A Note from President Brown

As Monmouth University’s newly appointed president, I am now proud to be a member of the West Long Branch community. I hope this newsletter will keep you informed and updated on the many interesting and educational happenings on campus.

My wife Joan and I, along with our daughter, appreciate the warm welcome we have received from many of you and look forward to meeting more of our neighbors in the upcoming year.

As you know, the Jersey Shore is an outstanding place to live and work. The area has so much to offer with its beautiful landscape, friendly people, wonderful location, and close proximity to the beach.

Monmouth University values its connection to the community and its role of being a good neighbor. I encourage you to take advantage of our resources on campus. The University is filled with activities and events for you and your family. Visit us this year to cheer on the Hawks at an athletic event, tour our historic buildings, and enjoy an event at the Center for the Arts.

Hope to see you on campus soon.

Paul R. Brown, PhD
President

Long Branch Community Shuttle Partners with Monmouth University to Offer Year-round Service

The new Long Branch Community Shuttle service went into service on Tuesday, September 3 with a kickoff ceremony in front of the Monmouth University Health Center. This new service will initially be offered free of charge to Monmouth University students and employees with a Monmouth ID. The shuttle runs Monday to Friday every half hour. Among other stops within the City of Long Branch, the shuttle make stops at Monmouth University (Health Center), the Long Branch train station, Brookdale Community College (Broadway campus), Long Branch Pier Village, and West End. For more information and the schedule, visit http://www.monmouth.edu/university/human-resources.aspx.

did you know

• The Institute for Global Understanding is sponsoring Project BAM, now in its fifth year. Project BAM is a mentoring program which matches Monmouth University volunteers with students from Asbury Park High School. This year twenty-five high school students will be matched with mentors in collaboration with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
• Through Monmouth University’s Community Gardens, hundreds of pounds of produce were donated to local community agencies. The garden, a project of the School of Social Work, was started in 2009.
• Soup d’Shore, a Monmouth University soup kitchen, has begun its third year at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Long Branch. Dinner is served on Tuesdays for 100-150 adults and children each week. Clothing distribution and a Job Board are also available.
• Students are interning at nonprofit organizations such as Move for Hunger, Lunch Break, Family Promise, SCAN, 180 Turning Lives Around, the Long Branch Public Library, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the American Red Cross, and the Long Branch Senior Center.
• Through “Houseless not Hopeless,” students spent the night outdoors in “houses” made from cardboard boxes to learn what it means to be homeless. During the night students stuffed backpacks, prepared peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for local soup kitchens, and made no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus distributed the blankets to hospitals and shelters.
• During the summer Alpha Sigma Tau sorority helped rebuild homes in the Shore area. This fall the sorority hosted their annual Suicide Awareness Week and raised funds to promote awareness. In October the sorority sponsored a special event to benefit the Ashley Lauren Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping children who have cancer.
• Tau Kappa Epsilon teamed up with Alpha Epsilon Delta to host their third annual fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.
Monmouth University recognized for academic excellence and programs

Moves up in U.S. News & World Report annual ranking of best colleges

One of the fastest-rising universities in its category, Monmouth University moved up once again in the U.S. News & World Report’s annual ranking of Best Colleges and is one of the fastest-rising universities in its category (Regional Universities North) over the last decade. MU has been named to the coveted top 30 this year. Last year Monmouth was ranked 37.

Named Military Friendly School

MU has been named to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list for the fourth year in a row. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to welcome America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. The list is issued by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

Recognized as best college by the Princeton Review

MU is one of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features the school in the new 2014 edition of its annual college guide, The Best 378 Colleges (Random House / Princeton Review). Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and only four colleges outside the U.S. are profiled in the book, which is The Princeton Review’s flagship college guide. In addition, The Princeton Review also recognized Monmouth as one of the country’s top ‘green’ colleges.

Monmouth University Supports Habitat for Humanity and Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project

Help Rebuild Homes Impacted by Superstorm Sandy

Monmouth University President Paul R. Brown and Monmouth students volunteered for Habitat for Humanity of Monmouth County in partnership with the 2013 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project on October 12. Each year since 1984, President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, have given up a week of their time to help build and renovate homes for Habitat for Humanity. This year’s project was in Union Beach and focused on the Sandy Recovery project. Monmouth University volunteers helped build homes and raised funds for the community. In addition, students from Public Relations Student Unit (PRSSA) marketed and fundraised for the project, and Monmouth University’s Hawk YTV organized a “Rock ‘n Relief” concert on September 27 to raise money for the relief effort.

Monmouth University Welcomes students from 31 states and 36 countries

President Paul R. Brown welcomed first-year students Olivia Higgins (Cheadle Hulme, England) and Claudia Lamarca (West Long Branch, NJ) to campus during move-in day on September 1. Olivia and Claudia are roommates and members of the women’s lacrosse team. Graduate and undergraduate students at Monmouth University come from 31 states and 36 countries worldwide, including China, England, India, Spain, and Russia.

This fall, the University welcomed 51 undergraduate students and 34 graduate students from West Long Branch to campus.

Comments, Questions, or Feedback?

Call the Office of Public Affairs at 732-571-3526 or email ask_pa@monmouth.edu with your questions and comments.

Visit www.monmouth.edu/arts for up-to-date calendar of events

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Monmouth University celebrates 80th Anniversary at Founders’ Day

Monmouth University celebrated its 80th anniversary at Founders’ Day on October 9. The Convocation Address was delivered by Mary Ann Christopher, MSN, RN, FAAN, the President & CEO of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY), who received an honorary degree during the event. VNSNY is the nation’s largest not-for-profit home and community-based health care organization.

The Convocation Address was delivered by Mary Ann Christopher, MSN, RN, FAAN, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Hanlon is a classically trained master sculptor and founder of Hanlon Sculpture Studio. Hanlon sculpture “Involved Student” is located on Monmouth University’s campus.

Dr. Paul R. Brown Begins Tenure as Monmouth University President

Dr. Paul R. Brown, a respected academic leader and scholar, began his new role as president of Monmouth University on August 1.

Brown stated that his initial areas of strategic focus will include expanding opportunities for global education at the undergraduate level, and aligning graduate programs with the economic opportunities in the New York—Philadelphia business corridor.

Brown and his wife, Joan G. Fishman, live on campus in the presidential residence, Doherty House. Their daughter, Emma, is a student at Franklin & Marshall College.

He comes to Monmouth University from Lehigh University, where he served as dean of the College of Business and Economics. Before joining Lehigh, Brown spent more than twenty years at New York University’s Stern School of Business, where he held a variety of senior academic and administrative positions including associate dean of NYU Stern’s executive MBA Programs, and chair of the Department of Accounting, Taxation and Business Law. He also served on the faculties at Yale University’s School of Management, the European Institute of Business Administration (INSEAD), and the International University of Japan, as well as guest lectured at universities in China, Singapore, and Brazil.

Brown graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Franklin & Marshall College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. He received both his doctor of philosophy and his master of professional accountancy degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Monmouth Day at the Basketball Hall of Fame

Monmouth University Basketball was officially welcomed into the “MAAC Experience” exhibit in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Monday, August 19, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

At the event, Monmouth coaches King Rice and Jenny Palmater, along with their respective staffs, and sophomore Tyrone O’Garro and junior Danica Dragicevic held a coaches clinic for visiting youth, while the MU jersey case (featuring the jerseys of Ron Kornegay and Christie Rampone) was unveiled.

From left, MAAC Commissioner Rich Ensor, Men’s Basketball Coach King Rice, Danica Dragicevic, Tyrone O’Garro, Women’s Basketball Coach Jenny Palmater, Vice President and Director of Athletics Marilyn McNiel, and President Paul R. Brown.

Athletics Hall of Fame

Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be held on November 22 and the Football Halftime Induction Introduction Ceremony will be held on November 23 at Kessler Field when Monmouth plays Duquesne.

The 2013 Inductees are Jim Adams, soccer; Corey Albano ’97, basketball; Heather Bryan Capuzzi ’01, lacrosse; Jason Law ’02, baseball; Kimberly Lyall Flynn ’02, ’04, softball; Dan Sabella ’98, football; and the Women’s Basketball Team 1982-83: Dottie Alexander Mahoney, Sandy Clayton Fox, Pia Frazier, Bettina Gargiulo Kretz, Cindy Hook Chandler, Maggie Mathias, Jackie Messina Kripaitis, Sharon Mitchell, Bonita Spence, Rosemary Strutz Pattakos, Tami Strutz Sasa, Coach Milton Parker, and Asst. Coach Barbara Withers.

Summer Research Symposium Held at Monmouth University on August 13

Local students work on collaborative research projects with Monmouth University faculty

From left, Monmouth University faculty mentor William Schreiber with Monmouth University students Sammy Saku (West Long Branch, NJ) and Wallyd Hamid (Ocean Township).

Now in its fifth year, the Summer Research Program enables students to work on collaborative research projects under the supervision of School of Science faculty and staff. This year, student researchers carried out exciting original research in a range of disciplines including biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nanotechnology, software engineering, homeland defense and emergency preparedness, and watershed management.

Eighty-four students, including undergraduate and graduate students from Monmouth University, and students from area colleges and universities including Cornell University, Carnegie Mellon University, Franklin and Marshall College, Mercer County Community College, University of Notre Dame, Princeton University, Rutgers University, Spellman College, and Villanova University participated in the program. High school students from High Technology High School, Howell High School, Marine Academy of Science and Technology, and Ocean Township High School are also involved in the program.

For more information, visit www.monmouth.edu/SRP.
A new agreement between Monmouth University and St. George’s University in Grenada, West Indies, will provide more doctors and veterinarians in the state of New Jersey.

Students admitted to this combined degree program complete their undergraduate degree in biology or health sciences at Monmouth University in four years, and upon meeting established admission criteria, progress into St. George’s University School of Medicine or School of Veterinary Medicine. Qualified medical students will be eligible to complete the first two years of study in Grenada and the final two of this combined program in clinical rotations at affiliated hospitals in the United States or the United Kingdom. Qualified veterinary students will be eligible to complete the first three years of veterinary study in Grenada and their final clinical year at affiliated veterinary schools in the United States, Canada, Australia or Ireland.

Students Give Back to the Local Community at 14th Annual “Big Event”

On October 26, students and employees participated for the 14th annual Big Event community service project. Organized by the Student Government Association, approximately 400 students assisted at local food pantries, cleaned beaches, and helped neighbors move furniture or clean a yard, paint rooms, landscape and more.

Governor Christine Todd Whitman is Public Servant in Residence at Monmouth University

Former Governor Christine Todd Whitman gave a talk on campus on September 12. She is serving as Monmouth University’s 2013-2014 Public Servant in Residence. Governor Whitman talked about her life in politics, and the importance of public service, and she met with faculty, staff, and students in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Governor Whitman with President Brown and Student Government Association President Kelly Craig.

Sandy One Year Later: Looking to the Future Conference

On October 29, 2013, the anniversary of the worst natural disaster ever to hit New Jersey, Monmouth University hosted a day-long conference Sandy One Year Later: Looking to the Future. The conference was organized by Monmouth University, the Union of Concerned Scientists, New Jersey Future, NJ Recover Fund, and other partners. Distinguished speakers included former governors James Florio and Christine Todd Whitman, who is Monmouth University’s distinguished public servant in residence. The keynote speaker was Monmouth University’s 2013 National Champion of the Ocean recipient Admiral Thad Allen (USCG, retired). The discussion focused on three critical questions about the Sandy recovery process: What have we accomplished? What have we learned? What do we still need to do?

To view video of the conference, visit www.monmouth.edu/uci.

Annual Champions of the Ocean Awards Dinner Held on October 28

The Urban Coast Institute (UCI) hosted the 9th Annual Champions of the Ocean Awards Dinner on October 28. The theme of this year’s awards was Storm Smart–Storm Ready. UCI presented the National Ocean Champion award to Admiral Thad Allen (USCG-ret.) who directed the federal response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and was National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The Coastal and Ocean Leadership Award was presented to the American Red Cross, South Jersey Region, and the Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Waves of Action for the Shore, Clean Ocean Action.

Monmouth University Honored by American Red Cross

Monmouth University was honored as an Education Champion at an awards reception by the American Red Cross, Jersey Coast Chapter - South Jersey Region, on October 30. The University was recognized for its commitment to the community during Superstorm Sandy in providing the Multipurpose Activity Center as the largest temporary shelter in the State of New Jersey.

Free Web Site or Database Management System for Your Business

This spring, students in the Information Technology Minor program will be available to design a Web site and/or database management system for businesses, organizations, and individuals. Projects will be done in a six-week time frame, and personnel must be available throughout this period to consult with students and provide details and content. 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 or obtaining the Microsoft Access database software. 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.

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