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Commencement Ceremony

Monmouth University held its second Winter Commencement ceremony on Friday, January 13 at the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC). Ambassador of Israel to the United States Michael Oren delivered the Commencement Address during the ceremony and received an honorary degree. Harry S. Pozyczki, chairman and founder of The Citizens Campaign, also received an honorary degree during the ceremony. Monmouth University awarded approximately 650 undergraduate and graduate degrees during the ceremony.

African American Read-In Held at Monmouth University

On February 6th, the African American Read-in, co-sponsored by Monmouth University and West Side Christian Academy in Asbury Park, was held at Monmouth. Students from Kappa Delta Pi, the International Reading Association, the MU Community Service Club and others organized literacy-based activities in celebration of Black History Month for children from Asbury Park Middle School and West Side Christian Academy.

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.

Things To Do

CENTER FOR THE ARTS Call 732-263-6889 or visit www.monmouth.edu/arts

Performing Arts

3/24 8 p.m. On Broadway with David J.V. Meenan and Friends Pollak Theatre
3/30 8 p.m. Jazz and Poetry with Robert Pinsky Pollak Theatre
3/31 8 p.m. Arif Lohar/Arooj Afta Pollak Theatre
4/13 8 p.m. Marc Mullan’s Dead On: Live Pollak Theatre
4/20 7:30 p.m. Rule Americana: Spring Concert Pollak Theatre
4/20 7:30 p.m. DAUGHTRY: Break the Spell 2012 Tour MAC
4/21 8 p.m. Adam Pascal & Anthony Rapp: Original Stars of Broadway’s RENT Pollak Theatre
4/27 8 p.m. Bella Gaia Pollak Theatre
5/5 7 p.m. Jim Flanagan: Storyteller Growing up Irish-American Woods Theatre

The Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Spring Musical: Working at the Lauren K. Woods Theatre
3/28 – 4/5 8 p.m. Working Woods Theatre

The Metropolitan Opera Broadcast Live in HD

4/7 12 p.m. Manon (Massenet) Pollak Theatre
4/12 7 p.m. Ernani (Verdi) Pollak Theatre
4/14 1 p.m. La Traviata (Verdi) Pollak Theatre
4/26 7 p.m. Manon (Massenet) Pollak Theatre
5/24 7 p.m. La Traviata (Verdi) Pollak Theatre

National Theatre, London Live in HD

5/3 7 p.m. She Stoops to Conquer Pollak Theatre

Visiting Writers

4/10 4:30 p.m. Naomi Shihab Nye Pollak Theatre

Exhibits

4/6 – 4/13 Second Senior Exhibit: Graphic Design Ice House & Pollak Galleries

Provost’s Film Series

4/5 7:30 p.m. Under the Bombs Pollak Theatre

ATHLETICS

Cheer on the Hawks! Spring sports include soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, and track. For more information and schedules, visit www.monmouth.edu/athletics

Visit http://events.monmouth.edu for up-to-date calendar of events
2012 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 732-571-3456, or visit us on the Web at 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. PSATs will also be accepted.

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 Teacher Certification 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.

New! Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program Starts in May! Monmouth is proud to be offering its first doctoral program, to begin this summer. The 36-credit master’s degree program provides students with the skills necessary to influence and improve healthcare infrastructure and outcomes through the delivery of quality care. To learn more and apply, visit www.monmouth.edu/DNP.

Summer Athletics Camps! Monmouth University Athletics continues its popular summer camp program this year, offering a variety of camps for boys and girls of all ages. Camps begin as early as June. For more information, contact Charlene Siciliano (sicilia@monmouth.edu) or Nancy Benanti (benanti@monmouth.edu), or visit www.gomuhawks.com.

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 20, 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. The University is a sponsor of the Scholarship Four-Mile Run/Walk. 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 go to the Web site www.thornescholarshiprun.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you on May 20.

Students Help Raise Funds for Long Branch Fire Victims

Students held fundraisers on campus to benefit victims of the Brighton Avenue fire that left families homeless and destroyed businesses. Students collected donations at men’s and women’s basketball games and had a ribbon campaign.

The Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce is still accepting donations to help the fire victims. Gift cards, checks and cash may be dropped off at Central Jersey Bank, 627 Second Ave., to the attention of Carol Feldman.

Students Help Raise Funds for Local Schoolchildren Cheer on the Hawks

Children from the Monmouth County Park System’s Coastal Activity Center cheered on the Hawks to a victory against FDU on February 11 and met with basketball players Phill Wait (left) and Ed Waite after the game.

MAC Receives President’s Award from Long Branch Chamber of Commerce

The 2012 President’s Award was presented to Monmouth University for the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) on March 9 at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa.

The MAC opened in Fall 2009 and has quickly become a destination on campus and in the community. Located at the center of Monmouth University’s beautiful 156-acre campus, the 153,200-square-foot Multipurpose Activity Center houses a 4,100-seat competition arena; a 200-meter, six-lane indoor track; locker rooms; educational and conference space; ground-level bookstore; and a state-of-the-art fitness center. The $57 million project was completed on time and on budget. During the course of construction, a number of local contractors and over 200 employees from the local area worked on the project.

The MAC is an outstanding educational, cultural, and entertainment center for the area. Live concerts such as Bob Dylan, Jackson Browne, and Backstreet Boys have been held at the MAC as well as family concerts such as Thomas and Friends and athletic and community events. The MAC has received many awards and honors including a merit award from the Monmouth County Planning Board in 2010, the 2011 Good Neighbor Award from the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, and the 2011 Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Community Service Award; in addition, it was named an award-winning project by New Jersey Building Contractor magazine in 2011.

Cub Scout Troop Tours Wilson Hall

Cub Scout Troop #3 from West Long Branch with Cubmaster JT Colville and Den Mother Diane Colville. The troop had an hour-long tour of Wilson Hall, on January 9 as part of a patch fulfillment for visiting a National Historic Building.

For more information about booking a tour of Wilson Hall for a Cub Scout or Girl Scout Troop, call 732-571-3526.
“Coaching Boys Into Men”

Program Held at the MAC

The Monmouth University Department of Athletics, in conjunction with the 180 Men’s Task Force, put on its annual “Coaching Boys into Men” program in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC) on campus in January.

The program features Monmouth University student-athletes and coaches interacting with local high school students, coaches and administrators in an open forum format on topics such as respect, sportsmanship, image and legacy. Over twenty high schools from Monmouth and Ocean County sent representatives to the program.

180, Turning Lives Around, is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence in the local community. 180 has served 300,000 individuals and families for 30 years with a caring staff that provides immediate and long term support in assisting clients with the trauma they have experienced, while supporting them in obtaining services and making decisions that will turn their lives around.

Women in Sports Day

Monmouth University held an interactive conference for student-athletes from twenty-nine local middle schools for Women in Sports Day on February 11. Over 175 middle school girls, their parents, coaches, and administrators participated in the event. Monmouth University student-athletes gave presentations and spoke to the students about leadership, confidence, and being a team player.

After the conference, the participants attended the Monmouth University women’s basketball game in the MAC and cheered on the Hawks against Fairleigh Dickinson.

ESPN Vice President Carol Stiff received the 2012 Rebecca Stafford Leadership Award during the event. In addition, “Play 4 Kay,” breast cancer awareness festivities were held in honor of former North Carolina State coach Kay Yow. Monmouth University basketball coach Jenny Palmateer played for and was an assistant coach under Yow at North Carolina State.

For more information on “Play 4 Kay,” visit www.play4kay.org.

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School of Science Donates Over 500 Science Books To Zimbabwe University Students

Monmouth University’s School of Science, students, and alumni collected over 500 science books for its book donation project. The books were sent to faculty and students at Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) in Zimbabwe. Chemistry Professor Tongesayi has strong ties with BUSE where he taught from its inception in 1996 through 2001 as the first lecturer and chair in the Chemistry Department. During a research trip to Zimbabwe this past summer, Dr. Tongesayi was stationed at BUSE and he conducted field research with BUSE faculty and students.

Back row, from left: Dr. Tongesayi, student Arielle LeBeau, and Evelyn Hampton, secretary, Department of Chemistry. Medical Technology and Physics. Front row: Student Chelsea Bony

Student Athletes Deliver Gifts to Students at the Schroth Center

The Monmouth University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (MSAAC) visited the students at the LADACIN Network’s Schroth Center in Wanamassa on December 16. The group, consisting of about fifty student-athletes and coaches, helped Santa deliver gifts to students in their classrooms.

This marks the 13th year that MSAAC has helped Santa deliver gifts to the students at the Schroth Center.

LADACIN Network (an acronym for Lifetime Assistance for Developmental and Challenging Individual Needs) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide education, therapeutic, social, residential and support services for people with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities.

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Volunteers Needed to Join Relay for Life at Monmouth University on April 13 & 14

Monmouth University Relay for Life 2012 will be held on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. Last year, the event raised over $50,000.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight community celebration held in the MAC in which individuals and teams camp out and take turns walking or running around the track “relay” style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants hold battery operated tea lights around the track in a touching ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease.

If you would like to volunteer or find out how to build a team for the event, visit www.relayforlife.org

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