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.

The Spring semester is filled with many exciting events for the community. I hope you can join us for the 11th Annual Global Understanding Convention being held on campus April 2 to 6. The convention will provide numerous opportunities for the community to enhance their knowledge about the global challenges in today’s world.

We have many programs for you and your family – summer classes, camps, athletic events, lectures, art exhibits, and performing arts events. I encourage you to visit our website at www.monmouth.edu to learn more about what we offer the community.

I hope to see you on campus soon.

Paul G. Gaffney II

Center for the Arts Receives Spinnaker Award

Monmouth University’s Center for the Arts received the Spinnaker Award for Arts & Culture from the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) at its award dinner held at Branches on November 16. The Center for the Arts was recognized for supporting and cultivating an appreciation of arts in the community.

For more information on the Center for the Arts, visit www.monmouth.edu/arts.

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, Freedom, Sustainability, and Security: Creating Interconnected and Inclusive Communities, will take place April 2 to 6. The convention will provide numerous opportunities for the community to enhance their knowledge about the global challenges in today’s world. Events will include speakers, 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.
Winter Commencement Ceremony

Monmouth University held its second Winter Commencement ceremony on Friday, January 13 at the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). Ambassador of Israel to the United States Michael Oren delivered the Commencement Address during the ceremony and received an honorary degree. Harry S. Poszycki, chairman and founder of The Citizens Campaign, also received an honorary degree during the ceremony. Monmouth University awarded approximately 650 undergraduate and graduate degrees during the ceremony.

African American Read-In Held at Monmouth University

On February 6th, the African American Read-in, co-sponsored by Monmouth University and West Side Christian Academy in Asbury Park, was held at Monmouth. Students from Kappa Delta Pi, the International Reading Association, the MU Community Service Club and others organized literacy-based activities in celebration of Black History Month for children from Asbury Park Middle School and West Side Christian Academy.

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Reverend Elmer Jackson from West Side Christian Academy

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.

Things To Do

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Performing Arts

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<td>Jim Flanagan: Storyteller Growing up Irish-American</td>
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The Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Spring Musical: Working at the Lauren K. Woods Theatre

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The Metropolitan Opera Broadcast Live in HD

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ATHLETICS

Cheer on the Hawks!

Spring sports include soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, and track. For more information and schedules, visit www.monmouth.edu/athletics

DAUGHTRY at the MAC on April 20

DAUGHTRY’S “Break the Spell Tour” comes to the MAC at Monmouth on April 20 with special guest Nashville-based pop rock group SafetySuit and opening act singer-songwriter Mike Sanchez. For the “Break The Spell 2012 Tour,” the band will help combat Africa’s battle against malaria by donating $1 from every ticket sold to Malaria No More, a leading humanitarian organization determined to eradicate malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/arts.

Visit http://events.monmouth.edu for up-to-date calendar of events.
Runners and Walkers are Encouraged to Support the Michael W. Thorne Four-Mile Run/Walk

Monmouth University is a proud sponsor of the Michael W. Thorne Four-Mile Run/Walk. Please join us in supporting this event in West Long Branch, Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m.

Michael Thorne was a West Long Branch firefighter who died in the line of duty during a response call to Monmouth University. A scholarship exists in Michael’s memory and 100% of the proceeds from this race will go directly to fund the scholarship. The University is a sponsor of the Scholarship Four-Mile Run/Walk. On behalf of the organizing committee, we ask you, your family, friends, and colleagues to consider participating in the event. Please contact Mindy Brady at 732-222-0725 or go to the Web site www.thornescholarshiprun.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you on May 20.

Students Help Raise Funds for Long Branch Fire Victims

Students held fundraisers on campus to benefit victims of the Brighton Avenue fire that left families homeless and destroyed businesses. Students collected donations at men’s and women’s basketball games and had a ribbon campaign.

The Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce is still accepting donations to help the fire victims. Gift cards, checks and cash may be dropped off at Central Jersey Bank, 627 Second Ave., to the attention of Carol Feldman.

Local Schoolchildren Cheer on the Hawks

Children from the Monmouth County Park System’s Coastal Activity Center cheered on the Hawks to a victory against FDU on February 11 and met with basketball players Phill Wait (left) and Ed Waire after the game.

MAC RECEIVES President’s Award from Long Branch Chamber of Commerce

The 2012 President’s Award was presented to Monmouth University for the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) on March 9 at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa.

The MAC opened in Fall 2009 and has quickly become a destination on campus and in the community. Located at the center of Monmouth University’s beautiful 156-acre campus, the 153,200-square-foot Multipurpose Activity Center houses a 4,100-seat competition arena; a 200-meter, six-lane indoor track; locker rooms; educational and conference space; ground-level bookstore; and a state-of-the-art fitness center. The $57 million project was completed on time and on budget. During the course of construction, a number of local contractors and over 200 employees from the local area worked on the project.

The MAC is an outstanding educational, cultural, and entertainment center for the area. Live concerts such as Bob Dylan, Jackson Browne, and Backstreet Boys have been held at the MAC as well as family concerts such as Thomas and Friends and athletic and community events. The MAC has received many awards and honors including a merit award from the Monmouth County Planning Board in 2010, the 2011 Good Neighbor Award from the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, and the 2011 Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Community Service Award; in addition, it was named an award-winning project by New Jersey Building Contractor magazine in 2011.

Cub Scout Troop Tours Wilson Hall

Cub Scout Troop #3 from West Long Branch with Cubmaster JT Colville and Den Mother Diane Colville. The troop had an hour-long tour of Wilson Hall, on January 9 as part of a patch fulfillment for visiting a National Historic Building.

For more information about booking a tour of Wilson Hall for a Cub Scout or Girl Scout Troop, call 732-571-3526.
**Women in Sports Day**

Monmouth University held an interactive conference for student-athletes from twenty-nine local middle schools for Women in Sports Day on February 11. Over 175 middle school girls, their parents, coaches, and administrators participated in the event. Monmouth University student-athletes gave presentations and spoke to the students about leadership, confidence, and being a team player. After the conference, the participants attended the Monmouth University women’s basketball game in the MAC and cheered on the Hawks against Fairleigh Dickinson.

ESPN Vice President Carol Stiff received the 2012 Rebecca Stafford Leadership Award during the event. In addition, “Play 4 Kay” breast cancer awareness festivities were held in honor of former North Carolina State coach Kay Yow. Monmouth University basketball coach Jenny Palmateer played for and was an assistant coach under Yow at North Carolina State.

**“Coaching Boys Into Men” Program Held at the MAC**

The Monmouth University Department of Athletics, in conjunction with the 180 Men’s Task Force, put on its annual “Coaching Boys into Men” program in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) on campus in January.

The program features Monmouth University student-athletes and coaches interacting with local high school students, coaches and administrators in an open forum format on topics such as respect, sportsmanship, image and legacy. Over twenty high schools from Monmouth and Ocean County sent representatives to the program.

180, Turning Lives Around, is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence in the local community. 180 has served 300,000 individuals and families for 30 years with a caring staff that provides immediate and long term support in assisting clients with the trauma they have experienced, while supporting them in obtaining services and making decisions that will turn their lives around.

**School of Science Donates Over 500 Science Books To Zimbabwe University Students**

Monmouth University’s School of Science employees, students, and alumni collected over 500 science books for its book donation project. The books were sent to faculty and students at Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) in Zimbabwe. Chemistry Professor Tongesayi has strong ties with BUSE where he taught from its inception in 1996 through 2001 as the first lecturer and chair in the Chemistry Department. During a research trip to Zimbabwe this past summer, Dr. Tongesayi was stationed at BUSE and he conducted field research with BUSE faculty and students.

Back row, from left: Dr. Tongesayi, student Arielle LeBeau, and Evelyn Hampton, secretary, Department of Chemistry. Medical Technology and Physics. Front row: Student Chelsea Bony

**Student Athletes Deliver Gifts to Students at the Schroth Center**

The Monmouth University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (MSAAC) visited the students at the LADACIN Network’s Schroth Center in Wanamassa on December 16. The group, consisting of about fifty student-athletes and coaches, helped Santa deliver gifts to students in their classrooms.

This marks the 13th year that MSAAC has helped Santa deliver gifts to the students at the Schroth Center.

LADACIN Network (an acronym for Lifetime Assistance for Developmental and Challenging Individual Needs) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide education, therapeutic, social, residential and support services for people with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities.

**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.

**Shore Conference High School Basketball Tournament Held at MAC**

The Shore Conference High School Basketball Tournament was held at the MAC in February. Congratulations to this year's champions: the St. Rose Girls Basketball Team and the Neptune Boys Basketball Team.

Monmouth University softball player Colleen Kelly with Laticia Ramos and Santa Claus.

**Donates Over 500**

**Science Books To Zimbabwe University Students**

Monmouth University is the starting place for the National MS Society’s “Coast the Coast Ride.” Several ride lengths are available accommodating the casual cyclist to the person looking for a challenge. The two-day will be held on May 19 and 20. The 170 mile ride overnight in Little Egg Harbor with a dinner at the Tuckerton Seaport and finishes in Cape May.

For more information, visit http://bikenm.nationalmssociety.org

**Volunteers Needed to Join Relay for Life at Monmouth University on April 13 & 14**

Monmouth University Relay for Life 2012 will be held on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. Last year, the event raised over $50,000.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight community celebration held in the MAC in which individuals and teams camp out and take turns walking or running around the track “relay” style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants hold 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.

If you would like to volunteer or find out how to build a team for the event, visit www.relayforlife.org

**National MS Society’s Coast The Coast Ride May 19 & 20**