A Note From President Gaffney

Monmouth University was happy to donate $7,500 in support of the West Long Branch fireworks display at Franklin Lake this year. The fireworks were spectacular, and it was a wonderful celebration for the community.

It has been an exciting spring and summer. Mullaney residence 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 Mullaney, Oakwood, and Redwood residence halls which uses new technology to operate 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

Monmouth University

Monmouth University donated $7,500 for half the cost of the fireworks display held in West Long Branch on July 4 at Franklin Lake. The spectacular display was enjoyed by residents of West Long Branch and neighboring towns.

According to West Long Branch Councilwoman Barbara Ruane, “The University’s generosity has made the fireworks display possible this year which, due to budget constraints, would not have happened otherwise. Thanks Monmouth University for once again supporting our town.”
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, and Redwood residence halls uses innovative technology to operate at extremely quiet levels.

Mullaney Residence Hall
Opened on June 28

Sandra and Bill Mullaney

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.

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.

Visit http://events.monmouth.edu for up-to-date calendar of events
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.

Congratulations Class of 2010

Fourteen undergraduate and twelve graduate degrees were awarded to residents of West Long Branch.

West Long Branch resident John Brockriede received his master’s degree from Monmouth University on May 20.

President Gaffney with honorary degree recipients Governor Chris Christie and Reverend Alphonse J. Stephenson at Monmouth University’s 76th commencement ceremony at the PNC Bank Arts Center.

President Gaffney, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, and Arts and Education Executive Director Tony Petito

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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 New Jersey 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.

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Students Volunteer for Fire Department

Five Monmouth University students successfully completed the Monmouth County Fire Academy training curriculum. They will be volunteering for the West Long Branch fire company which is staffed entirely by volunteers. Assistant Fire Chief Richard Cooper recruited the Monmouth University students to complement the traditional volunteers from the West Long Branch community.

Monmouth County Fire Academy students and West Long Branch firefighters Andrew DeChiara, Brianna Blackler, Stefan Oliver, Tommy Cangialosi, and Dan Gregory.

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.