A Community Newsletter From Monmouth University

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Did You Know?

- For the First Year Service Project, “Houseless not Hopeless,” students spent the night outdoors to learn what it means to be homeless. During the night they prepared peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were delivered to soup kitchens the next day and made no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus. Earlier in the semester, students competed in a food sculpture contest that resulted in hundreds of pounds of food being donated to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties through Move for Hunger in Neptune.
- On October 25, students held a Halloween party for adults and children at Soup d’Shore soup kitchen at St. Luke’s Church in Long Branch. Soup d’Shore was started with the help of Professor John Buzza and the entrepreneurship class.
- Students volunteer on a regular basis throughout the year at the Meal at Noon soup kitchen at the Second Baptist Church in Long Branch.
- NJ Energy Service Corps, an AmeriCorps program housed at Monmouth, conducted 34 assessments and 28 weatherizations on homes, shelters, and other buildings in the community. During the Big Event, 40 volunteers distributed lightbulbs in the surrounding community and collected energy pledges to turn off lights and create awareness about energy consumption in the home.
- The Institute for Global Understanding’s Project BAM, a mentoring program with Asbury Park High School, has started its third year. This is a collaboration with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth County, Monmouth University, and the high school. Each student is assigned a mentor and participates in programs such as “Holidays Around the World,” a debate workshop, and a capoeira workshop.
- The Institute for Global Understanding has begun a mentoring program with the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, called College Bound, which encourages students and employees to mentor students at three local high schools.
- The Community Service Club sponsored Trick or Treat for UNICEF.
- Through service learning, students are interning at organizations such as the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce, SCAN, Move for Hunger, the NJ Repertory Theater Company, and the Manalapan Community Alliance.

A Note From President Gaffney

Welcome to Neighbor to Neighbor. This newsletter will provide you with information on the many interesting and educational happenings at Monmouth University. I encourage you to visit our website at www.monmouth.edu to learn more about all we offer the community.

The campus has been active this summer and fall. We completed many upgrades on campus including the renovation of the Larchwood Avenue parking lot, new lights on the soccer field, and improvements to the softball field facility. In addition, the Science Building addition was completed, and construction on the new Art Building will start soon. Thank you to the various local contractors who helped out on all aspects of these projects, from design, utilities work, and construction.

Monmouth University continues to be a national leader in the area of sustainability and will install solar panels on seven buildings this fall. The project will increase Monmouth’s solar energy system from 452 kilowatts to 1.1 megawatts.

For the twelfth year in a row, Monmouth University students gave back to the community during the Big Event. Students, faculty, and employees spent the day volunteering for the community service projects as a way to express their gratitude to the surrounding communities for their support of Monmouth University.

I hope to see you on campus soon.

Paul G. Gaffney II
Monmouth University

Hosted Annual Founders’ Day Celebration And Convocation

Monmouth University held its annual Founders’ Day celebration on Wednesday, October 12 in Pollak Theatre. The Convocation Address was delivered by inspirational entrepreneur John F. Crowley, who received an honorary doctorate during the event.

John F. Crowley is chairman and CEO of Amicus Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the treatment of genetic diseases. His involvement in the biotech industry stems from the 1998 diagnosis of his two youngest children with Pompe disease, a rare and fatal neuromuscular disorder. Crowley embarked on a journey to find a treatment that would save the lives of his children and thousands of others. The major motion picture, Extraordinary Measures, starring Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford, was inspired by Crowley’s family journey.

Also honored were George Kolber, who received the prestigious Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service, and Chester Kaletkowski ’71, who received the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Founders’ Day is a campus-wide event that celebrates Monmouth University’s founding in 1933. The first Founders’ Day was held in 1983 as a part of the University’s 50th anniversary celebration and has since become a University tradition.

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This program was part of the H.R. Young Lecture Series of the Leon Hess Business School and the Stephen B. Siegel Lecture Series of the Kislak Real Estate Institute at Monmouth University.

Welcome Students

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Comments, Questions, or Feedback?

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Governor Brendan Byrne

To Serve As Monmouth University’s Public Servant In Residence

Byrne Will Guest Lecture in Classes and Give Several Talks on Campus During the Year

Governor Brendan Byrne will serve as Monmouth University’s Public Servant in Residence during the 2011-2012 academic year. The former governor will guest lecture in classes and give several talks on campus during the year.

President Paul G. Gaffney II stated: “We are honored to have Governor Byrne on campus. He is a remarkable communicator who will inspire students with his very practical views on political issues. We also look forward to a good dose of his famous wit and humor.”

Governor Byrne served two terms as New Jersey’s 47th governor, from 1974 to 1982. He is most proud of his role in passing the Pinelands Protection Act, the law restricting development in protected regions of New Jersey’s pristine pinelands. As governor he also played a leading role in the development of both the Meadowlands Sports Complex and Atlantic City’s casino-hotel industry.

Dr. Joseph Patten, chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology, said: “Our students are beyond excited to meet and learn from Governor Byrne. He is truly New Jersey’s elder statesman and a genuine political icon.”

Dean Robin Mama Honored By Long Branch Concordance On October 5

The Long Branch Concordance (LBC) and its Family Success Center honored Dr. Robin Mama, dean of the Monmouth University School of Social Work, and Dr. Frank Vuos, executive director of the Monmouth Medical Center, on October 5 at Monmouth University’s Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). LBC Board President Jack Kearsn said, “The event allows LBC to recognize two extraordinary individuals while at the same time celebrating the long-time relationship between LBC and Monmouth University and the Monmouth Medical Center.”

Dr. Mama’s career has been dedicated to raising awareness to human rights and social justice, covering a broad spectrum of policy issues. She is a professor at Monmouth University, where she teaches in the International and Community Development concentration of the MSW program. Dr. Mama serves as the representative of the International Federation of Social Workers at the United Nations and the MSW program. Dr. Mama serves as the representative of the International and Community Development concentration of the MSW program.

Basketball Coach King Rice Speaks To Rotary Club Of Long Branch

The Rotary Club of Long Branch held one of its weekly meetings in the MAC Varsity Club, with new Monmouth University Men’s Basketball Coach King Rice as its guest speaker. Rice was well received by the Rotarians as he described his enthusiastic approach to coaching young men at the collegiate level.

King Rice was named the head men’s basketball coach at Monmouth University on March 30, 2011. Rice is the fifth head coach in the history of the Monmouth men’s basketball program.

Monmouth University To Install Solar Panels On Seven Buildings On Campus

Monmouth University continues to be a National Leader in the Area of Sustainability

Monmouth University is pleased to announce that it will increase its solar-generated electricity on campus by installing solar panels on seven buildings under a Power Purchase Agreement. The project will increase Monmouth’s solar energy system from 452 kilowatts to 1.1 megawatts.

Torcon Energy Services (TES) will equip seven of Monmouth’s buildings with solar panels. The buildings are Edison Science Building, Howard Hall, the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC), the library, Magill Commons, McAllan Hall, and the Plangere Center. In addition, six buildings have been coated with EPCX-Z NRG™ roof coating, which provides a highly effective barrier to the sun’s heat and UV rays and leads to a reduction of interior temperatures and cooling costs.

In 2005, Monmouth installed the largest solar-power system of any university east of the Mississippi on four buildings: Bey Hall, Boylan Gymnasium, the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, and the Facilities Management Building.

New Art Building

• The new building is approximately 22,000 square feet and includes a two-story gallery, reception area, classrooms, faculty offices, and a student lounge.

• Construction started in Summer 2011 and is tentatively scheduled to be completed in Fall 2012.

• Architect: Monteforte Architectural Studios

Soccer Lights

• Funded by Jules L. Plangere Jr.
• Completed: Summer 2011
• Contractors: Approximately 15 employees worked on the project, including staff from Musco Sports Lighting, Lucas Electric, French and Parrello, and Yorkanis and White.

Parking Lot Renovation

• The Larchwood Avenue Parking Lot renovation created improvements for the circulation of vehicles around the lot, as well as the beautification of the area with new lighting, landscaping, and curbs. Entrances were widened for two-way traffic, and 64 trees were added around the lot. Sediment traps were added to help collect the storm water runoff.

• Renovation was completed in August 2011.
• Contractors: many local contractors, including, but not limited to, William Fitzgerald, L&L Paving, Seacoast, A.B. Kure, Brian Hegarty Power Washing, Jersey Shore Line Striping, Chambers Electric, Evergreen Sprinklers, and JCP&L. A total of approximately 100 employees worked on the project.

Edison Science Building Addition

• The Information Management addition to the Edison Science Building adds approximately 11,000 square feet of new interior space to house Information Management Department staff. This vertical addition builds new space directly over the general purpose classrooms at the north end of Edison. The renovation included upgrading the ten classrooms and a student study area.

• Completed Fall 2011.
• Contractors: Monteforte Architectural Studio, the general contractor was Kelo Construction, and the maximum number of craftsmen employed on this project occurred during July when they had 676 people working. Additional personnel on site included Siemens, Ecostrol, and Deterrent Technologies.

Softball Field Facilities

• Bleachers, new safety netting, and walkway.
• Contractors: Modern Electric, Dant Clayton, Yorkanis and White, and French and Parrello.

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Hosts Summer Research Program Symposium

Now in its third year, the Summer Research Program enables students to work on collaborative research projects under the supervision of School of Science faculty and staff. Over 250 students from throughout the United States applied to the 2011 program which accepted 76 students including undergraduate and graduate students from Monmouth University, and students from area colleges and high schools. For more information on the Summer Research Program and a listing of research projects, visit www.monmouth.edu/SRP.

Students Give Back To The Local Community During The 12th Annual “Big Event”

Monmouth University’s Community Garden exceeded its goal of harvesting and donating 1,000 pounds of fresh produce to local organizations and individuals in need. To date, the Community Garden’s donations amount to 1,082 pounds. Local agencies that benefited from the donations include Lutheran Church of the Reformation Food Pantry, Soup D’Shore at St. Luke’s Methodist Church, Long Branch Senior Center, Ronald McDonald House, and American Recreational Military Services.

The Community Garden, located on university-owned land between Beechwood and Brookwillow Avenues in West Long Branch, executed its first planting season in April 2010, but this season’s harvests mark the first large donation of fresh produce to the community.

For more information on the Monmouth University Community Garden, visit www.monmouth.edu/communitygarden.

Kellogg’s Food Away From Home And Monmouth University Team Up To Help Fight Hunger

An estimated 6,400 servings of cereal to be donated to the Monmouth & Ocean County Food Bank

In a collaborative effort to help fight hunger, Kellogg’s Food Away From Home and Monmouth University Dining Services are teaming up for two months to donate cereal to a local area food bank. A bowl of Kellogg’s® cereal will be donated to the Monmouth & Ocean County Food Bank for every bowl of Kellogg’s® cereal purchased by students on campus from September 1, 2011, to October 31, 2011. 6,400 servings of cereal were donated.

Jean-Michel Cousteau Keynote Speaker at the Urban Coast Institute Future of the Ocean Symposium

Cousteau received National Ocean Champion Award

Renowned ocean scientist and advocate Jean-Michel Cousteau gave the keynote address and received the National Ocean Champion Award at the Urban Coast Institute Future of the Ocean Symposium on October 22. The son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel has investigated the world’s oceans aboard Calypso and Alcyone for much of his life. Honoring his father’s heritage, Cousteau received the National Ocean Champion Award. He has worked in the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, the Great Barrier Reef, and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

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Selected For International Program To Bridge Cultural Divide Between American And Muslim Societies

Monmouth University is in the vanguard of a new international program aimed at establishing greater understanding between American and Muslim societies. “Caravanserai: A Place Where Cultures Meet” is a groundbreaking artistic and cultural exchange program meant to showcase the diversity of contemporary Islamic societies through their art and culture.

“Caravanserai” is led by Arts Midwest, the non-profit regional arts organization serving America’s upper mid-west on behalf of the nation’s six Regional Arts Organizations. Caravanserai is funded by a one million dollar grant from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art Building Bridges program. In October, Pakistani musicians Ustad Tari Khan and Quwal Najmuddin Safuddin & Brothers performed for the public and gave arts-in-residence programs at local schools.

Upcoming events:

“Made in Pakistan” Film screening and discussion with Ayesha Khan

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Pollak Theatre Cost: Free

Arif Lohar / Sanam Marvi Ensemble

Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Pollak Theatre Cost: $15/$13/$5

For more information, visit www.caravanserai-arts.org.