RECHNITZ HALL OPENS
AFTER SANDY
WINTER COMMENCEMENT
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE STORY IN THE
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE LAST YEAR?

I was particularly moved by Thomas Gallagher’s story, “Courageous Journey,” in the summer 2012 issue. Not only is he an inspiration as a gay Monmouth alumnus, but he is an inspiration as a human being and fellow American. I commend Monmouth for telling his story and I feel because you are letting the MU community know that they can be themselves without judgment or repercussion. I’m proud to be a Monmouth alum!

TRACY ALLWELL ’04

I loved “The Secret Life of a Podium” by Michael Maiden, in the summer 2012 issue. I have been on campus in one capacity or another since 2001—as an undergraduate, as a grad student, and as an adjunct instructor. I have seen that podium countless times, and rarely given it a second look. But what stories it has to tell! Our campus is full of treasures, great and small. Kudos to Michael for his research on this well-written, fun little story.

MELISSA KOZLOWSKI ZIOBRO ’04 ’07M

My favorite story from the Monmouth University Magazine in 2012 was “MAC Shines in Superstorm.” It was inspirational to read about my alma mater becoming one of the largest evacuation centers for displaced residents during and after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The tireless work of the volunteers, police, and other local organizations that assisted families struggling through this difficult time made me very proud to be a part of the Monmouth University family.

JENNIFER OPRYSKO ’10
Juris Doctor Candidate
Earle Mack School of Law,
Drexel University 2013

I loved the “MAC Shines in Superstorm” article in the fall 2012 issue. It was interesting to read about how my second home while at Monmouth (I was a member of the track team) ended up becoming a makeshift home for hundreds who needed it most.

JENNIFER OPRYSKO ’10
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Thank you for sharing a glimpse of Chris Wojcik’s life adventures through your piece ‘Life Lessons from a Horseshoe Crab’ in the Fall 2012 edition of the Monmouth Magazine. It was great to read about how he has been able to pursue his passions in several unique ways. As he continues to find ways to educate others about the importance of the environment while also maintaining and protecting it, I know he inspires others to get involved. How fortunate for the Monmouth community that he has returned to the classroom to share his excitement, experiences, and knowledge! I know his students will enjoy their learning experience. Although I wish his horseshoe crab had fared better in its submersion, I was impressed by his ability to see past its unfortunate landing and focus rather on the positive impact it will still have as an artificial reef. I am looking forward to following Chris’ next ‘Art as Reef’ project. I hope other readers are, too.

CHRISTINE BENOL ’91 ’97

I liked the Spring 2012 tribute story to Dr. Fell. The article was written with a lot of personality—just like Dr. Fell had. The photos were great too.

SUSAN MERRILL O’CONNOR ’88

I enjoyed reading Dr. Fell’s story, especially when he picked up Rev. Martin Luther King at the airport off of Shrewsbury Ave as he came to Monmouth College to speak. Fell was a great guy. I miss him...Vern Churchill....and Dr. Barro very much. Please do more stories on the lives of departed staff.

GLENN W. LEBEUF ’76
More than 200 guests attended the dedication of the new Joan & Robert Rechnitz Hall on January 27. They streamed in to see the inaugural exhibit, “Faculty & Friends,” which was postponed from a November debut because of widespread disruption caused by superstorm Sandy.
The delay only led to a greater sense of excitement for the much anticipated addition to the campus. Rechnitz Hall will not only open new doors for students, but it will cement Monmouth University’s reputation as an important resource for the arts.

The new 20,340-square foot structure, designed to mimic the façade of the previous 800 Building, provides state-of-the-art visual arts space with classrooms and faculty offices centered on a three-story gallery.

Scott Knauer, director of galleries and collections, said, “In addition to the spectacular exhibition space, for the first time in the University’s history, we will have a dedicated space to store, conserve, and study Monmouth’s growing permanent art collection.”

“The 800 Building was magical, dreamlike, and it drew out, it summoned up, the deepest and best part of the young artists who created there,” said Joan Rechnitz ’84 HN ’12, who along with her husband, Dr. Robert Rechnitz, funded the multi-million dollar project.

“We wanted to do something meaningful and lasting on the campus of Monmouth University, so we took a chance on duplicating the charm and labyrinthine magic of the 800, but with all the modern fixtures that will serve all art, the old and the new. I loved the funky old building. I hope this one will become funky quickly,” she said.

Patricia Swannack ’02, vice president for Administrative Services, who is responsible for all campus construction projects, highlighted some of the features of the building that will help inspire new generations of artists. “On the first floor there is a gallery, three classrooms and a
On the second floor there are three Mac computer studios with an animation studio and editing suites. The painting and design classrooms are on the third floor.

Swannack said that the 800 Building, demolished in 2011 to make way for Rechnitz Hall, was not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible, did not provide enough restrooms, and had multiple stairways that led to different areas of the building. “It wasn’t designed for academic purposes, so the classrooms weren’t the best configuration for learning and teaching,” she said.

“On a classic campus full of remarkable buildings, Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall will be viewed as especially remarkable,” said President Paul Gaffney who unveiled a portrait of the Rechnitzes taken by celebrated photographer Danny Sanchez.

The Sanchez portrait of Joan and Robert Rechnitz, which will greet visitors in the building’s lobby, was taken as part of the “Forty Faces of Monmouth Arts” exhibition to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Monmouth County Arts Council in 2011. Since opening its own 43,000 square-foot theater in Red Bank in 2005—which Art Times described as an architectural gem—the TRTC has received “Theatre of the Year” awards from the New Jersey Theatre Alliance in 2006 and from The Star-Ledger in both 2006 and 2008. In 2009 the New Jersey State Council on the Arts designated the TRTC as a Major Impact Organization.

Dr. Rechnitz, a professor of English and American Literature at Monmouth for more than 30 years, was recognized with a Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service at Founders’ Day in 2001 for combining his dedication to education with his passion for theater.

“We have been proud to stand with you as an education partner with your magnificent Two River Theater Company,” said President Gaffney. “Now we stand beside you again as thankful partners here on our campus.”

“The University community is grateful that a fine arts alumna, Joan, and her husband, Bob, a professor of English here for over three decades, generously applied their resources to once again accelerate opportunities to
embrace the arts in our community,” Gaffney said.

Stanton Green, dean of the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, agreed that the new facility will be transformative. “Joan and Bob Rechnitz’s generosity in funding this beautiful building clearly demonstrates their vision of the arts as a window to the world and as essential to the liberal education of future generations of Monmouth University students. I am fully confident that Rechnitz Hall will quickly become a center for student and faculty creativity,” he said.

“Our promise to Joan is that we will establish ‘funkiness’ in the new building as quickly as possible,” said Professor Vincent DiMattio, who was a key catalyst in the project.

“Just think of the generations of young artists who will get their education in this wonderful environment: this house of creativity,” said DiMattio, who has been a professor of art at Monmouth since 1968.

“Our new gallery certainly rivals any university spaces I have ever seen. Our exhibition program will provide Monmouth University and the community at large with excitement and knowledge regarding the art scene, both locally and nationally, contemporary and historic,” said DiMattio, who also described Rechnitz Hall as a crown jewel of the campus.

DiMattio, along with Scott Knauer, were co-curators of the invitational exhibition which included 57 accomplished artists drawn from alumni, current and former faculty, and artists from across the country who have previously exhibited in Monmouth University galleries over the years.

“Many of the artists have achieved regional, national, and international acclaim,” said Knauer who also said he was thrilled to co-curate the exhibit with Professor DiMattio. The showcased works represent a wide range of artistic discipline including painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, drawing, and ceramics.

“I tried to pick a mixed bag of art with a lot of points of view,” DiMattio said.

DiMattio’s own contribution was a mixed media creation on a panel called Circle VII, which he hopes will pay homage to found, or discarded, objects. Also included in the exhibition is an acrylic, Crucifix Fish, painted by Joan Rechnitz, when she was one DiMattio’s students.

Joan Wilson, who was both a student of Dr. Robert Rechnitz and an art professor to Joan Rechnitz, contributed an acrylic cutout and oil on wood titled Belly of the Beast to the exhibit. She described the new art building as “elegant.”

Another contributing artist, Vaune Peck ’87 ’10M, said, “When I first saw my work in this new gallery, it was like seeing it for the first time, as if it was someone else’s work. That’s how magical this new space is.” Peck, the Counselor and Coordinator of
Arts Programming and Promotion at Monmouth University, has previously exhibited her work in the 800 Building, and has a special appreciation for the significance of Rechnitz Hall.

Dr. Webster Trammell ’70 ’73M, vice president of Development, Community and Government Relations at Brookdale Community College, said at the reception, “It is wonderful to see that art students have the kind of facility that they can really use without drafty windows and creaky floors.”

As an undergraduate student who majored in Art, Trammell is familiar with the 125-year old 800 Building that was replaced by Rechnitz Hall. “Now students can really take advantage of technology,” Trammell said.

Dr. Andrew Cohen, chair of the Department of Art & Design, agreed that the new facility would make a big difference for students. “With a comfortable lounge, our students will be able to meet, collaborate, and build a community of creatively motivated artist and designers,” he said.

“Previously we were in cramped rooms with hardly [any] room to move. This is true of the two third floor studios as well; [the] large, open spaces allow drawing and painting students to spread out and receive proper instruction,” Cohen said.

“Our department will be able to cultivate and sustain new directions in interactive media, animation, design, photography, and the traditional arts, thanks to expanded studios,” said Cohen, whose contribution to the “Faculty & Friends” exhibition is Raining at Angkor Watt, an archival pigment print.

Gallery Director Scott Knauer believes that the opening of Rechnitz Hall signals a new era in the history of Monmouth University and the Department of Art and Design. “The possibilities for further advancing our goals now seem limitless,” he said.

President Gaffney, who describes Rechnitz Hall as “the most beautiful gallery on the Jersey Shore,” sees the newest addition to campus as not only “a quality home for a talented art and design faculty,” but also a “grand exhibition space for the public.”

“We’re a significant part of the community” agreed Swannack. “Whether we have people attending classes here or they’re attending an athletic event at the MAC, or a Metropolitan Opera event at Pollak Theatre, [Monmouth University is] a significant resource to the community at large for a variety of purposes,” she said.

Despite the accolades for the new structure, and its leadership role in Monmouth University’s evolution as a destination for students and the wider community, Joan Rechnitz rightly notes, “The building itself is just the bones of support for the genius of creativity.”

“It is the artists who will make it funky,” she said. [MU]

Joan Rechnitz ’84 HN ’12
Crucifix Fish, 1982
acrylic on canvas,
36 x 19 INCHES

It is called Crucifix Fish. Its skull was about four inches long and it was lent to me by the poet, Tom Reiter [former Wayne D. McMurray Chair in Humanities and NEA Poetry Fellowship recipient], who wrote a poem about it. By magnifying the skull in paint, I hoped to show its intricacy and delicacy.
Raising Funds for Scholarships

Co-chaired for a second year by John ’07 ‘10M and Kenna Brockriede, the event, held on December 1, raised more than $950,000 to benefit the Monmouth University Scholarship fund. With the help of a dedicated team of committee members, volunteers and donors, funds raised by the gala exceeded the 2011 total by almost 30 percent.

One factor was a $50,000 Distinguished Endowed Scholarship made by Linda Brockriede in memory of her late husband, John A. Brockriede, Sr. Known locally as “Mr. Long Branch,” the senior Mr. Brockriede was honored with a Maurice Pollack Award for Distinguished Community Service from Monmouth University in 2007.

A video, created by HBO producer Beth Garrigal, profiled the stories of three Monmouth University students who rely on scholarship aid, also motivated donors to contribute on the evening of the ball.

In the video, Maryann Costa, a Photography major in the class of 2014, recounted the devastating effects of Superstorm Sandy on her studies. “The water was up to my calves…my entire first floor was flooded…my studio was gone. Just gone.”

“I was able to turn to the people at Monmouth,” Costa said. “They have helped me tremendously, and they have been my support system. If it wasn’t for the support from Monmouth, I would be sleeping in my car.”

“I would not have been able to make it here without scholarships; Monmouth has been very generous to me,” Costa said. “Scholarship donors have been more than kind, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart,” she said.

Jennifer van Alstyne, a senior majoring in English, who was orphaned at 18 when her father died, said that Monmouth has been a supportive community that has met all of her intellectual, academic, and emotional needs. “Everyone has been there for me throughout my whole journey, and I wouldn’t have been able to do it without them,” she said.

“My scholarships are an investment in my future,” said van Alstyne, who is the editor of the Monmouth Review and president of the Sigma Tau Delta honors society. “I am going on to graduate school; I am going on to get a doctorate. I am going to give back to this community,” she said.

“I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for you,” van Alstyne said on video and in person to scholarship donors at the gala. “And one day, I will be you. In 20 or 30 years I will be helping people like me.”

Ravi Shah, a Finance major in the Class of 2014, said that thanks to scholarships, he has to worry less about paying off the debts associated with earning a quality education. “Because of scholarships, I will be able to expand my horizons more quickly and get myself established in the corporate and professional world,” he said.

Shah, who serves in the Student Government Association as director of Finance, thanked donors “For all of the contributions you have made.”

Shah and van Alstyne attended the gala and provided a personal connection between the grateful recipients of Monmouth University Scholarships and their benefactors. Throughout the evening many donors took the opportunity to speak with the high achieving students profiled in the video, which is available on YouTube at www.tinyurl.com/MUbball2012.

For the 20th consecutive year, Susan Musica, a professional holiday designer from Neptune, NJ, donated her time and talents to transform Wilson Hall into a winter wonderland, complete with trees decorated with her personal ornament collection. In addition to the individually decorated trees, she

A tradition for 38 years, the annual Holiday Ball in historic Wilson Hall raised much needed scholarship funds for students under ever-greater financial pressure in a challenging economic environment.

ABOVE: OIL PAINTING OF WILSON HALL BY ERIN MARIE MAUTERER/ERINM.COM
also designed and created each of the 32 table centerpieces.

Dr. Gene Simko, of Monmouth University's Leon Hess Business School, served as auctioneer. Live auction offerings included a Private Suite for the Martina McBride Holiday Concert at Monmouth University's MAC; a “golfers dream” package including a round of golf at Merion Golf Club, host of the 2013 US Open; a Paranormal Exploration of Historic Wilson Hall with nationally-renowned ghost-hunter, Kathy Kelly; and a perennial favorite, a private dinner for 20 in the Versailles Room in Wilson Hall.

Karl Gordinier, Jr. ’62, who received the Communities and Humanities Award at the 2005 Holiday Ball for his years of service to the community and Monmouth University, served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

A large, centrally-located custom-designed lit bar provided atmosphere and an element of New York City fun to the evening, illuminating the surroundings with slowly changing glowing color.

An open photo booth offered guests the opportunity to capture the fun of the evening with “photo strips” reminiscent of Jersey Shore photo arcades. Attendees were encouraged to “mug for the camera” informally.

More than 310 guests contributed to the event in 2012. If you are interested in sponsoring a scholarship or securing an invitation to the next Holiday Ball, please contact Jan Connolly, director of Special Events at 732-571-3509.
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2013 WOMEN’S LACROSSE

2/16 FAIRFIELD 12:00 PM
2/22 DELAWARE 3:00 PM
3/04 LAFAYETTE 3:00 PM
3/05 SIENA 1:00 PM
3/13 ST. JOSEPH’S 3:00 PM
3/19 at Canisius 4:00 PM
3/21 at North Florida 1:00 PM
3/22 at Quinnipiac* 3:00 PM
Home games in Bold
*Northeast Conference games

2013 WOMEN’S SOFTBALL

2/23 Delaware and Norfolk State 9:00 AM/11:00 AM
2/24 Delaware and Norfolk State 11:00 AM/3:00 PM
3/1-3 at Winthrop University Tournament TBA
3/6-8 at George Mason University Tournament TBA
3/13 at Rider TBA
3/19 at Bethune-Cookman (DH) TBA
3/20 at Central Florida (DH) 6:30 PM
3/21 at North Florida 1:00 PM
3/23 FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (DH)* 1:00 PM
3/24 BRYANT (DH)* 12:00 PM
3/29 QUINNIPIAC (DH)* TBA
3/30 SACRED HEART (DH)* TBA
3/31 PENNSYLVANIA (DH)* 4:00 PM
4/07 at Wagner (DH) TBA
4/09 LA SALLE (DH)* 12:00 PM
4/13 at Villanova (DH) 12:00 PM/2:00 PM
4/14 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE (DH)* 12:00 PM
4/17 TEMPLE (DH) 3:00 PM
4/20 at Mount St. Mary’s (DH) TBA
4/25 at Rutgers TBA
4/27 at Long Island (DH) TBA
4/28 SAINT FRANCIS (PA,)* 12:00 PM
Home games in Bold
*Northeast Conference games

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2013 MEN’S BASEBALL

2/22 at Vanderbilt 4:00 PM
2/23 at Vanderbilt 2:00 PM
2/24 at Vanderbilt 1:00 PM
3/01 at Delaware 3:30 PM
3/02 at Delaware 1:00 PM
3/03 at Delaware 1:00 PM
3/08 at East Carolina 5:00 PM
3/09 at East Carolina 2:00 PM
3/10 at East Carolina 1:00 PM
3/15 at Virginia Commonwealth 6:00 PM
3/16 at Virginia Commonwealth 3:00 PM
3/17 at Virginia Commonwealth 1:00 PM
3/18 at Virginia Commonwealth 1:00 PM
3/22 at Quinipiac* 3:00 PM
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3/24 at Quinipiac* 1:00 PM
3/25 ST. PETERS 3:00 PM
3/28 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE* 3:00 PM
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Award-winning producer of the 2012 blockbuster film, *The Hunger Games*, Jon Kilik HN ‘13 addressed more than 400 graduates on January 18 at Monmouth University’s third winter commencement ceremony at the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC).

Before Jon Kilik approached the podium, President Paul Gaffney relished his last winter commencement at Monmouth, saying, “You are a class that has grown in confidence, focus and peer responsibility.” He commended the students on their reaction to superstorm Sandy and for how they rallied to help and support their community.

“You took care of each other, and that trait will continue throughout your professional life,” Gaffney said.

Monmouth County Sheriff and Adjunct Professor Shaun F. Golden ’99 was recognized at the ceremony for his valor in the aftermath of Sandy with the Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service.

BOTTOM LEFT: MIKE MURPHY ’13, AN OFFENSIVE LINEMAN ON THE MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. MURPHY EARNED SECOND TEAM ALL-NORTHEAST CONFERENCE HONORS IN 2011; BOTTOM RIGHT: BRIELLE SNEED ’13 AND MONIA ABOU GHALI ’13. SNEED SAID SHE PLANS TO APPLY FOR TV/FILM PRODUCTION EMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA.
Trustee Michelle Spicer Toto ’94M formally recognized Golden for his “decisiveness and tireless efforts” during the Sandy relief effort. “He truly defines the term public servant,” she added.

Golden, who has also been a police officer, paramedic and firefighter, was an integral part of the emergency shelter set up at the MAC for more than one thousand evacuees shortly after Sandy struck the Jersey Shore.

He helped organize assistance from the county, state, and federal governments to clear storm damage and begin rebuilding. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Monmouth, a master’s degree in public administration from Seton Hall University, and is a NJ Certified Public Manager.

Upon accepting the honor, Golden thanked his 600 employees for their efforts during Sandy. He attributed his ability to serve the community to the values he learned while studying at Monmouth.

Kilik, who also received an honorary doctoral degree at the ceremony, addressed the graduates and their

“And whether your passion brings you to an elementary school in Rutland, VT, a movie set in Hollywood, the next manned space mission to the moon, or making things better and safer right here at home, be a good camper.”
CHANEL GOMEZ >

Chanel Gomez, a health studies major and member of the basketball team, does not fit the stereotype of a carefree college student. From the time she was 12, she lived in youth shelters and foster care after being removed from her mother’s care. Her father was in prison most of her life, and her two older brothers were involved in a robbery and were sent to a youth correctional facility. Her younger brother was killed in a drive-by shooting in Plainfield in 2006, and just two weeks later a close friend was gunned down in Sayreville.

In spite of this adversity, Chanel attended Brookdale Community College where she also played basketball. Teachers loaned her books, and she worked to pay for bus and train fare. With the help and encouragement of her coaches, Chanel was offered a full scholarship to Monmouth, which included a clean, safe place to live. With her degree in hand, Chanel said she plans to pursue her basketball career overseas, work toward a personal training certification and serve as a mentor for troubled teens.

Christina Marraccini, who majored in English, was hard hit by superstorm Sandy. The sewage treatment plant near her home in Monmouth Beach failed during the storm, so everything the water touched had to be treated for possible contamination. On top of this, Christina was recuperating from painful injuries to both of her feet, which made her physically incapable of dealing with the circumstances Sandy had dealt her.

With guidance from the Honors School and the English department, Christina managed to finish her last 15 credits so that she could graduate. She now plans to pursue a career in music while living in New York City.
When superstorm Sandy accelerated toward the Eastern Seaboard with winds stretching for more than a thousand miles before making landfall just south of Atlantic City, it left more than 130 dead and damage estimates topping $60 billion in its wake.

Members of the Monmouth University community have banded together to help those affected by Sandy. The response was evident in everything from assisting evacuees at the MAC—the largest evacuation center in New Jersey—to coordinating post storm clean-up efforts, to longer term planning and policy proposals needed to rebuild the Jersey Shore.

Students, staff members and alumni have helped clean out houses, collect debris from beaches, raise money for Sandy relief efforts and counseled the victims suffering in Sandy’s horrific aftermath. By December 19 the campus-wide relief efforts, collectively dubbed “Monmouth Hawks Fly Together,” had raised more than $13,000.

Even with the arrival of the new year, a sense of urgency to help neighbors in need has not wavered. Hawks continue to offer help as Sandy’s victims cope with the psychological and physical damage caused by the record-breaking storm—the most destructive of any storm making landfall north of Cape Hatteras.
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s Sandy made landfall and Monmouth County declared a state of emergency, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden '99 led the efforts of his staff of more than 600 to evacuate residents from immediate danger and enforce a county-wide curfew. Golden was also instrumental in coordinating local, regional, and federal efforts to establish the shelter at the MAC.

For his leadership during the superstorm Golden, who is also an adjunct professor in the department of Political Science, was honored at Monmouth's winter Commencement ceremony on January 19 with a Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service.

The academic procession of faculty and students at the event in the MAC was a stark departure from the atmosphere at the same venue during the crisis. Eager graduates in academic gowns crowded the floor of the building, which was packed with emergency cots during the crisis.

At the ceremony Golden credited his experience at Monmouth with helping him become sheriff. “One of the reasons I am here today is because of the values I’ve learned from my parents and sitting where all of you are sitting at this university,” Golden said.

During the storm a number of other faculty members also assisted victims of Sandy. Social Work Adjunct Professor Barbara Bunkley '83 logged 75 hours as a crisis worker between the MAC shelter and at the nearby shelter established at the Monmouth Race Track. “The Monmouth University community came to the aid of over 1,800 survivors of Sandy,” Bunkley said.

“The MAC was transformed into a community of those in need and those who came to give. There were no titles or egos during [the crisis]. There was only compassion for one’s brother in need. It was a true lesson in resiliency, support, coordination and cooperation. It was a life-moving experience. I am honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Monmouth University shelter,” she said.

Beth Sidlow, a master’s of Social Work student, was also involved with the Monmouth University-based evacuation site. She has since been hired to continue as a team leader with the Monmouth County Mental Health Association, which is continuing to provide crisis counseling in storm-affected areas.
Psychological Counseling Students Aid FEMA

Graduate students from the Department of Psychological Counseling volunteered at local Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sites doing crisis intervention and offering psychological first aid. Jennifer Trimarchi, president of Monmouth University’s Counseling Student Association (CSA) and Ellen Brody, treasurer of CSA, coordinated the scheduling for upper-level students at local FEMA checkpoints.

The students who are enrolled in practicum and internship courses were able to use their FEMA hours toward the hourly requirement they needed for class credit, which allowed them to do maximum hours possible at the FEMA sites. They received supervision from the Practicum and Internship course faculty.

Before students were deployed for fieldwork, Dr. Alan Cavaiola ’73, co-author of A Practical Guide to Crisis Intervention, and Dr. Joanne Jodry ’98M organized a training session in the delivery of crisis services. In addition, faculty held support sessions for students to help them avoid the onset of compassion fatigue, a significant risk that first responders face when delivering crisis services.

Once active at FEMA locations, Psychological Counseling students had regular contact with Dr. Gary Handler ’98M, Dr. Jodry and Dr. Cavaiola. Students were also armed with the cell phone numbers for Psychological Counseling professors who were available in case on-site assistance was needed.

Dr. George Kapalka, chair of the Department of Psychological Counseling, said, “Monmouth University values being a good neighbor, and I am proud our students work hard to help meet the needs of our community. The students are gaining very valuable skills in delivering counseling and crisis intervention services, and along the way they are having a significant, positive impact on the victims of this tragedy.”

Students Find Team Support

Three members of the football team affected by superstorm Sandy were featured on the November 9 edition of the GEICO SportsNite on SNY.tv. Offensive tackle Mike Murphy ’13, junior wide receiver Neal Sterling, and sophomore tight end Evan Ruane described the impact of Sandy on their lives.

“We didn’t think it was going to be as bad as it was,” said Murphy, who lost power in his Toms River home for several
days, but otherwise came through virtually unscathed. “We had a good amount of people staying with us for a while.”

His teammates were not as fortunate.

“We got as much out as we could, two cars full of clothes and pictures and animals, my dog and cat, but we still lost a lot,” recalled Ruane, who was staying with his family at his grandmother’s house in Sea Bright when the storm struck, destroying the home. His family’s home in West Long Branch that had burned down a few years ago was still being rebuilt.

“I couldn’t sleep that night. It was crazy,” remembered Sterling, who lives four blocks from the beach in Belmar. Although his home was not damaged, he said, streets were littered with plywood and sand. “All of my memories of living at the beach are basically gone.”

“The team has really come together in a supportive role,” said Head Football Coach Kevin Callahan. “I think everyone has experienced some kind of loss…The entire team is sympathetic to those losses.”

Although the players missed the first game following the storm, they were all looking forward to getting back to “a new normal.”

Cleaning Up & Moving Forward

Students and alumni organized into a variety of groups in the immediate aftermath of the storm to help clear debris at areas along the shoreline. As the scope of the recovery efforts became clearer to residents beyond the region, they also received assistance from student volunteers from the University of Lexington in Kentucky and the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Members of the Monmouth University chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity helped a family in Point Pleasant Beach on November 11 by moving the storm-damaged contents of their home to the curb.

After helping the family clear out their house in only about 20 minutes, TKE members walked neighborhood streets offering their help to more than a dozen other families.

“From the beginning they were anxious to help. They were very persistent during the week after Sandy,” said TKE Advisor and Social Work Professor Christa Hogan ’94. “It was heartwarming. The family was so overwhelmed by the help.”

Sisters and alumnae of Monmouth University’s Zeta Tau Alpha also provided on-the-ground help with debris removal in Sea Bright.

Kate Stevens ’02 said, “It was the best feeling in the world to help the residents of Sea Bright.” Stevens, who served as Homecoming Committee Chair in 2012, was also the
recipient of the Alumni Association Volunteer of the Year award in 2010.

Stevens reported that her father, Tom Stevens ’71, suffered damage at his beach house in Ortley Beach. “Everything in the home has to be thrown out, and all the walls and flooring have to be ripped out. The water came into the house in some parts as high as four feet.”

“We are fortunate that our house did not suffer any structural damage; unfortunately I cannot say the same for most of our neighbors whose homes have been washed away and destroyed by the storm,” Stevens said.

Greg Hannah ’04, a disability advisor at Villanova University, organized a group of 40 students from groups including LeVel, Special Olympics, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Student Government, and Greek Life to help out with the Sandy relief effort in his hometown of Manasquan.

Joining him in the effort were his wife Diana Carlani Hannah ’04 and fellow Monmouth alumnus Sean McCarthy ’05 ’07M, who is the dean of students at Manasquan High School.

“Like many other people, I just wanted to help my hometown in a small way and also bring support however I could,” Hannah said. “It was a great day, and I am proud to be a Manasquan Warrior, Monmouth Hawk, and Villanova Wildcat.”

**Helping Hands Join Recovery Effort**

Like Hannah, students, administrators, and faculty members at schools outside the Shore area were moved to lend aid to the devastated region, and made connections with their peers at Monmouth to provide relief to residents suffering from Sandy’s devastation.

Students from the College of Nursing and Health Studies (CNHS) at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, led by nursing student Leah Ottenstein and supported by CNHS Dean Anahid Kulwicki and Dr. Adrienne Wald, director of Traditional and Accelerated Undergraduate Nursing at CNHS.

They coordinated their relief efforts with Dr. Janet Mahoney ’87, dean of the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, and Heather Kelly, assistant director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives.

Mahoney, Kelly, and members of Monmouth’s Student Government Association (SGA) welcomed the students who arrived with a donation of clothes, blankets, sheets, coats, gloves, shoes, and first aid kits, which were delivered to New Jersey relief organizations including the Soup d’Sore weekly soup kitchen at St. Luke’s Methodist Church in Long Branch.

Soup d’Sore which opened in April, 2011, began as a project in Professor John Buzza’s class on Entrepreneurship and has evolved into an ongoing community service initiative offering job placement services, seminars and counseling. The
501 (c) (3) organization is staffed by volunteers, a significant number of whom are Monmouth University students.

Students at the University of Louisville, KY, also traveled to the Shore to help with volunteer efforts. Dr. Theresa Hayden, assistant professor of Social Work and Peace Studies at the University of Louisville, coordinated efforts with Dr. Robin Mama, dean of the School of Social Work, to assist storm ravaged Sea Bright. “The devastation is so overwhelming,” said Dr. Hayden.

Dr. Mama arranged housing for the students and made the connection for the volunteer opportunities.

Working alongside Monmouth students, the volunteers from Kentucky took on a wide range of jobs including cleaning, gutting and sheet rocking homes, working in the library to discard ruined books, and helping clear a parking lot.

“We were all very grateful that these students and their professor, Theresa Hayden, came to our area. I know the people in Sea Bright were very touched by their desire to help and be of assistance,” said Dean Mama.

Oscar Sanchez ’13, president of Monmouth’s Student Government Association (SGA) at the time said, “This storm, as terrible as the aftermath has turned out to be, has also given us something priceless: a stronger sense of community. With every helping hand, it is clear to see that New Jersey is a state that is filled with love, care, and concern for those around us.”

On December 14 the SGA worked with Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, the Political Science Club, the Student Activities Board, Courtney Jonker ’15, WMCX, members of the Public Relations Student Society of America, and the Outlook to sponsor a benefit concert featuring local bands including Lexi Todd, Seasons, Lost in Society and Dead Precedents.

The Hawks Fly Together for Relief: Wave of Hope Benefit Concert, which took place in Anacon Hall, raised more than $1,000.

Kaci Brannick, a graduate Psychology student, spoke during the event about how Sandy had affected her hometown of Brick and what it meant to have Monmouth University students working to raise money for the effort. Dr. Patten of the Political Science Department worked with the Political Science Club to collect non-perishable items and funds at the concert.

Following the event, SGA Vice President Kelly Craig said, “It meant so much to me that people came out to the event. Raising $1,000 was so incredible and the most money that any event held so far has raised for the effort, and I hope that other groups will exceed that in the coming semester.”

A Year to Remember

The 2013 edition of Shadows, the Monmouth University yearbook, adopted a cover and theme inspired by the memorable events inspired by Sandy. The striking image of a Hawk superimposed over an outline of the State of New Jersey, echoes the “Hawks Fly Together” theme embraced by University-wide efforts to assist the region as it rebuilds.

The cover also reads “Monmouth Strong,” a heartening reminder of the resiliency of the Jersey Shore and its residents.

Kelly Bresnovits, editor-in-chief of the yearbook, wanted the 2013 Shadows to do more than remind students of their shared experience during Sandy. She campaigned for the yearbook to add a fundraising element as well.

Money raised through personal ads, a mainstay section of the yearbook where seniors and their parents commemorate academic achievement, will also help contribute funds to the Monmouth University Sandy Relief Fund.

Bresnovits said that 25 percent of all ads purchased before March 1 will be directed to the fund, and that parents or alumni interested in supporting the effort can contact her at yearbook@monmouth.edu or by going online to yearbookforever.com and selecting Monmouth University for more details.
Alumni Respond to Sandy

With nearly 15,000 alumni living in Monmouth County, and more than 5,000 in Ocean County, it may not be a surprise that alumni have responded to the singular storm in a variety of ways. From immediate efforts to rebuild to longer term fundraising plans, Monmouth University alumni are actively engaging in efforts to restore a sense of normality.

Michael Yevchak '94 and his wife, Kathy, owners of Signs by the Sea, designed a Sandy-themed beach badge sign that has helped raise money for the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Yevchak, a member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA), said his background in the golf industry and educational experience at Monmouth University has helped him develop a successful custom sign and furniture business in only a year. Yevchak predicted 2013 sales would surpass $100,000. In 2004 he was named Merchandiser of the Year in the Public golf course category by the New Jersey section of the PGA.

Christopher Angulo '96 of Lavallette created a very different type of sign when he climbed the Seaside Heights Jet Star roller coaster on January 10. Angulo planted an American flag at the peak of the ruined structure which has become a symbol of the devastation at the Shore since it was swept to sea on October 29.

Angulo, whose daredevil exploits were covered extensively in the media, said he wanted to call attention to Sandy recovery efforts. Although he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, some Shore residents were grateful for his efforts.

“I am glad he put the flag at the top,” said one observer. “Hopefully, the flag will serve as a reminder that the Shore still needs help.”

Mary-Beth Thompson '80, operations director at Clean Ocean Action, a non-profit organization focused on improving the quality of the marine waters off the New Jersey/New York coast, is working to organize post-Sandy volunteer efforts, but also focused on the longer term issues affecting the Shore.

Clean Ocean Action has organized a year-long volunteer effort called “Waves of Action” to call attention to the need to build a stronger infrastructure so that the shore is better prepared for the next storm.

The first relief effort held on December 8 attracted more than 1,300 volunteers across two states in 31 towns who were involved in 40 projects. Other recent events included “Clean Up, Clean Out” on January 19 and “Helping Hands at Home” on February 23, with beach sweeps scheduled for April 27 and May 18 and other events for the remainder of the year.

“These projects will change over time. Our goal is to evolve into a more sustainable project,” Thompson said.

Clean Ocean Action seeks out members of the community and organizations to become “project leaders” by registering their projects online and facilitating the volunteers that respond.

“We have to rethink our practices. It’s no longer business as usual,” Thompson said.

Supporting her efforts is Thompson’s husband, Scott, who is also an alumnus of the Class of 1980, and an ardent supporter of the environment. He is in the greenhouse manufacturing business and a member of the Monmouth County Environmental Commission.

“We need to be more proactive in developing a stronger infrastructure. We all have to be involved including wastewater management systems and all utilities,” Mary-Beth Thompson said, echoing some of the consensus opinions that emerged from a December 7 conference at Monmouth University.

Preparing for the New Normal

The conference, “Rebuilding a Resilient New Jersey Shore,” held in Wilson Hall marshaled the opinions of professors, planners, scientists, architects, government officials and others to learn how communities can cope with the decade-long recovery effort that will follow Sandy in preparation for the next inevitable storm.
“There are events where we vividly recall in our lives where we were and what we were doing. This was one of those times,” said Peter Reinhart, director of the Kislak Real Estate Institute and the chairman of the Board of New Jersey Future, a co-organizer of the event.

Reinhart began the conference emphasizing the need for “doing things better and smarter.” His call was underscored throughout the conference by speakers from across disciplines and industries.

“We can no longer rely on the past to predict the future,” said Dr. Tony Broccoli, professor of Atmospheric Science and director of Climate and Environmental Change Initiative in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University.

Broccoli said with the rising sea levels—about 16 inches in the past 100 years—he expects future storms to increase in strength although they may decrease in frequency. By 2050 he anticipates that the seas will rise another 16 inches. And this is in conjunction with a one to 1.5-degree rise in global temperatures over the past century.

Data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the year 2012 corroborates Broccoli’s comments. It was the warmest on record for the contiguous United States, beating the previous record by a full degree in temperature, the NOAA said.

“While the meteorology of Sandy is once in a lifetime, the impacts will not be,” Broccoli said.

Shifting the focus on recovery to a financial perspective was Megan Linkin, vice president of Global Partnerships for Swiss Reinsurance America Holding Corp. She said it is estimated that physical damage from Sandy in New Jersey topped $24 billion, and about 80 percent, or seven million people, lost power in the state.
She argued that rather than rely on traditional insurance models, a smarter approach might follow a parametric model, which does not indemnify the pure loss, but provides payment upon the occurrence of a triggering event—usually a natural catastrophe. A parametric model would reduce transaction costs and also provide affected towns the immediate cash needed after a disaster.

Linkin estimated that on average, 30-40 feet of beach was lost as a result of Sandy. She added that about 72,000 buildings were impacted with about 500 completely destroyed and 5,000 receiving major damage.

Speaking from experience, Ed Blakely, the former director of the Office of Recovery and Development Administration in New Orleans, said there are lessons to be learned from Hurricane Katrina, which struck New Orleans and parts of the Gulf Coast in 2005.

“But the past is not the prologue. It’s not just the weather that’s going to change,” Blakely told the audience. He emphasized the need to learn how to live with the water by forming partnerships among the coastal states.

“Community centers have to be built with evacuation in mind...We have to build safe communities, not just safe buildings. You can’t have a safe building in an unsafe community.”

Urban Coast Institute Director Tony McDonald also emphasized the urgent need for a stronger community. “It’s about building better, not just rebuilding,” McDonald said, adding that the push for a multi-agency response from both the private and public sectors is imperative.

Former New Jersey Governor James Florio attended the conference along with a host of expert moderators, Jeanne Herb, research program administrator at Rutgers University’s Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy; Rob Freudenberg, New Jersey director of the Regional Plan Association; and Peter Kasabach, executive director of New Jersey Future, and speakers, Lopa Kolluri, coastal engineer for the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Tim Crowley, director of Mitigation Division, Region II, for FEMA; Mark Mauroiello, former commissioner of the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection; Brian Looney, AIA LEED-AP, partner, Torti Gallas and Partners in Silver Springs, MD; and Patrick Murray, director of Monmouth’s Polling Institute.

Despite the differences of opinion among the experts, a general consensus emerged that the severity of future storms is likely to increase even as the overall frequency of storms may decrease. Many of the speakers argued that concluding that Sandy was the “Storm of the Century” and unlikely to be replicated, is short-sighted. The impact of superstorm Sandy will force local, state, and federal entities—and non-governmental insurers—to restructure the way our towns operate as we adapt to a “new normal.”
Where in the world?

Alumni responded to our call for photos demonstrating Monmouth pride in unusual destinations.

Have a picture of yourself in an unusual location while showing your Monmouth pride?
Please sent it to mailquad@monmouth.edu, and you might wind up in a future edition of the magazine.

Planning a trip and want to show your Monmouth pride? Contact the Alumni Office at alumni@monmouth.edu for your own MU bandana.
MARCH

MARCH 1
SGA Charity Auction
Wilson Hall
6:00 PM
For more information call 732-571-3484

MARCH 2
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Wagner’s Parsifal
Pollak Theatre
12:00 PM
$23

MARCH 3
Performing Arts: Shawn Mullins and Mindy Smith
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$30

MARCH 4
Performing Arts: Tommy Sands
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$25

MARCH 6-14
Dept. of Music and Theatre Arts
Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night or What You Will
Directed by Nicole Ricciardi
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
First 300 registrants will receive event wine glass
For information call 732-571-3489

Performing Arts:
Justin Townes Earle
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$25/$40

MARCH 11
ART NOW: Performance, Art & Technology
“There’s an app for that Shirt!”
Augmented Reality Performance Project
Plangere Center TV Studio
6:00 PM
Free and open to the public

MARCH 12
Visiting Writer’s Series:
Mary Gaitskill
Wilson Hall Auditorium
4:30 PM
Free and open to the public

MARCH 13
On Screen/in Person
Film: Abel Raises Cain
Q&A: Filmmaker Jenny Abel
Pollak Theatre
7:30 PM
Free and open to the public

MARCH 14
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Zadonai’s Francesca Da Rimini
Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM
$23

MARCH 15
Met Live in HD (Encore)
Berlioz’s Les Troyens
Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM
$23

MARCH 19
Provost’s Film Series:
Munyurangabo
Pollak Theatre
7:30 PM
Free and open to the public

MARCH 20
First Senior Exhibition
(Graphic Design)
Opening Reception
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ice House Gallery & Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall
Free and open to the public

MARCH 23
Performing Arts: Red Horse
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$22/$30

MARCH 24
Met Live in HD (Encore)
Wagner’s Parsifal
Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM
$23

MARCH 28
National Theatre: Live in HD
People
A new play by Alan Bennett
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

APRIL

APRIL 2
Children’s Theatre: The Civil War
Pollak Theatre
10:30 AM
$12

APRIL 4
Visiting Writer’s Series:
C.K. Williams
Wilson Hall Auditorium
4:30 PM
Free and open to the public

APRIL 5
Second Senior Exhibition (Fine Art)
Opening Reception
7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Ice House Gallery & Joan & Robert Rechnitz Hall
Free and open to the public

Performing Arts:
John Hammond with Billy Hector
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$30

APRIL 7
Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)
Wagner’s Parsifal
Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM
$23

APRIL 8 – MAY 24
Art Exhibit: Jacob Landau
Advocacy, Revelation, Transcendence
Selections from the Monmouth University Permanent Collection
Pollak Gallery
Opening Reception: April 11
4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Free and open to the public
APRIL 11  
Provost Film Series: Moolaadé  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
Free and open to the public

APRIL 12  
Performing Arts: Step Afrika  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
$32/$42

APRIL 12 – 19  
Second Senior Exhibition (Fine Art)  
Ice House Gallery and Joan & Robert Rechnitz Hall  
Free and open to the public

APRIL 13  
Performing Arts Series: Southside Johnny and the Poor Boys  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
$47/$39/$28

APRIL 14  
Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)  
Zadoni's Francesca Da Rimini  
Pollak Theatre  
12:55 PM  
$23

APRIL 17  
5th Annual Dr. Susan Young Memorial Scholarship Fund Gift Auction  
Jumping Brook Country Club  
Neptune  
6:00 PM  
For more information call 732-571-7518

APRIL 18  
Dept. of Music and Theatre Arts Spring Concert  
“Giants of the Baroque”  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
$30/$22

APRIL 19  
Performing Arts: Roger McGuinn  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
$33

APRIL 20 – MAY 3  
Gallery Exhibit: Annual Student Exhibition  
Ice House Gallery & Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall  
Opening Reception: April 20 1:00 PM–4:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

MAY  

MAY 9  
Business Leaders Dinner  
honoring James S. Vaccaro, III  
President and CEO of Manasquan Savings Bank  
Wilson Hall  
For more information call 732-571-3509

MAY 11  
Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)  
Handel's Giulio Cesare  
Pollak Theatre  
1:00 PM  
$23

JUNE  

JUNE 1  
Alumni Reunion  
Wilson Hall  
For more information call 732-571-3489

JUNE 2  
Sexton Feis  
Irish Dance competition (Mid-Atlantic region) Irish World Championships  
Multipurpose Activity Center  
For more information: www.sextonacademy.com

JUNE 10  
Athletics Golf Outing  
Deal Golf & Country Club  
Call 732-263-5189 for details

Events Subject to Change  
For information about Alumni events, call Alumni Affairs at 732-571-3489.  
For information about Performing Arts and Opera events, call the box office at 732-263-6889.  
For information about other events, contact Special Events at 732-571-3509.
Monmouth University signed a new articulation agreement with the American University of Antigua (AUA) College of Medicine in December. The agreement, developed by Professors Bernadette Dunphy and Dorothy Lobo, co-directors of the Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee (PPHAC), allows qualified Monmouth graduates to enter AUA’s medical program.

“AUA is a well-respected institution among international medical schools,” said Dr. Michael Palladino, dean of the School of Science. “This agreement provides an excellent opportunity for eligible biology and chemistry majors to pursue a M.D. degree. We look forward to a long-standing collaboration with AUA,” he said.

The agreement will permit Monmouth graduates who have earned a Bachelor of Biology, Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Concentration in Molecular Cell Physiology, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Concentration in Advanced Chemistry, or a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Concentration in Biochemistry to matriculate into AUA.

“This is a very exciting development in affording our students at Monmouth more options in their future medical education,” said PPHAC co-director Dr. Dunphy.

Her co-director, Dr. Dorothy Lobo said, “AUA offers a quality medical education, with a good track-record for placement of their graduates in U.S. residency programs. Medical school admission is extremely competitive – we are thrilled to offer this opportunity for well-qualified Monmouth University students to achieve their goal of becoming a physician.”

To be eligible for the terms of the articulation agreement, graduates must have a minimum 3.25 GPA or higher in any prerequisite course required by AUA (with no F or D grade in any of these courses), a score of 20 or higher on the MCAT, and a recommendation from AUA Admission Officer.
An April roast honoring President Gaffney’s decade of service to Monmouth University won a gold JASPER award from the Jersey Shore Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association (JSPRAA) in October.

The event, held in Monmouth’s Multipurpose Activity Center, raised $10 million for student scholarships, academic programs, and capital projects. It also set a benchmark for the largest amount of money raised by any single event in Monmouth’s history.

“It is a real tribute to the leadership and vision of President Gaffney,” said Board Chair Robert Sculthorpe ’63 of the impressive outcome of the event, which was chaired by local entrepreneur George Kolber, managing partner of CVK Limited Partners.

The Roast invitation and program featured a caricature of President Gaffney drawn by nationally syndicated cartoonist Steve Breen, Breen, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, was formerly the full-time editorial cartoonist at the Asbury Park Press.

Major capital gifts from Joan ‘84, and former professor Dr. Robert Rechnitz, Brockriede family, Trustee Emeritus Jules L. Plangere Jr. HN ’86 and his wife Jane, and an anonymous donor, contributed the majority of the funds raised by the record-breaking event.

The award, presented in the category of Special Events Planning, was one of several JASPER awards earned by Monmouth University in 2012. In total, Monmouth received five gold awards, and one silver award.

Other JASPER Awards included a gold for a short documentary for the Archaeology Field School; two gold awards for the Monmouth University President’s Report and Honor Roll; a gold award for a video on the Macheke Sustainability Project by senior Kate Nawoyski; and a silver award for a brochure for the graduate degree program in Anthropology.

Social Work Professor Carolyn A. Bradley was appointed to the State Board of Social Work Examiners by Governor Chris Christie HN ’10 in October. The Board licenses and regulates social workers, including continuing education requirements, in New Jersey.

Dr. Robin Mama, dean of the School of Social Work, said, “We are very pleased that Dr. Bradley has been chosen for this important position on the Board.”

Dr. Bradley is an associate professor of social work with 25 years of clinical experience in individual, group, and family therapy with a specialty in addiction recovery and a subspecialty in lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender issues. With Dr. Laura Kelly, an associate professor in the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Heath Studies, Dr. Bradley recently founded the LGBT Older Adults Project at Monmouth University.

Bradley holds a PhD and MSW from Fordham University, as well as LCSW and LCADC certifications. She is the co-editor of the 2009 book, Forensic Social Work: Psychosocial and Legal Issues in Diverse Practice Settings.
Three different education advisory services for current and former members of the military have praised Monmouth for its approach to helping veteran students. For a third consecutive year Monmouth was included on the list of “Military Friendly Schools” compiled by G.I. Jobs. The roster honors the top 15 percent of schools nationwide that deliver the best experience for military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Monmouth University also earned new accolades from Military Times and Military Advanced Education.

For the first time, Military Times recognized Monmouth in its annual “Best for Vets: Colleges 2013” list of schools that are doing the most to help veterans succeed. The survey analyzed data about graduation rates and default rates, as well as issues more common to veterans, including participation in the federal Yellow Ribbon program, and whether a school has a dedicated Veterans Affairs office.

Monmouth also made the cut in Military Advanced Education’s (MAE) “2013 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities”. In consultation with a panel of education service officers and transition officers, MAE created a survey to measure the military-friendly policies enacted at each school. The unranked roster scores a school on four key dimensions: military culture, financial assistance, flexibility, and support services.

Jeff Hood, coordinator of Veteran Services, said the recognition is a reflection of Monmouth’s commitment to veterans and their families. “The fact that we have been recognized by three different programs indicates that we lead the way in providing transitional assistance, personalized service, top-tier academic programs, as well as employability to our military population,” Hood said.

The Office of Veteran Services at Monmouth University assists service members, guardsmen, reservists and their family members in taking full advantage of all educational benefits available to them, as well as assisting in the transition from active duty to student life.

Dr. Golam Mathbor, professor in the School of Social Work and associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society in October. The award was presented at the 41st National Convention and Leadership Workshops held at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT. Professor Mathbor has been an advisor to the Monmouth chapter of Phi Eta Sigma since 2005.

Phi Eta Sigma Grand President Molly M. Lawrence said, “For his able leadership of the Monmouth University Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, we thank Professor Mathbor for sharing his special touch, fellowship, and leadership with us by presenting him with the Society’s 2012 Distinguished Service Award.”

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that recognizes superior leadership and academic performance in the freshman year. The society was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923 and has 375 member institutions to date. Monmouth University established the 272nd chapter of Phi Eta Sigma in 1987. To qualify for membership students must earn a 3.5 GPA or better in their first semester.
ONCAMPUS

HESS EARNS TOP MARKS

The Leon Hess Business School has again been recognized as an outstanding business school, according to 2013 edition of the annual roster of “The Best 296 Business Schools” published by The Princeton Review.

According to Robert Franek, publisher and senior vice president at Princeton Review, “We consider Monmouth University’s Leon Hess Business School one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn an MBA.”

Dr. Donald Moliver, dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said, “We are proud to be named one of the best business schools in the nation. Our MBA is designed to prepare students to be ready to compete and succeed in the global marketplace, from New Jersey to New York, London, Tokyo, and Dubai.”

The Leon Hess Business School, which is among the top five percent of business schools internationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, offers MBA program tracks in accounting, finance, real estate, and a concentration in healthcare management. Also, post-master’s certificates in accounting and healthcare management are designed especially for individuals who already possess an MBA and are interested in furthering their knowledge. Qualified undergraduate students have the option of enrolling in a five-year program in which they can earn both their bachelor’s degree and MBA.

GREEN CAMPUS AWARD

PlanSmart NJ, a non-profit land use planning and smart growth organization based in Trenton, recognized Monmouth University in November as “a leader in environmental responsibility among New Jersey’s educational institutions,” with a 2012 Environmental Achievement Award.

“It was an honor for Monmouth University to receive the prestigious PlanSmart NJ Award,” said Patricia Swannack ’02, vice president for Administrative Services.

Richard Goldman, Esq., chairman of the Board of Directors for PlanSmart NJ said, “PlanSmart NJ is honored to recognize these projects and visionary leaders working to restore our economy and create a vibrant future for all New Jersey residents.”

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HESS EARNS TOP MARKS

The Leon Hess Business School has again been recognized as an outstanding business school, according to 2013 edition of the annual roster of “The Best 296 Business Schools” published by The Princeton Review.

According to Robert Franek, publisher and senior vice president at Princeton Review, “We consider Monmouth University’s Leon Hess Business School one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn an MBA.”

Dr. Donald Moliver, dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said, “We are proud to be named one of the best business schools in the nation. Our MBA is designed to prepare students to be ready to compete and succeed in the global marketplace, from New Jersey to New York, London, Tokyo, and Dubai.”

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The January/February 2013 issue of GB&D (Green Building & Design) magazine commended Monmouth University and President Paul Gaffney on their renewable energy efforts.

“Gaffney was so serious about his dedication to sustainability that in 2009, Monmouth University became the first college in the state of New Jersey to enter into an agreement with the EPA,” the magazine wrote. The agreement stated that Monmouth will report its progress toward a greener campus to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency every six months.

“Not only do we want to set an example for our students, but we want our students to set an example for others,” said Patricia Swannack ’02, vice president for Administrative Services in the profile. “We’re really pushing to provide our students with more opportunities to learn about sustainability…we feel it’s important to educate them on living responsibly and to create the next generation of sustainable leaders.”

Last year, Monmouth University was commended for its commitment to the environment by The Princeton Review when it was included in “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition.”

Monmouth was also named the New Jersey Clean Energy School of the Year in 2006 by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and received a 2007 Merit Award from the Monmouth County Planning Board for its 2006 Solar Panel Installation Project. Monmouth also more than doubled its use of solar energy in 2012.

Dr. Steven Pressman, professor of Economics in the Leon Hess Business School, was elected as a trustee to the Association for Social Economics for a five-year term running from 2013 through 2017. The Association for Social Economics was founded in 1941 seeking to promote high quality research in the broadly defined area of social economics.


Dr. Pressman’s main areas of research are poverty and income distribution, and government tax and spending policies.
A group of nine Monmouth University students and three advisors including employees Corey Inzana ’11M and Tyler Bischoff ’12, travelled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, during the winter break on the third anniversary of the earthquake.

The group worked with the non-profit organization Cross to Light to start construction on a school that would take homeless boys off the streets to educate and give them direction. During their time in Haiti, the group of Monmouth University students worked with Pastor Garry St. Hubert near an impoverished tent city in Cannan 3, which was built following the earthquake. In addition to housing, the tent accommodates 120 students for classes throughout the day, with plans to expand to a two-story, six classroom building that will be more permanent.

“The work that our group did in Haiti, and the school that will be built is really going to benefit the community there,” said Katelyn Nawoyski. Nawoyski, a senior Communication major said “the children in Haiti—particularly at the site where we worked—were full of joy, smiles, intelligence and talent.”

“To meet children who have so little, yet give so much back to us, was a meaningful and life changing experience. It reminds me that I have a lot to give and I’m going to continue giving it and thinking of these children,” Nawoyski said.

Advisor Corey Inzana said, “Overall, the experience was more fulfilling than any of us could have imagined and has put perspective on what’s important in life. Cross To Light and the Destiny house by Pastor Garry have shown all of us there is hope for Haiti and that with the love of people like our students, Haiti and countries like Haiti will have a chance to succeed.”

He added that with the donation he and his wife made to the project, they were able to have the plans drawn, tools purchased, stone and sand delivered and some local workers to assist in the digging of the foundation.

While in Haiti, Monmouth students were brought by Pastor Garry to the Mayor of Delmas’ house for a church service, consisting of more than two thousand people. They were also invited on his International Christian radio show to talk about the project and their goals.
MARCOM & LACP AWARDS

Monmouth University won two platinum and three gold awards in the 2012 MarCom competitions given by Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals in November. The two platinum awards were in the category of Writing/Feature Article for the article “Occupy Wall Street: What is it?” in the fall 2011 issue of the Monmouth University Magazine, and in the Annual Report/Educational category for the annual President’s Report and Honor Roll of Donors.

The three gold awards were given in the categories of Magazine/Educational for the Monmouth University Magazine; Writing/Magazine for the Monmouth University Magazine; and Writing/Annual Report for the annual President’s Report and Honor Roll of Donors.

Monmouth also won three 2012 bronze Spotlight Awards from the League of American Communication Professionals (LACP) for the spring issue of the Monmouth University Magazine and the annual President’s Report and Honor Roll of Donors. A third bronze award was presented to Monmouth University alumnus Kevin Scally ’07 ’09M for a video created for the Annual Fund’s “Hawk Walk” Brick Campaign.

The MarCom Awards is an international creative competition that recognizes outstanding achievement by marketing and communication professionals. There were over 6,000 entries from the United States, Canada and several other countries for the 2012 competition.

LACP Managing Director Christine Kennedy said, “This year’s entries for Monmouth University [are] remarkable in light of the tremendous competition. Nearly 1,500 entries were received for the 2012 Spotlight Awards, comprising submission from a dozen countries and 300 entities.”

CDW AWARD FOR FONTAINE

Patricia Fontaine, a junior majoring in health studies and minoring in information technology, was recognized as the winner of a CDW Computer/Business scholarship in December. As part of the honor, she was given a new laptop computer.

The CDW Award is given to a student pursuing an education within the computer/business field. The laptop is to foster the student’s learning experience while at Monmouth. Rich Tarabour ’84M ’87M, CDW service manager, presented Fontaine with the award. Last year’s winner was Gabriella Arce, Class of 2013.
ONCAMPUS

FIVE STUDENT BROADCASTERS BEHIND “SPORTS BEAT” WON A RADIO STAR AWARD FOR THE BEST SPORTS SHOW IN 2012. THE SHOW, WHICH AIRS WEEKLY ON MONMOUTH’S STUDENT-RUN RADIO STATION, WMCX, IS BROADCAST BY SENIORS RAY MALASPINA, ROBERT PINA, AND BRADLEY BROWN, AND JUNIORS MICHAEL HEYER AND MICHAEL ZIMMERMANN.

“It means a lot to us to win the award,” said Malaspina. “We work hard every week to make it the best show possible and for RadioFlag to recognize us as the Best Sports Show in the nation is an incredible feat.”

The inaugural awards are sponsored by RadioFlag, which is a social media and content discovery platform. It launched from the University of California, Irvine, with support from campus station KUCI on April 4, 2011.

Winners received a $500 cash scholarship prize and an additional $500 prize on behalf of their station. The winners will be published in the international publication Radio World.

WMCX was also nominated for the 2012 Asbury Music Award in the category “Top Radio/Internet Station to Support Live Music.” The station was specifically lauded for its “Modern Rock with an Edge” style. WMCX, which is at 88.9FM, was also nominated in 2011 for the same award.

SECOND BOOK FOR LOIHLE


Loihle, a resident of Union Beach, whose family home was damaged by superstorm Sandy, has earmarked 50 percent of the royalties from every book sold to the Union Beach Disaster Relief Fund. Union Beach suffered widespread devastation during the storm with more than 200 homes destroyed.

The book, which is available at the Monmouth University Bookstore, can also be purchased online at createspace.com and amazon.com.

ANCHOR AWARD FOR MONMOUTH

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STUDENT HOUSING EXPANDS

Student housing on campus will expand thanks to a new residence hall expected to open in the fall of 2014, and the acquisition of the off-campus oceanfront residential units at the Diplomat Apartments in Long Branch.

Long a staple of off-campus housing for Monmouth students, the Diplomat Apartments, which will be renamed University Bluffs, contains 90 one-bedroom units in six two-story buildings. Monmouth University acquired the property at the end of November 2012, even though students have made up the majority of residents since 2006.

The 52,692-square foot complex is considered a “quiet, friendly” residence because there are non-Monmouth University residents living at the complex.

Closer to campus, construction on a new residence hall, located near the library, will begin in the spring of 2013. The new facility, designed to harmonize with the existing architecture of campus residence halls, will house approximately 200 sophomore students. The three-story building will include an apartment for an area coordinator, several large, open spaces for student programming and tutoring, and a 2,000-square foot bookstore extension.

Jim Pillar, associate vice president for Student Services, said, “Our goal for the new building is to ensure that every first and second year student will have a bed on campus.”

NAWOYSKI IS RISING STAR

Senior Kate Nawoyski was presented with the gold Rising Star Award by the Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association (JSPRAA) in October.

The Communications major won the award for her online video, “Macheke Sustainability Project: Moleen Madziwa.” In this video, she interviewed Monmouth alumna, Moleen Madziwa ’09M, who, with the help of Monmouth University students, is creating meaningful ways for improving the quality of life in her native Zimbabwean village of Macheke.

In existence since 1965, the JSPRAA has grown into the area’s largest communications association, with almost 200 members representing the advertising, graphic design, marketing, and public relations professions.
PALLADINO JOINS BOARD OF EINSTEIN’S ALLEY

Dr. Michael Palladino, dean of the School of Science, joined the Board of Trustees of Einstein’s Alley in January. The 501 (c) 4 organization is a private non-profit economic initiative focused on enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities for technology-based businesses in the Central New Jersey Region.

Einstein’s Alley, the outgrowth of a regional economic initiative led by Congressman Rush Holt in 2003, collaborates and coordinates with existing governmental, non-profit and business sectors to help grow the region as a magnet for entrepreneurial activity and as a globally recognized economic powerhouse.

Goals of the organization include fostering more funding for entrepreneurial activities in New Jersey and spotlighting issues surrounding immigration and employment. Einstein’s Alley raises awareness through conferences and presentations, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) gatherings and a municipal sign program designating the key locations in New Jersey’s high tech corridor.

Dr. Palladino directs an active laboratory of undergraduate student researchers studying molecular mechanisms involved in innate immunity of mammalian male reproductive organs. His research has been funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and the NJ Sea Grant College Program, among others. He has received several awards for research and teaching, including the 2009 Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Andrology and the 2005 Caring Heart Award from the New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research. He is also co-author of the widely used textbooks, *Introduction to Biotechnology* and *Understanding the Human Genome Project*.

MCALLISTER IS NJCA PRESIDENT

Public Relations Professor Sheila McAllister, Ph.D., APR, was named president of the New Jersey Communication Association, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to sustaining and recognizing excellence in communication research.

Dr. McAllister, who has been with the University since 2007, serves as the director of Monmouth University’s Graduate Program in Corporate and Public Communication and is the faculty advisor to Monmouth’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

She led the effort for Monmouth University to be one of the 34 colleges in the world to earn Certification in Education for Public Relations by the Public Relation Society of America.

McAllister will lead the organization with fellow board members, Department Chair and Associate Professor Chad Dell, Specialist Professor Mary Harris ’08M, Senior Communications Design Specialist Vera Towle, and Adjunct Professor Vicki Jordan ’94M ’95M.
Monmouth Athletics is looking forward to its new association with the MAAC and its member institutions with strong academic and athletics profiles,” said Athletic Director Dr. Marilyn McNeil, in announcing Monmouth University’s decision in December to move into the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) from the Northeast Conference (NEC).

Monmouth will formally become the 11th member of the conference on July 1, 2013, in time for the 2013/2014 season. Quinnipiac University is also joining the conference on the same day. The two Northeast schools will join Rider University, Siena College, Marist College, Niagara University, Canisius College, Fairfield University, Manhattan College, Iona College and charter member, Saint Peter’s University.

“The Hawks are a welcome addition to the MAAC, strong in the classroom and on the field of play,” said Dr. Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., president of Saint Peter’s University and the MAAC Council of Presidents. “There is compatibility in values,” he added.

One outcome of the conference move will be increased television coverage for Monmouth athletics. The MAAC, which was founded in 1980, has the strongest television coverage of any mid-major conference in the country after partnering with ESPN to develop a league-wide national broadcast package through 2016-17. The MAAC broadcasts more than 40 events annually, with a majority airing on ESPN3. Two regular season basketball games will air on ESPN or ESPN2, while eight regular season basketball games will be on ESPNU. The Women’s Basketball Championship Final airs on ESPNU, while the Men’s Basketball Championship Final airs on ESPN2.

HUBBARD IS TENNIS DIRECTOR

Cory Hubbard, a former Texas A&M standout, was hired as the new director of Tennis in January. Hubbard will take over the helm of the men’s tennis program as well as assist long-time women’s tennis Head Coach Patrice Murray, with day-to-day operations.

“Monmouth University is fortunate to have hired Cory Hubbard as our new director of Tennis,” said Vice President and Athletic Director Dr. Marilyn McNeil. “Cory brings to us an impressive resume, both as a player and as a coach. He has had success at every stop in his career and exudes a contagious confidence about the future of Monmouth tennis.”

Hubbard said he was attracted to Monmouth’s “commitment to the tennis programs and the feeling of support and strength of the athletic department.”

“I truly believe my previous playing and coaching experiences at top-20 programs can help take the Hawks to the NCAA tournament in the near future. Monmouth has had a tradition of championship teams in the mid- to late-90s, so I look forward to building the program back up to that level,” he added.
Six football players earned spots on the 2012 Northeast Conference (NEC) post-season all-conference teams. Fifth year senior tight end Tyler George, redshirt junior guard Mike Hunchak and linebacker Dan Sullivan were each First Team All-NEC selections. Senior wideout Tristan Roberts, guard Dino Molina and senior defensive lineman Chris Luma were named to the Second Team All-NEC team.

George earned his first all-league nod after a storied career at Monmouth, which saw him start 42 of 43 games, missing just this year’s Duquesne game due to injury. George was fourth on the team with 28 receptions for 215 yards and a touchdown. He finished his career as Monmouth’s third leading pass catcher (120 career receptions) and eighth leading receiver (1,069).

Sullivan led the Hawks in tackles with 62 over 10 games from his middle linebacker position. The junior was ninth in the NEC in tackles, and his five sacks statistic was also ninth. Sullivan finished the year with an interception and forced fumble and three quarterback hurries.

Hunchak earned his first NEC honor in his second year starting for the Hawks. The East Hanover native was part of an offensive line that blocked for the conference’s best passing offense and total offense. Monmouth has had at least one offensive lineman represented on either the first or second team for 10 straight years, dating back to the 2003 season.

Roberts was second in the conference in receptions per game with 5.50, leading the Hawks in reception yardage with 714 yards and five TD receptions. His 55 receptions in 2012 is the fourth most by a Hawk in the 20-year history of the Monmouth football program. Roberts, who played just two seasons at Monmouth after transferring from Lackawanna Community College, has 92 receptions, which is seventh most in school history.

Molina, a perennial starter for the Hawks, moved inside to guard this season. The fifth year senior helped the Hawks to the number two scoring offense in the conference at just under 30 points per game.

Luma finished with 23 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss. The fifth year senior had one sack, three pass breakups, two quarterback hurries and a forced fumble in his final season.

Notably missing was fifth year quarterback Kyle Frazier who led the NEC in passing yardage, passing touchdowns and total offense. Frazier completed nearly 68 percent of his passes, with the next closest quarterback seven percentage points behind, and threw for 17 touchdowns, which was second in the NEC. He finished his career as Monmouth’s all-time leader in passing attempts, completions, completion percentage and is second in passing yards, passing touchdowns and total offense.

Monmouth finished with a 5-5 overall record and a 4-5 mark in the NEC, which placed them third in the nine team league.
For a 15th straight year, the women’s soccer team was named a 2012 NSCAA College Team Academic Award Winner. A total of 726 college soccer teams (222 men, 504 women) posted a team GPA of 3.0 or higher, thereby earning the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the 2011-12 academic year.

Of that total, 152 schools had both their men’s and women’s programs recognized, including Monmouth University.

“Our program’s ability to focus on being true student-athletes is a testament to the outstanding commitment to academics year in and year out by the members of our program,” said Head Coach Krissy Turner.

Of the 222 men’s teams recognized, the Hawks posted a 3.09 GPA.

“I am very proud of the guys,” said Head Coach Robert McCourt. “This is our fourth year in a row being recognized for academic achievement. Not only are the guys winning on the field, but they are also winners in the classroom.”

The Hawks posted an 11-4-4 record this season, including a 6-2-2 mark in NEC matches and an unblemished 6-0-3 mark on The Great Lawn. Four Hawks were named to the All-NEC Teams, including first-team selections and captains Joseph Schmid and Alex Blackburn.

The women logged an overall GPA of 3.33, while the Monmouth men’s side sported an overall GPA of 3.09 to earn the award as well.

Highlighted by four All-NEC first team performers, the Monmouth University women’s soccer team placed eight players on all-league teams in 2012, including senior midfielder Jennie Vartebedian, junior forward Dana Costello, junior midfielder Alexandra Baca and sophomore defender Alexa Freguletti. The Hawks also placed junior forward Monique Plescia on the second team and had three members added to the All-Rookie Team including Kristen Brett, Monique Goncalves and Brianne Boyle.

Turner, who has now mentored 62 all-conference players in her 15th year at the helm of the Hawks, guided the Hawks to their 15th overall NEC Tournament appearance this season, and their seventh straight season with a double-digit victory total.
RED BULLS DRAFT CLARK

Ryan Clark ’13 was drafted by the New York Red Bulls on January 22 as the first pick in the first round of the 2013 MLS Supplemental Draft (No. 39 overall) less than a week after graduating with a 3.8 GPA.

“Ryan has been the epitome of the term ‘student-athlete,’” said Head Coach Rob McCourt.

Clark is the fourth Hawk selected by an MLS team in the last three years, following Bryan Meredith (No. 29, Seattle), Ryan Kinne ’11 (No. 42, New England) and RJ Allen ’11 (No. 43, Chivas USA), and the sixth overall, including Hugh MacDonald ’08 and Thomas Gray ’08.

“Getting picked today by New York was my first choice. It’s where I really wanted to go,” said Clark. “I want to thank Coaches McCourt, MacDonald and Unger for all they’ve done for me. I feel they’ve turned Monmouth into an elite program that every year is competing at the highest level. It’s humbling to be included in the group of players drafted recently.”

The midfielder capped a much-heralded collegiate career with his third Regional All-American and fourth All-NEC honors in 2012.

SUTTON NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM

Monmouth senior safety Andrew Sutton was named to the FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team, and as a finalist for the 12th Annual Football Championship Subdivision Athletic Director’s Association’s $5,000 Postgraduate Scholarships in January.

“I am extremely proud of Andrew’s accomplishments academically,” said Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “Andrew is a very hard worker both in the classroom and on the football field. He certainly is deserving of this award.”

A total of 54 players from every FCS conference in the country were selected to the FCS ADA All-Star Team, including five from the Northeast Conference. Sutton’s 3.88 GPA was the 17th highest on the list, fifth among defensive players and the highest among defensive backs.

Sutton, who owns the highest GPA among starters on the Hawks, is a two-time Capital One Academic All-District First Team selection and a member of the FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team in 2011.

The business administration major, who redshirted as a freshman, will return for his fifth season of eligibility in the fall of 2013. Sutton has started two straight seasons at safety and was sixth on the team in tackles in 2012. He amassed 23 solo stops, four pass break-ups and a fumble recovery. The senior returned a blocked punt for his first career touchdown against Saint Francis University on November 5.
Five men’s soccer players were named to 2012 NCAA Division I Men’s All-North Atlantic Region Teams, the most in the region, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

Joseph Schmid earned first team honors, while Emmanuel Senyah Agyemang, Alex Blackburn and Ryan Clark took second team recognition. Matt Jeffery rounded out the Hawks’ five honorees with his inclusion on the third team.

“It is a wonderful achievement to have five players named to the Regional All-American team,” said Head Coach Robert McCourt. “Our region has some very talented players, so it is an honor for these young men. I am extremely proud to have these student-athletes represent our program and Monmouth University.”

Schmid took the first Regional All-American and All-NEC honors of his career after scoring a team-high five goals and adding three assists. Four of his goals were game-winning tallies against Providence, Bryant, Robert Morris and Sacred Heart. His play in the midfield all season was crucial to the Hawks’ success.

Blackburn earned his first-career Regional All-American and All-NEC honors after posting a 0.70 goals-against average (10th-NCAA) and an .823 saves percentage (21st-NCAA) while playing every minute in net for the Hawks this season. He compiled nine clean sheets and stopped a pair of penalty kick opportunities in the regular season. For his career, including two years as the starting keeper, he accumulated 26 wins and 23 shutouts.

Clark picked up his third Regional All-American and fourth All-NEC honors. He finished the season with three goals, all game winners, to go along with a team-high six assists. His game-winning goals came against Columbia, Mount St. Mary’s and LIU Brooklyn. In the preseason, Clark was named a Second Team All-American by College Soccer News and was selected to the prestigious MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List. Top Drawer Soccer also named Clark No. 72 on its list of the Top 100 underclassmen in the nation.

Agyemang and Jeffery were instrumental for the Monmouth defense, while also adding offense on set pieces. They helped Monmouth post nine shutouts and hold the opposition to a 0.70 goals-against average, good for seventh nationally.

Junior Dana Costello, a two-time First Team All-Northeast Conference selection, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Second Team All-Northeast Region.

“Dana had a terrific year for us and to be named as one of the top six forwards in our region is a tremendous accomplishment,” said Head Coach Krissy Turner.

Costello, the team’s leading scorer in the first three seasons of her career, posted a career-high 23 points to lead Monmouth in 2012. As a junior, Costello led the Hawks with eight goals (including three game-winners) and seven assists. The forward, who has 60 career points, now ranks 15th all-time in points, while her 21 career goals is 17th in program history, and her 18 assists ranks 11th individually.

Costello becomes the 18th player in Monmouth Women’s Soccer annals to earn NSCAA All-Region distinction. The NSCAA’s Northeast Region consists of all women’s soccer programs in the Big East, America East, MAAC and Northeast Conferences.
RIGBY GETS TOP CEO NOD

Joseph Rigby ’83M, chairman of the board, president and CEO of Pepco Holdings Inc. (PHI), was awarded the Large Utility CEO of the Year by PennWell Corp. at the fourth annual Electric Light & Power Executive Conference January 27 in San Diego.

“Mr. Rigby has taken innumerable measures against cybersecurity threats against the electric grid in the nation’s capital,” said Teresa Hansen, Electric Light & Power editor in chief. Rigby was featured in the January/February issue of the magazine.

The contest was open to North American electric utilities with at least 400,000 customers. Washington DC-based PHI has about two million customers in Delaware, D.C., Maryland and New Jersey.

Rigby joined Atlantic City Electric in 1979 and advanced through a number of management positions. Following the merger that formed Conectiv, he was vice president/general manager of Gas Delivery, then vice president/general manager of Electric Delivery. He was elected president, Conectiv Power Delivery in 2002. From May 2004 to September 2007, he served as senior vice president and CFO of PHI.

In March 2008 he was elected president and COO and then president and CEO March 1, 2009. He was elected chairman of the Board on May 15, 2009.

Rigby is also chairman of the United Way of the National Capital Area and chairman of the Greater Washington Board of Trade. He serves on the boards of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Edison Electric Institute, the Federal City Council, the Greater Washington Initiative, and the Economic Club of Washington. He is a member of the Rutgers-Camden School of Business of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

Clericuzio ’04 was named the 2012 Employer Outreach Volunteer of the Year in October by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) organization established to foster a cooperative and supportive employer environment for military service employees.

Clericuzio, a vice president at International Planning Alliance LLC (IPA), a General Agency of the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, also serves as a member of the Monmouth University Alumni Association Board of Directors. Before earning her bachelor’s degree in Business Marketing, Clericuzio attended Admiral Farragut Academy, where she graduated as the first female Operations Officer in the school’s 66-year history. She was awarded a full Naval ROTC scholarship but declined a military career path to follow her dream of becoming a business owner.

Clericuzio is a staunch supporter of those who serve in the Armed Forces. Through ESGR, a mostly volunteer organization that seeks to create a culture where employers value and support the military service and sacrifice of their employees, Clericuzio has supported reserve personnel through professional networking circles.

Of the award, Clericuzio said she feels it is her “patriotic responsibility as an employer to help protect the rights of those who serve our Nation by raising awareness and gaining support for ESGR in the business community.”
Former Peace Corps volunteer Tom Gallagher '62 was honored in late November and early December for his efforts to advance gay rights while working at the U.S. State Department with both an award and an honorable mention from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, all in one week.

“What a week! Why can’t they all be like this? What a great way to end my career in the Foreign Service,” the Long Branch native said.

Standing in the historical Benjamin Franklin Room on the eighth floor of the U.S. State Department 39 years after becoming one of the Department’s first Country Officers for Eritrea, Gallagher received the 2012 Eleanor Dodson Tragen Award from DACOR, an organization of foreign affairs professionals founded in 1952.

Deputy Secretary William Burns said, “I would like to honor Tom Gallagher with the Tragen Award for his tireless advocacy for Foreign Service families, for the equal rights of male and female officers, and for the rights of LGBT Foreign Service officers.”

Burns added, “As a career development officer in 1972, Mr. Gallagher was successful in assigning the first-ever tandem couple. Tom has also been a pioneer in other important ways. In 1973 Tom came out and became the first openly gay Foreign Service officer.”

Just days earlier, Gallagher was also in the Benjamin Franklin Room to attend the 20th anniversary of the Gay and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies (GLIFAA) where Secretary Clinton lauded his efforts before an audience of about 800.

“He served in the face of criticism and threats, but that did not stop him from serving. I want to take this moment just to recognize him, but also to put into context what this journey has meant for people like Tom and my generation because I don’t want any of you who are younger ever to take for granted what it took for people like Tom Gallagher to pave the way for all of you. It is not a moment for us to be nostalgic; it is a way for us to remember,” Clinton said.

After hearing those words, Gallagher said, “It was the best day of my life, the best two minutes.”

Brad Brach ’08 was honored as the Relief Pitcher of the Year at the New Jersey Sports Writers Association (NJSWA) banquet on January 20. Brach, a Major League Baseball pitcher for the San Diego Padres, was drafted in 2008 and called up to the majors in 2011, two days after being named Pacific Coast League Player of the Week.

The Freehold native was 2-4 with a 3.78 ERA and 15 saves for the Padres last season. Twice named New Jersey Pitcher of the Year, Brach is the only pitcher in Monmouth history to log over 300 innings. He is the all-time leader in career wins, and holds the top spot on the all-time strikeout list with 277.

Brach was joined by fellow major-leaguer Todd Frazier, a Toms River native and infielder with the Cincinnati Reds who was recognized as National League Rookie of the Year. A host of other sports luminaries hailing from New Jersey, including Carli Lloyd of the US Women’s Soccer Team and former UFC Lightweight Champion Frankie Edgar, were also honored at the NJSWA banquet.
Chuck Decker ’98M, president of American Oil, and recent graduate Chris Santorelli ’10, a specialty products manager at the lubricants and greases manufacturer, were recognized on December 11 with Awards for Exemplary Service from the Leon Hess Business School for their work with Dr. Susan Forquer Gupta’s capstone marketing class, BK-459, “Managerial Marketing.”

Students in Dr. Gupta’s class helped devise a marketing strategy for a new retail product, Jack of All Sprays, an industrial strength spray-can lubricant that represents a break from the industrial roots of the family-owned American Oil, which was established in 1895.

The odorless, non-toxic and biodegradable product is represented by newly created mascot, “IRON JACK,” designed by undergraduate student Brian Meulener. Jeffrey Gonzalez ’06M, who revamped the company website, was also a significant contributor to the joint marketing partnership between the Tinton Falls company and Monmouth University.

Dr. Gupta’s class used cloud-based software provided by American Oil, which Santorelli described as “Facebook for project management,” to collaborate within teams, and also to share information with Decker, Santorelli, and other company stakeholders.

“The students in this course surpassed my expectations on the level of detail and creativity of their proposed marketing plans for Jack of All Sprays,” Dr. Gupta said. “Having to work within the confines of real product costs and keeping to a stated marketing budget provided strong decision making criteria that focused the tactics they proposed to grow the market for the product.”

“The students also gained experience in how to communicate their ideas to a client, defend their work and answer unexpected questions in a professional manner. It is nearly impossible to recreate a real client-consultant relationship in a classroom, but this semester’s class managed to get close,” Dr. Gupta added.

At the final session of the capstone class, students presented their ideas for product marketing to senior executives of American Oil with great success. Decker said that two of the company’s newer product lines, including Jack of All Sprays, have seen growth of more than 20 percent.

“The results of the class effort were outstanding,” Decker said. “I would definitely work with another class in the future.” Decker said that American Oil has already tapped Monmouth’s resources by hiring interns from both the Business and Chemistry departments.
Monmouth University Trustee Steve Pozycki ’73 was at the top of NJBIZ’s 2012 list of the 50 “most powerful and influential leaders in New Jersey’s real estate industry.”

As founder, chairman and CEO of SJP Properties, Pozycki has worked on some high-profile projects in the New York Metropolitan area since the early 1980s. They most recently include Panasonic’s headquarters in Newark, the Pearson building in Hoboken, and Prudential Financial’s major downtown office project.

“The Panasonic and Prudential projects together are worth close to half a billion dollars,” wrote NJBIZ in its fall 2012 issue of Real Estate Report 2012. “That reason alone ‘makes him a legitimate number one.’”

The Wall Street Journal reported in January that Pozycki’s SJP Properties signed Microsoft as a long-term tenant at 11 Times Square, the company’s new, state-of-the-art 1.1-million-square-foot, LEED-Gold-certified office and retail tower in midtown Manhattan.

“Microsoft’s decision to lease space at 11 Times Square is another significant sign that this building is being targeted by top-tier global firms looking to maintain their competitive edge by locating within transit hubs that provide unparalleled access and convenience to their employees, clients and customers,” Pozycki said.

Pozycki has received numerous awards throughout his career for his dedication to his career as well as for his charitable efforts along with his wife, Elaine. Among those include the Real Estate Institute’s Leadership of Excellence Award from Monmouth in 1996, an honor from the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 2009 and the Community Service Award in 2011 from the Andrew Glover Youth Program.

A member of the Vision Society at Monmouth University, Pozycki also serves as a member of the Council of Trustees of The New Jersey Performing Arts Center and as chairman of the Development Committee for the Center of Civic Responsibility.

Two former Monmouth University football players are getting renewed shots at the National Football League, with former All-Northeast Conference safety Jose Gumbs ’12 signing with the Kansas City Chiefs and wide receiver Chris Hogan being called up from the Buffalo Bills’ practice squad in December.

Gumbs signed with the New Orleans Saints as a free agent almost immediately after the conclusion of the 2012 NFL Draft. The former NEC Defensive Player of the Year was placed on injured reserve after suffering two different injuries during the Saints’ preseason. As a four-year starter, he led the Hawks in tackles each season.

Hogan was signed to the Buffalo Bills practice squad after being released from the Miami Dolphins earlier in the season where he starred on the HBO program Hard Knocks. Hogan was nicknamed “7-11” by teammates because he was “always open” on the five-episode show that followed the Dolphins during training camp.

Gumbs and Hogan join Dallas Cowboys starting wide receiver Miles Austin as the three Hawks currently on NFL rosters. Austin is third on Dallas in catches and receptions with 55 grabs for 819 yards with five receiving touchdowns for the Cowboys.
The Metro New Jersey region of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) honored Christopher Martin '90M, chairman, president and CEO of Provident Financial Services Inc. and the Provident Bank, with its prestigious National Human Relations Award in December.

Martin has served the banking industry for 32 years. He previously served as president and CEO of First Sentinel Bancorp Inc., which was acquired by Provident Financial Services Inc. in July 2004. Martin was advanced and appointed president of First Sentinel Bancorp and its subsidiary, First Savings Bank, in 2003. Martin also serves on the board of directors of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Bankers Association.

AJC, established in 1906 by a small group of American Jews deeply concerned about pogroms aimed at Russian Jews, is an advocacy group and think tank committed to promoting pluralistic and democratic societies where all minorities are protected.
NEW JERSEY: A HISTORY OF THE GARDEN STATE
Maxine Lurie, Ph.D., Richard Veit, Ph.D. (Editors)
(2012, Rutgers University Press, $27.95)
A fresh, comprehensive overview of New Jersey’s history from the prehistoric era to the present including the observations of archaeologists, political, social, and economic historians, provides a new look at how the garden state has evolved. Well-known personalities, such as Jonathan Edwards, George Washington, Dorothea Dix, Thomas Edison, and Albert Einstein appear in the narrative. Contributors also mine new and existing sources to incorporate fully scholarship on women, minorities, and immigrants. All chapters are set in the context of the history of the United States as a whole, illustrating how the Garden State is often a bellwether for the nation.

Dr. Veit, an associate professor in the department of History and Anthropology is the author of Digging New Jersey’s Past and co-author of New Jersey Cemeteries and Tombstones: History in the Landscape.

FATHER DIRT
Mihaela Moscaliuc, Ph.D.
(2010, Alice James Books, $15.95)
Father Dirt is Moscaliuc’s first published poetry collection. It is filled with profound memories of her days growing up in Romania. She lived there during the reign of the tyrant Ceausescu, who was overthrown in 1989. Her poetry reflects the hardships and lack of freedom she endured during his reign and the years of deprivation and chaos that followed. In “Visit Home,” set in 2007, homeless kids sniff paint and live under manholes.

Dr. Moscaliuc is an English instructor, specializing in 20th Century American literature; immigration and ethnic literature; creative writing (poetry); Jewish literature; poetry and poetics; translation studies; and Romani/Gypsy studies. She is also the author of several articles and reviews.

LIBRARIES IN THE EARLY 21ST CENTURY
Ravindra N. Sharma, Ph.D. (Ed)
(2011, Walter de Gruyter & Co., $140.00)
This unique volume gives a truly international overview over the modern history and development of libraries and library technology in selected countries of the world. Many of the contributors are well-known authors; closely involved in the work of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions or their own national library associations.

Dr. Sharma is dean of the Monmouth University Library and author of Indian Academic Libraries and Dr. S.R. Ranganathan: A Critical Study.
PERVASIVE COMPUTING AND NETWORKING
Mohammad S. Obaidat, Ph.D., Mieso Denko, Ph.D., Isaac Woungang, Ph.D. (Editors)
(2011, Wiley, $105)

With the widespread availability of wireless and mobile networking technologies and the expected convergence of ubiquitous computing with these emerging technologies in the near future, pervasive computing and networking research and applications are among the hot topics on the agenda of researchers working on the next generation of mobile communications and networks.

This book provides a comprehensive guide to selected topics, both ongoing and emerging, in pervasive computing and networking, and contains contributions from high profile researchers.

Dr. Obaidat is a professor of Computer Science. He is also Fellow of the IEEE and Fellow of the The Society for Modeling & Simulation International.

THE ONE-WAY RELATIONSHIP WORKBOOK
Alan Cavaiola Ph.D., Neil Lavender Ph.D.
(2011, New Harbinger Self-Help Workbook, $21.95)

The One-Way Relationship Workbook is a guide to help the reader effectively improve and ultimately transform a relationship with someone who has narcissistic personality disorder, or NPD. These people are preoccupied with seeking admiration and power and find it difficult to empathize with others’ feelings. Through exercises and worksheets, the two psychologists help the reader navigate his way through a relationship with a self-centered individual.

Dr. Cavaiola is a professor in the Department of Psychological Counseling. He has been a practicing psychologist since 1988. He is coauthor of Toxic Coworkers, Assessment and Treatment of DWI Offenders and A Practical Guide to Crisis Intervention.

GOVERNMENT GRIEF: HOW TO HELP YOUR SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVE MINDLESS REGULATION, POLITICAL CORRUPTION, AND RED TAPE
Amy Handlin, Ph.D.
(2011, Greenwood Publishing Group, $47.82)

Even as the American economy has slumped and every institution—private, municipal, and federal—strives to cut costs, government continues to grow more complex, intrusive, and expensive. Small businesses already bear a disproportionate share of regulatory costs and suffer more than large competitors when corruption distorts local markets. This situation will soon get worse: looming federal health care as well as environmental and financial mandates will push vast new oversight responsibilities into the states—and onto businesses’ backs. Readers will learn how government works, get insight into the mindset of bureaucrats and politicians, and discover specific, nuts-and-bolts strategies for dealing with even the most unwelcoming, recalcitrant, or even dishonest officials.

Dr. Handlin is deputy minority leader of the New Jersey General Assembly and associate professor of marketing. She is also the author of Be Your Own Lobbyist: How to Give Your Small Business Big Clout with State and Local Government and Whatever Happened to the Year of the Woman?

THE LEGACY OF JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Steven Pressman, Ph.D. (Ed)
(2011, Routledge, $125.00)

When John Kenneth Galbraith passed away on April 29, 2006, the economics profession lost one of its true giants. And this is not just because Galbraith was an imposing figure at 6 feet, 9 inches tall. Throughout his life, Galbraith advised presidents, made important professional contributions to the discipline of economics, and also tried to explain economic ideas to the general public. This volume pays tribute to Galbraith’s life and career by explaining some of his major contributions to the canon of economic ideas. The papers describe the series of unique contributions that Galbraith made in many different areas.

Dr. Pressman is professor of Economics and Finance, and serves as North American Editor of the Review of Political Economy, Associate Editor and Book Review Editor of the Eastern Economic Journal, and as Treasurer of the Easter Economic Association.
CLASS OF 1970

PETER R. BRUCKMANN (Bus. Adm.) was presented with the 2012 Alumni Service Award at the 2012 Homecoming in recognition of his 19 years of service to the alumni association and his tireless efforts toward re-establishing his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi at Monmouth.

CLASS OF 1971

ALAN CHOKOV (Psych.) has launched Kids2ProSports.com, a global sports and social network that provides the resources to create, share and preserve a sports legacy. It features 30,000 sports selections from the United States and 265 counties. Membership is complimentary.

CLASS OF 1973

JONATHAN D. COHEN (Hist.) retained his Monmouth Regional High School seat in November on the Tinton Falls Board of Education.

CLASS OF 1975

CATHERINE FOLIO (Math.) (M.S. Math. ’76) received a new MAS in Environmental Planning and Management with a concentration in natural resources, from Denver University in 2010. She also has an EdD in Higher Education Administration and Supervision from Rutgers University in 1989. Dr. Folio is the Environmental Science Department chair at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft.

CLASS OF 1981

JOHN A. DELLOCONO (Bus. Acct.) (M.B.A. ’92) was a finalist in the “Large Nonprofit” category of NJBIZ’s annual CFO of the Year competition. He is senior vice president and CFO of CentraState Healthcare System in Freehold. He has been with the company since 1989.

CLASS OF 1984

FRANCIS A. CARUSO (M.B.A.) was a finalist in NJBIZ’s “Best Growth Manager” category of its annual CFO of the Year competition. He is vice president and CFO of BCI, a high-tech company specializing in radar, communications, weapon control, naval combat systems and related areas.
CLASS OF 1985

ANTHONY P. MAURO SR (M.B.A.), chairman and co-founder of the Belmar-based New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA), recently received an award for environmental excellence from the New Jersey division of the Society of American Foresters. NJOA promotes conservation of natural resources and environmental stewardship to legislators, policy makers, and the public at large.

CLASS OF 1987

STACIA (MANZO) MCDONOUGH (Engl.), the CEO of the award-winning doll company, Neva Dolls, was once again involved with New Jersey’s “Hope for Veterans” program, which provides homeless veterans with shelter, food and other necessities. This past holiday season, she started the “They Kept Us Safe, Let’s Keep Them Warm” hat and scarf drive, which resulted in providing a gift for each veteran housed at the Lyons, NJ, facility. Stacia became involved with the organization to honor her late husband, John McDonough, who was a highly decorated Vietnam veteran. For more information, email her at info@nevadolls.com.

CLASS OF 1988

ANGELA D. RUST (Bus. Adm.) won a seat on the Neptune City Board of Education in November.

CLASS OF 1989

KARYN F. CUSANELLI (Bus. Mrkt.) won an unexpired, one-year term on the Board of Education in Brick Township. She received 6,331 votes. Cusanelli is an independent marketing and sales executive.

CLASS OF 1990

ALISA C. MARINO-TOTH (Poli. Sci.) obtained her Fellow, Academy of Life Underwriting last fall. She is an underwriter with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. where she has worked for 22 years. Along with her husband, Alex, and children, Camryn (10) and Douglas (8), Alisa lives in Manville.

CLASS OF 1991

VALERIE GOETZ-STUTESMAN (Bus. Mgmt.) welcomed daughter, Skyelyn, in August 2012. She is manager for the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission. She heads the State Certification Unit, which is responsible for issuing civil service employment list certifications for the employment selection process and enforcement.

CLASS OF 1992

DONNALYN GIEGERICH (M.B.A.) appeared on the cover of the February-May 2013 catalog for Kripalu, a yoga center in Stockbridge, MA. She is also the owner and founder of DonnaLyn Giegerich Consulting. Visit www.DonnaLyn.org/workshops for more information.

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 1985

POLICY CHANGE

Although we love to see adorable baby pictures from alumni, individual photos of infants will NOT be published in Class Notes for safety reasons.
DR. TANYA MAXIMOFF (Bus. Intl), president and CEO of MaxLife in Montville, was among many people contributing to the relief effort following superstorm Sandy. She set up a collection among her coworkers at her chiropractic office. She has been in practice in Montville since 2004 and involved with the community ever since. She is the current director for the Montville Chamber of Commerce and was also appointed as nutrition chair for the Northwestern Region of the Association of N.J. Chiropractors in June 2010.

CLASS OF 1998
KARIN (GROSSMAN) CABEZAS (Bus. Adm.) and her husband, Frank, welcomed daughter, Victoria Isabella, on October 4, 2012. The family lives in Newton.

CLASS OF 1999
ROY W. LABUE (Hist.) recently became co-owner of CKO Kickboxing Edison, which opened in December 2012. The gym offers fitness kickboxing classes. More information can be found at www.ckoedison.com.

LAUREN N. (VICIDOMINI) RADSNIAK (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.

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, was recently inducted into the the New Jersey Youth Soccer’s Hall of Fame. She accepted the honor along with her Olympic teammates, Heather O’Reilly, Carli Lloyd and Jillian Loyden. The U.S. Women’s National Team captured the gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics. The USA won its fourth gold medal in the five Olympic competitions featuring women’s soccer. Rampone also said she will play again for Sky Blue FC in the new National Women’s Soccer League team.

TRACEY L. WOLFMAN (B.S.N.) was named as one of 25 finalists in the Leading Women Entrepreneurs & Business Owners of NJ for 2012. After seeing a need for more nursing home alternatives while working at Raritan Bay Medical Center, she opened We Care Adult Center in Red Bank in 2000. The center now provides supervision, physical therapy, showers, beauty services, entertainment, financial and medical services to an average of 37 people each day. Wolfman is also an adjunct professor in the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and serves on the school’s advisory council.

LORI (OMINSKI) WYRSCH (Interdisc.) was elected to the Stafford Township Council in November. She previously served as the policy and personnel chair for the Board of Education in Stafford from 2008 to 2011.

CLASS OF 2000
AMY E. BERTONE (Poli. Sci.) married Joshua Murphy on August 11, 2012, in Brick, followed by a reception at the Jumping Brook Country Club. Alumni in attendance were matron of honor TARA (GANN) MOKSYCKI ’00 and groomsman
ALEX BERTONE '02. The couple lives in New York City.

LORI (HUBBS) SCHNIBBE (Bus. Adm.) and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first son, Daniel Jason, on November 30, 2012. The family lives in Cherry Hill.

GENEVA SMALLWOOD (Comm.) retained her seat in November on the Asbury Park school board for a three-year term. Smallwood, who serves as vice president, is also a treatment associate at the New Hope Foundation in Marlboro.

CLASS OF 2001

KRISTEN M. BELLANTONI (Bio.) was married to David Maines on October 20, 2012, in Union. Alumni in attendance were ANNE MARIE PRICE (HAVENS) '00 '02M, LISA ANZIVINO (KRAJACIC) '00, JUSTINE WRIGHT (DEVINGO) '00, JAMES URCIOLI '02, BRIAN FERRARO '01, CHRISTINE FERRARO (KAELBLEIN) '00 and DEMOND TIMMONS '11. Bellantoni is a Registered Nurse working at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Her husband works for the Boro of Florham Park in the Department of Public Works. After their honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple is living in Madison.

CLASS OF 2002

MICHAEIL L. BOYLAN (M.A.T.), an independent filmmaker of short films, was profiled in the December 20, 2012, issue of Tri-City News in an article, “Filmmaker Mike Boylan.” Along with his friend, Rob Thorp, he owns Twin Beard Productions.

DENIELLE L. STARR (Engl.) married Joey Giordano on September 22, 2012, in Wall Township. She is a committee administrator for the Hydraulic Institute, the largest association of pump industry manufacturers in North America. While at Monmouth, Starr worked in the alumni office as part of the work-study program. The couple lives in Morris County.

CLASS OF 2003

LEANN K. MOCZYDLOWSKI (Engl. '11) and COLIN MCDONOUGH (Bus. Mrkt. '11) were married on October 6, 2012, at The Inn at Lambertville Station in Lambertville. She works in public relations, and Colin works in marketing. They live in South Plainfield.

October 27, 2012. She is Monmouth’s assistant director of Writing Services and Supplemental Instruction. Her husband is the director of Information Security at Conde Nast in New York City. They live in Shrewsbury.

NICHOLAS G. NICOLAOU (Bus. Fin.) was named the Gebroe-Hammer Associates’ Salesperson of the Year, the investment brokerage’s top honor. He was also promoted to vice president in recognition of his efforts to close more than $38 million in transactions throughout northern New Jersey in the past 12 months. Nicolaou has been with the Livingston-based firm for three years.

ANTHONY TALERICO JR (M.B.A.) was re-elected to the Eatontown Borough Council for a second three-year term. He serves as council president.

TOM DEBLASS (Sp. Ed.) announced his retirement from MMA on Facebook following a November 10 loss to Riki Fukuda at the first UFC event held in Macau. DeBlass, a black belt under former UFC fighter Ricardo Almeida, is the owner of Ocean County Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in Forked River. [UPDATE] On January 28 the website mmajunkie.com reported that DeBlass may compete at a Bellator MMA event in April.

CLASS OF 2004

GREG S. HANNAH (Hist./Ed.), a disability advisor at Villanova University, organized a group of 40 students from groups such as LeVel, Special Olympics, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Student Government, and Greek Life to help out with the Sandy relief effort in his hometown of Manasquan. Joining him that day were his wife, DIANA CARLANI HANNAH ’04 and SEAN MCCARTHY ’05 ’07M, who is the dean of students at Manasquan High School.

CLASS OF 2005

MATTHEW J. KUKODA (Hist./Ed.) is the new head coach for New Egypt High School’s boys basketball team. He has eight years of coaching experience, three as assistant coach at St. John Vianney High School and the first five at St. Rose High School as the head junior varsity coach.

CLASS OF 2006

DANA M. BENEDETTI (Comm.) and KEVIN JOYCE (Crim. J.) were married October 6, 2012, at St. Mark’s Church in Sea Girt. Their wedding party included several alumni: BEN BRENNER ’06, LORI CHRISTIANSEN ’06, KELSEY GABRIEL ’06, CHRISTOPHER JOYCE ’06, RYAN JOYCE ’06, JULIANNE MACKEY ’06, JAMES MOFFIT ’07 and GEORGE PAPANIER ’07. They live in Towson, MD.

ADAM N. D’AMICO (Bus. Mgmt.) is engaged to marry Heather Culver. They both work at the Prescription Corporation of America in Denville.

WILLIAM L. HICKMAN (Comm.) is engaged to marry Rachel Mass in February 2014 in Puerto Rico. He is a senior auto damage adjuster for Geico. His fiance works in the aviation industry.

JESSICA KAHL-WINTER (Bus. Fin.) and MICHAEL CONTE (Comm. ’07) are engaged to be married in 2014. She is a manager at Pricewaterhouse in Florham Park, and he is an equity trader. They plan on moving to their home in Mount Olive once construction is completed.

WHITNEY (MYERS) LAWRENCE (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. ’08) and DANIEL LAWRENCE (Crim. J.) welcomed daughter, Emma Grace, on August 28, 2012, in Ridgewood. Daniel works for Structural Group, Inc. in Hawthorne.

TRACY A. LOSINSKI (Bio.) is engaged to marry Michael Yurkovic on May 17, 2013, in Aberdeen. She is an optometrist.
at Toms River Eye Associates in Toms River, and her fiance is a police officer in New Brunswick.

CLASS OF 2007

ZAHEED BARDAI (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) (M.B.A. ’10) lives in Saskatoon and is the AACSB Accreditation Officer for the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan.

JENNIFER SOLAR (Psych. ’07)(M.S. Mental Health Couns. ’11) married Keith Hagendoorn at St. James Church in Woodbridge. Alumni in attendance include matron of honor TARA (SCARPONI) DANNIBALLE ’07 and bridesmaid KATHERINE SELBY ’07. She is a social worker at Ocean County Board of Social Services in Toms River. Her fiance is a boilermaker journeyman with Local 28 in Eastampton. They live in Bayville.

CHRISTOPHER R. HART (Bus. Mrkt.) is engaged to marry Lindsey Allerton in August 2013. He is the market deposit manager of Central Jersey for PNC Bank. His fiance is pursuing a doctorate in Physical Therapy at UMDNJ & Rutgers University.

JOE PATANE (M.S.W.), chairman of The Patane Foundation/Dream Camp Foundation (www.joesworld.org), revisited campus in December to present the Boardwalk Film Festival 2012 along with Monmouth’s Center for Entrepreneurship and the Industry Film School. Highlighting the festival was the documentary, Freedom Writers: Stories From an Undeclared War. Patane’s Foundation is for high level-need emotionally and behaviorally challenged youth.

CAITLIN E. PETRO (Hist.) and JONATHAN C. BLAYDES (Hist.) are engaged to be married on November 9, 2013. Petro is the office coordinator in Monmouth’s School of Education. Blaydes completed an M.A. in Anthropology at Monmouth in January.

KEVIN D. SCALLY (Comm.) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) was featured in an advertisement for Jersey Shore Fitness Shop in Bradley Beach in the December 20, 2012 edition of Tri-City News. In addition to being a member of the fitness center, he is Monmouth’s Annual Fund marketing manager.

CLASS OF 2008

NICOLE B. BALDESSARI (Art/Ed.) (M.S.E. ’13) is engaged to marry Victor Bayers in 2014. She is a teacher at Indian Hill School in Holmdel. Her fiance works for the Middletown Township Board of Education.

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BRITTANY A. FOLTZER (Bus. Adm.) and ALEXEI YEGOROV (Bus. Fin.), who were engaged in October 2011, have planned their wedding for June 2013 at Clark’s Landing Yacht Club in Point Pleasant. She is a certified public accountant (CPA) working at a regional public accounting firm, and he is also a CPA, working at a global investment bank.

DIANA C. GREENE (Bus. Mgmt.) is engaged to marry John J. Castaldo in the summer of 2014. She is a senior accountant for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and her fiance is a high school history teacher for the Hamilton Township Board of Education. They live in Newtown, PA.

MARY L. LUBY (M.S.W.) joined We Care Adult Day Care in Middletown as director of social services. Her responsibilities include providing quality care, support, advocacy, assistance and community resources to the center members and their families. We Care Adult Daycare is owned by TRACEY WOLFMAN ’99.
DALE L. MAHABIR (Fine Arts), who is creative director at Fortune Web Marketing, is a member-at-large for the Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association’s 2013 Board. He also began teaching Dynamic Web Design to juniors and seniors at Monmouth in January. His freelance clients have included The Bamboozle Festival, Killbrand Apparel, Miley Cyrus and her brother (Trace Cyrus), Dr. Phil, All Time Low, and Phoenix (Grammy nominated band). His t-shirt designs can be found in Tilly’s, Zumiez, Hot Topic, and Virgin Megastores. For more information, see Ultra-Bold.com.

LYNDA C. ZIEMBA (M.S.W.) was recently in Lusaka, Zambia, to help with the building of the City of Hope’s new secondary school. The Salesian Sisters’ City of Hope, a home, school and training center for at-risk girls and young women, was founded in 1991. She has also been involved with a new adult literacy project and an agriculture project for women in one of the most northern regions of Zambia (Luingu District). Ziemba is also looking to incorporate animals and even beekeeping into that project, involvement also with domestic abuse program at YWCA.

CLASS OF 2009

LAUREN M. DEMARTINO (Poli. Sci.) is engaged to marry Christian Vasilakopoulos in August. She is a paralegal at Hobbie, Corrigan & Bertucio, P.C. in Eatontown. Her fiance is an HVAC technician.

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MEGHAN E. PAKALIK (Engl./Elem. Ed.) (M.A.T.) is engaged to marry Terence Haggerty in November. She is a middle school language arts special education teacher at Red Bank Charter School. Her fiance is manager of Jody’s Club Forest in West Brighton, NY.

CLASS OF 2011
BRIAN T. BUTCH (M.A. Crim. J.) was recently elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. He has been a member of the board since 2005, and his term will expire in 2014. He is a member of the Buildings and Grounds, Human Resources, and Policy Committees. He is also board liaison to the center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education. Butch, who is a licensed social worker, is a member of the Parole Board. He has also served as a board member of the Jersey Shore University Medical Center Community Advisory Board, a member of the Monmouth County Catholic Charities Advisory Board, and a member of the NJ State Community Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board. In 2011 he was named Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Health and Human Services at George Mason University.

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CHASE BARBIERI (Health & Phys. Ed.), who just finished his first year as a professional coach at Voorhees High School, was named the Courier News Boys Soccer Coach of the Year. Last fall he led his team to capture the Skyland Conference Raritan Division title and a first-round state tournament victory. At 10-6-3, the team more than doubled their total win output from a year ago. Barbieri is a former captain of Monmouth’s soccer team.

TERENCE B. BODAK (Pol. Sci./Hist.) was hired as University Advancement’s new Phonathon Manager. While at Monmouth, he helped to create the Honors Student Mentoring Program.

CAITLIN GONG (Comm.) is a freelance writer for the “Holmdel Happenings” and writes book reviews for her Wordpress blog. She is also a part-time program assistant for the Turner Syndrome Foundation in Holmdel where she assists with communications and writing materials. Gong lives in Hazlet.

NICOLE P. SAMUELS (Comm.) has created an event planning company called Inspired Events along with her business partner, Alyson Mueller. For more information, you can email her at inspiredeventsnj@gmail.com. She lives in Barnegat.

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. Although we love to see adorable baby pictures from alumni, individual photos of infants will not be published in Class Notes for safety reasons.

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