Did You Know?

- The MU chapter of Begin by Believing sponsored Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, and Take Back the Night, and raised funds for 180: Turning Lives Around.
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- Thirty students spent their spring break in Guatemala helping to build a school through the organization Salud Y Paz.
- Students visited Linkages, Hope Academy Charter School, and the Boys and Girls Club to promote literacy and celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday for Read Across America.
- The Community Service Club hosted a special needs field day at the Schroth School and sponsored a Concert for Humanity to benefit CROP and the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.
- Through the Institute for Global Understanding’s Project BAM, student volunteers completed the third year of mentoring teens from Asbury Park High School. Project BAM is a collaboration of Monmouth University, Asbury Park High School, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.
- Campus fund-raisers for the West End Fire victims resulted in donations to the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce as well as a donation of $242 to Monmouth alumni who lost their possessions in the fire.
- The Student Government Association held its annual auction to benefit Michael’s Feat, an organization that provides support for critically ill newborns.
- The Student Government Association hosted a 5K run for the Kortney Rose Foundation during the Global Understanding Convention and raised $1,200 for pediatric cancer research.
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A Note From
President Gaffney

Dear Monmouth University Neighbor:

Monmouth University is pleased to be among the 322 colleges out of approximately 4,100 colleges in the nation to be named a “Green College” by Princeton Review.

We are committed to pursuing green initiatives on campus, and all of us here—from administrators to students—are active participants in this mission. In a collaborative effort, we are constantly developing new ideas and programs to make the University more efficient and less wasteful.

I am proud of the community service activities Monmouth University students participate in throughout the year. The Big Event will be held on Saturday, October 6. Students will be taking requests from residents and community groups. Please contact the Student Government Association at SGA@monmouth.edu for more information and a worksite application.

Camp and classes are in session, and the campus is filled with activity. Please visit www.monmouth.edu for more information on programs and activities for you and your family.

I hope to see you on campus this summer.

Paul G. Gaffney II
Congratulations Class of 2012

NCAA President, Dr. Mark A. Emmert, addressed Monmouth University graduates at the University’s 80th commencement ceremony and received an honorary degree on May 16 at the PNC Bank Arts Center. Twelve undergraduate and twelve graduate degrees were awarded to residents of Long Branch.

Sovereign Bank, N.A. through Santander Universities Opens New Branch at Monmouth University

Sovereign Bank, N.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Banco Santander, S.A., through its Santander Universities division opened a new branch of its bank on Monmouth University’s campus on May 31 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Automated Teller Machine (ATM) services are now available to the community in the Stafford Student Center. In addition, an ATM will open in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC).

During the ceremony, Santander US Country Head and Sovereign Bank President and CEO Jorge Moran and Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II signed an agreement highlighting the partnership between the bank and Monmouth University. The bank is providing support to Monmouth University’s International Entrepreneurship in Spain Program, Sin Fronteras Chile Project, and Institute for Global Understanding’s Project BAM.

Monmouth U Visiting Writer Named U.S. Poet Laureate

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American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event held on April 13 and 14

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Monmouth University was held on April 13 and 14 and raised over $51,000.00. Over 500 local residents, students, employees and their families and friends participated in a fun-filled overnight community celebration in which individuals and teams camped out and took turns walking or running around the track "relay" style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants held battery-operated tea lights around the track in a touching ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease.

Congressman Pallone Visits Campus

Congressman Frank Pallone discussed health care issues with Monmouth University nursing students in Wilson Hall on April 12.

Student Named Hero of the Year

Monmouth University student Gary Mejia was named the Designated HERO of the Year in March. Gary will be featured on two billboards across the state.

The HERO Campaign, founded by Bill and Muriel Elliott, promotes the use of sober designated drivers to prevent drunken driving tragedies. The 2012 event was the third annual HERO Award presentation at the University.

Hey neighbor, become a Big Event worksite today!

If you have a project at your house and could use some helping hands, then this is your chance to sign up to become a Big Event worksite.

What is the Big Event?

It is the single largest student-sponsored community service project organized by the MU Student Government Association. Each year over the last 12 years about 400 students have been organized and sent off to 30 to 40 worksites to perform community service and help fellow neighbors. Volunteers have helped out at local food pantries, cleaned beaches, helped neighbors move furniture or clean up a yard, painted rooms, done landscaping, and more!

Become a Big Event worksite today! The Big Event is all about giving back and helping our neighbors. The Big Event will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 (rain or shine) from approximately 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more about the Big Event and what you need to do to become a worksite, call 732-571-3484, e-mail sga@monmouth.edu or go to the Big Event website: www.monmouth.edu/bigevent

Monmouth U and Six Flags Wild Safari Offers Students Unique Learning Experience

The upper-level class titled “Field Experience: Six Flags Wild Safari” introduces students to the psychological theories and principles used to shape animal behaviors and how these principles can be applied to their own career and life. It was offered for the first time this year as part of a unique educational collaboration between Monmouth University and Six Flags Wild Adventure. In addition to class meetings, library research and journaling, students have supervised bottlenose dolphins, African elephants and rhinoceros.

Monmouth University student Douglas Mharan interacts with towering giraffes during his class.

Students Participate in Long Branch Beach Clean-up on Earth Day

Two-year-old Kira Estrada and her grandfather Edward Estrada help clean up the Long Branch beach at Pier Village with the President of the Environmental Club at Monmouth University, Zoe Shabbon, on Earth Day.

The Environmental Club promotes growth, understanding, awareness, and appeal for environmental activism both on campus and in our community. Students participate in many volunteer activities throughout the year.

Questers Tour Historic Sites on Campus

Monmouth University Photographer Jim Reme gave a tour of the Guggenheim Cottage at the Monmouth University Library and Wilson Hall to the Central Jersey Chapter of the Questers, a national organization of people interested in history and historical sites.

Community groups are invited to tour the historic buildings on campus. For more information, call 732-571-3526.

Congress of the United States

Barry J. Littman, D.V.M.

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A panel discussion hosted by Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande titled “Womenomics” was held on campus on May 30 in Wilson Auditorium. Panelists for the Monmouth University event included Lt. Governor of New Jersey Kim Guadagno and business leaders from New Jersey.

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Baseball Player Drafted by Boston Red Sox

The Boston Red Sox selected Monmouth University pitcher Pat Light with the 37th overall pick. Light, who becomes the highest draft pick in Northeast Conference history, becomes the ninth Hawk selected by a professional club and the sixth MU player in the last five years.

“To hear your name called by the Boston Red Sox is a dream come true,” Light said following his selection. “It was one of my goals to be a first rounder, and hard work truly paid off. Words cannot describe how happy I am.”

Light, an All-Northeast Conference First Team and All-Tournament Team selection, enjoyed his best season in a Monmouth uniform in 2012.

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Winners of 2012 NEC Tournament

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Football Player

Jose Gumbs Signs With Saints

The New Orleans Saints of the National Football League (NFL) signed Monmouth safety Jose Gumbs as an undrafted free agent in April. Gumbs joins Dallas Cowboys wideout Miles Austin, Miami Dolphins wide receiver Chris Hogan, and Seattle Seahawks tight end Jon Nalbone as Hawks currently in the NFL.

Academic Honors for Field Hockey

The field hockey team was recognized in March by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) as a Division I National Academic Team Award recipient, earning the third best GPA in the country, while also adding eleven to the NFHCA Academic Squad.

“The Hawks, who earned a GPA of 3.48 in the fall, received the honor for the third straight year and the fourth time in the last five seasons. “Our student-athletes take great pride in their academics, and we could not be more proud as a staff,” said Head Coach Carli Figlio. “Being in the top three is such a big accomplishment and a testament to all the hard work our student-athletes do.”

Track and Field Teams Win NEC Championships

Congratulations to the Men’s and Women’s Outdoor track and field teams for sweeping the 2012 NEC Outdoor Championships, the fourth straight league title for both teams. The teams also captured the NEC Indoor Championships. Head Coach Joe Compagni also earned men’s and women’s NEC Coach of the Year honors and was named the USTFCCCA Regional Coach of the Year (Track and Field/Cross Country).

Football Team Has Highest Academic Progress Rate in NEC

The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) has announced that Monmouth University has attained the highest Academic Progress Rate (APR) among Northeast Conference (NEC) football teams.

“I’m really excited about the performance of our student-athletes,” said Monmouth Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “It’s nice to see them recognized with the conference’s top APR for all of the hard work they put in throughout the year in the classroom.”