Did You Know?

- Monmouth University's Student Newspaper The Outlook was chosen as the Most Outstanding University Newspaper for 2009 by the American Scholastic Press Association.
- Monmouth University's Debate Hawks were named 2010 Program of the Year in the Northeast by the Society Advocating More and Better Argumentation (SAMBA).
- Monmouth University was a sponsor of OceanFest 2010 in Long Branch in July.
- Hundreds of cyclists participated in the MS "Coast to Coast" Ride on May 22. The event started at Monmouth University.
- Women's bowling will be added as the school's 20th intercollegiate-sponsored sport starting in the 2010-2011 season.
- Over 150 students, faculty, and staff volunteered for a Habitat for Humanity on-campus build in April which raised over $1,800 for Habitat for Humanity.
- Monmouth University's Community Service Club held its annual Bowl-a-thon which raised about $800 for Meal at Noon in Long Branch.
- First-year students along with the National Council of Negro Women and Phi Sigma Sigma organized an Easter Egg Hunt at Linkages, a transitional housing facility for homeless women and children in Tinton Falls.
- The Interfraternity Council worked with Move for Hunger to donate canned goods to the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.
- Communication students created radio documentaries and public service announcements for Lunch Break, the Bridge of Books Foundation, the Center for Vocational Rehabilitation, Mary's Place by the Sea, and the Wellness Community.

A Note From President Gaffney

Dear Monmouth University Neighbor:

It has been an exciting spring and summer. The new residence hall, Mullaney Hall, opened in June and will provide more on-campus housing for the current student population and guarantee housing for first-year students. We also installed a new HVAC system for the residence hall that operates at extremely quiet levels. Thank you to the many local contractors for their hard work on these projects and for getting the job done on time and on budget.

The Big Event will be held on Saturday, October 9. Students will be taking job requests from residents and community groups. Please contact the Student Government Association at SGA@monmouth.edu for more information and a worksite application.

I hope to see you on campus this summer. 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.

Paul G. Gaffney II

Ocean Township teacher Ileana Larrauri honored by Monmouth University as Outstanding Teacher

Ocean Township teacher Ileana Larrauri received the Monmouth University-Roberts Charitable Foundation Outstanding School Teacher Award on May 13 at a dinner hosted by President Gaffney. Ms. Larrauri was recognized for her important contribution to the education of current Monmouth University students. Ms. Larrauri has been a Spanish teacher for twenty-five years and has taught at Ocean Township High School since 2001. She teaches Advanced College Prep and Advanced Placement Spanish and serves as the facilitator of the Spanish Club. She was nominated by her former student Paul Mahajan who stated: “Señora Larrauri was one of the few teachers in my high school education that truly gave me a better perspective on the real world. She may have only been my Spanish teacher, but the knowledge she endowed upon me was priceless when it came to dealing with many of the obstacles I have faced in life. She helped me become who I am today and there is no greater gift in life than realizing one’s abilities.”
Mullaney Residence Hall
Opened on June 28

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Monmouth University’s new residence hall, Mullaney Hall, was held on June 28. The hall was named in recognition of the generous contribution of H. William and Sandra F. Mullaney. The residence hall will provide more on-campus housing for the current student population and guarantee housing for first-year students. The new HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) equipment for Mullaney, Oakwood, Redwood residence halls uses innovative technology to operate at extremely quiet levels.

Hey neighbor, become a Big Event worksite today!

If you have a project at your house and could use a couple of 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 which is organized by the MU Student Government Association. Over the last 30 years, 2500 volunteers from campus have spent a day helping over 200+ worksites in the surrounding communities. 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 9, 2010 (rain or shine) from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

Comments, Questions, or Feedback?
Call the Office of Public Affairs at 732-571-3526 or e-mail ask_pa@monmouth.edu with your questions and comments.

Relay for Life
Raised over $40,000 for American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Monmouth University was held on April 24 and 25 and raised over $40,000. 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 lit hundreds of candles around the track in a ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. This is the third year Relay for Life has been held at Monmouth University. The combined three-year fundraising total is over $100,000.

Monmouth University Receives $100,000 Donation for Conference Series on Race

The 2010 Conference “Examining Race in the 21st Century” Will Be Held November 11 to 13, 2010. Monmouth University is pleased to announce it has received a $100,000 donation for a series of interdisciplinary annual conferences on race, with particular emphasis on race in higher education. The donation builds on a University conference on race successfully held in 2008. The series is expected to last for at least seven years.

The donation is from Mr. Ken Hitchner, a member of Monmouth University’s Board of Trustees since 2007.

The 2010 conference “Examining Race in the 21st Century” will be held Thursday through Saturday, November 11 to 13, 2010, on the campus of Monmouth University. The event is open to the public, professors, students, and school teachers.

For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/conference_on_race.
Congratulations Class of 2010

Twenty undergraduate and twenty-three graduate degrees were awarded to residents of Ocean.

Ocean resident and soccer standout Andrea Lopez received her bachelor’s degree from Monmouth University on May 20.

Lt. Governor Guadagno at Teen Arts Festival

Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno attended a reception for the NJ Teen Arts Festival on May 25. She congratulated Monmouth University for its dedication to the arts and for sponsoring the Teen Arts Festival in collaboration with the Arts & Education Center and New Jersey Natural Gas Company.

The Festival was held at Monmouth University on May 26 and May 27. Adjudications were held for dance, drama, musical theatre, vocal, instrumental music, art, video, creative writing, piano, and guitar. In addition to the critiques, workshops and master classes were held for students in their individual specialties including drama, filmmaking, voice, acting, instrumental music, and more. Over 1,200 students from 35 high schools participated in the festival.

Monmouth University Honored as Community Champion of the Arts and Received Prestigious State Arts Award

Monmouth University received the Community Champion of the Arts Award from the Monmouth County Arts Council on May 17 at a ceremony held at Two River Theater Company in Red Bank. Monmouth University received the award in recognition of its support to revitalize the State Teen Arts Festival, and especially the efforts of President Paul G. Gaffney II in bringing the festival to Monmouth University in May 2010.

In addition, Monmouth University’s Center of Distinction for the Arts has been designated a major presenting organization by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for a solid history of excellence in substantial arts programming and contribution to increasing the quality of life in New Jersey.

For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/arts

Entrepreneurship Course Wins National Innovation Award

Monmouth University’s Leon Hess Business School’s course in Entrepreneurship was the recipient of the Innovative Entrepreneurship Course Award competition organized by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE).

The competition and award were held at USASBE’s annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. The other finalists for this competitive award were Babson College and a consortium proposal from the University of California, Irvine, the University of Southern California, and New York University.

The course, under the leadership of Professor John Buzza, is organized so that students are required to bring a product to market by the end of the 15-week semester.

Products brought to market by the entrepreneurship students have included a debit card, a line of pasta sauces, healthy snack food cakes, live concerts, and an upscale thrift boutique.

To learn more about the Leon Hess Business School and its activities, please visit www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/business.
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School Of Social Work Honored For Combating Mental Health Stigma

The Monmouth University School of Social Work's Coming Home Project received the 2010 NJ Governor's Council Ambassador Award in the category of Military and Veterans Affairs on May 18 at a reception.

“The Council is proud to recognize the importance of the Monmouth University Coming Home Project. We applaud this endeavor and see it as invaluable as we strive to support the mental health needs of Veterans and their families,” stated Celina Gray, executive director of the Governor’s Council on Mental Health Stigma.

The Coming Home Project is an effort by the School of Social Work at Monmouth University to recognize and prepare social work students and community practitioners to meet the needs of returning career, reservist, and National Guard military personnel and their families. The School sponsors workshops and classes throughout the year.

The mission of the Governor’s Council on Mental Health Stigma is to raise mental health awareness and combat mental health stigma as a top priority in New Jersey’s effort to create a better mental health system. The Ambassador Award recognizes individuals, organizations and institutions in New Jersey that have made outstanding contributions to the effort to raise mental health awareness and combat mental health stigma.

For more information, call 732-571-3543.

Track and Field Win

NEC Championships

For the second consecutive year the women’s and men’s track & field team each captured North-east Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championship titles. This is the team’s seventh championship. The men’s track & field team also made history, winning the program’s eighth NEC Outdoor Championship. In addition, Head Coach Joe Compagni earned a new NEC record with his 21st and 22nd career “Coach of the Year” honors.

NEC Coach of the Year Joe Compagni

Free Energy Assessment

of Your Home

Energy Service Corps students at Monmouth University work to make the local community more energy efficient. They educate and serve the community through community service projects, forums and energy assessments. The priority project this year is performing energy assessments and weatherizations as service to the campus and community.

If you would like to have a free energy assessment of your home, business or off-campus house, please contact aimee@njpirgstudents.org, or call 732-923-4648.

Brian Williams

to Receive MACE Award at Monmouth University on September 23, 2010

“An Evening with Brian Williams & Friends,” celebrating the career and accomplishments of Brian Williams, Emmy & Peabody Award-winning anchor and managing editor for NBC Nightly News, is set for Thursday, September 23, 2010. The event will be held in Monmouth University’s Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC), located in the center of campus.

A VIP reception, attended by some of the area’s most recognizable names in broadcast news, including Brian Thompson of NBC’s News 4 New York, Brenda Blackman of WWOR’s My9 News and Dr. Nancy Snyderman of NBC Nightly News, will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Varsity Club. The reception will feature a live broadcast of NBC Nightly News on the arena’s jumbo screen.

The formal program begins at 8 pm with a journalists’ roundtable, featuring an entertaining exchange on the exciting world of TV journalism with newscasters and friends of Brian’s from the news industry. The event will conclude with a presentation by Brian Williams, formerly of Middletown, NJ, and the awarding of the 2010 Monmouth Award for Communication Excellence (MACE).

The MACE is given to individuals who have made significant lifetime contributions in the field of communications. Previous honorees have included White House correspondent Helen Thomas; newspaper publisher Jules L. Plangere, Jr.; Myron Kandel, founding financial editor of CNN; and CBS sports commentator Jim Nantz.

For more information on the program, go to www.monmouth.edu/mace. To be added to the MACE e-mail list and receive updated information on the event, please contact specialevents@monmouth.edu.

Free Web Site or Database Management System for Your Business

This fall students studying Information Technology will be available to design a Web site and/or database management system for your business or organization. Projects will be done in a six-week time frame and company personnel must be available throughout this period to consult with students and provide material for the site. There is no cost for the database or web site design, however, expenses may be involved in making the Web site accessible to the public. All project proposals will be reviewed by a software engineering professor to ensure that they are appropriate for the class and the six-week time frame.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Ward at 732-571-4411 or mward@monmouth.edu.

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