Did You Know?

- The MU chapter of Begin by Believing sponsored Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, and Take Back the Night, and raised funds for 180: Turning Lives Around.
- The First Year Service Project sponsored a Cash and Coats Drive, Cram the Van food drive, Soupérthowl and more. Their efforts helped the Class of 2015 make over 2,400 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, donate over 1,000 pounds of food to the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, and raise over $1,400 for local causes.
- Thirty students spent their spring break in Guatemala helping to build a school through the organization Salud Y Paz.
- Students visited Linkages, Hope Academy Charter School, and the Boys and Girls Club to promote literacy and celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday for Read Across America.
- The Community Service Club hosted a special needs field day at the Schorrath School and sponsored a Concert for Humanity to benefit CROP and the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.
- Through the Institute for Global Understanding’s Project BAM, student volunteers completed the third year of mentoring teens from Asbury Park High School. Project BAM is a collaboration of Monmouth University, Asbury Park High School, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.
- Campus fund-raisers for the West End Fire victims resulted in donations to the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce as well as a donation of $242 to Monmouth alumni who lost their possessions in the fire.
- The Student Government Association held its annual auction to benefit Michael’s Feat, an organization that provides support for critically ill newborns.
- The Sociology Club and the Political Science Club sponsored a 5K run for the Kortney Rose Foundation during the Global Understanding Convention and raised $1,200 for pediatric cancer research.
- Students in Advanced Radio Production designed public service announcements for non-profits including SCAN Adult Education Center, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and Project Paul.
- The NJ Energy Service Corps completed local weatherizations for homes and businesses and organized off-campus activities to raise awareness about conservation issues.

A Note From President Gaffney

Monmouth University values the work of the brave fire department and first aid squad volunteers, including a few students from Monmouth University, who have served Monmouth University and West Long Branch for many years. We are happy to donate $250,000 to West Long Branch to share the cost of the Borough’s new fire truck which will serve the community and campus more effectively. This will be the third truck the University has helped pay for through a voluntary contribution. In 2009, Monmouth University donated $75,000 to the Borough to cover 50 percent of the cost for a new ambulance. Thank you to the First Aid Squad and Fire Department for the service they provide our larger community.

Monmouth University is one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada, according to the Princeton Review. Monmouth University is honored to be among the 322 colleges out of approximately 4100 colleges in the nation to be named a “Green College.”

We are committed to pursuing green initiatives on campus, and all of us here—from administrators to students—are active participants in this mission. In a collaborative effort, we are constantly developing new ideas and programs to make the University more efficient and less wasteful.

I am proud of the community service activities Monmouth University students participate in throughout the year. The Big Event will be held on Saturday, October 6. 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.

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.

I hope to see you on campus this summer.

Paul G. Gaffney II

Monmouth University Donates $250,000 to West Long Branch for New Fire Truck

Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney, West Long Branch Mayor Janet Tucci, and other officials toured the new Borough fire truck on June 27 at Monmouth University. The University and the Borough are sharing the cost of the $500,000 truck, with Monmouth University committing $250,000 in payments of $25,000 each year over the next ten years. The truck was specifically designed to be able to navigate through some narrow passageways on the University campus and serve the Borough as well as the University community.

from left: Councilwoman Fred Migliaccio, Councilwoman Chris Nehart, Councilmanwoman Barbara Ruane, Mayor Janet Tucci, President Paul G. Gaffney, Vice President for Administrative Services Pati Swanack, Vice President for Student and Community Services Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President and General Counsel Grey Dimenna, Director of Government and Community Relations Paul Dement.

Oceanfest 2012
Monmouth University Featured in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges

Monmouth University was selected as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada by The Princeton Review. The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges, 2012 Edition, created in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), profiles institutions of higher education that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation...

Comments, Questions, or Feedback?
Call the Office of Public Affairs at 732-571-3526 or e-mail ask_pau@monmouth.edu with your questions and comments.

Sovereign Bank, N.A. through Santander Universities Opens New Branch at Monmouth University

Sovereign Bank, N.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Banco Santander, S.A., through its Santander Universities division opened a new branch of its bank on Monmouth University’s campus on May 31 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM) services are now available to the campus in March.

Monmouth University’s MAC

Congratulations Class of 2012
NCAA President, Dr. Mark A. Emmert, addressed Monmouth University graduates at the University’s 80th commencement ceremony and received an honorary degree on May 16 at the PNC Bank Arts Center.

Six undergraduate and four graduate degrees were awarded to residents of West Long Branch.

President and CEO Jorge Moran and Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II signed an agreement highlighting the partnership between the bank and Monmouth University. The bank is providing support to Monmouth University’s International Entrepreneur in Residence Program, Sin Fronteras Chile Project, and Institute for Global Understanding’s Project BAM.

Monmouth University’s Campus in March.

Natasha Trethewey on August 20
Named U.S. Poet Laureate
Visit http://events.monmouth.edu for up-to-date calendar of events

Things To Do

Monmouth University Center for the Arts Performing Arts Series
Call 732-263-6889 or visit www.monmouth.edu/arts

The National Theatre: Live in HD
Performing Arts Series
9/22 7 p.m. SEAN TAYLOR
10/11 7 p.m. RED RAVIAT
10/14 7 p.m. CCT + MAC
10/21 7 p.m. TINA PEN
11/1 7 p.m. JUSTIN TOWNEE EARLE
11/11 7 p.m. PETER YARRROW w/ special guests Bethany & Rufus
12/8 8 p.m. ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER by the Sea

The Mac At Monmouth
For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/mac.

Shore Regional High School Graduation Held at MAC
Congratulations to Class of 2012! The Shore Regional High School Graduation was held at Monmouth University’s MAC on June 20.

Monmouth U Visiting Writer Named U.S. Poet Laureate
Congratulations to Monmouth University Visiting Writer Natasha Trethewey on being named the new U.S. Poet Laureate. Trethewey gave a poetry reading on campus in March.

Football
9/6 1 p.m. MU vs. Rhode Island
9/22 1 p.m. MU vs. Sacred Heart*
10/20 1 p.m. MU vs. Bryant*
11/3 1 p.m. MU vs. Central Conn. St*
11/10 1 p.m. MU vs. Saint Francis*

Women’s Soccer
8/17 7 p.m. MU vs. Rutgers
8/24 7 p.m. MU vs. Saint Peter’s
9/7 7 p.m. MU vs. LaSalle
9/14 7 p.m. MU vs. Lafayette
9/16 6 p.m. MU vs. Rider
9/23 1 p.m. MU vs. Bryant*
9/28 7 p.m. MU vs. Robert Morris*
10/3 4 p.m. MU vs. Sacred Heart*
10/7 6 p.m. MU vs. Farleigh Dickinson*
10/12 12 p.m. MU vs. Saint Francis (Pitt)*

Field Hockey
8/17 12 p.m. MU vs. Lafayette – scrimmage
8/24 1 p.m. MU vs. St. Lawrence
8/31 4 p.m. MU vs. Rutgers
9/2 2 p.m. MU vs. Fairfield
9/5 4:30 p.m. MU vs. Temple
9/9 12 p.m. MU vs. Virginia Commonwealth
9/15 2 p.m. MU vs. Penn State
10/19 4 p.m. MU vs. Bryant*
10/21 12 p.m. MU vs. Saint Francis*
10/26 4 p.m. MU vs. Robert Morris*

Academic Events
9/14 – 9/16 Gloria Days, A Bruce Springsteen Symposium
11/8 – 11/10 Interdisciplinary Conference on Race
For registration details, contact hwilliams@monmouth.edu

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American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event held on April 13 and 14

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Monmouth University was held on April 13 and 14 and raised over $51,000.00. 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 held 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.

“Womenomics” Panel Held on Campus

A panel discussion hosted by Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande titled “Womenomics” was held on campus on May 30 in Wilson Auditorium. Panelists for the Monmouth University event included Lt. Governor of New Jersey Kim Guadagno and business leaders from New Jersey.

Discussion focused on issues facing women entrepreneurs and small business owners; ways businesses can keep women in the workforce after having children, such as flex hours and day care assistance; and why it’s important for companies to embrace women leaders.

Student Named Hero of the Year

Monmouth University student Gary Mejia was named the Designated HERO of the Year in March. Gary will be featured on two billboards across the state.

The HERO Campaign, founded by Bill and Muriel Elliott, promotes the use of sober designated drivers to prevent drunken driving tragedies. The 2012 event was the third annual HERO Award presentation at the University.

Congressman Pallone Visits Campus

Congressman Frank Pallone discussed health care issues with Monmouth University nursing students in Wilson Hall on April 12.

Questers Tour Historic Sites on Campus

Monmouth University Photographer Jim Reme gave a tour of the Guggenheim Cottage at the Monmouth University Library and Wilson Hall to the Central Jersey Chapter of the Questers, a national organization of people interested in history and historical sites. Community groups are invited to tour the historic buildings on campus. For more information, call 732-571-3526.

Students Participate in Long Branch Beach Clean-up on Earth Day

Two-year-old Kira Estrada and her grandfather Edward Estrada help clean up the Long Branch beach at Pier Village with the President of the Environmental Club at Monmouth University, Zoe Shabbon, on Earth Day.

The Environmental Club promotes growth, understanding, awareness, and appeal for environmental activism both on campus and in our community. Students participate in many volunteer activities throughout the year.

Monmouth U and Six Flags Wild Safari Offers Students Unique Learning Experience

The upper-level class titled “Field Experience: Six Flags Wild Safari” introduces students to the psychological theories and principles used to shape animal behaviors and how these principles can be applied to their own career and life. It was offered for the first time this year as part of a unique educational collaboration between Monmouth University and Six Flags Great Adventure. In addition to class meetings, library research and journaling, students have supervised exposure to animals, including a 90-pound albino Burmese python, bottlenose dolphins, African elephants and rhinoceroses. Monmouth University student Douglas Marhefka interacts with towering giraffes during his class.

Hey neighbor, become a Big Event worksite today!

If you have a project at your house and could use a some helping hands, then this is your chance to sign up to become a Big Event worksite.

What is the Big Event?

It is the single largest student-sponsored community service project organized by the MU Student Government Association. Each year over the last 12 years about 400 students have been organized and sent off to 30 to 40 worksites to perform community service and help fellow neighbors. Volunteers have helped out at local food pantries, cleaned beaches, helped neighbors move furniture or clean up a yard, painted rooms, done landscaping, and more!

Become a Big Event worksite today!

The Big Event is all about giving back and helping our neighbors. The Big Event will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 (rain or shine) from approximately 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more about the Big Event and what you need to do to become a worksite, call 732-571-3484, e-mail sga@monmouth.edu or go to the Big Event website: www.monmouth.edu/bigevent
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Baseball Player Drafted by Boston Red Sox

The Boston Red Sox selected Monmouth University pitcher Pat Light with the 37th overall pick. Light, who becomes the highest draft pick in Northeast Conference history, becomes the ninth Hawk selected by a professional club and the sixth MU player in the last five years.

“To hear your name called by the Boston Red Sox is a dream come true,” Light said following his selection. “It was one of my goals to be a first rounder, and hard work truly paid off. Words cannot describe how happy I am.”

Light, an All-Northeast Conference First Team and All-Tournament Team selection, enjoyed his best season in a Monmouth uniform in 2012.

Women’s Lacrosse Team Honored at State House

Winners of 2012 NEC Tournament

The Women’s Lacrosse team received a Resolution from the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey in Trenton on June 21 for capturing the Northeast Conference Tournament Championship by defeating Mount Saint Mary’s with a score of 11-3 in April.

Assemblywoman Angelini and President Gaffney with members of the Lacrosse Team at the State House.

Football Player Jose Gumbs Signs With Saints

The New Orleans Saints of the National Football League (NFL) signed Monmouth safety Jose Gumbs as an undrafted free agent in April. Gumbs joins Dallas Cowboys wideout Miles Austin, Miami Dolphins wide receiver Chris Hogan, and Seattle Seahawks tight end Jon Nalbone as Hawks currently in the NFL.

Track and Field Teams Win NEC Championships

Congratulations to the Men’s and Women’s Outdoor track and field teams for sweeping the 2012 NEC Outdoor Championships, the fourth straight league title for both teams. The teams also captured the NEC Indoor Championships.

Head Coach Joe Compagni also earned men’s and women’s NEC Coach of the Year honors and was named the USTFCCCA Regional Coach of the Year (Track and Field/Cross Country).

Academic Honors for Field Hockey

The field hockey team was recognized in March by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) as a Division I National Academic Team Award recipient, earning the third best GPA in the country, while also adding eleven to the NFHCA Academic Squad.

The Hawks, who earned a GPA of 3.48 in the fall, received the honor for the third straight year and the fourth time in the last five seasons.

“Our student-athletes take great pride in their academics, and we could not be more proud as a staff,” said Head Coach Carli Figlio. “Being in the top three is such a big accomplishment and a testament to all the hard work our student-athletes do.”

Football Team Has Highest Academic Progress Rate in NEC

The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) has announced that Monmouth University has attained the highest Academic Progress Rate (APR) among Northeast Conference (NEC) football teams.

“I’m really excited about the performance of our student-athletes,” said Monmouth Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “It’s nice to see them recognized with the conference’s top APR for all of the hard work they put in throughout the year in the classroom.”

Women’s Basketball Team Volunteers at Carnival of Fun

Basketball Player Shira Shacht worked the hair painting station at the Carnival.

The Monmouth University women’s basketball team volunteered at the Carnival of Fun at the Frank Antonides School in West Long Branch on April 21. Members of the team were a part of disco dance craze, basketball frenzy, pie throw contest, and a hair painting station. The night was put into place by the parents of Antonides School students as a family night.