Message from Dean Palladino

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays. In this winter edition of Science Buzz, our e-newsletter for School of Science alumni, we announce several great events and opportunities for you to meet our current faculty and students in the School of Science. I hope to see you on campus this spring and as always I look forward to hearing from you (mpalladi@monmouth.edu, 732-571-3421).

Best regards for a healthy and prosperous 2011,

Michael Palladino

3rd Annual School of Science Dean’s Seminar

Save the date, Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual School of Science Dean’s Seminar. The 2011 speaker will be Barry J. Marshall, M.D., Clinical Professor at the

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University of Western Australia. Dr. Marshall (together with Dr. J. Robin Warren) was awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in recognition of the 1982 discovery that a bacterium, *Helicobacter pylori*, causes one of the most common and important diseases of mankind, peptic ulcer disease. Dr. Marshall’s work has been acknowledged as the most significant discovery in the history of gastroenterology and is compared to the development of the polio vaccine and the eradication of smallpox. Plan to join us for this special evening. Attendance is free but seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please register by clicking here.

**Professor Donald S. Dorfman Endowed Scholarship Fund Established**

Biology Professor and Monmouth University alumnus Donald Dorfman retired in July 2010 after 40 years of service. The School of Science has established the Donald S. Dorfman Endowed Scholarship fund with a goal to raise $25,000 to provide scholarships for students in the Marine and Environmental Biology and Policy Program. Tax-deductible gifts to the Dorfman fund can be made by clicking here.

**School of Science Career Development Roundtable**

- Department of Biology
- Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology, and Physics
- Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Department of Mathematics
- Urban Coast Institute
- Rapid Response Institute
Associate Dean Catherine Duckett, Dr. Robin Kucharczyk, and Peer Mentors in the School of Science are organizing a series of roundtables to help students learn about careers in our disciplines. Alumni and other professionals from different disciplines in science, engineering and mathematics will speak to current students about their career experiences. If you are interested in participating in the Roundtable now or especially next year, please contact Dean Duckett (cduckett@monmouth.edu).

There will also be a session on February 8, 2011 from 5 pm - 8 pm about honing your resumes and cover letters given by two professionals from different Science and Technology recruitment firms that could be of interest to recent graduates. Please contact Dean Duckett; you are cordially invited to attend.

**10th Annual School of Science Student Research Conference**

The week of April 11, 2011 has been designated by the U.S. House of Representatives as “Undergraduate Research Week." On Friday April 15, 2011 the School of
Science will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of its Student Research Conference (SRC). Following the student poster session we will host a reception with former research students who will speak about how research has helped them in their careers. If you are a former research student and interested in attending the SRC, please contact Assistant Dean John Tiedemann (jtiedema@monmouth.edu).

Tell Us About You!

Visit School of Science Alumni Survey to update your profile, tell us about your successes, and help us serve you better as an alumnus. The first 10 alumni to update their profile will receive a School of Science polo shirt. The next 10 alumni will receive a School of Science coffee mug.

Alumni Profile

Lawrence Perruzza, 2003, is currently Senior Manager at Roche Molecular Diagnostics, which specializes in polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnostic tests that detect and monitor disease conditions, and that are used for blood screening applications. Lawrence cites his experiences at Monmouth by stating, “The years I spent in
the laboratory taught me critical thinking, both independent and team-based work, public speaking and provided me with an opportunity to mentor and lead underclassmen. All of these skills were extremely beneficial once I graduated.”

If you would like to read about his progress from Monmouth to the present in his own words, click here.

Would you like to be a featured alumnus for an upcoming edition of *Science Buzz*? If so, contact Associate Dean Catherine Duckett (cduckett@monmouth.edu).

**Faculty Spotlight**

Congratulations to Software Engineering Professor Allen Milewski who received the Bright Idea Award in Management sponsored by the Seton Hall University Stillman School of Business. For more information about Dr. Milweski’s award please click here.

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Did You Know?

Did you know Professor Benjamin? The Monmouth University community was saddened by the passing of Richard Benjamin, Emeritus Professor of Electrical Engineering. Professor Benjamin began his career at the University in 1959 as an Electronics Specialist while a Monmouth College student. During Professor Benjamin’s career he chaired the Electrical Engineering Department, he served as Dean of the School of Science and Professional Studies, and he was honored with the Distinguished Teacher Award. The Richard Benjamin Memorial Fund has been established to support student scholarships. Tax-deductible donations to the fund
should be sent to the Richard Benjamin Memorial Fund,  
c/o University Advancement, Monmouth University, 400  
Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Congratulations to January graduates

The School of Science congratulates our January graduates  
who walked the stage of the Multipurpose Activity Center  
on January 14, 2011!! We were proud to see them graduate  
and to welcome August graduates back to campus for  
Monmouth's first ever January commencement.

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