**A Note from President Brown**

It has been a pleasure for my wife, Joan, and me to meet so many of our caring neighbors at University and community events during our first year as residents of the beautiful Jersey Shore. We are very proud of the many events and activities sponsored by Monmouth that enrich our shared community.

As your neighbor, I urge you to take advantage of the many free or low-cost cultural, athletic, academic, and arts events offered on campus throughout the year.

Take advantage of our rotating gallery exhibitions or our Visiting Writers Series, which includes internationally renowned poets and authors. You can also check out screenings of engaging films—often with the filmmaker present—Jewish Cultural Studies programming, and academic lectures by distinguished business and cultural figures. Of course, you can also enjoy live performances in the intimate setting of Pollak Theatre.

Our sports programs also offer the opportunity to see Division I action close to home. Did you know that the men's basketball program has made ESPN's "top 10 plays" three times this year? There is nothing quite like seeing a game live in a spectacular venue like the MAC.

I am committed to continuing our positive relationship with our local community, while we are engaged in our important mission of educating students to become future leaders.

Paul R. Brown, Ph.D.

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**Congratulations to Dallas Cowboy Miles Austin**

First MU player to have jersey retired

Monmouth University retired the jersey of former football standout and current Dallas Cowboy Miles Austin at the men's basketball game against Saint Peter's University on February 22. Austin, a wide receiver for MU from 2002-2005, became the first Hawk to sign with a National Football League team when the Dallas Cowboys signed him prior to the 2006 season. The eight-year NFL veteran has twice been named to the Pro Bowl (2009, 2010) and holds the franchise record for receiving yardage in a game (250 yards) and longest kickoff return in a playoff game (93 yards).

The Garfield, NJ, native left West Long Branch as the Hawks’ all-time leader in receptions, reception yardage, receiving touchdowns, and scoring. During his four years, Austin helped lead Monmouth to back-to-back Northeast Conference Championships in 2003 and 2004. He is Monmouth’s only three-time first-team all-conference selection at wide receiver.

Austin’s success paved the way for other Hawks to make the NFL ranks, including current Buffalo Bill wide receiver Chris Hogan and Washington Redskins safety Jose Gumbs.
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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 to 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. PSATs will also be accepted. Visit www.monmouth.edu/cap to learn more.

For more information, visit www.gomuhawks.com or call 732-571-3456.

Summer Camps
Monmouth University has a wide variety of summer sports camps available for youths including:
• All Sports
• Baseball
• Softball
• Soccer
• Football
• Basketball
• Field Hockey
• Lacrosse
• Cross Country
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Lt. Governor Guadagno is guest speaker at Monmouth University Business Council Meeting
Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey Kim Guadagno was the guest speaker at Monmouth University’s Leon Hess Business School Business Council meeting held on December 13. The Business Council provides a forum that encourages and promotes a healthy business-to-University and business-to-business relationship.

Monmouth University Receives Resolutions from Senate and Assembly
Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini presented Monmouth University a resolution from the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey on November 26 for being awarded the JedCampus Seal from The Jed Foundation, a leading organization working to promote emotional health and prevent suicide among college and university students. The Seal recognizes schools that exhibit comprehensive mental health promotion and suicide prevention programming on campus. Only 30 colleges in the nation received the JedCampus Seal.

On January 28, Assemblywoman Angelini gave a resolution to Monmouth University for its recognition as one of the country’s top colleges for our nation’s veterans. U.S. News & World Report, Military Times, Victory Media, and Military Advanced Education Magazine have all recognized Monmouth University for providing outstanding services to support a military-friendly environment.

New Programs at MU
New Academic Programs at MU
As the economy has shifted in recent years, Monmouth University has moved to meet the needs of employers and students seeking career advancement with relevant academic programs, particularly at the graduate level.

Physician Assistant (PA) Program
The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Program (MSPA), administered by the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, was recently granted provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on the Education of the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Monmouth University’s PA Program is the first PA program available in New Jersey’s Monmouth, Ocean, and coastal counties. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 30 percent growth of the PA profession in the next decade.

Master of Science in Education (MSED) in Speech-Language Pathology
The School of Education will offer a new graduate-level speech-language pathology program in the fall. A speech-language pathologist is an individual with the necessary academic training and experience to diagnose and treat disorders of speech, language, communication, feeding, and swallowing. Graduates of the program will be prepared to work in a variety of clinical settings including early intervention, public schools, specialized schools, clinics, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, and private practices. The program has already been recognized as a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. This is a “pre-accreditation” status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum of five years.

Master of Science in Information Systems Degree Program
The Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) is a unique degree program that educates students on how to apply computing technology to business programs. With courses offered through the School of Science and the Leon Hess Business School, the MSIS prepares students for employment in the Information Technology (IT) sector at a management level. Graduates from the program will learn valuable skills required for 21st-century business needs and can fill important business positions such as system analysts, software project managers, and information technology operations managers.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
With the rising healthcare needs of today’s society, there is currently a high demand for qualified registered nurses. To meet this demand and educate the nurses of tomorrow, the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies is offering a new entry-level Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program for students committed to a career in nursing. Nurses who hold a bachelor’s degree are increasingly recognized as qualified generalists who advance in their field and are eager to realize their full potential. Through this program, students receive the necessary preparation for RN licensure, as well as a valuable, wide-ranging liberal arts education that will prepare them for the future.

For more information on these programs, visit www.monmouth.edu.
Congressman Pallone on MU’s Neighbor to Neighbor Show

Monmouth University President Paul R. Brown spoke with Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. and Urban Coast Institute Director Tony MacDonald about issues affecting New Jersey residents on the fall edition of the Neighbor to Neighbor television show. Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Monmouth University’s Public Servant-In-Residence, will be a guest on the show in the spring. To view the show, visit http://bit.ly/1mdH7Mj.

Jersey Shore Partnership will honor MU on June 9

Monmouth University will receive the Outstanding Partnership Award from the Jersey Shore Partnership on June 9. The 18th Summer Celebration event will be held at Ft. Hancock, Sandy Hook. For more information, visit jerseyshorepartnership.org.

Flash Mob at Monmouth University

Monmouth University students organized their first flash mob during the men’s basketball game on February 22 to raise awareness and support The Valerie Fund (TVF). TVF is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive health care to children with cancer and rare blood disorders. Monmouth University’s Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is sponsoring “Monmouth Hawks Dance Together,” a six-hour dance-a-thon, on April 6 in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center to raise money for TVF. For more information, visit thevaleriefund.org.

Monmouth University’s Thirteenth Annual Global Understanding Convention

April 7-11, 2014
Towards Global Equality: Education, Opportunity, Prosperity

Monmouth University’s annual Global Understanding Convention, Towards Global Equality: Education, Opportunity, Prosperity, will take place April 7 to 11. The convention will provide numerous opportunities for the community to enhance its 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.

NOAA Grant for Urban Coast Institute

The Urban Coast Institute (UCI) recently received a $380,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to continue its work to enhance the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal, which is a collaborative effort with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) to better manage the ocean with the appropriate tools. The Portal is an online toolkit and resource center that consolidates available data and enables state, federal, and local users to visualize and analyze ocean resources and human use information such as fishing grounds, recreational areas, shipping lanes, habitat areas, and energy sites, among others. For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/urban_coast_institute.

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 18, 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. 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 visit www.thornescholarshiprun.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you on May 18.

MU Student Sworn in as the Second Lieutenant to West Long Branch First Aid Squad

Monmouth University student Christopher Tappan was sworn in as the Second Lieutenant to the West Long Branch First Aid Squad on January 15. He has been a member of the First Aid Squad since September 2012 and is also a volunteer member of the West Long Branch Fire Department.

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