Did You Know?

- The annual Giving Tree, sponsored by the Student Government Association, provided hundreds of gifts for needy families and children referred by community organizations. These organizations included the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties, the Shore Youth Center, Project Paul, Aslan Youth Ministries, and others. In addition to the Giving Tree, departments “adopted” families for the holidays and provided food and gifts for an entire family.
- The First Year Service Project donated food and children’s goody bags to needy families for the holidays and the University Police continued its commitment to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.
- The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) sponsored a Giving Tree for the SPCA which resulted in numerous bags of food, toys, and other necessities for the animals at the shelter. Members of PRSSA also worked with the Valente Fund on gift wrapping and their holiday party.
- Circle K participated in the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America Walk, volunteered at Soup d’Shore, and supported breast cancer research.
- Monmouth University Library is one of 840 libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA). For more information about these new materials available at the Library’s circulating collection, please visit http://library.monmouth.edu.
- The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on campus on April 26 and 27. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org.
- Monmouth University is the starting point for the National MS Society’s “Coast the Coast Ride.” The two-day event will be held on May 18 and May 19. For more information, visit http://bikenjm.nationalmssociety.org.

A Note From President Gaffney

Dear Monmouth University Neighbor:

Welcome to Neighbor to Neighbor. I hope you find this newsletter informative and useful in discovering the many interesting and educational happenings at Monmouth University.

I am proud of the Monmouth University community for helping with the Superstorm Sandy relief effort. As you will read in this newsletter, students have volunteered their time to the restoration of our local community by helping to clean up local towns and neighbors’ houses. In addition, students have raised money through fund-raisers, concerts, and programs to assist victims of Sandy.

The spring semester is filled with many exciting events for the community. Join us for the Provost’s Film Series, attend the Global Understanding Convention in April, cheer on the Hawks at an athletic event, or catch a performing arts event in Pollak Theatre.

I also encourage you to visit the inaugural exhibit “Faculty and Friends” at the new and spectacular art building, Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall. The impressive two-floor exhibition space will showcase regional, national, and international artists throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you on campus in 2013.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

Dedication Ceremony Held for Joan And Robert Rechnitz Hall

Monmouth University dedicated the new Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall on January 27. The 20,340-square-foot facility is the new home to Monmouth University’s Department of Art and Design and Principal Art Gallery and includes a two-story gallery, a reception area, three state-of-the-art Mac labs, an animation and editing studio, classrooms, faculty offices, and a student lounge. Rechnitz Hall was designed by local architects from Monteforte Architectural Studio.

Rechnitz Hall, designed in the style of the former 800 Building, provides students with cutting-edge technology as well as large, open studio spaces devoted to the traditions of drawing, painting, the all-important foundations, and various art history offerings. In addition, the magnificent exhibition space will host art shows and events.

For more information on upcoming exhibits in Rechnitz Hall, visit www.monmouth.edu/arts.

Joan and Robert Rechnitz in front of their portrait in the lobby of Rechnitz Hall.
During their time in Haiti, they worked near an
streets to educate them and give them direction.
on a school that would take homeless boys off the
winter break. They worked with the non-profit
travelled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on the third

A group of nine students from Monmouth
Volunteer in Haiti During
Students and Employees

Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun E. Golden '99 was presented with the Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service for his
regional leadership role during Superstorm Sandy. Monmouth University awarded approximately 420 undergraduate and
graduate degrees at the ceremony.

Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun E. Golden '99 (center) with
Trustee Michelle Spicer Toto '94 and President Gaffney.

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FROM MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

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

Hawks set to join
Metro Atlantic Athletic
Conference in the Fall
Monmouth University has accepted
the invitations of the Metro Atlantic
Athletic Conference (MAAC) to join
the conference, effective July 1, 2013.
Monmouth, which fields 21 NCAA
Division I athletic teams, will begin
competition in the MAAC during the
2013-14 academic year.
Current MAAC member institutions
include Canisius College, Fairfield
University, Iona College, Loyola University
Maryland (moving to the Patriot League in
2013), Manhattan College, Marist College,
Niagara University, Rider University, Saint
Peter's University, and Siena College.

Monmouth Football
Accepts Invitation to the
Big South Conference
Hawks slated to start conference play in
2014
Monmouth University announced on
February 14 that it will accept an invitation
to the Big South Conference in the sport of
football, effective for the start of the 2014
season.
With the rest of Monmouth's Division I
programs joining the Metro Atlantic
Athletic Conference (which does not
sponsor football) in the fall of 2013, MU
began searching for a football league which
matched its commitment to the sport.
The Big South, which operates a full
Football Championship Subdivision
scholarship model, gained an automatic
qualifier to the NCAA Playoffs in 2009.
With the addition of Monmouth, the Big
South will include seven football playing
members including Charleston Southern
University, Coastal Carolina University,
Gardner-Webb University, Liberty
University, Presbyterian College, and
Virginia Military Institute.

Daniel Mangraviti Named
“Designated Driver Hero of the Year”
Photo Will Be Featured on HERO Campaign Billboard on NJ Turnpike
Monmouth University senior Daniel Mangraviti of Holmdel, NJ, was
designated a Designated Driver HERO of the Year. Daniel will be featured on
HERO Campaign billboards located on the New Jersey Turnpike.
In addition, he received a $300 Monmouth Mall gift certificate, a plaque, and
a HERO Campaign tee shirt.

Tim Canavan and Nick Petitti, owners of Jack's Goal Line Stand in Long
Branch, received the Community Award for their outstanding work
and dedication to saving lives by promoting the mission of the HERO
Campaign for designated drivers. Jack's has been a supporter of the
Campaign for many years by serving free soft drinks to designated drivers
and supporting Monmouth University HERO Nights. In addition, Mike
and Laura Horne of Freehold, NJ, received the Community Award for their efforts to
start a HERO 5k race in Monmouth County this year
in memory of their son, Chad.

Monmouth University adopted the HERO Campaign in 2007 and it’s the model
school for the program,

Daniel Mangraviti, from left, Bill Elliott (founder HERO
Campaign) and Daniel Mangraviti.

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

Students and Employees Volunteering in Haiti During Winter Break
A group of nine students from Monmouth University, and their three advisors including
employees Corey Izana and Tyler Busch, travelled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti on the third
anniversary of the devastating earthquake during winter break. They worked with the non-profit
organization Cross to Light to start construction on a school that would take home less boys off the
streets to educate them and give them direction.

During their time in Haiti, they worked near an
improved tent city in Canaan with Pastor
Garry St. Hubert.

Monmouth University class of 1999.
2013 Summer at Monmouth
Summer Tuition Reduced! This summer, students can take undergraduate courses in any of our five convenient sessions at tuition that is reduced by 15%. Call the Office of Undergraduate Admission for more information at 732-571-3345, or visit us online: www.monmouth.edu/summer.
Summer Tuition Reduction for High School Students! High school students who qualify for Monmouth’s College Acceleration Program (CAP) can enroll in introductory, college-level courses that are typically taken by college freshmen. These courses will generally be accepted for transfer at other colleges and universities. Students will be granted a 15% tuition reduction for up to six credits of course work. A minimum 3.00 GPA and a minimum 1500 combined critical reading, math, and writing SAT (or ACT equivalent) are required; 1050 combined critical reading and math SAT (or ACT equivalent) are required. PSAT will also be accepted. Visit www.monmouth.edu/capstart or call 732-263-5872 for more information.
Monmouth’s Accelerated MAT Program! Our popular Accelerated Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program allows you to earn BOTH your Master of Arts in Teaching and New Jersey Teaching Certificate in just twelve months. Begin your coursework this summer! Graduate student fellowship awards are available to qualified students. Visit our Web site for details: www.monmouth.edu/mugradsummer.
Start a master’s degree this summer and finish before you know it! Choose from a variety of degrees and certificates. Graduate fellowship awards are available to qualified students. Visit www.monmouth.edu/mugradsummer for details.
Summer Camps
Monmouth University has a wide variety of summer sports camps available for youths including:
- All sports
- Baseball
- Softball
- Football
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Cross Country
For more information, visit www.gomuhawks.com or call 732-571-3526.

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, Transforming Global Dialogue to Achieve a Sustainable Future, will take place April 8 to 12. 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.

Interdisciplinary Conference On Race April 11-13
The idea of race continues to be controversial and the meaning of race and its significance remains an open issue. These topics and others will be discussed during Monmouth University’s third biennial conference on race taking place April 11 through April 13. The conference is open to the public and will be held in conjunction with Monmouth University’s annual Global Understanding Convention.

The event will begin on Tuesday, April 11, with a keynote speech by Walter Dean Myers, the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature 2012-2013 and a renowned author of books for young people, who will serve as this year’s keynote speaker for this year’s event.

Coastal Lakes Summit Held on February 12
Monmouth University’s Urban Coast Institute hosted the Coastal Lakes Summit on February 12 on campus.

The Coastal Lakes Summit was a working meeting to advance multi-jurisdictional regional collaboration to overcome obstacles of identifying, funding, and implementing lake restoration plans and enhancing flood protection, streamlining regulatory processes, and identifying post-Sandy recovery and restoration priorities.

Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman Sean Kean, resource managers, engineers, municipal officials, representatives of civic groups, community organizations, federal and state agency representatives, elected officials, and local and coastal watershed managers attended the summit. Superstorm Sandy exacerbated many longstanding issues of the coastal lakes and created new challenges of breached lakes that reconnected with the ocean. However, this storm opened a new opportunity to change the effort of managing the coastal lakes from an individual focus to a regional one.

For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/uci.

Monmouth University Receives Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award
Monmouth University received the New Jersey Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award for Environmental Leadership on January 29.

The New Jersey Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards are the state’s premier environmental awards for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects in the state. These awards honor and recognize individuals, businesses, and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey.

Monmouth became the first independent university in New Jersey to sign a voluntary agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to build a healthy and sustainable campus community. For more information on Monmouth’s programs, www.monmouth.edu/resources/SAC/initiatives.asp.
“Hawks Fly Together for Relief” Helping victims of Superstorm Sandy

The Student Government Association (SGA) launched “Hawks Fly Together for Relief” in November to help victims of Superstorm Sandy. Students have been hosting fund-raising events, organizing donation drives, and volunteering their time cleaning neighbors’ houses.

Monmouth University helps local communities

• The Social Work Society and Circle K volunteered to work with children at a half-day event in Manasquan which focused on structured activities designed to build resilience in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

• The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) adopted a family affected by Superstorm Sandy for the holidays.

• On December 14, the SGA and other student groups sponsored a benefit concert featuring local bands. Proceeds from the concert amounted to $1,023. In addition, Sigma Pi Fraternity raised $1,100 for the Sandy relief effort.

• Circle K volunteered at a Superstorm Sandy cleanup in Toms River and made sandwiches for victims of the storm.

• Sigma Pi worked with Habitat for Humanity to help repair a house in Keansburg that was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Most recently, Sigma Pi helped with the set-up for a children’s concert in Asbury Park.

• Monmouth University graduate students from the Department of Psychological Counseling volunteered at local Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sites, doing crisis intervention and psychological first aid. Jennifer Trimarchi, president of Monmouth University’s Counseling Student Association (CSA), and Ellen Brody, treasurer of the CSA, coordinated the scheduling at the FEMA locations and have been in constant touch with students at the sites.

Monmouth University School of Education

Monmouth University School of Education Donated Supplies to Union Beach Memorial School

School of Education faculty members and students dropped off supplies to teachers and students at Union Beach Memorial School on February 7.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) and the International Reading Association (IRA) of the Monmouth University School of Education organized the donation drive for the Union Beach Memorial School. To date, the Union Beach Memorial School has moved twice since Superstorm Sandy and is currently located at the Holy Family School Building.

Students and faculty collected supplies from the Union Beach Memorial School “wish list,” including desks, chairs, children’s books, educational videos, cleaning supplies, paper and markers, and art supplies.

Employees from Monmouth University’s Facilities Management Department arranged for storage of the supplies and transportation of the donations to the Holy Family School Building.

UMass Boston Nursing Student Makes “Donation Delivery” to Monmouth University Sandy Relief Project

University of Massachusetts Boston nursing student Leah Ottenstein made a “donation delivery” on behalf of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University to help Superstorm Sandy relief efforts at Monmouth University. Leah was welcomed to campus by Monmouth University School of Nursing and Health Studies Dean Janet Mahoney, faculty, and students.

The donation of clothes, blankets, sheets, coats, gloves, shoes, and first aid kits were delivered to New Jersey relief organizations including Soup d’Shore at St. Luke’s Methodist Church in Long Branch.

UMass Boston Student Leah Ottenstein with Monmouth University School of Nursing and Health Studies Dean Janet Mahoney.