Did You Know?

- Students read to over 200 children on March 2 in celebration of Read Across America and Dr. Seuss’s birthday.
- Advanced Radio Production students developed public service announcements for six nonprofits including ARC, the Turner Syndrome Foundation, the Community Affairs and Resource Center, Coastal Caregivers, Soup d’Shore, and Ronald McDonald House.
- Twelve students spent spring break volunteering at Salud y Paz in Guatemala.
- The Community Service Club held its annual bowl-a-thon which raised funds for Linkages, a shelter for homeless families.
- The Social Work Society held a fund-raiser for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and held a teach-in to raise awareness about environmental justice and food sustainability.
- The Outdoors Club helped to maintain and repair trails with the Monmouth County Park System’s Trail Maintenance Team.
- Students in the International Reading Association served as Reading and Math buddies for children in the Long Branch Public Schools.
- Graduate students from the Advanced Public Relations class created and executed a comprehensive public relations campaign for the Community Affairs and Resource Center in Asbury Park.
- The First Year Service Project sponsored the Faces of Poverty Art Gallery and Hands on for Hunger to raise awareness about the issues of poverty and hunger.
- Canned food was donated to Move for Hunger and the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties by several student groups.
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- Students continued to volunteer as mentors for Asbury Park High School students through the collaboration of IGU and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth County.
- Monmouth University was a sponsor of OceanFest 2011 in Long Branch and the fireworks in West Long Branch.
- Prevention First 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was held at the MAC on March 19.

A Note From President Gaffney

Dear Monmouth University Neighbor:

Monmouth University values the hard work of the West Long Branch Fire Department and First Aid Squad volunteers and is happy to pledge $250,000 to West Long Branch for the purchase of a new fire truck. We value their service to the community and Monmouth University.

The University joined 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.

Monmouth University has been named to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. We are thrilled to receive this honor and to be recognized as a University dedicated to community service. Students and employees give back to the community in so many ways including volunteering and raising funds for nonprofit organizations, mentoring schoolchildren, partnering with local food banks and community groups, and hosting the Big Event, a day of community service.

The Big Event will be held on Saturday, October 22. Students will be taking 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 Receives Community Service Award and Good Neighbor Award for the MAC

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Former President

Ireland’s first female president and former UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, Mary Robinson delivered the keynote lecture for the 10th Annual Global Understanding Convention held at Monmouth University on April 5. Robinson has been recognized for her work as president of the Globalization Initiative with a 2009 United States Presidential Medal of Freedom and now resides in her native Ireland where she leads the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice (MRFCJ), which works to secure justice for victims of climate change. President Robinson spoke to a packed house in Wilson Hall about the effects of the global recession on countries around the world, the state of human rights, and the poor and disempowered who are often marginalized during difficult economic times.

MS Bike “Coast to the Coast” Ride held on May 21

Over 1,600 cyclists participated in the MS Bike “Coast to the Coast” Ride on May 21. The event started at Monmouth University and helped raise close to one million dollars for the National MS Society. For more information, visit http://bikenj.nationalmssociety.org.

King Rice Is New Men’s Basketball Coach

Monmouth University named King Rice as its new men’s basketball head coach on March 30. A native of Binghamton, NY, and a 1992 graduate of North Carolina, Rice has three seasons of experience in the collegiate coaching ranks, ten of which came with current Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings. For the past five seasons, Rice has been an assistant coach at Vanderbilt, where the Commodores made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference. As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played for legendary coach Dean Smith, and the Tar Heels made the NCAA Tournament four of those years out of the Southeastern Conference.

Jenny Palmeater Is New Women’s Basketball Coach

Monmouth University named Jenny Palmeater as its new women’s basketball head coach on April 16. A 1993 NC State graduate, Palmeater served as a co-captain of the Wolfpack women during both her junior and senior years. During her four years with the Pack, the club compiled an 82-37 record and twice reached the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. They finished the 1989-90 season ranked No. 11 in the country, bringing home NC State’s fifth ACC regular season championship. She also helped lead the ‘89-’90 team to nine consecutive road wins during the season, a mark that still stands in Raleigh. The club also finished the 1990-91 season ranked No. 7 in the nation after winning the program’s fourth ACC Tournament title.

Biography

Call the Office of Public Affairs at 732-571-3526 or e-mail ask_pa@monmouth.edu with your questions and comments.
Special Exporter Workshop Held At Monmouth University

The Monmouth University Leon Hess Business School, Congressman Rush D. Holt, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and the U.S. Department of Commerce Trenton Export Assistance Center co-hosted a Special Exporter Workshop on April 21 at Monmouth University.

U.S. Representative Rush D. Holt, New Jersey Congressional District 12, and Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Fred P. Hochberg were featured speakers.

From left, Leon Hess Business School Dean Don Moliver, Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Fred Hochberg, Congressman Rush Holt, and President Paul Gaffney.

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For more information about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit soupdshore.org.

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Receives National Recognition For Community Service

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Some of the highlights of Monmouth’s commitment to civic engagement during 2010:

• The award-winning Center for Entrepreneurship enabled students to work collaboratively with community partners to establish the Center for Immigrant services in Asbury Park.
• Through the First Year Service Project, students, faculty, and staff worked with Habitat for Humanity to raise funds and assemble the frame of a house in Asbury Park. The First Year Service Project is a collaborative effort of First Year Advising, Student Services, Residential Life, and Service Learning and Community Programs.
• The Institute for Global Understanding, in partnership with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth County, provided an on-campus mentoring program for students at Asbury Park High School.
• Students in community-based Experiential Education courses supported the work of numerous nonprofits, schools, and governmental organizations through internships and class projects.
• Student organizations and departments sponsored service activities, such as the Big Event, the SGA Auction, and Relay for Life, throughout the year.
• Through the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs and the Student Government Association, departments, student groups, and individuals provided gifts and food for fifty-five needy and homeless families in surrounding communities.
• Student groups with Project Linus to provide no-sew blankets for children in hospitals and shelters.

American Cancer Society

Relay for Life Event held on April 15 and 16

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Monmouth University was held on April 15 and 16 and raised over $50,000. Over 500 local residents, 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 fourth year Relay for Life has been held at Monmouth University. The combined four-year fundraising total is over $200,000.

Monmouth Football

Earns Highest APR Score Among NEC Schools

Monmouth University’s football team was recently honored by the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) as a recipient of the Academic Progress Rate (APR) Award, after earning the best APR among the football-playing schools of the Northeast Conference.

The APR Award recognizes one institution at each of the fourteen FCS conferences that has the highest APR score. In addition, the Association also recognizes one institution from each conference that has improved the most from the previous year. In all, twenty-eight awards are given.

The Hawks had an impressive year in the classroom, with twenty-three players named to the NEC Fall Academic Honor Roll, four of whom were on the Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll by earning a 3.75 grade point average.

Remington’s Broncho Buster Unveiled At Monmouth University

Frederic Remington’s most famous sculpture, Broncho Buster, was unveiled for permanent display at a celebration at the Monmouth University Library on Sunday, May 15. The event marked the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Monmouth University Library Association, the oldest independent support group affiliated with Monmouth University. Catherine Bertole, president of the Library Association, presented a check for $50,000 to University president Paul G. Gaffney II for the display and upkeep of the piece.

The piece, Broncho Buster no. 35, from the Henry-Bonnard Foundry, was donated to Monmouth College by Marion Guggenheim in 1989. The former Guggenheim Mansion is now the centerpiece of the Monmouth University Library. The sculpture portrays a rugged Western frontier cowboy fighting to stay aboard a rearing, plunging broncho, with a stirrup swinging free, a quirt in one hand and a fistful of mane and reins in the other. It was the first, and remains the most popular, of all Remington’s pieces. Broncho Buster no. 24 is currently on display in the Oval Office of the White House.

The Monmouth University Library is open to the public. For more information and hours of operation, visit http://library.monmouth.edu/.

President Gaffney Delivered Commencement Address at Ocean Community College

Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II, a retired Navy vice admiral, delivered the commencement address at Ocean County College on May 26.