A Note From President Gaffney

Welcome to Neighbor to Neighbor. This newsletter will update you on the many interesting and educational happenings in your neighborhood at Monmouth University.

The Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) opened last year and is being enjoyed by the community and campus. The Bob Dylan concert in November and the Jackson Browne concert in September were sold out and received great reviews from the public. Basketball fans are looking forward to cheering on the Hawks in the MAC again this winter. For more information on events, visit www.macatmonmouth.com.

The fall semester brings a host of activities, such as the Provost Film Series, art exhibits, performing arts events, visiting writers series, and athletic events. I encourage you to visit our web site at www.monmouth.edu to learn more about all we offer the community.

For the eleventh year in a row, Monmouth University students gave back to the community during the Big Event. Students, faculty, and employees spent the day volunteering for the community services projects as a way to express their gratitude to the surrounding communities for their support of Monmouth University.

I hope to see you on campus soon.

Paul G. Gaffney II

Congratulations to Long Branch High School Teacher Dru Fonseca

Social Studies and Special Education teacher Dru Fonseca from Long Branch High School received an Outstanding Cooperating Teacher Award from the Monmouth University School of Education on June 14. She was nominated by Monmouth University student Anne Gill for her excellent coaching and mentoring skills as well as her ability to engage and motivate students and her very effective teaching strategies that promote student learning.

Did You Know?

- Students organized a Halloween Party sponsored by Circle K for children from Manna House, Ronald McDonald House, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monmouth County.
- Students donated 400 pounds of food to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.
- The First Year Service Project is focusing on hunger and homelessness. Students volunteered for Sarah’s Feast at St. James Episcopal Church in Long Branch and hosted Halloween parties for children at Linkages in Tinton Falls and Spring House in Eatontown—transitional housing facilities for homeless women and children. Additional volunteer sites are the Long Branch Senior Center, Meal at Noon in Long Branch, and Family Promise.
- Various students groups volunteered for Project Linus and made no-sew fleece blankets for distribution to children in hospitals and shelters throughout New Jersey.
- Students mentor Asbury High School students through the Monmouth University’s Institute for Global Understanding-Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentoring Program.
- Alpha Phi Sigma, Monmouth University’s chapter of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, hosted a charity event for the Prison Book Program. The program provides books to individual prisoners who have limited access to educational materials.
- Volunteers from Monmouth University’s NJ Energy Service Corps performed simple energy assessments to help residents save energy and money. Students are also working on K-12 lessons on energy conservation. During the summer, the campus organizer did a presentation on energy conservation for students at Asbury Park High School.
- Students participated in CARE’s National Day of Action to address issues of global poverty and maternal health.
- Monmouth University’s National Council of Negro Women sponsored a spa day for women at Spring House, a sober-living home in New Jersey.
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Monmouth University's Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) Project received a planning award from the County on September 29.

Freeholder John P. Curley presented the Honorable Mention award to President Gaffney. "The MAC has quickly become an important feature on campus and in the community," Curley said. "It supports a community of learners and provides a venue for community events."

Monmouth University officials worked to design a building that would be architecturally compatible with the surrounding areas. With its interior campus location, architectural detail, and building color, the MAC facility is visually unobtrusive from nearby residences and public streets.

Monmouth University
Donated Fresh Produce To The Foodbank

Fresh produce from the Monmouth University Community Garden was recently donated to the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, the Long Branch Senior Center, Lutheran Church of the Reformation Community Food Pantry in West Long Branch, and the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch. The Community Garden is a venture of the Center for Human and Community Wellness at Monmouth University. The School of Social Work is a lead organizer, provider of a student intern for the project. To make a donation to the Community Garden, contact the School of Social Work at (732) 571-3543.

Welcome Students

From left, Eileen Connair and Lixanya Lucas from Long Branch at move-in day. This fall, the University welcomed 93 undergraduate students and 55 graduate students from Long Branch to campus.

Monmouth University's Chrissa Hogan and her daughters Sarah, Ping, and Katie delivered fresh produce to the Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Comments, Questions, or Feedback?

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

Men's Soccer Ranked in Top 15 Nationally

The Monmouth University men's soccer team, coming off its finest season in program history in 2009, has been ranked in the nation's top 15 all season long. The Hawks, who finished last season with an 18-2-2 record, are again among the nation's, and conference's, leading teams heading into the stretch run of the 2010 season.

Monmouth University
Lauded As National "Gem"

Monmouth University is an “overlooked gem” that deserves more attention from applicants and parents, according to a new book by a Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist.

Acceptance, by David Marcus, praises Monmouth’s combination of a liberal arts education and practical training for careers.

The book profiles Gwyeth Smith—known as one of the country’s best guidance counselors. Smith urges students to look at the “fit” of a college, and not just its supposed prestige. In that spirit, the book includes Smith’s forty favorite colleges from his forty years of admissions counseling.

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Visit http://events.monmouth.edu for up-to-date calendar of events.
The MAC at Monmouth University

www.macatmonmouth.com

The 4,100-seat arena is home to sports events and concerts throughout the year. For more information, visit www.macatmonmouth.com. Recent concerts have sold out, including The Jackson Browne with David Lindley concert in September.

**SPORTS EVENTS**

**Basketball (Men’s)**

11/19 7 p.m. Lehigh University
12/8 7 p.m. Princeton University
12/11 4 p.m. University of Hartford
12/18 7 p.m. Rutgers University*
12/22 7 p.m. Villanova University*
1/3 7 p.m. Bryant University*
1/6 7 p.m. Quinnipiac University*
1/8 7 p.m. Sacred Heart University*
1/20 7:45 p.m. Central Connecticut State University*
1/27 7:45 p.m. St. Francis College (NY)*
1/29 7:45 p.m. Fairleigh Dickinson University*
2/17 7:45 p.m. Saint Francis University (PA)*
2/19 7 p.m. Robert Morris University*
* Northeast Conference Game (subject to change for TV)

**Basketball (Women’s)**

11/24 4 p.m. Longwood University
11/26 4 p.m. Lafayette University
12/5 3 p.m. Columbia University
12/9 7 p.m. Central Connecticut State*
12/18 1 p.m. James Madison University
12/29 2 p.m./ 4 p.m. Hawk Holiday Classic: American University/
Binghamton University, Brown University
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**Special Packages**

4-GAME MAC PACK #1 - $50 (Stony Brook University, Rutgers University, Quinnipiac University, Long Island University)

4-GAME MAC PACK #2 - $50 (Princeton University, Villanova University, Sacred Heart University, Fairleigh Dickinson University)

**Women’s Special Package**

$35 (Longwood University, Lafayette College, James Madison University, Long Island University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Robert Morris University)

Visit www.gomuhawks.com or call 732-263-6889, prompt #1.

**Urban Coast Institute Receives $250,000 in Federal Funds**

President Paul Gaffney, University officials, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., Belmar Mayor Ken Pringle, and environmental advocates held a press conference at the Urban Coast Institute (UCI)’s water monitoring station in Belmar Marina on September 1 to announce that UCI has received $250,000 in federal funding. The funding will support the UCI’s Resilient Coastal Urban Community and Ecosystem (RESCUE) Initiative. RESCUE will support integrated projects such as coastal monitoring, mapping and observing, regional ocean governance and ecosystem-based management, coastal stewardship, and climate-ready communities. UCI’s initiatives help to protect, conserve, and restore the coastal waters of Monmouth and Ocean counties.

UCI Director Tony MacDonald noted that, while New Jersey had taken a leadership role on climate change, supporting community-level resilience and adaptability to sea-level rise is critical to reducing loss of life and property from the increasing threat of coastal storms. New Jersey is an ideal laboratory for development and implementation of a resilient community and ecosystem initiative.

For more information on the UCI and its research, please contact 732-263-5662 or visit the Urban Coast Institute Web site at www.monmouth.edu/urban_coast_institute.
NBC’s Brian Williams Honored at Monmouth University

Monmouth University held a special event, “An Evening with Brian Williams & Friends,” celebrating the career and accomplishments of Brian Williams—Emmy- and Peabody-Award-winning anchor and managing editor for NBC Nightly News—at Monmouth’s Multipurpose Activity Center on September 23.

At the event, Brian Williams, formerly of Middletown, NJ, was presented with the 2010 Monmouth Award for Communication Excellence (MACE). The MACE is given to individuals who have made significant lifetime contributions in the field of communication. Previous honorees have included White House correspondent Helen Thomas; newspaper publisher Jules L. Plangere, Jr.; Myron Kandel, founding financial editor of CNN; and CBS sports commentator Jim Nantz.

President Paul G. Gaffney II Inducted Into National Academy Of Engineering

Election to the National Academy of Engineering is Among the Highest Professional Distinctions Accorded to an Engineer

Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering at an awards ceremony held in Washington, DC, on October 3, 2010.

Election to the National Academy of Engineering is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to “engineering research, practice, or education.”

President Gaffney, a retired vice admiral from the United States Navy, was elected for technical leadership in naval research and development, and its impact on U.S. defense and ocean policy. He holds an engineering degree and commanded both the Naval Research Laboratory and Office of Naval Research during his Navy career. He holds an engineering degree and commanded both the Naval Research Laboratory and Office of Naval Research during his Navy career. He continues to participate in federal technology policy forums.

For more information on the National Academy of Engineering, visit http://national-academies.org.

Free Energy Assessment of Your Home

Energy Service Corps students at Monmouth University work to make the local community more energy efficient. They educate and serve the community through service projects, forums, and energy assessments. The priority project this year is performing energy assessments and weatherizations as a service to the campus and community.

If you would like to have a free energy assessment of your home, business, or off-campus house, please contact Lisa Harris at lisa@energyservicecorps.org or 732-770-0826.

Monmouth University Partners with Zipcar to Offer Alternative Transportation Option

New Program offers convenient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly option to owning a car

Monmouth University launched a new partnership with Zipcar Inc., providing the campus with access to the world’s leading car-sharing service. The cost-effective and convenient transportation option is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to Monmouth University students and employees as well as local community residents.

Gas, 180 miles per day, insurance, reserved parking spots, and roadside assistance are included in the hourly and daily Zipcar rates. Cars can be reserved for as short as an hour or for up to four days. Rates on all Monmouth University vehicles start as low as $8 per hour and $66 per day (24 hours).

The annual membership fee for anyone affiliated with Monmouth University is $35 and $50 for community residents. Cars are self service; they can be easily reserved and accessed 24 hours a day, Monmouth University Zipcars will be located in convenient spaces in high-demand areas. Two vehicles will be located in the Monmouth University Police Department parking lot.

“Not having to bring a car to campus will allow the Monmouth community to save money and reduce its overall impact on the environment,” said Matthew Malloy, vice president of global and campus operations at Zipcar. “Zipcar is an environmentally friendly transportation alternative since one Zipcar takes 15 to 20 personally owned vehicles off the road.”

For more information, including how to enroll in Zipcar at Monmouth University, please visit www.zipcar.com/monmouthu.