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.
- 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.

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 Shore Regional High School Teacher Gene Gilbert

Spanish and Special Education teacher Gene Gilbert from Shore Regional 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 teacher Andrea Lopez 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.
West Long Branch Volunteer Fire Department Holds Fire-Safety Training at Monmouth University

The West Long Branch Volunteer Fire Department held a fire-safety training for Monmouth University residence hall staffs in August. During the training session, a residence hall was filled with simulated smoke, and Monmouth University staff received instruction on how to safely navigate a smoke-filled hallway. The training will help Residence Life staff in their job responsibilities while providing fire safety information to share with student residents.

This year, eleven Monmouth University students are members of the West Long Branch Volunteer Fire Department.

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, fund-raiser, and 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.

South Central and Eastern Europe: Legacies and Identities

Free and open to the public
SPECIAL EXHIBITS
11/16-11/21 Artifacts Exhibit, Wilson Hall Lower Level
11/16-4/11 Famous Scenarists of South Central and Eastern Europe, Edison Hall
7/24-10/30 Exhibit of Books and Artifacts, Monmouth University Library

GALLERY EXHIBITION / ARTIST LECTURE
10/23-12/26 Bogdan Achimescu: Ark, Ice House Gallery
11/18 4:30 p.m. Lecture at Wilson Auditorium
11/18 5:30 p.m. Opening Reception at Gallery

PROVOST FILM SERIES
Free Film Series Focus on South Central and Eastern Europe
Films will be screened in Pollak Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
2/9 The Lives of Others (2001); not rated

Screening: Piotr Thomas-Francer and Dr. Friederike Kinzick
5/17 No Man’s Land (2001); rated R

Screening: Dr. Marina Vujnovic and Dr. Bojana Beric
4/5 Crazy Stranger (1997); not rated

Screening: Dr. Marina Vujnovic; Dr. Mihaela Moscaliuc; and Mariana Tepfenhart

Cub Scouts Visit Wilson Hall

Cub Scout Pack 145, Den 7, from West Long Branch took a tour of Wilson Hall in October. Den mother Sue Luongo and her assistant Sunny MoudExceptions accompanied the troop on the tour. Wilson Hall is one of the country’s most magnificent architectural treasures and a National Historic Landmark. The mansion served as a location for the film Anna in 1988. Visitors are welcome to tour the mansion during business hours, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FROM MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
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 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 December 13th.

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.

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SPORTS EVENTS

Basketball (Men’s)

11/16 6 a.m. Stony Brook University – ESPN TV Game
11/19 7 p.m. Lehigh University
12/2 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*
12/20 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* 2/19 7:45 p.m. Saint Francis University (PA)*
2/17 7:45 p.m. Bryant University* 1/7 Noon Quinnipiac University*
2/19 7 p.m. Robert Morris University* 1/10 7 p.m. Sacred Heart University*
1/29 3 p.m. Long Island University*
1/31 7 p.m. St. Francis College (NY)* 2/14 7 p.m. Fairleigh Dickinson University*
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* Northeast Conference Game (subject to change for TV)

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+ These games will only be available via the purchase of season tickets and or MAC packs. Individual tickets go on sale December 13th.

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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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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/.

West Long Branch’s New Ambulance Unveiled at Blessing and Dedication Ceremony

West Long Branch’s new ambulance was unveiled at a blessing and dedication ceremony on September 19.

Monmouth University donated $75,000 to West Long Branch to cover 50 percent of the cost of the ambulance. Monmouth University appreciates the service the Borough’s First Aid Squad provides for its students and the whole campus community.
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 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 Zipcars 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, seven days a week to Monmouth University students and employees as well as local community residents.

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