Did You Know?

- The annual Giving Tree, sponsored by the Student Government Association, provided hundreds of gifts for needy families and children referred by community organizations. These organizations included the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties, the Shore Youth Center, Project Paul, Asian Youth Ministries, and others. In addition to the Giving Tree, departments ‘adopted’ families for the holidays and provided food and gifts for an entire family.
- The First Year Service Project donated food and children’s goody bags to needy families for the holidays and the University Police continued its commitment to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.
- The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) sponsored a Giving Tree for the SPCA which resulted in numerous bags of food, toys, and other necessities for the animals at the shelter. Members of PRSSA also worked with the Valerie Fund on gift wrapping and their holiday party.
- Circle K participated in the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America Walk, volunteered at Soup d’Shore, and supported breast cancer research.
- Monmouth University Library is one of 840 libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA). For more information about these new materials available at the Library’s circulating collection, please visit http://library.monmouth.edu.
- The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on campus on April 26 and 27. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org.
- Monmouth University is the starting point for the National MS Society’s “Coast the Coast Ride.” The two-day event will be held on May 18 and May 19. For more information, visit http://bikenjm.nationalmssociety.org.

A Note From President Gaffney

Dear Monmouth University Neighbor:

Welcome to Neighbor to Neighbor. I hope you find this newsletter informative and useful in discovering the many interesting and educational happenings at Monmouth University.

I am proud of the Monmouth University community for helping with the Superstorm Sandy relief effort. As you will read in this newsletter, students have volunteered their time to the restoration of our local community by helping to clean up local towns and neighbors’ houses. In addition, students have raised money through fund-raisers, concerts, and programs to assist victims of Sandy.

The spring semester is filled with many exciting events for the community. Join us for the Provost’s Film Series, attend the Global Understanding Convention in April, cheer on the Hawks at an athletic event, or catch a performing arts event in Pollak Theatre. I also encourage you to visit the inaugural exhibit “Faculty and Friends” at the new and spectacular art building, Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall. The impressive two-floor exhibition space will showcase regional, national, and international artists throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you on campus in 2013.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

Dedication Ceremony Held for Joan And Robert Rechnitz Hall

Monmouth University dedicated the new Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall on January 27. The 20,340-square-foot facility is the new home to Monmouth University’s Department of Art and Design and Principal Art Gallery and includes a two-story gallery, a reception area, three state-of-the-art Mac labs, an animation and editing studio, classrooms, faculty offices, and a student lounge. Rechnitz Hall was designed by local architects from Monteforte Architectural Studio.

Rechnitz Hall, designed in the style of the former 800 Building, provides students with cutting-edge technology as well as large, open studio spaces devoted to the traditions of drawing, painting, the all-important foundations, and various art history offerings. In addition, the magnificent exhibition space will host art shows and events.

For more information on upcoming exhibits in Rechnitz Hall, visit www.monmouth.edu/arts.

Rechnitz Hall.

Joan and Robert Rechnitz in front of their portrait in the lobby of Rechnitz Hall.
During their time in Haiti, they worked near an on a school that would take homeless boys off the winter break. They worked with the non-profit anniversary of the devastating earthquake during travelled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on the third employees Corey Inzana and Tyler Bischoff, A group of nine students from Monmouth Volunteer in Haiti During Students and Employees Adopted the HERO Campaign in 2007 and is the model adopted the HERO Campaign Monmouth County this year start a HERO 5k race in and supporting Monmouth University HERO Nights. In addition, Mike and dedication to saving lives by promoting the mission of the HERO Branch, received the Community Award for their outstanding work named Designated Driver HERO of the Year. Daniel will be featured Monmouth University senior Daniel Mangraviti of Holmdel, NJ, was Daniel Mangraviti Named “Designated Driver Hero of the Year” Photo Will Be Featured on HERO Campaign Billboard on NJ Turnpike Monmouth University senior Daniel Mangraviti of Holmdel, NJ, was named Designated Driver HERO of the Year. Daniel will be featured on HERO Campaign billboards located on the New Jersey Turnpike. In addition, he received a $300 Monmouth Mall gift certificate, a plaque, and a HERO Campaign tee shirt. Tim Canavan and Nick Petitti, owners of Jack’s Goal Line Stand in Long Branch, received the Community Award for their outstanding work and dedication to saving lives by promoting the mission of the HERO Campaign for designated drivers. Jack’s has been a supporter of the Campaign for many years by serving free soft drinks to designated drivers and supporting Monmouth University HERO Nights. In addition, Mike and Laura Horne of Freehold, NJ, received the Community Award for their efforts to start a HERO 5k race in Monmouth County this year in memory of their son, Chad. Monmouth University adopted the HERO Campaign in 2007 and is the model school for the program. Students and Employees Volunteer in Haiti During Winter Break A group of nine students from Monmouth University, and their three advisors including employees Corey Inzana and Tyler Bischoff, travelled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on the third anniversary of the devastating earthquake during winter break. They 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 them and give them direction. During their time in Haiti, they worked near an impoverished tent city in Canaan with Pastor Garry St. Hubert. 

Commencement Held on January 18

Award-winning film producer Jon Kilik delivered the commencement address to Monmouth University graduates at its winter commencement ceremony held on January 18 in the MAC. As part of the ceremony, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun E. Golden ’99 was presented with the Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service for his regional leadership role during Superstorm Sandy. Monmouth University awarded approximately 420 undergraduate and graduate degrees at the ceremony.

Things To Do

CENTER FOR THE ARTS Call 732-263-6889 or visit www.monmouth.edu/arts
Performing Arts
3/9 8 p.m. Justin Townes Earle with special guest Tift Merrin Pollak Theatre
3/23 8 p.m. Red Horse Pollak Theatre
4/5 8 p.m. John Hammond with Billy Hector Pollak Theatre
4/11 3:30 p.m. Steep Afrika Workshop Pollak Theatre
4/12 8 p.m. Steep Afrika Pollak Theatre
4/13 8 p.m. Southside Johnny & the Pocheros Pollak Theatre
4/19 12:30 p.m. Roger McGuinn Workshop and Guitar Circle Wilson Aud.
4/19 8 p.m. Roger McGuinn Pollak Theatre
11/8 8 p.m. Ani DiFranco Pollak Theatre
The Department of Music and Theatre Arts
Spring Musical: Twelfth Night, or What You Will, at the Lauren K. Woods Theatre 3/3-3/14 8 p.m. Twelfth Night, or What You Will Woods Theatre
4/18 7:30 p.m. Giants of the Baroque - Spring Concert Pollak Theatre
The Metropolitan Opera Broadcast Live in HD
3/16 12 p.m. Francesca Da Rimini (Zandonai) Pollak Theatre
5/24 12:55 p.m. Les Troyens (Berlioz) Pollak Theatre
4/7 12:35 p.m. Paradis (Wagner) Pollak Theatre
4/14 12:55 p.m. Francesca Da Rimini (Zandonai) Pollak Theatre
4/26 7 p.m. Rigoletto (Verdi) Pollak Theatre
4/27 12 p.m. Giulio Cesare (Handel) Pollak Theatre
5/11 12:55 p.m. Giulio Cesare (Handel) Pollak Theatre
National Theatre, London Live in HD
3/28 7 p.m. People Pollak Theatre
5/16 7 p.m. This House Pollak Theatre
Visiting Writers
3/12 4:30 p.m. Mary Gaitskill Wilson Auditorium
4/4 4:30 p.m. C.K. Williams Wilson Auditorium
Exhibits
1/22 – 3/8 Convergence Rechnitz Hall
1/28 – 3/8 Faculty and Friends: Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall Inaugural Exhibition Aftermath Series - Joel Meyerowitz
2/4 – 3/22 First Senior Exhibit: Graphic Design Pollak Gallery
4/8 – 5/24 Advocacy, Revelation, Transcendence - Jacob Landau Pollak Gallery
4/12 – 4/19 Second Senior Exhibit: Fine Art Rechnitz Hall
4/28 – 6/5 Annual Student Exhibition Rechnitz Hall
Passover Film Series
3/26 7:30 p.m. Maimonides Pollak Theatre
4/11 7:30 p.m. Mod squad Pollak Theatre
Art Now
3/13 6 p.m. There’s An App for that Shirt! Hawk TV Studio
On Screen: In Person
3/14 – 7 p.m. Abel Raises Cain Pollak Theatre
4/22 7:30 p.m. What We Need Is the Impossible! Pollak Theatre
MAC at Monmouth
3/11 9 p.m. Nick Offerman MAC
4/27 6:30 p.m. All Time Low – Pierce the Veil MAC
ATHLETICS
Cheer on the Hawks! Spring sports include soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, and track. For more information and schedules, visit www.gomuhawks.com

Monmouth University has accepted the invitations of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) to join the conference, effective July 1, 2013. Monmouth, which fields 21 NCAA Division I athletic teams, will begin competition in the MAAC during the 2013-14 academic year. Current MAAC member institutions include: Canisius College, Fairfield University, Iona College, Loyola University Maryland (moving to the Patriot League in 2013), Manhattan College, Marist College, Niagara University, Rider University, Saint Peter’s University, and Siena College.

Hawks set to join Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in the Fall

Monmouth University announced on February 14 that it will accept an invitation to the Big South Conference for football, effective for the start of the 2014 season. With the rest of Monmouth’s Division I programs joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (which does not sponsor football) in the fall of 2013, MU began searching for a football league which matched its commitment to the sport. The Big South, which operates a full Football Championship Subdivision scholarship model, gained an automatic qualifier to the NCAA Playoffs in 2009. With the addition of Monmouth, the Big South will include seven football playing members including Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Gardner-Webb University, Liberty University, Presbyterian College, and Virginia Military Institute.

Daniel Mangraviti Named “Designated Driver Hero of the Year” Photo Will Be Featured on HERO Campaign Billboard on NJ Turnpike

Film producer and New Jersey native Jon Kilik received a honorary degree and delivered the commencement address from left, Bill Elliott (founder HERO Campaign) and Daniel Mangraviti.

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2013 Summer at Monmouth

Summer Tuition Reduced! This summer, students can take undergraduate courses in any of our five convenient sessions at tuition that is reduced by 15%. Call the Office of Undergraduate Admission for more information at 732-571-3345, or visit us on the Web at www.monmouth.edu/summer.

Summer Tuition Reduction for High School Students! High school students who qualify for Monmouth’s College Acceleration Program (CAP) can enroll in introductory, college-level courses that are typically taken by college freshmen. These courses will generally be accepted for transfer at other colleges and universities. Students will be granted a 15% tuition reduction for up to six credits of course work. A minimum 3.00 GPA and a minimum 1500 combined critical reading, math, and writing SAT (or ACT equivalent) are required; 1050 combined critical reading and math SAT (or ACT equivalent) are required. PSATs will also be accepted. Visit www.monmouth.edu/jumpstart or call 732-263-5872 for more information.

Monmouth’s Accelerated MAT Program! Our popular Accelerated Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program allows you to earn BOTH your Master of Arts in Teaching and New Jersey Teacher Certificate in just twelve months. Begin your coursework this summer! Graduate student fellowship awards are available to qualified students. Visit our Web site for details: www.monmouth.edu/mugradsummer.

Start a master’s degree this summer and finish before you know it! Choose from a variety of degrees and certificates. Graduate fellowship awards are available to qualified students. Visit www.monmouth.edu/mugradsummer for details.

Summer Camps

Monmouth University has a wide variety of summer sports camps available for your enjoyment:
- All sports
- Baseball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Football
- Basketball
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Cross Country

For more information, visit www.gomuhawks.com or call 732-571-3526.

Global Understanding Convention Will Be Held in April

An Annual University-wide Interdisciplinary Convention Sponsored by the Institute for Global Understanding

Monmouth University’s annual Global Understanding Convention, Transforming Global Dialogue to Achieve a Sustainable Future, will take place April 8 to 12. The convention will provide numerous opportunities for the community to enhance their knowledge about the global challenges in today’s world. Events will include panels, films, classroom colloquia, poster sessions, and workshops for students and teachers from neighboring schools, community residents, and visitors.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 732-571-3526.

Interdisciplinary Conference On Race April 11-13

The idea of race continues to be controversial and the meaning of race and its significance remains an open issue. These topics and others will be discussed during Monmouth University’s third biennial conference on race taking place April 11 through April 13. The conference is open to the public and will be held in conjunction with Monmouth University’s annual Global Understanding Convention.

With a theme of “Access and Privilege in Higher Education,” the conference will explore subjects such as why the issues that surround race continue to be important and how systems of racial classification and identity are manifested in social institutions and relationships.

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

Coastal Lakes Summit Held on February 12

Monmouth University’s Urban Coast Institute hosted the Coastal Lakes Summit on February 12 on campus.

The Coastal Lakes Summit was a working meeting to advance multi-jurisdictional regional collaboration to overcome obstacles of identifying, funding, and implementing lake restoration plans and enhancing flood protection, streamlining regulatory processes, and identifying post-Sandy recovery and restoration priorities.

Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman Sean Kean, resource managers, engineers, municipal officials, representatives of civic groups, community organizations, federal and state agency representatives, elected officials, and local and coastal watershed managers attended the summit.

Superstorm Sandy exacerbated many longstanding issues of the coastal lakes and created new challenges of breached lakes that reconnected with the ocean. However, this storm opened a new opportunity to change the effort of managing the coastal lakes from an individual focus to a regional one.

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

African American Read-In on February 4

On February 4th, the African American Read-in was held on campus. The event, co-sponsored by West Side Christian Academy in Asbury Park, was attended by 146 children from Red Bank Middle School, Asbury Park Middle School, Long Branch Middle School, and West Side Christian Academy. This year’s event focused on literature written by African-American authors for children and teens. Local elected officials, community leaders, and school children read throughout the day including Congressman Frank Pallone, Senator Joe Kyrillos, Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini, Monmouth County Freeholder Deputy Director Serena DiMaso, Red Bank Mayor Pat Menna, Asbury Park Mayor Ed Johnson, Long Branch Mayor Adam Schneider, and Neptune Mayor Eric Houghtaling. Walter Dean Myers, the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature 2012-2013 and a renowned author of books for young people, was the keynote speaker for this year’s event.

Scholarship Available for Children of Monmouth University Alumni

Children of Monmouth alumni who are Monmouth University undergraduate students or who will matriculate in the fall are eligible to apply for an Alumni Association scholarship for the next academic year. The $1,000 non-renewable scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, school and community service, and leadership as judged by the Alumni Association Awards and Recognition Committee.

Call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 732-571-3489 to obtain an application form. Completed applications must be received by June 30 in order to be considered for the 2013-2014 award.

Monmouth University Receives Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award

Monmouth University received the New Jersey Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award for Environmental Leadership on January 29.

The New Jersey Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards are the state’s premier environmental awards for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects in the state. These awards honor and recognize individuals, businesses, and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey.

Monmouth became the first independent university in New Jersey to sign a voluntary agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to build a healthy and sustainable campus community. For more information on Monmouth’s programs, www.monmouth.edu/resources/SAC/initiatives.asp.

Free Web Site or Database Management System for Your Business

This spring, students in the Information Technology Minor program will be available to design a Web site and/or database management system for businesses, organizations, and individuals. Projects will be done in a six-week time frame and personnel must be available throughout this period to consult with students and provide details and content. 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 or obtaining the Microsoft Access database software. 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.
“Hawks Fly Together for Relief” Helping victims of Superstorm Sandy

The Student Government Association (SGA) launched “Hawks Fly Together for Relief” in November to help victims of Superstorm Sandy. Students have been hosting fund-raising events, organizing donation drives, and volunteering their time cleaning neighbors’ houses.

Monmouth University Fraternity Members Help Sandy Victims in Point Pleasant Beach

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity helped a family in Point Pleasant Beach move contents of their home to the curb on Sunday, November 11 after damage from Superstorm Sandy. After helping the family clear out their house, TKE members proceeded to walk the streets of the neighborhood and offered their help to more than a dozen families.

UMass Boston Nursing Student Makes “Donation Delivery” to Monmouth University Sandy Relief Project

University of Massachusetts Boston nursing student Leah Ottenstein made a “donation delivery” on behalf of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University to help Superstorm Sandy relief efforts at Monmouth University. Leah was welcomed to campus by Monmouth University School of Nursing and Health Studies Dean Janet Mahoney, faculty, and students.

The donation of clothes, blankets, sheets, coats, gloves, shoes, and first aid kits were delivered to New Jersey relief organizations including Soup d’Shore at St. Luke’s Methodist Church in Long Branch.

Monmouth University School of Education

Donated Supplies to Union Beach Memorial School

School of Education faculty members and students dropped off supplies to teachers and students at Union Beach Memorial School on February 7.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) and the International Reading Association (IRA) of the Monmouth University School of Education organized the donation drive for the Union Beach Memorial School. To date, the Union Beach Memorial School has moved twice since Superstorm Sandy and is currently located at the Holy Family School Building.

Students and faculty collected supplies from the Union Beach Memorial School “wish list,” including desk chairs, children’s books, educational videos, cleaning supplies, paper and markers, and art supplies.

Employees from Monmouth University’s Facilities Management Department arranged for storage of the supplies and transportation of the donations to the Holy Family School Building.

Monmouth University helps local communities

• The Social Work Society and Circle K volunteered to work with children at a half-day event in Manasquan which focused on structured activities designed to build resilience in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

• The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) adopted a family affected by Superstorm Sandy for the holidays.

• On December 14, the SGA and other student groups sponsored a benefit concert featuring local bands. Proceeds from the concert amounted to $1,023. In addition, Sigma Pi Fraternity raised $1,100 for the Sandy relief effort.

• Circle K volunteered at a Superstorm Sandy cleanup in Toms River and made sandwiches for victims of the storm.

• Sigma Pi worked with Habitat for Humanity to help repair a house in Keansburg that was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Most recently, Sigma Pi helped with the set-up for a children’s concert in Asbury Park.

• Monmouth University graduate students from the Department of Psychological Counseling volunteered at local Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sites, doing crisis intervention and psychological first aid. Jennifer Trimarchi, president of Monmouth University’s Counseling Student Association (CSA), and Ellen Brody, treasurer of the CSA, coordinated the scheduling at the FEMA locations and have been in constant touch with students at the sites.