Lions, a team in the British Basketball League (BBL), the premier men's professional basketball league in the United Kingdom.

Lions' head coach Vince Macaulay said of the 7' 1" center, "We needed to add a bit of beef under the basket and Phil is very much that. However, he is also very talented and an excellent back to the basket player, which adds a different dimension to our all action athletic style of play."

According to the Lions, Wait was heavily scouted by rival BBL clubs. Wait, originally from Stockport Manchester, will play home games at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre located just outside central London before the team moves to the Copper Box, a 7,000 seat arena, which is the only permanent indoor sports arena retained in Olympic Park following the 2012 Olympics.

## ACADEMIC HONORS FOR LACROSSE

The women's lacrosse team was honored in August by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLCA) for its academic achievements, with two players earning individual recognition.

Recent graduates, Olivia Salata '12, a Communication major who graduated with a 3.50 GPA, and Erica Abendschoen '12, a Business/Finance major who finished her career with a 3.49 GPA, were named to the IWLCA Individual Academic Honor Roll.

"I am always proud of our academic accomplishments. I know the team works very hard in the classroom to achieve strong grades," said Head Coach Denise Wescott.

The IWLCA recognized 42 schools as earning Academic Squad honors for the 2012 season, down from 56 the previous year. Teams with GPA of 3.0 or higher earned Academic Squad honors. The Hawks earned a collective team GPA of 3.29 in 2012.



In April the team won its fourth Northeast Conference (NEC) Tournament Championship, and first since 2007, with an 11-3 victory over Mount St. Mary's. In June the team

was honored with a joint legislative resolution of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly for outstanding efforts in the sport of lacrosse.

## USTFCCCA HONORS FOR TRACK



The men's and women's track & field and cross country teams were recognized with United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Academic All-American honors in August.

Individual awards on the women's side went to senior jumper Alison Day, along with recent graduates Jennifer Nelson and Lindsey Walsh. Day, Nelson and Walsh represent the only three female athletes chosen by the Northeast Conference.

The men's team placed Vincent DuVernois on the list for an individual award as well.

Head Coach Joe Compagni said, "We had a great group of nine athletes qualify for the First Round of NCAA's in the spring. To also have four of our athletes earn Academic All-America honors

individually is a great accomplishment for them and for our program."

The women's team as a collective earned All-Academic honors for the 13th year in a row, and the men's team earned the same honors for a third year.



# ATHLETICS

## GET ON THE BUS!

**A** newly designed fan bus, sporting Monmouth's athletic and academic logos, made its debut on September 29, transporting students and fans eager to root for the Hawks as the football team faced off against Albany.

"For years, the Athletic Department has rented buses to take students to games for football, basketball, and other sports to support the players and enhance school spirit," said Eddy Occhipinti '06 '09M, the assistant athletics director for Marketing. "But this is the first time the bus is clearly identified as a Monmouth bus," he added.

Kyle Frazier, senior and quarterback of the football team, said that the number of students that managed to turn up at the Albany game surprised him. "It was more than I expected. It's a pretty far bus ride to Albany or usually to where our trips are. To get that many people up there to the game was, I thought, something pretty special."



The fan buses rented to take students to games are paid for by the Athletics Department. "We have an arrangement with Coach USA but [the Athletics Department] pays for it. Whenever possible, we try to make it free to the students," Occhipinti said.

"We are here to work for the students," Occhipinti said. "Anything that we can

do, if it's in our means, we want to do it. We want to make it easy for students to come to games."

"[The fan bus] definitely gets the student body more involved in it and it shows that they're supporting us, which can hopefully bring more fans out there," Frazier said.

## CHRISTIE RAMPONE NIGHT



**Monmouth University honored Christie (Pearce) Rampone '99 '05 HN on September 28 before the women's soccer team defeated Robert Morris University.**

The four-time U.S. Olympian shared her 2012 Summer Olympics gold medal with the team and signed autographs for fans before the game began. On August 9 she and the U.S. women's soccer team won their third consecutive Olympic gold in London's Wembley Stadium.

## LEGION OF HONOR FOR FINK

**B**ernard Fink '61AA, a World War II veteran, was presented with the National Order of the Legion of Honor in the rank of chevalier (knight) in October. The Legion of Honor is France's highest honor available to a foreign national.

Fink was one of 11 veterans living in Southern California or Arizona to receive the award from David Martinon, consul general of France at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA. "I was very pleased," Fink said. He was first honored by the French when presented with the Croix De Guerre. His other significant decorations include the Purple Heart, a Presidential Unit Citation and several campaign medals.

Fink dropped out of high school in 1943 during his senior year to join the Army and serve his country. Because he was 17, Fink's parents had to give permission. "I drove them crazy," he said about his efforts to persuade his parents into finally giving their consent.



PHOTO: JOEY FINK

After a stint with the French 2nd Armored Division, because his unit lost its entire battalion strength, Fink was promoted to sergeant and made the United States' youngest tank commander. The teenage Fink oversaw four others in his Sherman tank crew. He was discharged in May 1946 but continued to meet with his battalion for the next 60 years.

Following his decorated service, he returned to finish his high school



PHOTO: JOEY FINK

education and later earned his degree from Monmouth in 1961. "I went back as a veteran and was shocked to see so many vets (enrolled)," Fink said. He later went on to be president of a large construction firm in San Diego and has lived in Rancho Bernardo's Oaks North neighborhood for 20 years.

## GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR PROEBSTLE

**R**adio reporter Stacy Proebstle '05 was honored with a Community Service Award in September from the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse for her five-part series, airing on New Jersey 101.5 FM, about the abuse of heroin and other opiates among New Jersey's youth.

Her series focused on prescription drug abuse, accidental overdoses, how abuse often begins at home and the fact that prescription drug abuse can happen to anyone. Proebstle interviewed recovering addicts, parents, prevention specialists, substance abuse professionals and law enforcement officers to address current trends and issues to uncover possible solutions to the epidemic.



LEFT TO RIGHT: NJ 101.5 BRAND MANAGER ERIC JOHNSON, NJ 101.5 NEWS DIRECTOR ERIC SCOTT, STACEY PROEBSTLE '05 AND COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HULICK AT THE COUNCIL'S 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SUMMIT AT THE HYATT REGENCY NEW BRUNSWICK

"I'm absolutely delighted to receive this honor on behalf of the station and most genuinely grateful," Proebstle said

of the honor. "It validates the importance of community service and giving back to one's community," she said.

# ALUMNINEWS

## BOYLAN IS FILMMAKING PROFESSOR

Growing up on the Navesink River Michael Boylan '01M dreamed of capturing life's moments on film. He spent hours playing with a plastic camera loaded with 110-millimeter film, pretending he was Steven Spielberg, thinking about how he could share his passion for visual imagery.

More than 30 years later, Boylan's philosophy hasn't really changed; his ambitions have just become more focused. "It's all about the story," Boylan said when asked what inspires him. "That's the beginning of any good film."

Boylan has joined forces with his friend Rob Thorp, who, like Boylan, also sports a beard and moustache, to form Twin Beards Productions. Their first foray into the world of filmmaking was "BMX Romance," a coming-of-age love story of two teenagers filmed in their hometown of Atlantic Highlands.

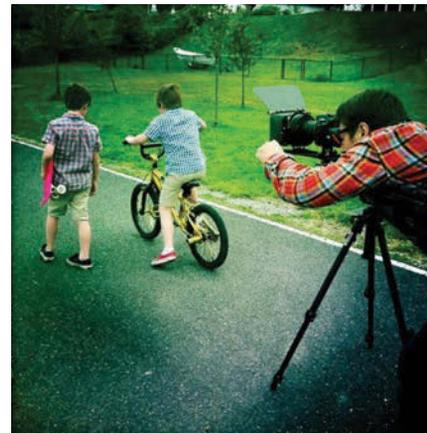
Their maiden effort was quickly followed by "Brotherly Love," which received a Jury Award at FilmOneFest from noted Hollywood editor, Susan Littenberg. Her review led to a spot at the California International Shorts Festival in September.



Complementing Boylan's passion for filmmaking is his passion to educate others. In January he and Thorp will begin teaching at Brookdale Community College. Their eight-session continuing education class, "From Script to Screen: Hands-On Filmmaking," will teach students how to use an HD DSLR camera as well as how to create a short film.

"We want to spread our philosophy about filmmaking," Boylan said. "People shouldn't be discouraged or scared to do what they want to do."

Boylan said he sees his number one strength being his ability to connect with people and make them feel at ease



in difficult situations. His 2010 film, "Ten Second Time Machine," chronicles the life of a man trying to reconcile with his girlfriend. The cast included fellow alumnus, Matt Strippoli '02M, who like Boylan, is also a veteran teacher at the Red Bank Charter School.

Boylan is currently working on two more short films, "Fat" and "The Interview." "Fat" is a film about a father and son who try to work out their problems during a jog. "The Interview" depicts how family can interfere, particularly leading up to a job interview.



## FIRST HAWK CRAWL A SUCCESS

More than 90 alumni participated in the first "Hawk Crawl," a tour of four Red Bank pubs on September 29. Hawks reconnected with college friends while enjoying games, raffles & giveaways at each stop.

## ALUMNI REUNION FOR BASEBALL STARS



For the past six years Vinnie Giordano '66 '73M has organized an informal reunion of former baseball players from the 1960s. Giordano, who was an assistant coach under Monmouth University Sports Hall of Famer Bob Sprague '70, and six former players, gathered at Mr. C's Restaurant in Allenhurst in September to share memories of victories and life-lessons as players on the field.

Giordano said the convivial annual reunion draws alumni from many



LOUIS NANNA '66, FORMER STUDENT RALPH MANGO, DENNIS VANPELT '69, GLENN HAZEN '69, VINNIE GIORDANO '66, ALBERT STRONSTORF '70, MICHAEL A. SYLVESTER '70

corners of the country, but attendance often depends on what is happening during the scheduled events. "Sometimes there are health issues, sometimes there are family issues, but we all love to see each other when we can," Giordano said.

Giordano commissioned a custom-decorated cake to fete his former teammates. The 2012 cake celebrated Albert Stronstorf '70 with a special recognition of "The Strons."

## ALPAY ELECTED NIRI CHAIR



The National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) announced in October the election of Hulus Alpay '96 as the 2013 Chairman of the NIRI Board of Directors. Alpay is vice president, investor relations for Medidata Solutions, Inc.

"I am pleased that Hulus Alpay will be our 2013 NIRI Board Chairman," said Jeffrey D. Morgan, president and chief executive officer of NIRI. "Hulus brings a tremendous depth of investor relations (IR) profession knowledge through his varied experiences as an IR products and services consultant, IR counselor and as a corporate IR professional."

Alpay said, "I am deeply honored to accept this important leadership role at an association that has been so

vitaly important not only to my own career but to countless others. Given the unique and valuable role of the investor relations professional, I look forward to helping our members successfully navigate change, drive awareness of the profession's importance in the modern corporation and in turn fuel their own professional success."

Alpay said he will also focus on international membership growth, deepening the industry's knowledge around the continued evolution of the global capital markets and its impact on the U.S. IPO market, and "inspiring the best and brightest to look at the profession as an exciting area for professional growth and opportunity."

# ALUMNINEWS

## HIGH-TECH FIRM HIRES HAWKS



MONMOUTH ALUMNI AT ICIMS HEADQUARTERS WITH COMPANY MASCOT "IKE": STANDING (L-R): SARAH ERAMO (MARKETING), YANA ROY (TECHNOLOGY), JOHN LAZARCZYK (SALES), JOHN BRUNO (CUSTOMER SUCCESS), COLIN DAY (PRESIDENT AND CEO), IKE, KATIE MEEKER (MARKETING), REED FEUSTER (SALES), ALYSSA BARICEVICH (MARKETING). SEATED (L-R): CATHERINE TITTA (MARKETING), BRENDAN SPIEGEL (SALES), ERIN REILLY (TALENT), DHAN GOBOORI (TECHNOLOGY), ASHLEY HOMEFIELD (SALES), MICHAEL FLAHERTY (TECHNOLOGY)

Monmouth University alumni comprise a significant segment of the employee population of iCIMS, a leading provider of Software-as-a-Service talent acquisition software solutions provider based in Matawan. According to Patricia Morris Finaldi, director of Talent Acquisition for iCIMS, nearly 10 percent of full-time iCIMS staffers are Monmouth University alumni.

The company, named to the 2012 NJBIZ list of "Best Places to Work," and listed on the Inc. 500 roster of fastest growing companies list for six consecutive years, boasts more than 1,300 clients worldwide, with offices in North America, UK, and China. In the past year iCIMS received an infusion of \$35 million in venture capital, and was profiled in the *Asbury Park Press*.

"We have developed a positive synergy between our organizations that has resulted in a mutually beneficial business relationship, and we hope

this continues for years to come," said William Hill, assistant dean of Career Services. "They have hired our graduates into marketing, sales, human resources and technology positions," he added.

Hill says that Monmouth has formed a strong referral relationship with the talent acquisition provider through participation in the annual on-campus Spring Career Fair. "With 22 Monmouth alumni currently employed at the iCIMS corporate headquarters, the relationship has proven to be equally valuable for both establishments," Hill said.

"Each year iCIMS receives an increasing amount of well qualified applications from Monmouth University students, which has played a large role in growing the in-house headcount," agrees Finaldi. "Monmouth is a great source of local talent, and iCIMS provides a fantastic local employer option for Monmouth graduates," Finaldi said.

## RODIO LEADS CASINO GROUP



Tony Rodio '85 MBA, is the new president of the Casino Association of New Jersey (CANJ), an influential trade group in Atlantic City. Rodio, who is also president and chief executive officer of Tropicana Casino and Resort, assumed the duties of outgoing CANJ president, Bob Griffin, head of Trump Entertainment Resorts, whose two-year term expired in July.

Rodio will lead efforts to help steer the city out of a five-year revenue downturn for casinos and the recovery efforts from the effects of Hurricane Sandy. The losses from Sandy-related closures are expected to exceed the \$34 million Atlantic City suffered when Hurricane Irene closed casinos for three days.

"I know it's hard to get people to believe it, but there's a lot of positives," Rodio told the *Wall Street Journal* in a November 1 article which also noted that gambling revenue was down 37% from its 2006 peak.

Atlantic City, once dubbed "The World's Playground," is hoping the 30-year veteran of the gaming industry will be able to transform the city back into a thriving resort area that it once was before the slow economy and competition in neighboring states took their toll on businesses. The CANJ, which represents all 12 Atlantic City casinos, has spent \$2 million in the last two years in lobbying efforts to promote the gaming industry.

## HUNTSMAN ADOPTS UCI STATION

Sandy Huntsman '58 '70M accompanied School of Science Dean Michael Palladino and Professor Jim Nickels on a boat trip on September 27 along the Navesink River in Middletown to inspect the Navesink Water Monitoring Station that Huntsman funded in 2011.

The monitoring station, with a naming plaque noting Huntsman's support, is one of eight stations that provide near-real time data to better understand the health of coastal estuaries and discern the links between water quality, biological activity and stress-induced events. They also provide an outlet for research and training for undergraduate students in Monmouth's Marine and Environmental Biology and Policy Program.

The stations are operated by Monmouth's Urban Coast Institute and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of



SANDY HUNTSMAN '58 '70M AND JIM NICKELS, MARINE SCIENTIST FOR THE URBAN COAST INSTITUTE

Marine Water Monitoring (NJDEP BWM), Barnegat Bay Partnership, Monmouth County Board of Health, local and regional watershed

management groups, and other partners.

To see the real-time data results, visit: [www.monmouth.edu/urban\\_coast\\_institute/coastal\\_water\\_quality/default.asp](http://www.monmouth.edu/urban_coast_institute/coastal_water_quality/default.asp).

## HARD KNOCKS FOR HOGAN



PHOTO: COURTESY OF MIAMI DOLPHINS

Former Monmouth wide receiver/cornerback Chris Hogan was released from the Miami Dolphins

practice squad in September after gaining national attention on the HBO show *Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Miami*

*Dolphins*. On the show Hogan earned the nickname "7-Eleven" from running back Reggie Bush during the preseason, because Hogan was "always open."

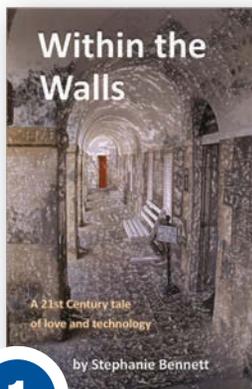
Following his appearance on the second episode, "Hogan's name is now being discussed around the country. He's become a target for the media at Dolphins' practices, and is being requested for radio interviews," said Kevin Nogle of the Dolphins fan site, the Phinsider.

Hogan played four seasons of lacrosse at Penn State before coming to Monmouth to finish his eligibility in football.

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### WITHIN THE WALLS: A 21ST CENTURY TALE OF LOVE AND TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Stephanie A. Bennett '01M  
(2012, Wildflower Press, Inc., \$5.00 eBook)

*Within the Walls* is a fast-paced novel with a look into the increasingly digital existence of humanity through the busy world of Emily, a creator of virtual vacations in the year 2071. What with micro-sleeping, 16-hour workdays, and her total immersion in virtual relationships, both at work and in her flat, at 29, she hasn't seen much of a need to think about anything beyond the walls of her fast-paced, highly productive life. But the discovery of a mysterious letter sends her world spinning. Enter the inner chambers of Emily's search for meaning.

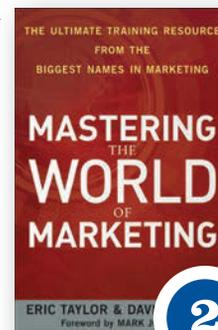
Dr. Bennett's first book, *Communicating Love*, was published in 2010. She is associate professor at the School of Communication and Media at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Palm Beach, FL. She is a member of the National Communication Association, the Media Ecology Association, and the International Jacques Ellul Society.

### MASTERING THE WORLD OF MARKETING

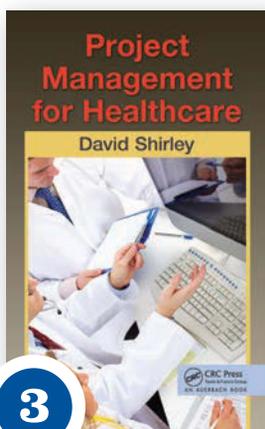
Eric Taylor '93 & David Riklan  
(2011, John Wiley & Sons, \$19.95)

*Mastering the World of Marketing* is a collection of articles from leading marketing and business experts offering advice for one of the single biggest challenges of running any business—knowing how to effectively market products or services. The guide offers the reader tips on how to identify target customers and keep them.

Eric Taylor is the president and chief collaboration officer of Empowerment Group International. He speaks, trains, and coaches at some of America's most respected companies on the topics of sales, leadership, employee motivation, and personal development. He is also the author of *101 Great Ways to Improve Your Life* and *Mastering the World of Selling*.



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### PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE

David Shirley '89M  
(2011, CRC Press, \$65.95)

As a growing number of healthcare organizations implement project management principles to improve cost and service efficiencies, they are in desperate need of resources that illustrate the project management needs of today's healthcare professional. *Project Management for Healthcare* explains how the time-tested principles of project management can help maximize limited resources and ensure the highest possible quality of care.

David Shirley, project management instructor and consultant, has more than 30 years of experience in project management, new product introduction, teaching project management, as a project manager, consultant, small business owner, and educator. He is an adjunct professor in Boston University's MBA Program teaching project management and IT project management.

### YOKAI

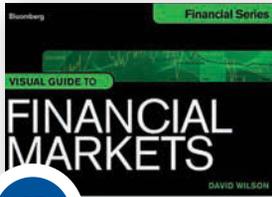
Rebecca Weinstein '01 '08M  
(2012, Summertime Publishing, \$4.99 eBook)

Become immersed in the folklore, legends, and myths of ancient Japan in this new young adult paranormal romance from Rebecca Weinstein. Sixteen-year-old Kit Maguire has never met her mother, made lasting friendships, or had a permanent home, and she's always known that she was a little different from others. When Kit and her father move to Kyoto, Japan, her father insists that this time will be better. With the appearance of her thought-to-be-dead mother, Kit yearns to find out why she has the ability to conjure green fire.

Rebecca Weinstein is the author of *Nashoga*, *Blood Moon*, *Seraphim* and *Amazon*. She lives in central New Jersey with her husband, daughter and two pesky rabbits. When she isn't writing, she can be found painting, cooking, or at her day job: teacher, moderator, and coach.



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## VISUAL GUIDE TO FINANCIAL MARKETS

David M. Wilson '80  
(2012, Wiley/Bloomberg Press, \$60)

An essential resource for anyone looking to get a handle on the fundamentals of investing, the Bloomberg Financial Series *Visual Guide to Financial Markets* is designed to help readers understand and make the most of opportunities in any financial market. With extensive coverage of the three basic types of investments—governments, companies, and hard assets, including gold, commodities, and real estate—and the markets tied to them directly and indirectly. Lavishly illustrated throughout with charts and other visual aids that highlight the concepts covered, the book brings the information you need vividly to life.

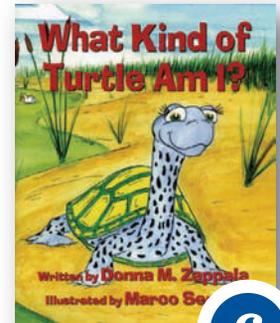
David Wilson has covered financial markets since the 1980s. He has served as a managing editor, bureau chief, columnist, radio host, and stock market reporter at Bloomberg News, and has taught business and financial journalism courses that he created to staff members worldwide. He currently writes the “Chart of the Day” column for Bloomberg and reports on stocks hourly for Bloomberg Radio.

## WHAT KIND OF TURTLE AM I?

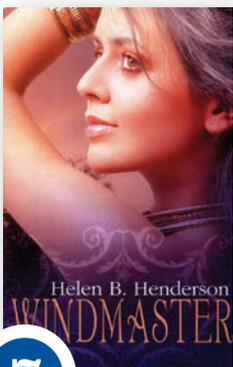
Donna M. Zappala '96, illustrated by Marco Serido  
(2011, DragonFly Publishing, \$14.99)

*What Kind of Turtle Am I?* is a colorful children’s book following the trail of Izzy. She knows she is a turtle but has no idea what kind. Is she a turtle? Is she a tortoise? Or is she a terrapin? In quest for an answer, she roams the land, asking everyone she meets this question: “What kind of turtle am I?”

Donna Zappala holds a B.A. in Elementary Education and Psychology and a master’s degree in Mathematics Education for grades kindergarten through sixth. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Adrian '95, and her three girls.



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## WINDMASTER

Helen B. Henderson '80  
(2011, Burst, \$15.95)

*Windmaster* is a romance- and action-filled fantasy that takes readers on a journey by land and sea to a world of imagination. Ellspeth, captain of the *Sea Falcon*, is attracted to the dark-haired worker she hires to help unload the vessel’s cargo. When the supposed dockhand reveals he is Lord Dal, the last member of the Council of Wizards, and her passenger, Ellspeth breaks a cardinal rule—fraternizing with the paying customers. Bringing Dal back from near-death releases her magical latent powers and threatens her captancy. A sequel, *Windmaster Legacy*, was published as an eBook by Champagne Books in June 2012.

Henderson is the author of *Matawan and Aberdeen – Of Town and Field*, and *Around Matawan & Aberdeen*, both published by Arcadia Press. *Windmaster* marks Henderson’s entrance into full-length fiction, though non-fiction articles covering antiques, history, and battlefield archaeology have been published in regional and national periodicals. More information about Henderson’s works can be found at [helenhenderson-author.webs.com](http://helenhenderson-author.webs.com).

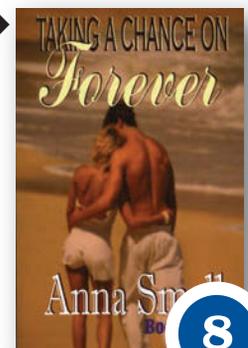
## TAKING A CHANCE ON FOREVER

Anna Small '98  
(2011, BookStrand, \$13.99)

*Taking a Chance on Forever* is a romance novel featuring the protagonist, Kate Thorne, who reconnects with an old boyfriend 20 years later only to find out that her daughter is engaged to his son. Brought together on the eve of their children’s wedding, they share one last, passionate weekend, promising to go their separate ways.

But do they?

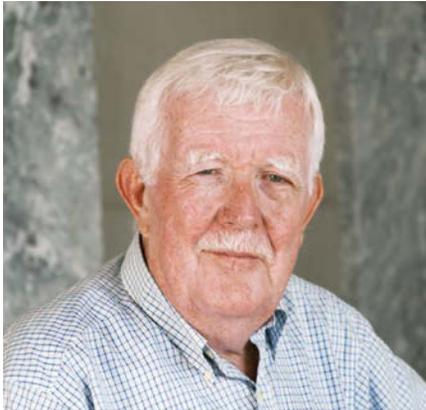
Small, who is also the author of *Tame the Wild Wind*, is a member of the Romance Writers of America and its Florida chapter, Tampa Area Romance Authors. She lives on Florida’s Gulf Coast with her husband, Walter, and two children.



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# CLASSNOTES

## CLASS OF 1962



THOMAS P. GALLAGHER (Poli. Sci.) recently attended the 50th reunion of his Peace Corps group who served in Ethiopia. They were received by Girma Wolde-Giorgis, president of the Republic of Ethiopia, and attended a dinner at the home of Donald E. Booth, American Ambassador to Ethiopia. Gallagher's personal essay, published in the summer 2012 issue of the *Monmouth University Magazine*, has been selected by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University, Newark, for republication in a forthcoming issue of *Civic Engagement Magazine*.

## CLASS OF 1964



BARRY C. SHERMAN (Bus. Adm.) and DAVE ENNIS (Bus. Adm. '74), recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award, who have been friends since they were five years old, recently met in Yellowstone National Park for flyfishing and reminiscing about their days at

Monmouth as founding members of the TKE fraternity. Along with his wife, Lynn, he operates PEPworldwide, a global training and consulting organization. Sherman also makes his own wine, which won a Gold Medal at the Orange County California Fair. Ennis, who received Monmouth's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008, is a realtor specializing in conservation, open space and farmland preservation projects.

## CLASS OF 1968

HERMAN "BUDDY" UNANSKI (Elec. Eng.), along with the "Four Amigos" and their wives, from the 1960s, met for dinner in May at Osteria Giotto in Montclair. It was arranged by CHUCK VILLANNI '69 and his wife, Charlene, and joined by JIM "GRATZ" GRAZIANO '66 AA and Kathy, JERRY "CHRIS" CHISMAR '68 '73M and Arlene, and "Buddy" Unanski and his wife CAROL (MOCCI) UNANSKI '67. The fifth Amigo, JIM "BO" BULVANOSKI '68, was there in spirit along with wife JOAN (GOSS) BULVANOSKI '69. All members still live in New Jersey and try to get together as often as possible.

## CLASS OF 1970

RICHARD CARMICHAEL (Bus. Adm.) received the 2012 Outstanding Scholar Award from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. The award is for outstanding achievement in the classroom as well as outside contributions. Carmichael, a professor of Business Administration at the University, this year published two books: *American Economic History 2012* and *Economics For Everyone 2012*.

## CLASS OF 1972

RONALD A. PALMIERI (Bus. Adm.) is the owner of New Life Shoe Repair in Avon, a full-service shoe repair shop at 518 Lincoln Avenue. His business was profiled in the *Asbury Park Press* about the effect of the recession on discovering the "lost art of frugality." Palmieri, of Lakewood, a third-generation cobbler, has been in business for more than 30 years. "I'll never take a pair of shoes to anyone else," noted one online fan of his repair services.

## CLASS OF 1973



ED A. SULKOWSKI (M.A.T.) (M.S.E. '77) retired from IFF South Brunswick in July 2011 after 46 years in the workforce. He is spending his retirement working around his house, traveling with his son and staying active in the Highlands Fire Department. He and his son most recently traveled to Washington DC. In the fire department he has been a volunteer firefighter for 37 years and has served as department secretary for 34 years. He also serves as Chief of the Fire Police Unit, a Training Officer and an Incident Safety Officer. He also holds a NJ Fire Prevention Inspectors license.

## CLASS OF 1978



STEVE L. LUBETKIN (Sp./Phil.) and his Lubetkin Global Communications won an Astra Award in July from the New Jersey Communications, Advertising, and Marketing Association. The bronze award is the sixth honor the firm has earned for its multimedia productions since its founding in 2004. Lubetkin is a managing partner for the firm.



SALIBA G. SARSAR (Hist.), associate vice president for Global Initiatives and professor of Political Science, was featured in *The Essence*, published by Collège des Frères (Christian Brothers Academy in Jerusalem). Dr. Sarsar attended school at Collège des Frères. In the article, he emphasized the importance of education.

## CLASS OF 1979

WILLIAM S. NUNNALLY (M.B.A.), along with his late son, BILLY (M.B.A. '94) and son, Matt, were honored in October by the Borough of Bradley Beach for the many years of service as lifeguards. The lifeguard tower at the LaReine beach will be named in their honor soon after the 2013 summer season begins with a dedication planned for June 28. William retired in April from Brookdale Community College where he ran the small business development center.

## CLASS OF 1980



PETER J. BRUNO (Sp./Comm./Theat.) (M.A.T. '87) (M.S.E. '92), shown in front, is retiring in February 2013 following a long career in the local school systems.

He now works for both Manalapan and Howell High Schools where he supervises extracurricular activities. In August he finished in the top 60 at the Bradley Beach 5K. In the 1980s and 90s he taught English and Drama and coached high school track, cross country, swimming and football. During his retirement, Bruno will continue to run his fitness training business, The Crowning Touch Front Runner.

## CLASS OF 1982

REV. BRIAN CROAK (Sp./Comm./Theat.) was recently installed as the new minister at Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark, New Jersey. A lifelong resident of New Jersey, he grew up in Spring Lake, the fifth of six children. After graduating from Monmouth he became a campus minister at Rutgers University in New Brunswick for five years, and later graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1991. Before going to Osceola, Rev. Croak served three congregations in Rumson, South Amboy, and Lincroft. On the occasion of Rev. Croak's installation, a long time parishioner said, "The church is very excited to have Pastor Brian aboard. His energy is infectious and if you visit one Sunday, you are sure to stay."

## CLASS OF 1983



PHOTO: BILL DENVER/EQUI-PHOTO

MICHAEL D. GREENBLATT (Psych.) and his cat, Roadrunner, were honored September 15 at Monmouth Park Race Track in Oceanport. Along with his cat, who was recently featured on the Animal Planet Network show "Must Love Cats," Greenblatt presented a trophy to winning jockey Chris DeCarlo,

who he also trains at the Atlantic Club in Red Bank.

## CLASS OF 1984



RICHARD S. MCGARRY (Bus. Mrkt.), managing director of Jersey Shore Financial Group in Wall Township, recently relocated his company to a new building on Route 34. He has been in the financial services profession since 1984. Rick and Jersey Shore Financial Group have developed a strong internship program primarily with Monmouth University to give college students a hands-on experience in the Financial Services Industry. His website is [www.jerseyshorefinancial.com](http://www.jerseyshorefinancial.com). He is also involved in many community and charitable causes. Rick lives in Point Pleasant with his wife, Charlotte, and children, Megan and Kyle.

## CLASS OF 1985



JOSETTE P. KATZ (M.B.A.), professor of hospitality management at Atlantic Cape

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Community College, has been elected to serve a one-year term as president of the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education, the global advocate of hospitality and tourism education for schools, colleges and universities. She lives in Linwood.

## CLASS OF 1986



PATTY AZZARELLO (Elec. Eng.) visited campus on September 25 to talk about the new edition of her book, *Rise...How to Be Really Successful at Work AND Like Your Life*. She also met with Christopher Doheny, the recipient of her endowed scholarship. Azzarello became the youngest general manager at Hewlett-Packard at age 33, ran a \$1B software business at 35 and became a CEO at 38. She now owns and operates Azzarello Group, Inc., a business consulting group in California.



ROBERT J. CARFAGNO (Bus. Acct.) was honored in August by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials with a Distinguished Service Award for his long-term, continuous exemplary service. He is the Cranford School District Business Administrator/Board Secretary and lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Lisa, and their twins, Jennifer and Michael.

## CLASS OF 1987

PATRICIA V. SMITH (Engl.), president of the all-volunteer national non-profit Lyme Disease Association (LDA), was invited in July to testify on Lyme disease before the Foreign Affairs Committee, Africa, Global Health & Human Rights Subcommittee in Washington, DC. She addressed the Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment problems faced by both patients and physicians in her oral testimony and detailed problems with the U.S. Lyme disease surveillance system and the spread of the disease in her written submission. Among other recognitions, Smith received a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Rhode Island Congressman James Langevin in 2002 and had a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol by NJ Congressman Christopher Smith in honor of her Lyme work in 2008.

## CLASS OF 1988



KIMBERLY M. CUNY (Sp./Comm./Theat.), a former Monmouth faculty member, is co-director of both the University of North Carolina Greensboro's (UNCG) University Digital Literacy Center and Multiliteracy Centers program. She also continues to direct The University Speaking Center at UNCG. Cuny's aunt, JOYCE PHILLIPS '64, and uncle, WILLIAM PHILLIPS '73, are also alumni.

## CLASS OF 1989



STEVE L. GERARD (M.B.A.) is president and founder of TGaS Advisors, which was recognized for the fifth year in a row as one of American's fastest growing companies in the United States in 2012 by *Inc.*

*Magazine*. His East Norriton, PA-based company, which tripled its revenues in three years, was ranked #1,505 among 5,000. It is also listed among the Top 50 in the Philadelphia Metro Area and the Top Health Companies.



PAUL GROSSMAN (Comp. Sci. (M.B.A. '97) married Mary Ramos September 9, 2012, in Ocean City. Alumni in attendance included best man, RAUL CUADROS '89, and SCOTT EATON '89. The couple lives in Linwood.



CHRISTOPHER F. TOMAINO (Sp./Comm./Theat.) starred with Jessica Berger in "Sunday in the Park with George," the Pulitzer Prize-winning Sondheim musical presented by NENAprouductions Theater Project at the Jersey Shore Arts Center in Ocean Grove in October. He played the title role of George Seurat. Tomaino is also a staff member for the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, an adjunct professor at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft and the musical theatre coordinator for the Somerset County Performing Arts Program.

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## CLASS OF 1993



DEBRA FOURNIER (Bus. Adm.), certified financial planner and a principal of Harbor Lights Financial Group, Inc., was recently featured in the "Getting Ahead" section of the *Asbury Park Press*. The article discussed her background and career in the financial services industry and how she ultimately created a niche in divorce financial planning. She lives in Sea Girt.

NICK MUSICA (Comm.) is a user experience professional, specializing in search engine optimization, usability and information architecture. He has been a Certified Usability Analyst since 2007 and lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. He also plays the ukulele.

## CLASS OF 1997



DAVID J. JANEZIC (Bus. Adm.) is Brookdale Community College's men's new soccer coach. He was previously an assistant coach at Caldwell College. As a Hawk, he was named most valuable player and was a First Team All-Northeast Conference selection.

KRIS W. MACDERMANT (Bus. Adm.) is the managing partner for Sprocket Staffing Services, a technology-focused recruiting and staffing firm in Manasquan. For more information, go to [www.sprocketstaffing.com](http://www.sprocketstaffing.com). MacDermant's wife, KRISTEN '00, is also a Monmouth graduate.



BARBARA RUANE (Sp. Ed.) was re-elected in November for another three-year term on the West Long Branch Borough Council. She is the council president.

## CLASS OF 1998

CANDICE F. BIDNER (Comm./Ed.) and her husband, Jerry, welcomed daughter, London Brielle, on June 25, 2012. She is a middle school teacher in Long Branch.

ELIZABETH (WAGENHALS) CHINIGO (Hist.) and her husband, Dario, welcomed daughter, Evangeline Wisteria, on October 21, 2011, at Hackensack University Medical Center. She was 7lbs 12oz and 20.5 inches long. The family lives in River Edge.

LAUREN N. (VICIDOMINI) RADSNAK (Bus. Mrkt.) and her husband, David, welcomed their daughter, Taryn Sage, on August 18, 2012. She is a portfolio manager with Executive Property Management in North Brunswick. Her husband is a police sergeant with the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department. They live in Point Pleasant.

## CLASS OF 1999



CHRISTIE (PEARCE) RAMPONE (Sp. Ed.) (H.N. '05), three-time Olympic gold medalist and captain of the 2012 U.S. Women's Olympic Soccer Team, rang the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange on August 23. The U.S. Women's National Team captured the gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics with a 2-1 victory against 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup champion Japan. The USA won its fourth gold medal in the five Olympic competitions featuring women's soccer.

## CLASS OF 2000



RAYMOND E. MACK (Poli. Sci.) was named partner at the law firm of Nelson Levine de Luca & Hamilton in Pennsylvania. With the firm since 2006, Mack represents insurance carriers in large-loss property subrogation matters throughout the U.S., particularly with public utilities. He has also been recognized by SuperLawyers as a Pennsylvania Rising Star in 2011 and 2012.

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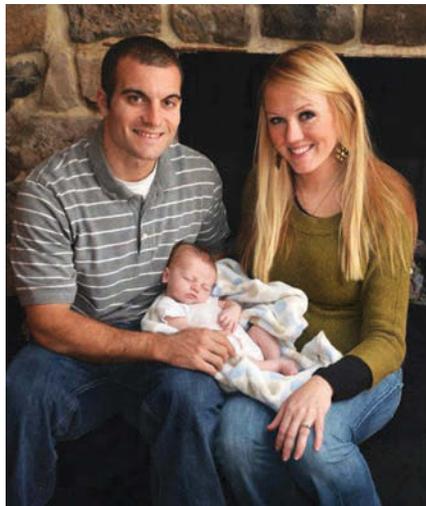
DR. MONICA MISHRA (Bio.) was recently hired to the medical staff at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank. She specializes in radiology and was fellowship-trained in Women's Imaging at Moffitt-Long Hospital/San Francisco General Hospital at the University of California in San Francisco.

## CLASS OF 2001



STACY A. MORENO (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '02), who lives in Phoenix, AZ, is a local au pair counselor at Cultural Homestay International and a pediatric care coordinator at Maricopa Integrated Health System.

## CLASS OF 2002



KELLY (BISHOP) ABBATO (Ed./Span.) and her husband, Dan, welcomed son, Logan Stanley, on November 19, 2011. Abbato is an eighth-grade teacher, and her husband is a high school English teacher and coach. They live in Manahawkin.



MELISSA A. SARAIVA (For. Lang./Ed.) married James N. Lopusznick on July 13, 2012. Alumni in attendance included Nicole Froehlich '03, Brittney Rodrigues (student), Eric Saraiva '07 and Jeffrey Saraiva '07. She is a Spanish teacher at Colonia High School, Woodbridge Township, and is the coach of the

girls track and field team, as well as the assistant coach of the cross-country team. Her husband is a sales representative for Kimberly Clark. They live in Middletown.

CAROLINA (FEITO) MENAPACE (Crim. J.) and her husband, Mark, welcomed daughter, Alexis Beatriz, on July 5, 2012. She joins big sister, Sammy. The family lives in the western suburbs of Chicago, IL.



LAUREN (CENTERI) SCHWARZ (Comm.) was honored with a Big Event Appreciation Award from the Monmouth University Student Government Association (SGA) in October in recognition of establishing the campus-wide event at Monmouth 13 years ago during her tenure as SGA President. Schwarz is the owner of Lauren Schwarz Photography, serving the Greater Philadelphia area.

## CLASS OF 2003



PHOTO: GRACE MODLA

MICHELE (URISKO) ENGLAND (Hist./Poli. Sci./Ed.) is the new assistant principal at Holmdel High School. She was previously the Dean of Students at Lacey Township High School and lives in Barnegat.

JENNIFER (GRADZKI) HARRIS (Bus. Mrkt.) (MA Corp. & Pub. Rel. '05) and her husband, Tom, welcomed daughter, Emma Paige, on July 5, 2012. She joins big brother, Aidan. Now the Advancement Project Manager at The College of New Jersey, Harris previously worked in the Alumni Affairs department of Monmouth University. The family lives in Hamilton.



NICOLE A. MCDONALD (Sp. Ed.) (M.S.E. '08) is engaged to marry Michael Bal on June 22, 2013, in Monroe. She is a special education teacher in Piscataway, and Michael is a fourth-grade teacher also in Piscataway.

## CLASS OF 2004



RICHARD J. ANGELO (Engl./Ed.) (M.A. Engl. '08) was hired as an associate attorney by the Red Bank-based law firm of Zager Fuchs PC. He received a juris doctor from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark in 2011 and has spent the past year serving as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lawrence Lawson, assignment judge of the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey for Monmouth County. At the law firm, Angelo joins fellow alumni, DONALD AMBROSE '61 and ANGELA DALTON '92.



MEGHAN E. ABENDSCHOEN (Ed./Hist.) (M.S.Ed. '10) married John Gottshalk on August 3, 2012, at Saint Vincent Martyr Church in Madison. A reception followed the ceremony at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Abendschoen is a second-grade teacher in Bedminster. Her husband is a fourth-grade teacher in Branchburg. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and now live in Three Bridges.



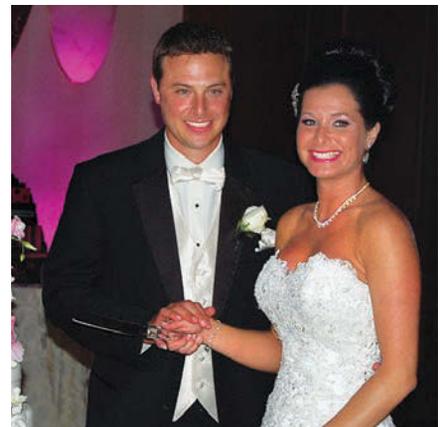
JUDY C. CHEVALIER (M.S.E.) is the new principal of Collier Middle School in Marlboro. The school, which opened last year, works with students who have challenging emotional, behavioral and mental health needs. She was previously the director of special services for the Upper Freehold Regional School District.

JENNIFER KORODAN CUTHBERTSON (Sp. Ed.) (M.S.E. '08) and her husband, Richard, welcomed son, Connor James, on May 22. The family lives in Avenel.



MATTHEW N. HEALING (Comm.) married Daniela Gallo on August 10, 2012, in Cedar Grove. He is a basketball coach at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, and his wife is a second-grade teacher at the Robert Treat Academy, also in Newark.

WENDY A. REJAN (M.A. Hist.) is now a vice consul at the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana, Mexico. She was previously a U.S. officer in The Bahamas.



JENNIFER A. SARNELLE (Bus. Adm.) married Toby Stark July 13, 2012 at the South Gate Manor in Freehold. There were 25 graduates in attendance, with the following alumni in the bridal party: KATE STEVENS '02, MELISSA COLTE '07 '11M, STEPHANIE (RACANIELLO) WARLICK '03, BRIAN HOWELL '03 '08M and TODD KINEAVY '99 '04M. She is the marketing manager for the Northeast Division of K. Hovnanian Homes in Edison, and her husband is the owner of Stark Associates in Hazlet. They live in Hazlet.

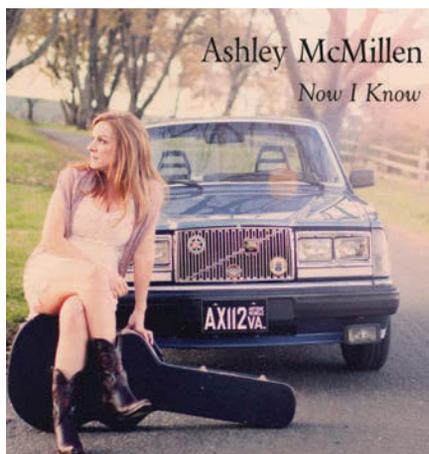
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## CLASS OF 2005

CIPRIANO L. APICELLI (Comm.) was inducted into the Ocean Township High School Athletic Hall of Fame in September. The 2001 graduate was a star baseball player for the Spartans and later played for the Hawks.

KATHRINE N. FERRARI (Bus. Mgmt.) was hired as a fifth-grade teacher at Nutswamp Elementary School in Middletown. She also lives in Middletown.

AMY L. GILMAN (Comm.) is engaged to marry Joel Pereira on July 6, 2013 at St. Michael's Church in Long Branch. She is an English teacher at Long Branch High School, and her fiancé is an estimator for his family's business, PAX Construction.



ASHLEY A. MCMILLEN (Psych.), a country-inspired singer-songwriter, recently released a new CD, "You and Me." She was most recently described by Rapunzel's Coffee and Books as "one of the most intriguing new artists to cross our stage, a veritable country music legend in the making." An earlier CD, "Now I Know," is on her own Pandora Station, Ashley McMillen Radio and was placed in the 2011 Songwriter's Competition at Rapunzel's Coffee and Books. For more information, see [www.ashleymcmillen.com](http://www.ashleymcmillen.com).



DAVID D. MCDONALD (Comm.), also known as "East Side Dave" and "Davey Mac," is the host of the Davey Mac Sports Program XL on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. He is also the co-host of Mornings On The Night with Michele & Dave on WBJB-FM in Lincroft and the host of the number one independent sports show on the internet, the Davey Mac Sports Program. More information can be found on his website at [www.EastSideDaveCountry.com](http://www.EastSideDaveCountry.com).

## CLASS OF 2006



JULIE A. AZZOLINO (Comm./Ed.) married Alan Cody on July 21, 2012, on the beach in Spring Lake. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaid JULIE VAN DERVORT '06, ALEXIS (FERGUSON) MARIANI '06, ALLISON COMERFORD '07, DANIELLE (PAPPALARDO) MOSCA '05, and JOAN (PRENDERGAST) BRODZINSKI '74. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Bahamas. Azzolino is a guidance counselor at Pequannock Township High School, and her husband works in revenue management in Park Ridge.



DANIELLE (CORRIS) FRANCO (Bus. Mgmt.) married James Franco April 27, 2012, in Tulum, Mexico. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaid, STEPHANIE MANICIOTO '06. She is vice president, Client Experience & Product Development, for Discovery Data. Her husband is a service advisor for Red Bank Volvo. They live in Belford.

MAUREEN J. DISCHLEY (Hist./Ed.) is engaged to marry Richard Gaynor in July 2013. She is a third-grade teacher in Eatontown. Her fiancé is a senior account executive for Superior Data Corp.



DANIELLE L. MILIA (Bus. Mrkt.) married Anthony Abruzzo on July 21, 2012. She is continuing her education at Montclair State University where she is working toward a teaching degree. Milia is also a teacher for the Harrison Board of Education. Her husband is a partner in his family's accounting firm. They live in Florham Park.

STACEY B. PICONE (Comm.) is engaged to marry Justin Okeson in 2013. She is a clinical trial associate for Coram Clinical Trials in Denver, CO. He is a former U.S. Marine and is working toward a law degree at Denver University.

## CLASS OF 2007



TARA M. SCARPONI (Psych.) married Anthony Salvatore Danniballe on April 20, 2012, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Hampton. Their reception was held at Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange. Alumni in attendance included Matron of Honor JENNIFER (SOLAR) HAGENDOORN '07 and bridesmaid NATALIE NARDONE '08. Scarponi is a licensed funeral director at her family's funeral homes: Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home in Lebanon and Naughtright-Scarponi Funeral Home in High Bridge. Her husband is a project manager for AT&T in Piscataway. Following a honeymoon trip to Antigua, the couple lives in Stewartville.



JESSICA C. GRICKO (Bus. Adm.) married Gregory Vonoczky on June 23, 2012.

She works in global custody for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Jersey City. Her husband also works for the same company in its fixed income rates trading department. They live in Little Falls.

## CLASS OF 2008



JEFFREY A. ARMSTRONG (M.A. Psych. Couns.) is now an assistant professor of Psychology at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA. He was previously an adjunct instructor at the college for the past three years. He lives in Bethlehem.

KRISTIN E. LYTTLE (Hist./Elem. Ed.) is engaged to marry Thomas Gorski in the fall of 2013. She works for the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District. Her fiance works for Software House International.

JACQUELINE C. MAZZA (Ed./Art) was hired as an art teacher at Middletown High School South in Middletown. She lives in Red Bank.

THERESA A. POWERS (Bus. Acct.) is now vice president, senior financial reporting officer for Metropolitan National Bank in New York City. Powers, who became a CPA in November 2011, was previously a senior audit associate for KPMG.

## CLASS OF 2009

SHANNON M. CONNELL (Psych.) is engaged to marry Jim Kelley in May 2014. She is pursuing a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Chestnut Hill College where she also received a master's degree. Her fiance is a physical therapist at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital in Allentown, PA.

SAMANTHA C. CREASE (M.B.A.) married Stephen Culloo on September 15 at Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch. Her husband's brother is GARRETT CULLOO '11. Crease is a senior auditor for Ernst & Young LLP.



JESSICA L. JONES (Anthro./Elem. Ed.) and ANTHONY CAMPANILE (Bus. Mgmt. '08) were married October 20, 2012, in Scranton, PA. There were more than 25 alumni in attendance including the following members of their bridal party: LAURA EMBREY '10, CAILIN LYNAM '10, KENSLIE KERESTES '11, CORINNE LACHAC '10, GREG CAMPANILE '06, DANIEL MCCREESH '11, BRIAN HART '06, TAYLOR KRUG '11 and RYAN BECK '09. While at Monmouth, Anthony was a member of the men's golf team, and Jessica was a member of the women's cross country and track and field teams. Anthony is currently a sales manager for Guardian Life in Shrewsbury, and Jessica is a first grade teacher at a charter school. They live in Wayside.

LAURYN M. KINSELLA (Comm.) is a post production manager at LeftField Pictures in New York City. She has worked at the company since October 2011.

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NICHOLAS J. LEZOLI (Hist./Ed.) is engaged to marry Melissa Reilly in July 2014. He is a teacher at New Utrecht High School in Brooklyn, and his fiancée is an occupational therapist with the Staten Island University Hospital in Ocean Breeze, NY.

SAMANTHA L. MANNING (Comm.) is business coordinator at East Coast Aesthetic Surgery in New York City. She has worked for the office since December 2010.



LAURA M. MYERS (Engl./Ed.) is engaged to marry Eric Schmidt in July 2013. While at Monmouth, she was a member of the track and field team. Both Laura and Eric are English teachers at Roxbury High School where Laura also coaches the Girls' Cross Country and Track and Field. They live in Randolph.

MICHELLE J. SPERO (Span./Intl Bus.) works for the worldwide advertising

agency, BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), in its New York City office. She previously worked for GAIN Capital.

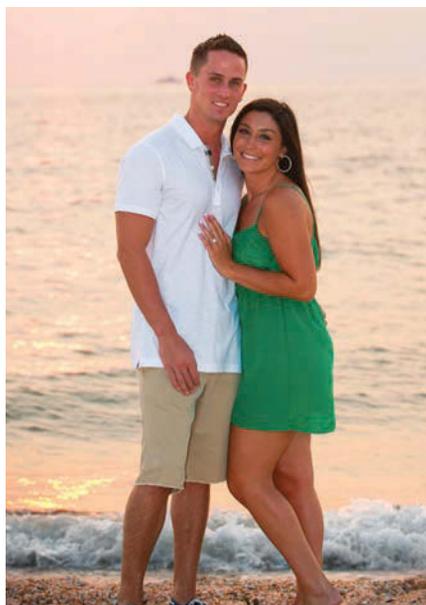
KELLY N. STEVENSON (M.S.E.) is engaged to marry Michael Bunero in 2013. She works for the Manchester Board of Education, and her fiance works for Local 472.

ELIZABETH C. WIXTED (Engl.) is human resources manager at ARAMARK in Philadelphia, PA.

## CLASS OF 2010

SAMANTHA A. BARKER (Bus. Mrkt.) is director of Operations/Promoter for Vibrant Marketing & Modeling Concepts, a staffing agency for promotional modeling in the beer, wine and liquor industry.

LAUREN F. D'AMICO (Bus. Adm.) is now a business teacher at Middletown High School North in Middletown. She was previously a tutor at Sylvan Learning Center in Eatontown and lives in Hazlet.



NICOLE GAGLIANO (Math/Ed.) is engaged to be married to Christopher Ives in July 2014. Gagliano was a member and captain of the cheerleading team at Monmouth. She is now a math teacher and cheerleading coach at Colts Neck High School, and her fiancé is an accountant for Ernst and Young.



ASHLEY M. HOPPE (Hist./Poli. Sci./Ed.) (M.S.E. '11) got engaged to Ryan Letsche on October 13, 2012. They both work at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.



NICOLE E. MONTECALVO (Bus. Mgmt.) is the director of Public Relations at Bayshore Recycling. She is also the founder and social media director for Evelyn & Christine ([www.evelynandchristine.com](http://www.evelynandchristine.com)), an online consignment designer boutique.



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MEGAN R. SMITH (Psych.) was recently hired as the assistant field hockey coach at DeSales University. She was previous an assistant coach at Easton Area High School and lives in Easton, PA.

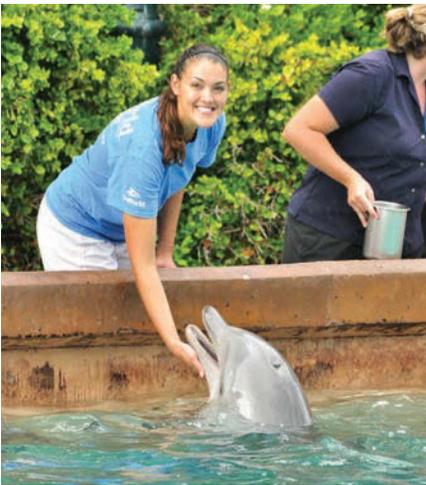
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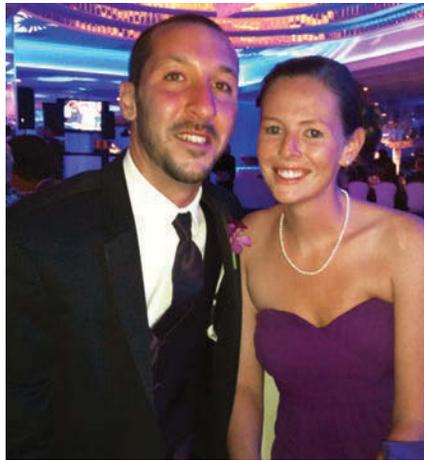
SEAN M. FORAN (M.S.W.) is now a program director for CALPIRG Energy Service Corps in Los Angeles. He was previously a program director for NJPIRG. As a graduate student at Monmouth, Foran launched the Monmouth University Community Garden in September 2009.



AMBER L. WIRTH (M.B.A.) married Eric Holmstadt September 22, 2012, in Monticello, MN. She works for the Reier Group, based in Minneapolis. Her husband works for Xcel Energy in Monticello.



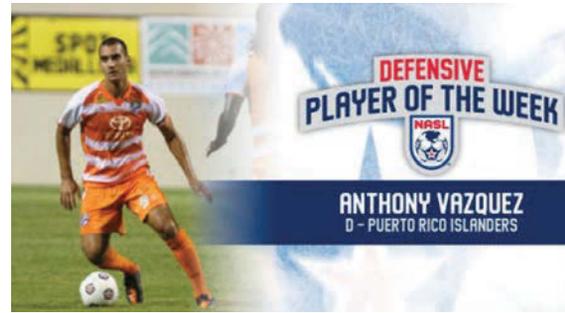
LIZ M. KUDIRKA (Bio.) recently accepted a position as an educator in zoology operations at SeaWorld Orlando. She said she hopes to one day train for the animal rescue and recovery department.



REBECCA L. NAYLOR (M.S.E.) is engaged to marry John Tsihlas next summer. She is a middle school counselor. Her fiancé is an elementary physical education teacher and coaches football and track and field.



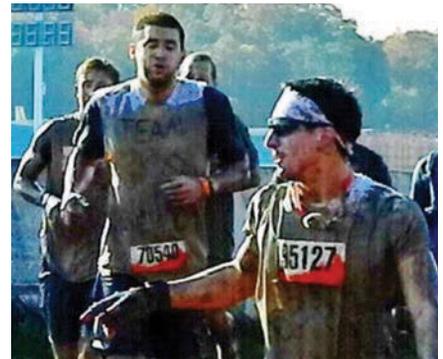
DINA M. TSIHLAS (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '12) and MARK LUBISCHER (Crim. J.) were married October 7, 2012. Now living in El Paso, TX, she is a director of social services at a hospital, and he is a federal agent with homeland security.



ANTHONY VAZQUEZ (Bus. Adm.), who now plays for the Puerto Rico Islanders, was named the North American Soccer League Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending September 17.

JASON VICTOR (M.S.W.) recently started and incorporated his own business called Social Genealogy, aiming to combine Social Work with Genealogy, exploring the “who, what, where” of a family, but also seeking to understand lifestyles, biographies, and motivations of family history, including the social, cultural, and psychological history (mental health, medical conditions) influences.

## CLASS OF 2012



GARTH A. DE BLASIO (Bus. Adm.) and JOHN CAFFARELLI (Bus. Adm.) competed in their first Tough Mudder competition at the Tough Mudder Tri-State in Englishtown on October 20. Their team’s time in the 12-mile course with 23 obstacles inspired by special forces training was in the five percent globally. It also qualified the two graduates for the World’s Toughest Mudder, a race to achieve the most laps around a grueling 8-10-mile course with more than 40 obstacles in 24 hours.



TARA E. IAURUZIO (M.A.T.) is engaged to marry Christian McGrath in late summer of 2014. She is seeking a job in education, and her fiance is an insurance broker for a Fortune 500 company.

REBECCA M. LASKOWSKI (Crim. J.) and SHAWN PLATZ (Poli. Sci./Intl. Rel.) are engaged to be married next year. Platz is now serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, GA.

STACY L. MYERS (Bus. Fin.) was hired as an assistant accountant at TitleVest in New York City. She lives in Clifton.



STEPHEN A. PROSAPIO (Bus. Adm.) is a pitcher for the Tarrytown Knights, a semi-professional sandlot baseball team in New York that plays in the highly-competitive Stan Musial Division of the Westchester Baseball Association.

## CLASS NOTES POLICY

Monmouth University encourages communications from alumni regarding career changes, promotions, relocations, volunteer work, marriages, births, and other information that is of interest to fellow classmates, alumni, and the University community.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
- 1960** HAROLD R. KIRCHHOF (Bus. Adm.)  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2012
- 1961** MELVIN A. RAND (Psych.)  
AUGUST 31, 2012
- 1962** VIRGINIA (PISTOLESE) DETTORE (Elem. Ed.)  
AUGUST 13, 2012
- 1963** HOWARD M. NEWMAN (Hist.)  
AUGUST 20, 2012
- 1964** PERRY H. HARRIS (Elem. Ed.)  
AUGUST 6, 2012
- 1970** KAREN M. HANSEN (Elem. Ed.)  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
- 1972** VICTOR W. HAMILTON (Bus. Adm.)  
OCTOBER 21, 2012  
MARK A. LEVY (Bus. Adm.)  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2012  
ROBERT H. WEITZELL (Elem. Ed.)  
AUGUST 23, 2012
- 1973** WILLIAM R. CROME JR (M.S.E.)  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2012  
REV. DR. RICHARD MANNING (M.S.E.)  
OCTOBER 1, 2012
- 1974** VIOLET KENNEDY (Socio.) (M.S.E. '78)  
AUGUST 12, 2012  
STEPHEN C. VOWINKEL (Socio.)  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
- 1975** JAMES A. PITKETHLEY (Bus. Adm.)  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2012
- 1979** GERALD M. EVANS (Elem. Ed.)  
AUGUST 1, 2012
- 1980** PHILOMENA (VECCHIONE) CLARK (Health)  
AUGUST 19, 2012
- 1990** EDNA M. BROWN (A.A.)  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2012  
(former Purchasing Assistant and 39 year employee of Monmouth University prior to her retirement in 2011 )  
G. KEVIN CONROY (Bus. Acct.)  
AUGUST 8, 2012
- 1991** DR. STEPHEN H. SCHNEIDER (H.N.)  
JULY 20, 2012
- 1992** KENNETH MNICH (M.S. Comp. Sci.)  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2012
- 1998** SUSAN (GRAY) UNTORIA (Art)  
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
- 2001** JAMES E. STEVENS (M.S.N.)  
AUGUST 22, 2012
- 2008** MILTON GRAY CAMPBELL (H.N.)  
November 2, 2012

## FRIENDS

- BRIAN T. GARVEY SEPTEMBER 17, 2012  
(former director of the Honors Program and first Dean of the Honors School from 2005 to 2009, received Distinguished Teacher Award in 2001 and and the Donald W. Warncke Award from the Faculty Association of Monmouth University for distinguished service in 2010)
- JANE K. GRAMMER AUGUST 18, 2012  
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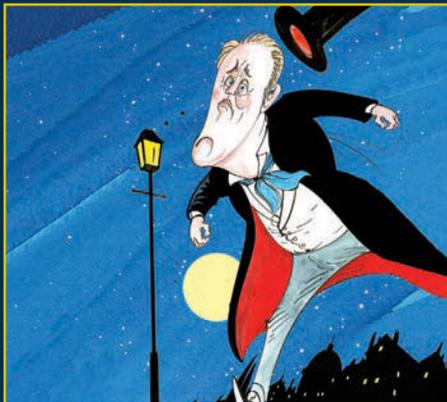
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