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ABOVE: MEMBERS OF THE MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY DANCE TEAM AND CHEERLEADING SQUADS UNFURL AN AMERICAN FLAG AT THE START OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST MAINE.
NO LOVE FOR JERSEY SHORE

Some people may call Jersey Shore entertainment, but I call the show derogatory. My mother and my father were both born in Italy and came to the United States because this was the land of opportunity.

My father was the hardest working man I ever met, working 12-14 hours a day 6 days a week doing physical outdoor mason work (leaving Sunday for his family.) His education was limited and he was ridiculed for not knowing the English language. My father disliked being called a “ginny” Italian because he knew people meant low-life Italian. The modern word for “ginny” is Guido. Jersey Shore stereotypes a group of spoiled Italian kids with no morals and a lack of education, direction, and respect for others.

What kind of heroes are we portraying to the youth of today? We are becoming more a country that forgets its past generations and all the good that was accomplished from this beautiful culture by exposing young minds to false heroes that the TV media profits by calling it reality entertainment. My mother and my father are my heroes.

John B. Giglio ’66

FINDING SPRINGSTEEN

I recently read Susan Merrill O'Connor’s story in the summer issue of the Monmouth University Magazine, of how she met Bruce Springsteen back in 1984. My daughter is a grad student at Monmouth. I found Susan’s story to be most interesting and enjoyable. One of my family members is a cousin to Bruce’s wife Patty, so I sent the article to Bruce. I thought he would enjoy reading it.

I wanted Susan to know that I did so. I thought she would be pleased to know that Bruce will hopefully be reading her story.

Joanne DeVito

I just received the latest issue of Monmouth University Magazine and read the delightful article “Finding Springsteen” by Susan Merrill O’Connor. Since I grew up at the Jersey Shore, and have also followed Bruce Springsteen’s career, I enjoyed reading Susan’s nostalgic story of her Monmouth experience. It is articles like these that brighten up what otherwise might be a stodgy college newsletter about who’s who since graduation. Keep up the good work.

Craig Hall ’69 ’78M

CHEERS FOR THE OUTLOOK

As the parent of a former Monmouth student, it is always enjoyable to read the Monmouth University Magazine. Of particular interest to me in your summer 2010 issue was the article on page 20, “Honors for The Outlook.” What an outstanding award and credit to those folks who work so hard to deliver such a fine newspaper. To finish ahead of university newspapers such as Villanova, Brigham Young, and others—wow!

During the past two years, I have read and saved every copy of The Outlook, and I understand the work that goes into this kind of production. The editors of The Outlook volunteer numerous hours, in addition to their regular studies at Monmouth, to make every article happen. My daughter, Diana, was one of them. Diana received an Editorial Service Award for The Outlook, Outstanding Political Writing Award, Academic Excellence in Journalism Award, two honor society acceptances, and graduated with a 3.92 GPA.

While you recognize many sports, teachers, marriages, and others by name, and with pictures—how about a picture or a few names of the students responsible for this outstanding university newspaper?

Michelle M. Cappelluti

Ed: Michele – here is the hard-working staff of the Outlook.

CORRECTIONS:
Kisliak Real Estate Honoree John Giunco’s last name was incorrectly spelled as “Guinco” on page 17 of the summer issue.
Vanessa Joy Photography should have been credited with the wedding photo of Courtney Cappiello ’06 in class notes.
We apologize for the errors.
Monmouth University welcomed NBC Nightly News Anchor and Managing Editor, Brian Williams, to the Multipurpose Activity Center on September 23 to recognize him for his more than 20 years as a journalist and present him with the Monmouth University Award for Communication Excellence (MACE).

Before Williams took center stage, guests enjoyed a lively journalist roundtable with Anne Thompson, chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News; Dr. Nancy Snyderman HN ’08, chief medical editor for NBC News; Brenda Blackmon, anchor for My9 News; and Brian Thompson, New Jersey reporter for WNBC’s News 4 New York.
MEMBERS OF THE MACE COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID M. WILSON ’80; EDITOR, BLOOMBERG NEWS; CHAD DELL, PHD, CHAIR, MONMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION; BRIAN WILLIAMS, ANCHOR AND MANAGING EDITOR, NBC NIGHTLY NEWS; FRANK DIOPOLOS, NJ DISCOVER, MARILYN E. ROCKY ’65; PAT SCANLON, PRESIDENT, SHARMOCK COMMUNICATIONS; LUCILLE MADDALENA ’71, EDD, MADDALENA TRANSITIONS MANAGEMENT, INC.; MAUREEN BAY ’75, GEM OF AN IDEA; JIM HICKEY HN ’07, ABC RADIO NEWS; MAIYA FURGASON, WELLS FARGO ADVISORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PICTURED: STEVE CODY, JIM DRISCOLL, RICKIE GAFFNEY, ANN SUBERVI, DON SWANSON.

The MACE Committee

Making the MACE Award a reality each year are the members of the MACE Committee, a subcommittee of the Communication Council. The Communication Council is an advisory board for the Department of Communication. The Council creates a vital dialogue between Monmouth faculty and students and professionals in the fields of broadcasting, print journalism, public relations, theater, film, political communication, corporate communication and other related fields.

Dr. Chad Dell, chair of Department of Communication, said, “This is a wonderful group of talented, dedicated professionals who have come together to advise the department. They have done an amazing job.”

The Communication Council’s main objectives are to increase recognition of and appreciation for the department; to advance the goal of the department to become an independent School of Communication; to support students pursuing a degree in communication; and to raise scholarship, grant, research and supporting funding for the department’s efforts.

The MACE Committee, working under the Communication Council, created the MACE award—the Monmouth Award for Communication Excellence—to recognize outstanding achievement in the field of communication.

Maiya Furgason explained: “Maureen Bay researched the MACE name and came up with several designs for the actual award. She put a great deal of time, effort, and creativity into the design—and the implementation. And everyone who sees it is impressed.”

The first award went to former senior White House correspondent Helen Thomas. Subsequent honorees included Jules L. Plangere, Jr. HN ’86, former publisher of the Asbury Park Press; Myron Kandel, founding financial editor for CNN; Jim Nantz, CBS Sports commentator; and NBC Nightly News Anchor and Managing Editor Brian Williams.

Dell said, “Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Committee, we are moving closer and closer to our goal to transform the department into the School of Communication at Monmouth University.”

President Gaffney introduced Williams as “our anchor, America’s anchor, a man whose career has included service in Kansas, in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, the Vatican, West Africa, Air Force One, and on the front in Iraq. In danger, in the limelight, involved.”

“But he always had time to return to the Shore; to the Windmill, to Max’s, and to Tim McLoone’s,” Gaffney said before presenting the MACE award to Williams.

Before being honored with a MACE by Monmouth, Williams received six Edward R. Murrow Awards, 10 Emmy Awards, the duPont-Columbia University Award, the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism, and broadcasting’s highest honor, the George Foster Peabody Award. In 2006 Time Magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Williams led his address by recalling the challenges his family faced during his formative days in Monmouth County.

“We moved to Middletown when I was 9; our house cost $27,900. My father had just lost his job in Corning, New York, and this was a place where he could get on the Jersey Shore Line every day and try to find work.”

After his father, then 51, suffered a near fatal heart attack while supporting his family, Williams said, “losing his job plunged our family into financial ruin, but we made it.”

Williams said, “When it came time to pick a high school my mother said it was, a ‘doubled-edged sword…Mater Dei will be a better school, but we don’t have the $725 tuition.’”

“So I got my working papers when I turned 14. I got a job at Perkins, and I got a job at Sears where I worked with Michael Spratford [Monmouth ’79]. We sold menswear and hardware, often at the same time.”

“Life has been pretty fantastic,” Williams said. “I asked Mike [Spratford] to be here tonight because for many years Michael was the one who busted out. He had the good sense to put all his money on the
line and get a great four-year education, and so for many years he was the only guy I knew who was able to come here and graduate from what was then Monmouth College. And I remain envious of the education he received to this day.”

Explaining his transition from a childhood spent “within 100 yards of Route 35,” to becoming one of the most recognized news anchors in America, Williams said, there is no profound lesson:

“If you dream really big dreams, and you don’t share them with your friends in high school for fear of being laughed out of the place, or you don’t share them with your friends at Brookdale, or your friends at the firehouse, and you just kind of scrunch up your eyes and hope real hard and try to work real hard, dreams—especially in this country—can come true.”

But Williams did dream big, despite his humble claim to have been “the worst writer for the student newspaper.”

“Sitting in a house in Middletown at age nine watching Walter Cronkite, I had this dream that I could do that, and go places and see things and people I never dreamed of.”

After working in the lobbying arm of the National Association of Broadcasters, Williams began his broadcasting career at KOAM-TV in Pittsburg, KS, in 1981. A year later he moved to Washington, D.C., and worked at WTTG-TV as general assignment reporter. He joined NBC News from WCBS in New York in 1993 and became the network’s chief White House correspondent in 1994. In 1996 Williams began anchoring The News with Brian Williams on MSNBC and rebroadcast on CNBC.

He is also on the board of the Medal of Honor Foundation. He wrote in an essay for On Patrol, the magazine of the USO: “Except for a few years as a fireman in a New Jersey volunteer engine company, I haven’t served society. I certainly haven’t served my country. A few years ago I realized I could do something else: I could serve those who have served their country.”

“I still consider myself a perfectly ordinary guy,” Williams said.

“It certainly wasn’t my sparkling journalism at Mater Dei, or for the Brookdale paper. But I think being ready and having enough curiosity and being a kid from Middletown to suddenly land in Kabul—and still see Kabul from Middletown eyes—and describe to the viewers what I would describe to the viewers to someone from here.”

An audience member asked Williams what the most difficult story he has had to report on. Williams referred to the debacle in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, “an awful, but hugely important domestic story.”

Williams said that as he was covering Katrina he knew “full well that if the Williams kids, or my wife had been trapped down there, somebody would have gotten to them. My company would have found a way to get them food and water—get through those police roadblocks and get them out of there.”

“The question I ask everybody is: What makes them any more valuable than any of the people you saw on television? Nothing. They’re all our fellow citizens.”

Williams added, “Every time we see history changing, it doesn’t seem to change fast enough.”

Williams ended his address with thanks, “for a full heart from a kid who grew up behind Shop Rite, later Value City Furniture, on Route 35 in Middletown.”

“I couldn’t have imagined anyone wanting to hear what I had to say—don’t tell anyone, but I still can’t. It’s an amazing sequence of events. Really amazing. I’m still mentally at Sears,” he said.

“I am simply one of you in every provable way.”
“Today we commemorate our success as a comprehensive University with regional distinction,” President Gaffney told the audience of professors in full academic regalia, students, employees, and honored guests at the convocation held in Pollak Theatre to mark Monmouth’s 77th anniversary.

The first Founders’ Day was held in 1983 as a part of the University’s 50th anniversary celebration, and it has become an annual tradition over the past quarter-century.

“As we gather formally to mark the beginning of the academic year, it is fitting to reaffirm our mission as an academic community with a strong public service commitment, dedicated to teaching and to scholarship,” President Gaffney said.

To emphasize Monmouth’s incredible growth, Robert Sculthorpe, who was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees on June 17, compared the Monmouth University of 2010 with the Monmouth College of 1963, his graduation year.

“It had only been five years since the first baccalaureate degrees were awarded, and only eight years since the relocation of Monmouth from Long Branch High School to this campus. Monmouth was poised on the cusp of tremendous change,” Sculthorpe said.

“In 1963 enrollment was about 3,300 students. Of that number two-thirds were men and one-third were women. Today, our nearly 6,000 students have a ratio of 58% women and 42% men.”

“For the first time that year the number of evening students declined in relation to day students, although nearly one-third of the student body still attended classes in the evening,” Sculthorpe said. “Back then there were no graduate studies and 75% of the students came from Monmouth, Ocean, and Middlesex counties. Today, 35% of our students come from those counties; the remainder come from other parts of New Jersey, 26 other

Founders’ Day celebrations on October 13 welcomed two experts in the field of science: keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient, Dr. Marcia McNutt, and 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Henry R. Kranzler ’76, M.D. Philanthropist Carol Stillwell was presented the Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service, which is not awarded on an annual basis, but rather on the merits of the recipient.
states, and 18 foreign countries.”

“That year the rifle team practiced in the sub-basement of Wilson Hall firing 16 pound Remington long rifles. That program is no longer with us, and that is probably a good idea,” Sculthorpe joked.

Kevin Sanders, president of the Student Government Association, said, “The people of Monmouth, particularly the students, make up the heart of the University. Our successes here come from the successes and strengths of our students.”

“Only we can make the school unique,” Sanders told his fellow students. “Only we can make the school special, and we can help to better an institution like Monmouth for years to come, just like the many students and faculty who have come before us,” he added.

Dr. Marcia K. McNutt, a distinguished scientist, administrator, and the 15th director of the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) in its 130-year history, Dr. McNutt previously served as president and chief executive officer of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) in Moss Landing, CA.

Trustee Thomas J. Michelli presented her for an honorary Doctor of Science degree, noting that she had been “chosen by the president of the United States to direct the government’s largest water, earth, and biological science agency,” and that she “has served as chief scientist on major oceanographic expeditions around the world.”

Most recently, McNutt led the scientific team that investigated the oil flow rates from the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

“The real value of an education is one that teaches students to think. It’s not the facts and figures you learn in your university education; it’s the importance of teaching the next generation how to think strategically, how to think creatively and rationally,” McNutt said.

“Many of the facts and figures that you would learn today as a student, especially in the sciences, might be totally irrelevant 30 years from now.”

McNutt cited her recent experience dealing with the oil spill crisis as an example. Within weeks of the Deepwater Horizon explosion she was asked to lead a team of federal scientists at BP headquarters in Houston to understand what it would take to contain the flow of oil.

“We knew that anything we could do to either contain the oil, or to stop the flow earlier would make a huge difference in the environmental disaster,” McNutt said. The challenges of calculating the rate of flow from the well proved to have profound policy implications.

“When the well blew, there were no proven techniques for measuring the rate from a wild well, out of control, a mile deep in the ocean,” she said. With little precedent, McNutt’s team had to start from scratch. “The earliest government estimates were 5,000 barrels a day. As soon as video was released on May 12, experts looked at that video and said ‘there’s something wrong. This is not 5,000 barrels a day.’”

Using all available technology her team released a new “best estimate” of the oil flowing into the ocean on June 15, which was between 35,000 and 65,000 barrels of oil per day, “an order of magnitude larger than the original government estimate,” McNutt said.
six days later, a remote controlled sub provided the first deep-sea sample of the oil-to-gas ratio at the site. “We knew that the ratio was the largest area of uncertainty in our estimate. Based on the sample, we raised the “lower” flow estimate from 35,000 to 45,000 barrels per day.”

“When we were finally able to shut off the flow from the well on July 15, we got the final estimate of the flow rate which was between 53,000 and 62,000 barrels a day.”

Dr. McNutt said that while there was a lot of “Monday morning quarterbacking” after the fact, the crisis was not an academic exercise. “This problem had never been solved before. Coming up with the right answer a month ahead of time was an incredible achievement when there was no proven methodology.”

Overestimating the flow would have foreclosed the possibility of the capping stack that ultimately stopped the flow. “None of the solutions to these problems existed; we had to create them as we went along, and these were all done by people who were broadly trained to think on their feet and to develop solutions because they knew how to solve problems, not just memorize facts,” McNutt said.

“This is the great strength of a liberal arts education.”

The delicate balance between hard science and creative thinking was also evident in the choice of Dr. Henry R. Kranzler as the Distinguished Alumnus of 2010.

Trustee Thomas Porskievies ’82 ’86M introduced Dr. Kranzler, professor of Psychiatry and Genetics and Developmental Biology at University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Porskievies said of Kranzler, “At Monmouth you are remembered for being one of the first Anthropology majors, and the founding president of the Anthropology Club.”

“While at Monmouth, you took the necessary courses for medical school; however you may be best remembered for being the only student to this day who hosted a radio show on WMCX with a playlist consisting solely of classical music,” Porskievies added.

Kranzler has received a number of awards and honors, including being named as one of the 10 Best Doctors in America. More recently, he has become a fellow of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and a distinguished fellow of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry. Since 2007 he has served on the board of trustees of the Research Society on Alcoholism.

“I recall my experience at Monmouth very fondly. My years here have been among the best of my life,” Kranzler said.

“Monmouth provided me with the opportunity to pursue my interest in Anthropology, the biomedical sciences, as well as philosophy, art, history and music. My time here prepared me well for medical school,” Kranzler added. “It taught me to appreciate the world around me.”

“At Monmouth I got to know well my classmates and many of the faculty, making lifelong friends among both.”

Before receiving his medical degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Kranzler graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in Anthropology at Monmouth, and earned a master’s degree in Anthropology at Rutgers.

A clinical addiction psychiatrist for more than 20 years, Kranzler now devotes his time primarily to research, research administration and teaching.

Before the Founders’ Day celebrations, Kranzler met with students in the H.R. Young Auditorium in Bey Hall to explain aspects of his research, which focus on the genetics and pharmacological treatment of alcohol and drug dependence and common co-morbid psychiatric disorders.

His research has been continuously supported since 1987 by grants from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). He has authored or co-authored more than 300 journal articles, book chapters, and other publications.

He chaired the NIAAA Clinical and Treatment Subcommittee and has been a frequent journal reviewer, and is a member of the editorial boards of six journals.

Kranzler also serves as a research mentor for medical students, psychiatric residents, postdoctoral fellows and faculty in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medicine at the University of Connecticut.

Also receiving honors at Founders’ Day was longtime Monmouth University supporter, Carol Stillwell. Owner, president, and CEO of Stillwell-Hansen, Inc., Stillwell received the Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service.

“If you look at the list of people from before who were receiving the same award, [former Monmouth University Board Chair] Charlie Parson, John Brockriede, Tim McLoone and Eugene Cheslock, they are my heroes,” Stillwell said. “I am honored to be in the same company as them. It is truly overwhelming.”

Together with her late husband, Gordon, Stillwell has achieved numerous business awards and recognition for customer service and expertise. She joined the board of trustees for Riverview Medical Center Foundation in 2000 and has served as chairperson of Ride for Riverview since 1998, raising over $700,000 for the Jane H. and John Marshall Booker Cancer Center at Riverview Medical Center.

“I don’t think that service is simply giving,” Stillwell said. “Rather service is a means to challenge all of us as a community, as people, to do more, to do better.”

“Giving is not always about money, or material things. Most importantly it is about giving hope to others,” she said.
To verify scheduling information, and see other campus activities, visit: http://events.monmouth.edu/BrowseEvents.aspx
For information about Alumni events call Alumni Affairs at 732-571-3489
For information about Performing Arts call the box office at 732-263-6889
For information about other events contact Special Events at 732-571-3509

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**DECEMBER**

**DECEMBER 3**

Father Alphonse Stephenson & the Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$39
(20th anniversary reception, 6:30-7:45 PM, $25)

**DECEMBER 5-6**

Performing Arts: A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Carol
Running Rabbit Family Theatre
Dec. 5 (2:00 PM), Dec. 6 (10:30 AM)
$10/$12

**DECEMBER 9**

Concert: Holiday Greeting
Wilson Hall Grand Staircase
7:30 PM

**DECEMBER 9**

National Theatre: Live in HD
Hamlet – directed by Nicholas Hytner
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

**DECEMBER 11**

Best of the Met: Live in HD
Don Carlo – Verdi
Encore Rebroadcast
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

**DECEMBER 18**

Performing Arts: Cherish the Ladies – Celtic Christmas
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$35/$42

**DECEMBER 18**

Introduction to Step Dancing Workshop
Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center
6:00-7:00 PM
$10, or free with Cherish the Ladies ticket

**JANUARY**

**JANUARY 8**

Best of the Met: Live in HD
La Fanciulla Del West – Verdi
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
$22

**JANUARY 14**

Winter Commencement
Multipurpose Activity Center
1:30 P.M.

**JANUARY 18 – MARCH 11**

**JANUARY 21**

Wilson Hall Candlelight Dinner Tour
Wilson Hall
6:00 P.M.
Call 732-571-3509 for reservations. $50 per person.

**JANUARY 22**

Alumni: Beer Tasting
Magill Commons
7:00-9:00 P.M
For more information call 732-571-3489

**JANUARY 22**

Best of the Met: Live in HD
Don Carlo – Verdi
Encore Rebroadcast
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

**JANUARY 24 – MARCH 11**

**JANUARY 25**

Performing Arts: Leahy
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$35/$42

**JANUARY 26**

Best of the Met: Live in HD
Iphigénie en Tauride – Gluck
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22
Defying the odds for an African American woman born in 1924 and raised during segregation, Mariagnes Lattimer ‘66 helped to pave the way for others who doubted their goals were attainable.

Although she did not earn her bachelor’s degree until she was 42, Lattimer went on to earn a Ph.D. and a master’s degree in social work, and later helped to influence the administration and philosophy of Thomas Edison State College, whose mission is “providing diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults.”

“Her fingerprints and sense of commitment are all over this college. She has a right to be proud of her accomplishments at Thomas Edison,” said Dr. George Pruitt, who has been president of Thomas Edison State College since 1982.

Whether you attribute her unusual career trajectory to her will, her intelligence or her innate drive to succeed, Lattimer has met every challenge in her life with grace, strength and tireless energy.

“I’ve lived the life,” the Fulbright Scholar said, looking over her apartment filled with books, photos, letters, plaques and artwork that recall her accomplishments. Interspersed among her mementos are birthday cards congratulating her on her 86th birthday, which she celebrated in July.
Lattimer enrolled at Monmouth in the fall of 1962 when the youngest of her four children entered kindergarten. As the oldest freshman in her class Lattimer recalls being described as a pioneer. As a student she was an active member of the Historical Society and the Student Education Association.

Her path to college began after Lattimer became the first African American supervisor at N.J. Bell Telephone. Starting as an operator in the Neptune office in the late-1950s, Lattimer met her “academic godmother,” Alice Stadelhofer, a German woman who encouraged her to read every book in the office.

“There’s an authenticity and honesty about her. What you see is what you get, and what you get is pretty special.”

Bell Telephone, which later became a major employer of African American women in the 1960s and 1970s, agreed to pay tuition at Monmouth College for every ‘A’ Lattimer earned.

She received her bachelor’s in elementary education in 1966 and never looked back. With her degree in hand, she taught eighth grade in Howell Township for a year and at the Freehold Regional High School the following year.

Lattimer wants to be remembered for being a teacher. She said she still receives letters from students she had decades ago and treasures them.

“You can’t teach unless you’re willing to learn,” she said. “But the most important thing a teacher has to have is you can’t teach, and that’s enthusiasm. You teach with yourself. A teacher has to find the best in herself and then in her students.”

In 1968 she was named Woman of the Year by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women. The same year she began working at Rutgers University, and served as the institution’s delegate at the World Assembly of Education in Jamaica.

While at Rutgers, Lattimer taught management courses for mid-level executives at New Jersey Bell. In 1970 she was named assistant dean of the Graduate School of Education, and was named Professor Emeritus in 1986.

Lattimer is quick to recognize those who helped her attain her late-career success. She remembers former Rutgers University President Mason Gross telling her, “I will take you under my wing. You’ll be my star.”

“I couldn’t let him down,” Lattimer said.

While working at Rutgers, she took a history class and was met with sharp discrimination. Asked to write a paper about a famous American, Lattimer handed in a report about Mary McLeod Bethune, a forerunner in education, advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and founder of the National Council of Negro Women.

Her professor objected to Lattimer's choice of an African American subject and gave her an ‘F’ on the assignment. Instead of dampening her enthusiasm, the incident only fueled Lattimer’s desire to excel academically.

With the guidance of Mason Gross, Lattimer went on to earn her doctorate in philosophy in 1974 from Union Graduate School (now the Union Institute & University) in Ohio. One of her classmates was Dr. George Pruitt, the current president of Thomas Edison State College.

“There’s an authenticity and honesty about her. What you see is what you get, and what you get is pretty special,” Dr. Pruitt said. “She touches people in different ways. I have great regard and respect for her.”
Perhaps inspired by her early academic conflict at Rutgers, Lattimer’s doctoral thesis at Union was  “The Black Cabinet: A Study of Personal Commitment and Political Involvement by Blacks during the New Deal.”

Her commitment to helping minorities was steadfast, and growing. During the summers of 1974 through 1976 Lattimer developed the first Black Studies Program at Passaic County Community College and taught the first courses in Black History at the college.

Soon after, she was recognized as a Fulbright Scholar in Germany, an award designed to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” In 1980 she was named Educator of the Year by the New Jersey Association of Black Educators.

Lattimer continued her educational journey, earning her M.S.W. from Rutgers in 1981, which enabled her to start her own private practice in 1983, focusing on clinical work with individuals and families.

On the merits of her accomplishments, Lattimer was invited to join a team of academic scholars responsible for reviewing all academic policies at Thomas Edison State College and charged with hiring its second president, Dr. Pruitt.

While juggling her clinical practice and raising her four children, Lattimer responded to Governor Jim Florio’s request to join the Commission on Health Care Financing, serving from 1990 to 1991. She also chaired the New Jersey State Health Planning Board from 1991 to 1995.

In 1994 Rutgers University awarded Lattimer the Scarlet Oak Meritorious Service Award, which recognizes alumni for their outstanding service to the university that extends beyond a specific area or volunteer role.

Before her academic career bloomed Lattimer raised four children; Robert, Penelope, Joy and Tanaquil. Their accomplishments also reflect her commitment to academia.

Son Robert is a former Marine who served in the Vietnam War, returning with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He is now a senior fellow, Diversity Studies at Rutgers University’s Heldrich Center, a lecturer at Rutgers Graduate School of Business, and a member of the advisory board at the Institute for Non-Profit Management and Governance of the Rutgers School of Social Work.

Penelope, a Fulbright-Hays Scholar (1985 in China) who is assistant director of the Rutgers Institute to Improve Student Achievement and former assistant N.J. State Commissioner of Education, said, “She really encouraged us to value education and was very much a promoter of the arts. We each studied one instrument, and all of us studied dance, including my brother who took tap.”

Joy, a retired mortgage banker, echoed her sister’s sentiment, “We were taught that you can be and do anything you want to be. She raised some courageous kids. If we didn’t have her as a model, I don’t think we would have been as successful as we are.” She calls her mother a “trailblazer.”

“She had a strong value for education and cultural enlightenment,” her youngest daughter Tanaquil said. Tanaquil said she has passed those values onto her daughter, Margaux, a high school senior and an accomplished photographer.

Growing up in Fair Haven, the Lattimer children did not enjoy much idle time. Joy played the violin for the Monmouth County Symphony Orchestra at 12. Penelope was one of the first African American children to dance at the School of American Ballet in New York. The children also volunteered in the hospital as candy strippers, entered beauty pageants, played baseball and took horseback riding and singing lessons.

“Before the term became popular, she was definitely excellent at multitasking,” her oldest daughter, Penelope said, adding that she remembers her mom making ballet costumes, attending all their events and sewing most of their clothes.

“She was also a stickler for getting us involved in community service, and she insisted that we all attend each other’s events.”

Immersed in a full-time job, college and taking care of her family, Lattimer also managed to welcome into her home students who had nowhere else to go during the holidays, including foreign exchange students. “She was very generous with her time,” Joy said.

If Thomas Edison was right when he said, “What you are will show in what you do,” then Mariagnes Lattimer is proof of his hypothesis.

Lattimer’s unwavering perseverance is reflected in her long list of academic accomplishments, her influence as a teacher, her role in shaping Thomas Edison State College, and her success as the mother of four remarkable children. Suzanne Hornbeck, who is writing a book about Lattimer’s life, affectionately calls her “Doc.”
Baldness at the Edge of Town

Susan Merrill O'Connor's story "Finding Springsteen" in the summer 2010 Monmouth University Magazine was a heartwarming tale of a chance encounter with "The Boss."

It reminds me of my own Monmouth College encounter with Bruce 15 years earlier, before his star shone so bright.

It was in 1969 when Bruce was gaining a foothold in the music world with his bands Child and Steel Mill. I was driving down Ocean Avenue in my 1963 blue Plymouth Valiant "Indestructomobile" near Gaskins Beach. I decided to stop and pick up a hitchhiker wearing a baseball cap.

As he jumped in my vehicle and pulled off his cap, he revealed a cleanly shaven head, and thanked me for the lift. He introduced himself as Bruce Springsteen and told me he was just heading to Atlantic Highlands.

I recognized the name, but had never seen him up-close before. I had seen Bruce once before, when he was rehearsing with his band Child in the back of Tinker's surfboard factory in Long Branch. My roommate at Monmouth, Gary Baum '70, had also told me many stories about how talented this songwriter/musician was.

Gary was the only student around with a VW "magic bus" in 1968. An artist named Axel, who had painted the sunburst on the front of the VW, had introduced Gary to Bruce. For a little gas money Gary drove Bruce and his band around to local gigs with their equipment, earning him the dubious title of Springsteen's first "equipment manager."

My other Monmouth roommate in Elberon in 1969 was Dave Meyers. He occasionally played bass guitar with Bruce and still plays the Jersey Shore today. So I knew a little about the talent of the young man sitting next to me, a man who was then a student at Ocean County Community College, but had aspirations of following in Bob Dylan's footsteps.

I questioned my passenger about his lack of hair and he told me an interesting story. It appears that Bruce had just come back from doing a gig in "The Deep South," where I think he said they were the opening act to Grand Funk Railroad.

While returning by car to New Jersey they had to pass through Georgia. Back in those days, long-haired hippie musicians and Georgia cops didn't quite see eye-to-eye. The band was pulled over by the local police and taken down to the police station where they all were set-up, threatened, and then forced to get their heads shaved.

After the local police had their fill of laughter, they sent Bruce and his buddies on their way. This occurred just two days before my encounter with Bruce, so his dome was still shiny and stubble-free.

This is a true story as told to me by Springsteen on that sunny, surfy, day on Ocean Avenue.

Perhaps students at Monmouth today would not believe that such things happened here in the USA, but I can assure you that it was almost commonplace.

There were huge divisions in the population of our country during the turmoil of the Vietnam War. Assassinations of forward-thinking leaders in 1969 were the tip of the iceberg of a much deeper unrest that unsettled our nation. Bruce would go on to write and sing about it.

History in the making was sitting in my car, and reinforcing my belief that "the times they were a changing."

We passed through Sea Bright and eventually stopped in Atlantic Highlands. I shook hands with destiny, and destiny exited my vehicle. Bruce went on to grow his hair back and change the world... and me....

I pulled off at the next surf spot and watched the waves, appreciating the fact that my outrageous "Afro" was still there and blowing in the breeze, 10 inches off my head. MU
ALUMNI HELP SHOW

IT’S ABILITY THAT MATTERS, NOT DISABILITY

Getting ready in the morning is no small task for New Jersey natives, Frank Kineavy and Nick Gaynor. Born with spastic cerebral palsy, the two Villanova University students are wheelchair-bound and reliant on others for many simple things, but thinking that this will stop them from succeeding is definitely a mistake.

Greg Hannah ’04 and Sean McCarthy ’75 ’80M know all too well how determined these two men are. Hannah has been with Frank for several years, first as his teacher at Manasquan High School and now as an academic advisor to students with disabilities at Villanova. McCarthy, who played basketball for the Hawks, is dean of students at Manasquan High School.

Both alumni were featured in the 25-minute documentary, *Coming Off the DL*, which was shown at Monmouth’s Multipurpose Activity Center on October 19 to students, coaches, employees, family members and friends. Hannah, who was instrumental in bringing the film to Monmouth, answered questions from audience members after the screening.

“Monmouth gave me the opportunity to grow as a student, person, and leader. The time that I spent on campus as a student provided me with tools I now use in my everyday life,” said Hannah.

“The opportunity to be a part of this great documentary film project gave me a platform to showcase these abilities, and the feedback that I receive from the film about the great work we are doing can be tied back to my development as a person at Monmouth. Coming back to MU to show the film was a great mo-
ment for me. To give back to Monmouth and to show thanks for the opportunities and memories that Monmouth gave me is something I will always remember.”

The grueling, inspiring and often entertaining lives of Frank and Nick are profiled in the film produced by Steve McWilliams, who is also a disabilities advisor at Villanova. McWilliams and a group of Villanova students in a Social Documentary class led by Professor John O’Leary wrote and edited the film, which emphasizes the idea that disabled people still have abilities and that the human spirit has the power to overcome many obstacles.

Frank finished his freshman year with a GPA of 3.2. This may not seem like an extraordinary feat, but for Frank, it was rather remarkable. The soon-to-be 20-year old Manasquan High School alumnus is unable to walk, write or speak. He communicates by pointing with his thumb at words and letters on a manual board on his wheelchair.

Both Frank and Nick are afflicted with a serious nervous system condition that severely impairs their muscle coordination. It is caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, but their senses of humor and strong spirits are contagious and keep them involved.

Frank is a manager for Villanova’s men’s basketball team, while Nick is a manager for the women’s basketball team. In Coming Off the DL, viewers are introduced to the vital roles they play as managers, both professionally and emotionally.

“The evening was both inspirational and inspiring and I would encourage my entire team to attend next year,” said MU Women’s Basketball Coach Stephanie Gaitley.

Earlier this year the film won the Broader Vision Award at the Garden State Film Festival and was nominated Best Documentary Short Concept in the Los Angeles Reel Film Festival. MU

TOP: FRANK KINEAVY AND NICK GAYNOR, BACK GREG HANNAH ’04 AND SEAN MCCARTHY ’75, ’80M
LEFT: NICK GAYNOR AND HIS COUSIN MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY JUNIOR JAMIE ROSENKRANZ. ROSENKRANZ, AN INFIDER ON THE MEN’S BASEBALL TEAM, IS A FORMER NEC PLAYER OF THE WEEK.
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S 2010-11 BASKETBALL
IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ACTIVITY CENTER

Men’s Basketball

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- 01/15 at Robert Morris* 7:00 p.m.
- 01/20 CCSU* 7:45 p.m.
- 01/22 at Bryant* 4:00 p.m.
- 01/27 ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)* 7:45 p.m.
- 01/29 LONG ISLAND* 7:00 p.m.
- 02/3 at Mount St. Mary’s* 7:00 p.m.
- 02/5 at Wagner* 7:00 p.m.
- 02/9 FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON* 7:45 p.m.
- 02/12 at Fairleigh Dickinson* 7:00 p.m.
- 02/17 SAINT FRANCIS (PA.)* 7:45 p.m.
- 02/19 ROBERT MORRIS* 7:00 p.m.
- 02/24 at Quinnipiac* 7:00 p.m.
- 02/26 at Sacred Heart* tba
- 03/6,9 NEC Tournament (high seeds) tba

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* - Northeast Conference games
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Provost Thomas Pearson led an intimate group of students, trustees, current and former employees, and friends of Monmouth on a guided tour of Russia last June. Their 14 day adventure included stops at some of the country’s most famous attractions, and destinations less frequented by American tourists including three nights in Kiev, the birthplace of the Russian Orthodox Church, two days in the rustic “Golden Ring” of Suzdal and Vladimir, and a layover in Helsinki, Finland.

Trustee and former Board Chair Alfred J. Schiavetti, Jr., a strong proponent of educational opportunities beyond the campus, said that traveling with Pearson and Russian guide Marina Fokina was “a living history lesson.”

Schiavetti said his two favorite memories of the trip included the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, which boasts one of the best Matisse collections in the world, and his visit to St. Basil’s Cathedral on the Red Square in Moscow, where he ran into a church service in progress and “came out covered in incense.”

His wife, Bobbi Schiavetti, enjoyed the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow, and the Temppeliaukio Kirkko, or “Rock Church” in Helsinki. The highlight of the trip, she said, was a roundtable discussion with students and faculty at Moscow State Institute for International Relations (MGIMO). “Meeting with the diverse group of faculty and students was an incredible opportunity,” she said, “especially once the professors ‘opened up,’” after some initial reticence.

The forum, arranged by Dr. Pearson in conjunction with Professor Alexei Kudrin, chair of the Securities and Stock Markets department at MGIMO, is the type of unique opportunity that Pearson hopes to give each group who travel under his wing in Russia. “Our trips go beyond sightseeing. We experience history, music, and art as cultural tourists. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn.”

For Bobbi Schiavetti getting to know Monmouth students, Arci Guzman and Phabiana Stanzione, who both graduated later in 2009, made the trip different from other group tours. “We became more like a family traveling together,” she explained.

Stanzione said she loved the experience: “I felt like I was Russian by the end of the trip,” she recalled. “Interacting with people at a festival in Ukraine was great. Even diners in restaurants were helpful; many spoke English and would offer me suggestions.”

Hazel Samuels ’88, echoed similar sentiments. “The intellectual stimulation offered by the program is obvious,” Samuels said. “History was never my thing, but it really came alive on this trip. St. Petersburg is one my favorite experiences. It may be the most beautiful city in the world, and we saw it on foot, on land, and on the water.”

But the most impressive part of the trip might have been an unintended consequence. “In two weeks our group came together—the bonding was amazing. I made lifelong friends,” Samuels said. Samuels, who traveled with her sister, trustee Monica Sweeney, said that after a busy career “The trip also allowed me to re-connect with Monmouth University. When I was a student I was too busy working and paying the bills; now I can enjoy all of the wonderful things happening at the college.”

Ready for a Russian Adventure?

Dr. Pearson’s next trip is scheduled for May 21-June 3, 2011. “Happily, the prices quoted are several hundred dollars less than 2009,” Dr. Pearson said. No more than 25 will be accepted, so potential travelers should contact his office by email at pearson@monmouth.edu, or by telephone, (732) 571-3405, to confirm interest. Deposits must be received no later than February 1, 2011.
TONY MACDONALD, director of the Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute (UCI), has been selected to serve as a working group member for the Cooperation Across the Atlantic for Marine Governance Integration (CALAMAR) Project.

The CALAMAR Project explores the design and implementation of ocean policy reforms in the United States and the European Union (EU). The Project is supported by four working groups: EU/US Transatlantic Cooperation Working Group, Integrated Marine Policies and Tools Working Group, Oceans and Climate Change Working Group, and High Seas Working Group. The Groups will work through the year and are scheduled to meet in Paris in October and Lisbon in April.

MacDonald will work on the Oceans and Climate Change Working group.

Each working group will identify lessons learned in their issue area, as well as recommendations for how policy makers can take these lessons into account to improve decision-making and transatlantic cooperation on ocean policy going forward. The final outcome of the process will be a set of recommendations which are expected in late spring or early summer 2011.

HENRY D. MERCER III ‘87 and James S. Vaccaro were elected to the Monmouth University Board of Trustees on October 28. On the same day, plaques were unveiled to mark the election in June of Thomas P. Kiely HN ’98, and former Board Chairs Charles T. Parton HN’01 and Paul S. Doherty, Jr. ’67 HN ’04 to Life Trustee Emeritus status.

Mercer is president and chief investment strategist of Mercer Capital Advisers, Inc., which he founded in 1999. He began his investment career in 1979 at Tucker, Anthony & R.L. Day, Inc. in New York. Prior to the formation of Mercer Capital, he was president of Mercer, Bokert, Buckman, and Reid, Inc., where he managed the firm’s investment advisory division and edited an investment strategy newsletter, The Mercer Report. He also authors Mercer Capital’s quarterly investment strategy commentary and is regularly published in Barron’s, Forbes, and Fortune.

Vaccaro is chairman, president and CEO at Central Jersey Bank, N.A, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central Jersey Bancorp. He was previously Chairman & CEO of Monmouth Community Bank, which he helped found in July 1998.

He is a member of the Monmouth University Business Council, a member of the advisory council for the Center for Entrepreneurship, and a committee member of the Kislak Real Estate Institute. In 2004, the Monmouth University Library Association presented him with the Community and Humanities Award.

Vaccaro also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Saint Barnabas Corporation; the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center; the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center Foundation; the Board of Trustees of VNA Health Group, Inc; the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Repertory Company; a member of the Advisory Council of Interfaith Neighbors; and is a member of the leadership cabinet of Prevention First. Vaccaro received his B.A. degree from Ursinus College and an advanced certificate from Harvard Graduate School of Business.
“He had a fullness of life, was full of humor, full of generosity, and full of knowledge,” said President Paul Gaffney.

Edwards led Monmouth’s Admission and Enrollment Management Committee and was a member of the Committee on Trustees, Community Relations and Government Relations.

A New Jersey native, Mr. Edwards was a legal practitioner who served more than 30 years in New Jersey government. He was chief legal counsel to Governor Thomas Kean and New Jersey’s attorney general from 1986 to 1989. As attorney general, he initiated a new anti-drug program, instituted a task force to combat organized crime, restructured the Division of Motor Vehicles and strengthened enforcement programs to combat insurance fraud.

"Cary Edwards was one of New Jersey’s great leaders of the last 35 years," said Governor Chris Christie, who called him "a role model, mentor, and dear friend."

Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver said, "Cary Edwards was without question one of New Jersey’s finest public servants. He always made sure to put the people first and politics last."

In 1989 Mr. Edwards ran in the Republican primary for governor but lost to James Courter. He ran again in the Republican primary in 1993, finishing second to Christie Whitman, who later became governor.

In 1995 Mr. Edwards, along with Daniel Caldwell, founded the law firm, Edwards and Caldwell. From 1997 until his death, Mr. Edwards was a commissioner and chairman of the N.J. State Commission on Investigation. He remained a senior partner at Edwards and Caldwell until 2008 at which time he joined the law firm of Waters, McPherson, McNeill in Secaucus where he remained a partner until his death.

Mr. Edwards received both his degrees from Seton Hall University—his bachelor’s in business administration in 1967 and his Juris Doctorate in 1970. The recipient of six honorary degrees and over 100 public service awards, he served as an adjunct faculty member of Seton Hall University and the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University and on the boards of corporations and several non-profit organizations. Thomas Edison State College recently named its nursing school, the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, in his honor.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lynn, their two adult daughters, Kari and Marcy, and four grandchildren.

Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges are profiled in the book, which is The Princeton Review’s flagship college guide. It includes detailed profiles of the colleges with rating scores for all schools in eight categories, plus ranking lists of top 20 schools in 62 categories based on The Princeton Review’s surveys of students attending the colleges.

In addition to its place on the list of the best 373 colleges, Monmouth was also placed in the Princeton Review’s list of the 218 “Best Northeastern Colleges.”

“We commend Monmouth University for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our selection of schools for the book,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s Senior VP/Publishing and author of The Best 373 Colleges. “Our choices are based on institutional data we collect about schools, our visits to schools over the years, feedback we gather from students attending the schools, and the opinions of our staff and our 28-member National College Counselor Advisory Board. We also work to keep a wide representation of colleges in the book by region, size, selectivity, and character.”

Student comments include that it is "a diverse school with good academics, recognized extracurriculars, and impressive athletes" and “students really get to build great academic relationships with their professors and get the attention and education that they need and deserve.”

MORE RECOGNITION FOR MAC

Earlier in the year the Delaware Valley Association of Structural Engineers (DVASE) presented the 2010 Excellence in Structural Engineering award to architectural firm EwingCole for its design of the Multi-purpose Activity Center.

In September the Monmouth County Planning Board recognized the MAC with an Honorable Mention at its 57th Awards Dinner. Freeholder John P. Curley presented the 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.”

U.S. NEWS RANKING RISES

Monmouth University continues to climb in U.S. News & World Report’s annual list of America’s Best Colleges, ranking 40 in the Regional Universities-North category, which includes Northeast institutions providing a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs.

“The rankings reflect how Monmouth University’s academic quality continues to grow, and we are very excited to welcome our best academic class ever in September,” said President Paul G. Gaffney.

Last year, the University ranked 41 in the same category, and six years ago Monmouth was ranked 76. Monmouth is also included in two other notable listings, “A+ Schools for B Students” and “Most Merit Aid.”

Over the past two decades, the U.S. News college rankings, which group schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has grown to be the most comprehensive research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.

CONCORDANCE HONORS GAFFNEY

The Long Branch Concordance (LBC) and its Family Success Center honored President Gaffney at their fall fundraiser, “Red, White & You!” on November 10 at Monmouth’s 800 Gallery.

“President Gaffney is being honored for his initiatives that have strengthened community partnerships in the greater Long Branch area,” said Lisa Wilson ’08M, LBC executive director. “Over the past five years, the University has supported the LBC through experiential learning and field internships in the MSW, BSW and Psychology concentrations.”

In addition, LBC recognized past board president and local community leader Joe Skidmore and a volunteer, Christian Brothers Academy senior, Andrew Tomasello.
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING EARN HIGH MARKS

Monmouth University’s undergraduate software engineering program is one of the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. Monmouth was included in the ranking list of undergraduate programs whose highest degree is a bachelor’s or master’s degree.

“We are thrilled to be recognized by U.S. News. Monmouth is the only University in New Jersey that offers a bachelor’s degree program in software engineering, and we look forward to continuing to educate future computer and software engineers in the state and the nation,” said Dr. Michael Palladino, dean of the School of Science. “From cell phones, cars and airplanes to satellites and military systems, software engineering and its impacts on software design is essential for many technologies. Software engineering positions are among the top five areas of career growth for the next decade.”

Master’s degrees in software engineering were first offered in 1986, followed by undergraduate degrees in 2000. In 2004 the program was accredited by ABET (formerly known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology), a nationwide accrediting agency that evaluates and accredits engineering, computer science and technology programs. Monmouth’s software engineering program is one of the 18 undergraduate software engineering programs accredited by ABET.

STUDENT CODE UPDATED

In response to a recent tragic situation involving the videotaping of a student at Rutgers University, Mary Anne Nagy, vice president for Student and Community Services, reviewed the student code of conduct in an effort to strengthen the framework for action in the event that a similar event occurred at Monmouth.

Nagy said that while the code "clearly discusses harassing and other types of threatening behavior or conduct which is lewd, disorderly, etc.," she did not see enough reference to the use of technology in these instances to make it clear that actions similar to those at Rutgers would be considered a violation of the student code at Monmouth.

After seeking advice and counsel from President Gaffney, members of the president’s cabinet and the Student Government Association (SGA), Nagy said, "the student code of conduct was amended to specifically address cyber-bullying situations, in addition to existing regulations involving harassment or other similar threatening behavior."

The new elements of the code are as follows: Article III, Section B, #22. "Making or attempting to make a photographic, audio or video recording of any person(s) in bathrooms, showers, bedrooms, or other premises where there is an expectation of privacy involving nudity and/or sexual activity, without the full knowledge and consent of all participants subject to such recordings or the public sharing of such materials."

Article III, Section B., #23. "Making or attempting to make a photographic, audio or video recording of any person(s) involving nudity and/or sexual activity, with the full knowledge and consent of all participants subject to such recordings or the public sharing of such materials, when such materials refer to or identify the University or are distributed through the University's information systems network, radio or television broadcast systems, internal mail or message board posting. This paragraph shall not apply to any bonafide project for academic credit nor to the activities of recognized student media organizations so long as such activities comply with the organization’s rules and regulations."

"It is critically important for all members of the University community to take care of one another and to stand up to acts of violence in any form or manner," Nagy said. "The addition of these charges and others that apply to situations of harassment, bullying and other similar behavior demonstrates our commitment that these sorts of acts will not be tolerated or condoned within our community," she added.
Senior Jillanne Chimento was selected as one of eight finalists in the first-ever Dunkin' Donuts art competition. Her artwork was displayed in more than 1,500 regional Dunkin' Donuts shops in September.

"I was so excited when I got the e-mail over the summer telling me I was selected," Chimento said. "I couldn't believe it. It was a pretty big competition since lots and lots of people entered."

To celebrate its 60th anniversary, Dunkin' Donuts selected eight finalist designs of original student art from New York metropolitan area art programs to be featured in the regional Dunkin' Donuts restaurants through September. The winning design was displayed on a limited-edition top for the half-dozen doughnut box.

Chimento, who is majoring in graphic design, said she was introduced to the competition by her digital imaging professor, Patricia Cresson. Putting pencil to paper, Chimento ran with the Dunkin' Donuts slogan, "America runs on Dunkin'!" She created a design with little doughnuts with arms waving and wearing tube socks and sneakers – all in the Dunkin' Donuts colors.

Almost 300 students volunteered at 27 different locations at Monmouth’s 11th consecutive “Big Event,” on October 9. Connecting students with local community service is the goal of the annual campus event. Student projects included helping make gift baskets for an ALS fundraiser, cleaning up garbage at Franklin Park Lake, and interacting with residents at United Methodist Homes nursing facility in Asbury Park.

The Big Event, led by the Student Government Association and supported by a wide number of fraternities, sororities, and campus organizations, is the largest single student community service campus project.

Samantha Schaeffer and Samantha Tartas were co-chairs of the Big Event. Schaeffer told the Outlook, “We had great feedback from all the community worksites. It is a great experience for University students to participate in such a major community service event.”
SANFORD DONATES LOCKS FOR LOVE

Professor of Communications Rebecca Sanford recently donated four feet of her hair to Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Twenty-two years in the making, Sanford’s hair will be enough to make two wigs for cancer patients. Sanford was herself a patient in 2004 after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She was treated at Memorial Sloan-Kettering where many of her fellow patients were experiencing hair loss.

MAGHERINI IS PUBLIC SERVANT IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Federigo Magherini, information officer in the Department of Public Information at the United Nations, is serving as the Public Servant in Residence at Monmouth University for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Dr. Magherini co-teaches classes, gives guest lectures, and runs a series of seminar sessions or public events on important issues. At the UN, Dr. Magherini is a writer and editor for UN publications, with a specialty in political and security issues in the Middle East and Asia. Dr. Magherini’s BA in Political Science is from Tufts University, and his MA and Doctor of Philosophy degrees are from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, also at Tufts.

The Public Servant in Residence Program is run by the Department of Political Science and Sociology.

MONMOUTH IS MILITARY FRIENDLY

For the first time, G.I. Jobs Magazine has named Monmouth University to its list of Military Friendly Schools. The 2011 list honors the top 15 percent of higher education institutions that are doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students.

“Monmouth University is proud to welcome students who have served or are currently serving our country through military service to campus,” said President Gaffney, who is a retired U.S. Navy vice admiral. “The University offers many programs and services to help military and veteran students adjust to university life. Additionally, the campus community benefits from the students’ patriotic contributions, experiences, and leadership.”

Monmouth maintains a website for military and veteran students and is a participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Monmouth also offers a unique “Military Bridge Program,” which allows students to take up to nine credits to build up an academic profile. Other resources, including a coordinator of veteran services, are available to help veterans during their transition to college.

The Military Friendly Schools list was compiled through research starting in April, when G.I. Jobs polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide. Criteria were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board and included a school’s efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations.

Rich McCormack, G.I. Jobs publisher explained, “Veterans need a trusted friend to help them decide where to get an education. The Military Friendly Schools list is that trusted friend.”
The School of Science installed a new, superconducting NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance) instrument this summer. The NMR spectrometer will be used by the Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology, and Physics for research and teaching.

Dean of the School of Science Michael Palladino said, “Similar to the way in which MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) can provide detailed visualization of internal structures of the body for medical diagnosis, NMR spectrometers are powerful tools for atomic and molecular analysis that are essential for modern work in many fields of chemistry and biology. This new instrument provides us with a capacity to carry out course laboratory and research projects at a level of molecular analysis that was not possible with our previous instrument.”

Dr. William Schreiber, who chairs the department, said, “NMR is the most powerful tool available for identification of the substances encountered in organic and inorganic chemical research. Students will learn to use and interpret data from this sophisticated instrument and from our chemistry professors.”

The First Financial Federal Credit Union Foundation recently awarded Erma Dorrer Literary Award Scholarships to three Monmouth University students. They are Kayleigh Kalamar, Alexandra McMahon and Jessica Sponaugle.

Each student received $1,000 for their essays about the distinguishing characteristics of a credit union, and the unique role of a credit union within a community.

Dr. Robin Sakina Mama, professor and dean of the School of Social Work and one of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) representatives to the United Nations, has been elected to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Board of Directors.

“Robin Mama has demonstrated an unwavering interest in and exceptional vision for international social work and development. I am delighted that someone of her background, dedication, and caliber is now serving on the national board,” said NASW President James Kelly.

Dr. Mama, who teaches in the international and community development concentration of the MSW program, has been a member of NASW-NJ for more than 15 years and is past chair of the International Committee of NASW. In addition, she serves on the editorial board of Social Work Education: The International Journal.

The NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members.
THE KAPPA NU CHAPTER OF ZETA TAU ALPHA SORORITY RECEIVED THE SILVER AWARD FOR ALUMNAE-COLLEGIATE RELATIONS AT THE ZETA TAU ALPHA NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN NEW ORLEANS IN JULY.

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TWO ARTICLES IN THE MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, "FROM ZIMBABWE TO NEW JERSEY AND BACK," WRITTEN BY EILEEN REINHARD, AND "HAWKS HELP HAITI," WRITTEN BY HEATHER MCCULLOCH MISTRETTA, WON GOLD AND SILVER JASPER AWARDS IN OCTOBER. THE JASPER AWARDS ARE PRESENTED ANNUALLY BY THE JERSEY SHORE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION. BOTH STORIES WON IN THE CATEGORY OF EXCELLENCE IN FEATURE WRITING.

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Mistretta’s article, which earned silver, described the efforts of Monmouth University students and alumni toward helping those devastated by the earthquake in Haiti.

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GOLD AND SILVER JASPERS FOR MAGAZINE

Two articles in the Monmouth University Magazine, "From Zimbabwe to New Jersey and Back," written by Eileen Reinhard, and "Hawks Help Haiti," written by Heather McCulloch Mistretta, won Gold and Silver JASPER awards in October. The JASPER awards are presented annually by the Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association. Both stories won in the category of Excellence in Feature Writing.

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 SILVER AWARD FOR ZETA TAU ALPHA

The Kappa Nu Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority received the Silver Award for Alumnae-Collegiate Relations at the Zeta Tau Alpha National Convention held in New Orleans in July.

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ESPN: MONMOUTH BUILDING SOMETHING SPECIAL

Men's soccer was featured on ESPNU.com on September 22, 2010. Sheldon Shealer wrote "Robert McCourt is building something special at Monmouth University, and the country is taking notice."

At the time of the article, the men's team was ranked fourth in the country in Division I soccer, "quite a long way from where the program was when McCourt was hired April 28, 2004." Shealer noted that in 2003 Monmouth "was a Northeast Conference cellar-dweller, winning only four matches."

"In the beginning stages, I sold myself," McCourt told Shealer. "The campus is beautiful, but the program didn't have much of a tradition. ... I sold them on my experience as a coach and a player and [the recruits] bought into the fact that they realized I could change things here."

During McCourt's tenure, Monmouth has lost only four NEC games in more than five seasons. "Along the way, Monmouth has played the role of giant-killer, posting wins over perennial top 25 programs North Carolina, Princeton and West Virginia in recent years. Last year's Monmouth squad finished 18-2-2, which included a penalty kick victory over Connecticut in an NCAA tournament first-round match."

McCourt told ESPN, "The rankings are a reward for the hard work, but in the same token if they get caught up in 'We're the No. 5 team in the country,' then they take the foot off the gas on the field and learn the lesson the hard way. I've been around a lot of programs, and I can say the rankings could be the kiss of death, but I give my guys a lot of credit for not letting it become the kiss of death for us."

TWO HAWKS MEET

At half-time of the football game against Bryant on October 16, Shadow the Hawk met Dana Hook, who was the first Hawk mascot.

Hook made his debut as the hawk mascot at the women's basketball opening game November 29, 1980, when he was 13 years old. Hook's original costume was handmade by his mother, Nancy. In a 1980 interview with the Sunday Register, Hook credited his mother with the idea of a Hawk mascot, which "was inspired by the San Diego Chicken, one of professional sport's most popular mascots."

Although Shadow's identity is a closely guarded secret, his very, very close friend, senior Devin Menker, said Shadow was excited to meet the original hawk mascot. "Dana started an amazing tradition. Without his willingness to support Monmouth in 1980, there might not be a Shadow today."
In August the women's lacrosse team was honored by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLCA) for its academic achievements.

"I am so proud of our team for their academic achievements and this IWLCA honor," said first year head coach Denise Wescott. "Our players work hard academically and have made a serious commitment to strive for excellence in the classroom. Our compliance and services for student-athletes office go above and beyond to help our players succeed as students, and expose them to many aspects of education while working on career planning. I am proud of this athletic department and their efforts to push our players to be their best, to excel in the classroom as well as on the field."

The 2010 squad, which finished the season with 9-8 overall record including a 7-2 conference mark, earned a 3.21 team grade point average (GPA). To be eligible for the academic honor, teams must have a combined 3.0 GPA, which was achieved by 50 teams, including the Hawks.

In addition, senior Megan Brennan and juniors Allison Geoghan and Renae Hill were named to the individual Academic Honor Roll.

In October men's tennis player Steve Suboleski was named the Collegiate Athletic Administrators of New Jersey (CAANJ) Student Athlete of the Year for the 2009-2010 academic year. Suboleski earned the award for his accomplishments as a student-athlete at Gloucester County College (GCC), earning All-American honors while helping lead the Roadrunners to the NJCAA Division III Tennis Championship.

Before coming to Monmouth, Suboleski helped lead the GCC men's tennis team to the title in Plano, TX last year, outlasting Brookdale Community College.
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CROSS COUNTRY POSTS TOP-FIVE FINISHES

The women’s and men’s cross country teams registered second and fourth place finishes, respectively, at the 2010 Northeast Conference Championships on October 30. The women’s team was led by three top-ten finishers in junior Jennifer Nelson, graduate student Christina Nelson and sophomore Kelsey Maher.

Head coach Joe Compagni was named Women’s Coach of the Year, selected by his peers, the 23rd time overall (cross country and track and field combined) he has claimed the honor, more than any coach in any sport in NEC history.

Monmouth has finished among the top four at the championships the last nine seasons. "The women were very tough today," said Compagni. "Quinnipiac had a strong day, but our women had 10 strong races and we could not be prouder of the way they competed."

For the second straight year, Monmouth had a fifth place finisher as Jennifer Nelson crossed the finish line in the 5K race in 17:53.9. Christina Nelson finished eighth, posting a time of 18:08.9 followed by Maher, who finished 3.1 seconds later in ninth. Jennifer Nelson, Christina Nelson, and Maher all were honored by being named to Northeast Conference All-Conference Team, as all three ran under the Monmouth course record at Central Connecticut State University.

The men’s team finished fourth, posting a score of 105, led by senior Ben Hutterer's fifth place finish. The men have finished within the top four for the fourth time in the last five years. Hutterer, an All-NEC Team selection, finished the 5.1 course in a school record of 25:51.9.

"The top four teams in the NEC on the men’s side may be better than ever," said Coach Compagni. "Our men were aggressive and made every effort to stay near the front, and we certainly had some strong efforts."
In September all of Monmouth’s student athletes gathered in the Multipurpose Activity Center for a "mega" team photo. The group picture was suggested by members of the Monmouth Student Athlete Advisory Council and is the first multi-team photograph at Monmouth.

"The students wanted to emphasize that the Multipurpose Activity Center was home base for all athletic teams," said Marilyn McNeil, vice president and director of Athletics. The picture will hang in the Center, and will be the first in a new tradition of capturing all student athletes each year for posterity.

The men’s soccer team, ranked #11 in the nation in the November 2 NSCAA/HendrickCars.com National Top-25 Poll, clinched the program’s sixth straight NEC Regular Season Championship November 5. The Hawks won their unprecedented sixth league regular season crown in a row by virtue of a pair of results involving the other three NEC playoff teams.

"I couldn't be more proud of this group of young men," said head coach Robert McCourt. "They have proven all season that they are a worthy group of champions. From the players individually to the program as a whole, this is a tremendous achievement, and we look forward to continuing our season."

The Hawks were able to clinch the regular season title, and right to host the upcoming league tournament on the Great Lawn, when Saint Francis University fell to Robert Morris, 2-0 and Sacred Heart and Fairleigh Dickinson played to a scoreless draw.

"It's a great feeling to win another title here, especially in our senior's final year, but it is only the first accomplishment of the many lofty goals we have set for ourselves," said senior Hermann Trophy candidate Ryan Kinne. "We need to continue to stay focused, this is the most important time of the season and the part everyone looks forward to, and we have a few big weeks of soccer ahead of us."

"Winning the regular season championship has become a tradition here and I'm glad that we can keep that going," added fellow Hermann Trophy candidate Bryan Meredith. "Now we want to finish on a good note with a win."

Monmouth finished its 2010 regular season on November 7 with a 1-1 tie game at Quinnipiac.
FIELD HOCKEY ENDS BEST SEASON
FIGLIO IS NEC COACH OF THE YEAR

The field hockey team which fell in the NEC finals to top-seeded Rider, 1-0, November 6 at Rider's New Turf Field, finished its season at 15-5, the best record in program history. The Hawks, who received votes in the Kookaburra/NFHCA Coaches Poll seven out of the last nine weeks of the season, entered as second seed in the NEC Tournament, their highest finish since 2000.

Monmouth’s fourth-year head coach Carli Figlio was named the NEC Coach of the Year. Seniors Melissa Katz and Nora Bosmans and sophomore Nicole Manziano were named to the 2010 NEC All-Tournament Team.

Six players were also named to NEC All-Conference teams, which were announced at the NEC Tournament banquet days ahead of the NEC finals. Monmouth had two All-Conference First Team selections in sophomore forward Michelle Pieczynski and senior midfielder Morganne Firmstone.

Pieczynski tallied 13 goals, while adding three assists, for 29 points, which is fourth-best single-season total in Monmouth history. The sophomore scored four goals against Siena setting the record for goals and points (eight) in a game and on the same weekend, Pieczynski scored the game-winner against Bryant, in double overtime, which earned her Northeast Conference Player of the Week honors.

Firmstone registered a career-high in goals (6), assists (5), and points (17) during her senior season. The Pennsylvania native played in 39 straight games, starting 38 contests, since coming back from a season ending injury in 2008. Firmstone scored the game-winner, on a penalty-stroke, to give Monmouth its first ever victory over Villanova to start the season.

Sophomores Kimmy Baligian and Nicole Manziano and seniors Nora Bosmans and Melissa Katz were named to the All-NEC Second Team.

Baligian shared the team lead with Pieczynski with 13 goals, while adding one helper. The forward scored her first career goal against Brown and scored in the next five consecutive games, including three-straight two-goal games against Rutgers, Vermont and Temple.

Defenders Manziano and Bosmans controlled the backline for the Hawks, guiding the defensive unit to the league's second ranked scoring defense, allowing 1.44 goals a game. Manziano started all 18 games this season for the Blue and White. Bosmans, who played in 14 games, tallied a goal and four assists this year.

Katz registered 71 saves on the season, playing all 1278:53 minutes in the cage for the Hawks. The local product owns a 1.42 goals against average and .732 save percentage this season, which ranks second and fourth, respectively, in the NEC. Playing over 4500 minutes for the Blue and White, Katz has compiled 392 saves with a 2.37 goals against average and .717 save percentage with 10 shutouts (six this season) in her career.
Three seniors on the women’s soccer team were named to NEC 2010 all-conference teams in November. Ali Kliment earned first-team All-NEC and Lia Fierro and Mary Wilks garnered second-team recognition.

"Ali was a tremendous leader for us on and off the field," said head coach Krissy Turner. "It is a credit to her commitment towards hard work and effort that the coaches selected her as one of the top eleven players in the league."

Kliment, the 2009 NEC Defender of the Year, helped the Hawks to a second place league ranking in goals against average (.80) and goals allowed (15) while capturing a backline that blanked Rutgers and defeated 2009 America East Champion Boston University to open the season and earn the women’s soccer team its first ever national rankings.

Kliment, who was selected as a candidate for the 2010 Lowe’s Senior Class Award, started each of the 66 matches she appeared in for the Hawks during her career. A 3.99 GPA student-athlete majoring in political science, Kliment was also named to the 2010 CoSida Academic All-District II Women’s Soccer First-Team.

Fierro capped off her stellar career at Monmouth with seven shutouts that ranked her third in the league. Fierro, who boasted a third-ranked goals against average (.80) and a fourth-ranked save percentage (.817) in the NEC, garnered adidas/NEC Defender of the Week for making 10 saves in the Hawks’ first weekend of play, blanking Saint Peter’s and Rutgers. In addition, Fierro became the all-time leader in career shutouts at Monmouth with 36, while upping her career win total to 49 matches.

Turner said, "Lia is deserving of this recognition and so much more. She is a top notch goalkeeper and was great in goal for us all year."

Wilks, the 2009 NEC Tournament MVP and first-team all-league performer, ranked seventh in the league for goals (six) and tied for fifth in assists (five). As a senior, she tied for the team-lead in total points with 17. Over her career as a Hawk, Wilks compiled 25 goals, 15 assists and 65 points to tie for 13th all-time in Monmouth scoring history.

"Mary was a player that received a lot of attention from the opposition," added Turner. "Her athleticism and work rate were terrific all year."

Kliment, Fierro and Wilks are three members of the Hawks' senior class (including Jackie Grodotzke, Kim Mallecki, Julia McCarty and Gianna Russo) who won 51 matches and two NEC Conference Championships.
BENDER CLIMBS IN DBBL

Jennifer Bender ’09, who began her professional basketball career with the SV Halle Lions in the German DBBL (Damen-Basketball-Bundesliga – women’s basketball league), is now one of three American players on the New Basket Oberhausen E.V. team this season.

"As a player she is probably the fastest post in the league and has a great touch around the basket," said Oberhausen coach Julia Gajewski. "When she focuses and puts her mind to it she is quick enough to defend every position. Our team loves to play the fast break and it’s a pleasure having a player like Jen who gets out and runs the floor so well," Gajewski said.

"Our goal for this season is to finish top four in the league and with the team we have I believe that it is possible."

In her debut professional season, Bender led the league in scoring and rebounds. Bender was the first Monmouth women’s basketball player to sign a professional contract since Niamh Dwyer signed to play in Ireland in 2006.

AUSTIN GETS THE NOD FROM GQ

The August issue of GQ Magazine included picks for the NFL All-Brains All-Stars and former Hawk standout Miles Austin for the nod for "smarter receiver" from veteran NFL personnel guru and NFL.com senior analyst Michael Lombardi.

Lombardi wrote, "Undrafted out of tiny Monmouth University, he improves each year because of his rare ability to concentrate. Runs crafty routes, deadly after the catch."

A week after signing a six-year, $54 million contract extension with the Dallas Cowboys in September, Austin also inked a multi-year endorsement contract with sports apparel company Under Armour.

Austin’s popularity and on-field performance have also led to his new status as the model for not one, but two bobblehead figures. Forever Collectibles produced an NFL-licensed bobblehead of Austin in his Cowboys uniform, while a short-run edition of Austin in his Monmouth uniform was a free giveaway for fans attending the Lakewood Blueclaws’ Monmouth University night on August 19.

BRACH: CA PITCHER OF THE YEAR

In August Brad Brach ’08 was named the Pitcher of the Year in the Advanced Class A California League. The accolade follows a season that saw Brach breaking the single-season California League record for saves as a relief pitcher with the Lake Elsinore Storm, an affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

Brach, last year’s minorleague.com Class A Relief Pitcher of the year, was a 42nd round pick in the 2008 draft, and remains the all-time strikeout leader at Monmouth with 277, and the only pitcher in Monmouth history to work over 300 career innings.

"Brach has been nothing short of spectacular the last two years," said Padres Director of Player Development Randy Smith in an article published by the Sun News of Myrtle Beach, SC. "His (fastball) has improved to go along with his slider and change. We are thrilled with his development."

Brach has been tapped to play for the Peoria Saguaros in the Arizona Fall League, an annual winter league run by Major League Baseball that brings together many of the top prospects in baseball every October and November. The league is made up of six teams from all 30 organizations. If Brach continues his ascent within the San Diego Padres organization, he will begin 2011 with the Class AA San Antonio, Texas Missions.
In October former football standout John Nalbone ‘09 joined the Denver Broncos practice squad. A second-year player, Nalbone played two games for the Miami Dolphins and spent time on the Minnesota Vikings practice squad this season, before his move to the Broncos.

The 6’4” 24-year-old tight end was a fifth-round draft pick in 2009 when the Dolphins signed him to a four-year contract, making him the second Hawk in the NFL.

As a senior in 2008, the First Team All-Northeast Conference selection led the Hawks in receptions, yards and touchdowns with 42, 491, and five, respectively.

Nalbone finished his career as a four-time all-conference selection (two-time first team) ended his career with 101 catches for 1,079 yards and nine touchdowns, all records for Monmouth tight ends. He became the second Hawk to be selected to the American Football Coaches Association FCS All-America team.

Marathon Milestone for McKean

Peggy McKean ’00M, achieved a notable marathon milestone in September, just weeks before celebrating her 40th birthday in October, when she successfully ran a marathon (26.2 miles) in all 50 states, just the third woman from New Jersey to complete the task.

McKean crossed the finish line at the Omaha Marathon in Nebraska on September 26 with a time of 6:53:57. It was the last marathon in her goal of 50 marathons in 50 states. With her feat behind her, McKean admits that she is already setting loftier goals.

“I have five more marathons planned from now until December,” McKean said. By December she will have completed 23 marathons in a 12 month period, but McKean shows no sign of slowing down.

Hero Award for Schaad

Substance Awareness Coordinator, Suanne Schaad ’01M received a Hero Award for helping to save lives at the 10-year anniversary dinner celebration of the HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers in July.

The HERO Campaign was started in 2000 by Bill Elliott ’95M and his family after his son, John a recent Naval Academy graduate, was killed by a drunken driver. The HERO Campaign works with schools, colleges, bars, restaurants, and agencies to promote the use of sober designated drivers to keep drunken drivers off the roads.

Monmouth University adopted the HERO Campaign in 2007 and has since promoted the use of designated drivers to students, employees and our surrounding community.

Nearly 800 people attended the event including former nine-time Olympian Carl Lewis; Miss Pennsylvania; Miss Delaware; Colonel Rick Fuentes, superintendent of the New Jersey State Police; and former First Lady Laura Bush (via video). Also attending were recent graduates John Tronolone ’10 (Designated Driver HERO of the Year 2009) and Ashley Hoppe ’10, and current students Brianna Johnson, and Jackie Abate.
EMMY FOR PALLADINO

Todd Palladino ’96 ’98M won a 2009 Emmy Award for his work on the show MLB Tonight for the MLB (Major League Baseball) network in the “Outstanding Technical Team Studio” category.

Palladino, a founding member of Hawk TV, hosted a late night talk show in its first season in 1996. He has done camera work for HBO, the Yankees, MLB and a number of television programs including On the Record with Bob Costas and Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel.

In a 2001 article in the Monmouth University Magazine about the founding of Hawk TV, Palladino recalled, “It was very exciting. There we were, a bunch of students without any experience in television who were getting something done, something concrete. We did a great job, although we did hit quite a few bumps along the way.”

SETTE LAUDED AS LEADER

William Sette ’66, president and CEO of Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey, was recognized as one of five 2010 Behavioral Health Champions in the July-August issue of Behavioral Healthcare magazine for his contributions and devotion to behavioral healthcare in New Jersey.

Sette was recognized for the achievement at the National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD), Washington, D.C., in September.

Sette oversees a staff of 450 and is in charge of 60 mental health and substance abuse programs, including outpatient therapy, day treatment programs, integrated case management, medication monitoring, residential services, supported education, vocational services for adults, specialized services for seniors; and children’s services, including an adolescent shelter, school-based programs, supervised visitation, and foster care support.

He has worked in the field of social services in Ocean County since 1969.

Sette, who grew up in Jackson, was recently inducted in the Lakewood High School Hall of Fame. He is president of the New Jersey Mental Health Institute, a member of the Board of Directors of NJAMHAA, and is a member of MHCA’s Board of Directors. He is certified as a trainer in the Ken Blanchard model of High Performance Teams.

He is also a founding member of Peer Partners LLC, a group that developed the Peer Collaboration model, a guide for executive-level peers to help each other find solutions to problems executives face. This process, which encourages leaders at all levels to learn from each other by sharing their knowledge and experience, is being used by more than 40 organizations nationally and internationally.
In August, the editors-in-chief of *Biology of Reproduction* (BOR), the official journal of the Society for the Study of Reproduction, sent word to Michael Palladino, dean of the School of Science, that a 2007 paper co-authored with former students Theresa Johnson ’06, Rajesh Gupta ’06, Jessica Chapman ’06 ’08M, and Priti Ojha ’05, was one of the most highly cited papers from the journal’s 2007-2008 publishing cycle.

The paper, "Members of the Toll-Like Receptor Family of Innate Immunity Pattern-Recognition Receptors Are Abundant in the Male Rat Reproductive Tract," was published in the June 2007 issue of the journal. The paper describes the first study to identify key regulatory proteins that protect male reproductive organs from bacterial and viral infections.

According to Dr. Palladino, the citations have triple significance: first, the contribution of the research project to the international community of scientists working in this area; second, citations provide a measure of the importance of the research project within the wider academic community; and third, the co-authors of the paper performed the highly-cited research while they were still undergraduate biology students.

The co-authors of the paper—Johnson, Gupta, Chapman, and Ojha—are now at sanofi-aventis, Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine, UConn School of Chiropractic Medicine, and UMDNJ, respectively.

**Alumni Earn Citations for Science Paper**

**Jack Howell ’66,** a retired colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, was featured in the summer 2010 issue of *Invention*, the alumni magazine of Thomas Edison State College.

A professor at two different distant learning colleges—Thomas Edison and Excelsior College (formerly Regents College)—Howell also serves as a mentor to students at Thomas Edison in New Jersey.

In 2004 he founded Teens-In-Flight, a nonprofit foundation that provides flight training and aviation maintenance scholarships to teens whose families have been impacted by the global war on terrorism, whether their parent is deceased or disabled as a result of the war.

“I once had the unfortunate duty of knocking on people’s doors’’ to notify a family of its deceased relative, Howell said. Such notifications, he said, were focused primarily on the widowed spouse.

“I always felt bad about leaving the kids high and dry,” he said.

Howell’s desire to help children cope with loss, coupled with his many years of teaching Junior ROTC in New York City, Waterbury, CT, Rahway and Jacksonville, FL, prompted him to start Teens-In-Flight. Howell and his wife, Samantha, who is co-director of the non-profit organization, now have about 30 students involved in the program, including two 12-year olds.

“We needed to do something for these kids,” said Howell, who garnered two awards for Teacher of the Year while working in Jacksonville. “I have the philosophy—let’s give a kid a break—especially when their parents have put their lives on the line.” One of his graduates is now a West Point cadet.

Howell said the value of the flight instruction amounts to about $9,000 per student. His programs, which have been expanded to help at-risk and underprivileged teens, are located in Jacksonville and Palm Coast, FL, Fort Carson, CO, and Fort Hood, TX.

One of the requirements for being admitted into the program is to write a 1,000-word essay on “Why I Want to Fly.” Potential students quickly learn that the program is not easy.

“I’m a straight-shooter,” said the former Belmar lifeguard, who recently completed his 18th year as a lifeguard in Jacksonville. “I take no prisoners,” Howell said. “I’m very demanding about their performance. If you don’t score at least an 80, you’re out of here.”
BE YOUR OWN LOBBYIST: HOW TO GIVE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS BIG CLOUT WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Amy Handlin, Ph.D.
(2010, Praeger, $44.95)

Be Your Own Lobbyist is a businessperson’s guide to getting heard by government decision-makers by using the same tactics professionals use. It explores innovative ways of lobbying and explains the building blocks of advocacy—targeting, tools, and tactics. Using examples and easily adaptable models, Be Your Own Lobbyist shows how even a small business can get a fair shake in the halls of government.

Dr. Handlin is associate professor of marketing, and deputy minority leader of the New Jersey General Assembly. Dr. Handlin also wrote Whatever Happened to the Year of the Woman?: Why Women Still Aren’t Making it to the Top in Politics.

CRISIS INTERVENTION CASE BOOK
Alan Cavaiola, Ph.D. and Joseph Colford, Ph.D.
(2010, Wadsworth Publishing, $37.95)

Crisis Intervention explores key topics in crisis intervention with practical cases. Topics and settings include domestic violence, child maltreatment, bereavement, school crises and workplace crises.

Dr. Cavaiola is associate professor in the Department of Psychological Counseling. He has co-authored three books: Toxic Co-workers (which has been translated into six languages), Assessment and Treatment of the DITF Offender and A Practical Guide to Crisis Intervention. In addition to his teaching, Dr. Cavaiola is a Licensed Psychologist, a Licensed Clinical Alcohol/Drug Counselor, a Licensed Professional Counselor and a New Jersey certified Disaster Response Crisis Counselor. Dr. Cavaiola has a private practice in Fair Haven.

EMPOWERMENT IN COLLEGE HEALTH CLASSES: PERCEPTIONS AND DETERMINANTS: STUDENTS’ LEARNING STYLE, PERCEIVED CONTROL AND PARTICIPATION IN CLASS
Bojana Beric, MD, Ph.D., CHES
(2009, VDM Verlag, $68.00)

Empowerment in College Health Classes gives students the confidence and tools to engage in classroom discussions, thereby increasing their control. This book encourages teachers to let go of the power and knowledge in college classes, allowing students to transform and become teachers themselves.

Dr. Beric, assistant professor of health studies, worked as a physician in Yugoslavia before moving to the United States in 1984. She is a co-director of the Center for Human and Community Wellness: Community Campus Partnerships for Health. Dr. Beric also holds a Visiting Professor position with the Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Novi Sad, Serbia, Europe. In addition, Dr. Beric has founded a non-profit private foundation “Professor Dr. Milan Stojsic, Inc.” in 2001, which rewards students with an outstanding achievement at the Department of Water Regulation, faculty of Agriculture, University of Novi Sad, as well as outstanding students graduating from the technical school “Mileva Marie - Einstein” in Novi Sad, Serbia.
TALLIES AND TRENDS: THE LATE BABYLONIAN COMMODITY PRICE LISTS
Ronald Wallenfels, Ph.D. and Alice Slotsky, Ph.D.
(2009, Capital Decisions Ltd, $60.00)

Tallies and Trends grew out of a collaborative study of the 18 mostly unpublished late Babylonian commodity price-only tablets in the British Museum. The purpose of this project was two-fold: First, to prepare text editions of all the preserved tablets in the corpus; second, to pursue the perplexing matter of if and/or how these tablets and their market values were related to the prodigious arsenal of ostensibly similar price quotations in the Astronomical Diaries.

Dr. Wallenfels teaches undergraduate courses on the history, literature, art and archaeology of the ancient Near East, specializing in the Late Babylonian period during the latter half of the first millennium BCE. He is also the author or co-author of several other books including World Eras - Vol. 8, Ancient Mesopotamia and The Ancient Near East: An Encyclopedia for Students: 4.

PALESTINE AND THE QUEST FOR PEACE
Saliba Sarsar ’78, Ph.D.

With a preface by Ziad Asali, president of the American Task Force on Palestine, Palestine and the Quest for Peace emphasizes dignity and the need for peace through good will, intentional peacemaking and compromise. Condemning violent measures and extremism, this is a collection of essays and articles by different people associated with the Task Force.

Dr. Sarsar, associate vice president for academic program initiatives and professor of political science, serves on the board of directors of the ATFP, the Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation, the Jacob Landau Institute, the Water Resources Action Project, and is advisor to the Monmouth Center for World Regions and Ethical Thought. He is also the author of two books of poetry—Crosswinds and Seven Gates of Jerusalem. His individual poems have appeared in a variety of venues, including The Monmouth Review, The New York Times, and Asbury Park Press.
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CLASS OF 1969

SUSAN GRIBBEN CHALMERS (Socio.) received a master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling at Syracuse University and worked at Elmira Psychiatric Center in Elmira, NY, before retiring. She now works part-time at Family Services Mental Health Clinic and on a crisis team. Susan and her husband, Bruce, also own a men’s clothing store in Elmira (www.hstrauss.com). She has three children, Chad, Charlie and Greg and a granddaughter, Gretchen.

DR. YVONNE THORNTON (Bio) will be signing copies of her new book, Something to Prove: A Daughter’s Journey to Fulfill a Father’s Legacy, at the Barnes & Noble located at the Monmouth Mall on January 22, 2011. The event is scheduled for 2:00 PM.

CLASS OF 1970

MIKE MANGER (Bus. Adm.) is the author of a new book, Shaggy Six: Tribute to a Fall Soldier, a biographical chronicle of the events leading up to being drafted and the two years he spent with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as a door gunner. Today, he is a Second Class Tester at First Energy Corp.

MITCHELL SHIVERS (Bus. Adm.) and his wife, Nancy, hosted an Ocean County alumni reception at their home in Bay Head. Mr. Shivers, President Gaffney, Head Football Coach Kevin Callahan and Men’s Soccer Coach Rob McCourt all spoke at the event.

CLASS OF 1971

NICHOLAS BALAGURCHIK JR (Bus. Adm.) is the new Healthcare Practice Leader for Hill International, a global leader in managing construction risk. He will be in charge of all Mid-Atlantic healthcare initiatives for Hill’s Project Management Group. Balagurchik had previously been president of Ramello Corp., a healthcare consulting firm.

DR. DONNA (WILSON) MUZZICATO (Elem. Ed.) exhibited her paintings at the Starbucks in Ocean Township in October. Dr. Muzzicato, a retired director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Asbury Park School District, has also recently taught herself how to play the piano and is writing a children’s book about two birds. Her artwork can also be seen online at www.artand.us.com. In 1968, she designed the Monmouth College tennis emblem.

CLASS OF 1972

DAVID ROUSSELL (Psych.) (M.S.W. ’05) was named chief operating officer for SERV Achievement Centers, part of SERV Behavioral Health System, Inc., a statewide nonprofit organization headquartered in Ewing. He is responsible for overseeing all SERV Achievement Centers’ operations, which include group homes and apartments for individuals with developmental disabilities in six New Jersey counties, and day-program services in Ewing and Cranford. Prior to joining SERV, Roussell was active as president and CEO of his own consulting firm, The Commons Group, which addresses the challenges of providing or obtaining quality services for persons with developmental disabilities. He also worked
as a clinician at Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Princeton, where he counseled children and adults.

CLASS OF 1975
JOSEPH P. CLORES (Span.) (M.S.E. ’87) was named the 2010 Counselor of the County by The Monmouth County School Counselor Association. He has been a school counselor at Holmdel High School for the last 21 years.

ANGEL KAMES (Bus. Adm.) is now the bilingual coach for the Asbury Park School District. He was the teacher for the English Language Learner students at Asbury Park Middle School.

CLASS OF 1976
DONALD MCBATH (Elem. Ed.) has retired from the Pasadena Unified School District in Pasadena, CA, after 32 years of teaching. He lives with his partner, Thomas, in Shortsville, NY.

CLASS OF 1979
BARBARA AMATO-HARTIGAN (Bus. Mrkt.) recently retired from IBM/IBM Credit Corporation in Armonk, NY, after a 30-year career as a financial analyst.

SUSAN (LENNON) GODWIN (Art/Ed.) is an honorary life member of the New Jersey Art Therapy Association, where she served as its president from 1998 to 2002. She is in private practice as a licensed professional counselor and art therapist in Fair Haven, where she lives with her husband, Sid. Godwin was previously an adjunct faculty member at Brookdale Community College for many years and in 1990 was responsible for starting the first Child Life Services Department at Monmouth Medical Center, where she served as director until 2001.

CLASS OF 1980
SCOTT YORK (Bus. Adm.) is the new vice president, northeast estimating and sales, for Andersen Interior Contracting, Inc. in Fairfield. He had previously been the company’s chief estimator. York lives in Hillsborough with his wife, DEBORAH SHOCKLEY YORK (Comm. ’80), and their daughter, Samantha.

CLASS OF 1982
MITCHELL ROTH (Socio.) is retiring from the Freehold Borough Police Department in April. He has been the chief since 2007 and with the department since 1983.

CLASS OF 1983
MICHAEL GREENBLATT (Psych.) was featured in a Cablevision video segment in September, describing the story of how he trained a two-year-old kitten, Roadrunner, to become “America’s Only Distance Running Cat.” The video segment can be seen online: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zz8hlCjIbQ. For more information about Greenblatt and his training regimen for Roadrunner, visit www.roadrunnerthecat.com.

CLASS OF 1986
HASKELL BERMAN (Sp./Comm./Theat.) serves as chief of staff of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey, which represents the state’s biopharmaceutical and medical technology industry. He was recently one of a select group of New Jersey business leaders invited to discuss President Obama’s National Export Initiative with Ambassador Ron Kirk, the United State Trade Representative, at a roundtable hosted by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno at PSE&G on October 20.

CLASS OF 1987

CLASS OF 1988
JIM LUONGO (Bus. Adm.) is now in charge of Insight Financial Services’ (www.insightfinancialservicesllc.com) new office in Colts Neck. It is a full-service financial and investment management services firm with offices in Flemington and Bridgewater. Luongo, a wealth advisor, has been in the insurance and financial services business since 1989.
EILEEN (HENELY) NATALE (Bio.) (M.S. Soft. Eng. ’92) and DANIEL NATALE (Art ’86), along with a partner, opened Frozsurt, a frozen yogurt, soup, coffee and dessert shop in Red Bank. Some of Dan’s artwork is hanging in the store.

PATRICIA HILTON-HILLYER (M.A.T.), a seventh grade science teacher at Matawan Aberdeen Middle School in Cliffwood, was one of eight teachers in the country to be selected Department Of Energy’s Academies Creating Teacher Scientists (ACTS) teacher at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL). The program fully engages educators as valued members of the scientific community and helps them progress as leaders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. Through this program, Patricia will integrate the teaching of STEM disciplines with the practice of science, establish long-term relationships with her mentor scientists and teaching colleagues, and transfer her experiences in scientific research to the classroom. Patricia lives in Howell with her husband, Tom, and three children.

LORI (MASLOWSKI) PRYMAK (Bus. Adm.) was promoted to deployment manager for the NY Metro McDonald’s Region, servicing more than 600 restaurants. She and her husband also own Fun Times for Kids in Phillipsburg. They live in Great Meadows.

MOOTHEDATH RAMACHANDRAN (M.B.A.), owner of Gordons Corner Dunkin Donuts (www gordonscorner dunkin.com) in Manalapan, created an elaborate display made from custom donuts spelling out “Monmouth Welcomes MSNBC,” “B. Williams,” and station call letters for each of the panelists.

STEPHENV DOLLINGER (Crim. J.) was recently promoted to lieutenant for the Middletown Police Department. First starting out with the township’s Police Explorer Program in 1985, Dollinger revived the canine program in 1999 and became a K-9 officer. He has a 16-year old son, Patrick, and a fiancé, Donna.

JENNIFER E. LOYSEN (Bus. Adm.), Annual Fund & Class Giving Program Manager at Monmouth, earned her Certificate in Fund Raising Management from The Center on Philanthropy’s Fund Raising School at Indiana University in Indianapolis, IN, in July.

CLASS OF 1990

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CLASS OF 1993

CLASS OF 1995

DR. ADRIAN C. ZAPPALA (Hist.) (M.S.E. ’04) is the assistant dean of Educational Leadership in the Heavin School of Arts and Sciences at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton.

CLASS OF 1996

ANNA M. ALDOY (Psych.) married Donald Moruzzi January 9, 2010. She is a special education teacher for the New York City Department of Education, and her husband is a school psychologist for Nassau Boards of Cooperative Educational Services. They live in Long Island, NY.
CLASS OF 1997

JOHN J. GAMBARDELLA (Poli. Sci./Bus. Mrkt.) is now assistant vice president and branch manager at the Belmar office for Central Jersey Bank N.A. He oversees a staff of six and conducts business development, including developing relationships within the community and obtaining new accounts. He has been an employee of Central Jersey Bank for nine years, starting at the former Monmouth Community Bank, which subsequently became Central Jersey Bank pursuant to a 2005 merger with Allaire Community Bank. Gambardella lives in Little Silver and has served as the president of the Belmar Chamber of Commerce since December 2009.

CLASS OF 1998

KARIN TOMKIEWICZ (Bus. Mgmt.) is engaged to marry Paul Erber in the summer of 2011. She is a business account manager for Hill’s Pet Nutrition. Her fiancé is a fleet supervisor for CHS Transportation.

CLASS OF 2000

ANTHONY HULAK (Bus. Acct.) married Nicole Lucia September 5, 2010. He is a certified public accountant with AIG American General in Neptune and a member of the N.J. Society of Certified Public Accountants. His wife is a dental hygienist. They live in Freehold.

CYNTHIA J. MORGENSTERN (M.B.A.) married Gregory Daly August 14, 2010. She is the executive vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corp. in Freehold. Her husband served in the Navy from 1996 through 2000 and was a petty officer third class aboard the U.S.S. Sides, a guided-missile frigate.

CLASS OF 2001

DR. STEPHANIE BENNETT (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) is associate professor of communication and media studies at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. She was honored in October at the second annual C.P.C. Alumni Gathering to celebrate the growth and success of the graduate program.

ELIZABETH WATTS (B.F.A.) (M.A.T. ’06) and BRIAN HOFFMAN (Bus. Fin. ’04) were married July 5, 2009. Many alumni were in attendance including bridesmaids and fellow MU field hockey teammates. They are Julie Dentworth (Comm. ’01), Leanne Wright (Sp. Ed. ’01), Jaime Rocco (Sp. Ed. ’01), and groomsmen, Pat D’Alessandro (Hist./Ed. ’05) and Mike Conway (Comm. ’09). Elizabeth is an elementary school teacher, and Brian works in the corporate logistics department at Atlantic Container Line.

KELLY WELDON (M.S.Ed.) (M.S.E. ’02) is the new principal at Ocean Township High School following the retirement of Julia Davidow. She had previously served as the assistant principal.

JOHN S. WERNER (Crim. J.) was promoted to sergeant in September at the Middletown Township Police Department. He was hired as a patrolman in 2004 and received the Merit Award and Director’s Award from the Cape May County Police Academy. His duties have included Field Training Officer.
HAZIM IBRAHIM (Crim. J. '02) is scheduled to compete in Ring of Combat XXXIII on December 3 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Photo shows Haz being prepared for his last fight by welterweight UFC fighter Ricardo Almeida and UFC lightweight champion Frankie Edgar.

KELLY BISHOP (Ed./Span.) married Daniel Abbato July 10, 2009. She is a middle school Spanish teacher in the Southern Regional School District. Her husband is a high school English teacher and coach of football and baseball in the Pinelands Regional School District. Alumni in attendance were Gwen (VanName) DiBiase (Bus. Mkt. '02), Ben DiBiase (Sp. Ed. '02) Lisa Buehler (Ed./Art '09) and Kristina Reed (Sp.Ed./Anth. '09). The couple lives in Manahawkin.

ADAM WORTH (Comm.) is the producer of My New Life (www.mynewlifemovie.com), which premiered in July in New York City.

ERICA BLUMETTI (Art) (M.A.T. '05) married Doug Hawxhurst July 18, 2009. Alumni in attendance included Melanie (Langen) Stillo (Psych. '02), Monique Pica (Art '03 M.A.T. 05), Sal Marino (Crim. J. '03) and Kimberly (Donohue) Sansil (Sp. Ed. '03). She is a graphic design teacher at Applegarth Middle School in Monroe Township. Her husband is the regional director of personal training for Work Out World. They live in Jackson.

CLASS OF 2003

STEFANIE BIRD (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '05) is engaged to marry Benjamin Markus III in October 2011. She is a family service specialist for the Division of Youth and Family Services in Red Bank. Her fiancé is a motor vehicle inspector for Parsons in Eatontown.

TOM DEBLASS (Sp. Ed.) defeated Tom Velasquez on September 24 by knockout in the second round of his match at Ring of Combat XXXI in Atlantic City. The win brought his professional record to 2-0. He will be competing again against Zadie Morris on December 3 in the Ring of Combat XXXIII.

KELLY (MOORE) HRISAFINIS (Math.) graduated in August from Villanova University, College of Nursing, with a B.S.N.

RAFFI T. KHATCHADOURIAN (Comp. Sci.), a Ph.D. candidate at the Ohio State University (OSU) Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), was selected by the National Science Foundation for an East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S Graduate Students Award. The award enabled Raffi to travel to the University of Tokyo this summer for a 10-week research collaboration with Professor Hidehiko Masuhara. He also received the OSU CSE Graduate Teaching Associate Award for 2010.
CHERYL MECKA (Comm.) received her M.A.T in Elementary Education in May from Montclair State University. She creates educational videos for the classroom called Going Places For Kids, which explore the natural and social worlds. A former MU Study Abroad student, she continues to travel abroad for personal enjoyment and professional experience. Cheryl was a recent participant in the Organization For Tropical Studies/Duke University 2010 Inquiry Into Rainforest Science Teacher Education Program in Costa Rica. You can view her photos at www.eclecticteaching.wordpress.com.

BECKY (ROWE) NUGENT (Sp. Ed.) and her husband, Dan, welcomed son, Kevin William, June 30, 2010. The family lives in New Providence.

DIANA RISSETTO (Comm.) wrote the new play, Pigeons, Knishes and Rockettes, which was performed at the Cherry Pit Theater in New York City in August. She has been working as a publicist for Tony-award winning producer Jeffrey Richards since 2007.

ERIN GUINTHER (Bus. Fin.) is engaged to marry Stephen Pizzi in July 2012. Erin is manager of JP Morgan Chase’s Asset Management Client Service Associate team and a second-year law student at Widener University. Stephen is the director of operations and facilities for Villanova University’s Athletics Department. They live in Wayne, PA.

KELLY HAYES (Comm.) and STEVEN DALEY (Psych. ’05) are engaged, with a July 2011 wedding planned. Kelly is a pharmaceutical representative in Monmouth County for Publicis Touchpoint Solutions in Yardley, PA. Steven is a human resources manager for Chubb Group of Insurance Companies.

LAUREN LENZA (Comm.) and BRIAN MURRAY (Bus. Adm. ’05) were married May 21, 2010. Alumni in attendance were Alison (Murray) and Matthew Salerno, Tina Deputy, Carmela Iadevaia, Danielle Pappalardo, Robin Johnson, Christopher Navarro, Stephanie (Marcus) and Steven Colvill, Glenn Parsells, Joseph Palazzolo, John Van Brunt, Bryan Jewell and Jill Procaccino. The couple lives in Hamilton.

JOSEPH LIZZA (Ed./Hist./Poli. Sci.) was recently promoted to assistant director for Campus Center Operations and Programs at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He lives in Hammonton.

TIFFANY A. MILLER (Comm.) was promoted to senior account executive at R&J Public Relations, where she has been working since 2006. In her new role, she is responsible for strategic planning and day-to-day management for a variety of the agency’s core accounts.

TINA ROMANO (Bus. Mgmt.) is engaged to marry Daniel LePore in June 2011. She is a project manager in the clinical operations department at Corelab Partners in Princeton. Her fiancé is a risk manager for Marathon Asset Management in Manhattan.

R. CRAIG WEBER (Poli. Sci.) (M.A. Pub. Pol. ’08) was promoted in September to deputy chief of the Middletown Township Police Department. He had been lieutenant since 2006 and with the department since 1993. He has received many awards and commendations including Life Savings, Officer of the Year, and Supervisor of the Year. He and his wife, Catherine, have three daughters, Emma, Alyssa and Sarah.

KRISTIN WILSON (Bus. Mrkt.) was inducted into the Belleville High School Hall of Fame on September 15. Her
induction celebrates a high school athletic career that reached a climax in the spring of 2001 when she led Belleville to the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 championship and ultimate appearance in the Group 4 title game. A former centerfielder for the Hawks, Wilson finished her college career ranking third in school history in career average (.367), fourth in career hits (203) and fifth in runs scored (106) and stolen bases (50).

CLASS OF 2006

NICHOLAS CASTELLANO (Crim. J.) was among four new officers recently hired by the Ocean Township Police Department. He had previously worked at the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department after graduating from the Ocean County Police Academy.

AMY (WREDE) FEASER (Sp. Ed.) and her husband, Andrew, welcomed son, Evan Timothy, September 27. Amy is a special education teacher for Papillion-La Vista Schools in Nebraska. She and her husband live in Papillion, NE.

KATHRYN E. HANNA (Art) married Casey Seitz June 19. Alumni in the wedding party included Megan Manney (Comm./Ed. ’06), maid of honor, Megan Villane (Anthro./Sp. Ed. ’06, M.S.E. ’10), Jennifer DePetris (Sp. Ed. ’06), and Kaitlyn Robinson (Anthro. ’06). Many other alumni and former Monmouth Lacrosse players were also in attendance. Kate is a middle school art teacher in Charleston, SC. Casey is the pre-owned sales manager at Rick Hendrick BMW in Charleston and is the co-owner of the King St. Grille James Island in Charleston.

DEBORAH J. HOLLIDAY (M.S.W.), vice chairwoman of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, was recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in administrative dispute resolutions. She is also an active member of her community, working with non-profits to bring a statewide awareness to the issue of bullying in schools, neighborhoods and the workplace.

CHRISTOPHER JOYCE (Bus. Acct.) and ERIN WILLIAMS (Engl./Ed. ’06) were married June 19, 2010. Christopher’s mother, JENIFER JOYCE (Comp. Sci. ’87 M.A.T. ’97) is the undergraduate program advisor in the School of Education at Monmouth, and his father, Jerry Joyce is an adjunct professor in the History and Anthropology Department. Other alumni in attendance included Christopher’s brothers RYAN JOYCE (Hist./Ed. ’06) and KEVIN JOYCE (Crim. J. ’06). Christopher is an accountant in Red Bank, and Erin is a teacher with the Toms River School District.

LINDSAY J. STERN (Crim. J.) (M.A. Crim. J. ’08) and JOSHUA C. WALTER (Bus. Mgmt. ’06) are engaged, with a June 2011 wedding planned. Lindsay is a medical billing specialist. Joshua is an associate chemist with L’Oreal Cosmetics.

CLASS OF 2007

ZAHEED BARDAI (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) attained his M.B.A. from Monmouth in August, where until September he was also working as a multimedia specialist.

RYA BUTTERFIELD (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.), a Ph.D. candidate in Rhetoric at Louisiana State University, was recently awarded a 2010 scholarship by the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Association of University Women. She also spent this past summer studying Mandarin in Beijing and is traveling to San Francisco in November to present her paper, “Attitudes of Affliction: Victimization in China’s Soft Power” at the 2010 National Communication Association Convention.

OMAR MARQUEZ (M.B.A.), a supervisory senior accountant at Kearney & Company, was recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in accounting. Marquez leads governmental audits and financial statement preparation. He is a member of the Association of Government Accountants, which supports the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia.

CHELSEA SASS (Hist./Ed.) married Philip Arena July 10, 2010. The wedding aired on TLC’s Four Weddings. Alumni in attendance were Bridget Greene (Hist./Ed. ’07), Brent Wilson...
(Bus. Mgmt ’06), Kate Fogler (Hist./Sp. Ed. ’07), Tanya Earl (Psych./Ed. ’07), Tobi Wrice (Bus. Mrkt. ’07), Maggie Zmijewski (Hist. ’07), Chrissy Mahony (Psych. ’08), Dana Panzone (Poli. Sci./Comm. ’07) and Kevin Hartwyk (Crim. J. ’06). Chelsea is a kindergarten teacher in Vineland. Her husband is self-employed. They live in Mantua.

TARA SCARPONI (Psych.) is engaged to marry Anthony Danniballe and is planning a May 27, 2011, wedding. Tara graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in May 2010 with dual M.B.A. degrees in Entrepreneurial Studies and Management, and she is pursuing her Funeral Director’s License. She works at her family’s funeral homes. Her fiancé is a project manager with AT&T. The couple recently purchased a home in Stewartsville.

CLASS OF 2008

AMANDA (SAMAHA) BLACK (Bus. Adm.) has been named community relations director at the Chelsea at Toms River assisted living community. Responsible for bringing in new residents and helping them make the transition to assisted living, Black was previously the activities director. She lives in Ocean Township with her husband, Kristopher, who she married on June 26, 2010.

NORMA JEAN GARRITON (Hist.) is enrolled in the public history and archives graduate program at New York University, which she expects to complete next spring. Garriton has worked for the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum since the fall of 2008, first as a museum educator and then as the administrative assistant to the vice president of Collections and Exhibitions in the exhibits department. From the fall of 2009 until the fall of 2010 she also held a contract with the Army as an Army Historian, working for the Communications and Electronics Command of the Army Material Command at Fort Monmouth.

SAMANTHA MURPHY (For. Lang.) is now Monmouth’s Annual Fund Phonathon Manager. She was previously the human resources recruitment coordinator for Empathy Lab.

KELLIANNE E. STARK (Anthro.) married Peter D’Angelo April 10, 2010. She is the office manager at Reporter’s Ink, Inc. in New York. Her husband is a senior mechanic for Monmouth County. They live in Wall Township.

BRIAN WALLS (M.B.A.) is engaged to marry Ryan Hart. He is an auditor with J.H. Cohn, LLP, in Eatontown, and a certified public accountant. His fiancé is an associate attorney at Pepper Hamilton, LLP, in Philadelphia.

CHRISTINA WANIS (Hist.) (M.A.T. ’10) and JAMES LEE (Comp. Sci. ’08) were married July 16, 2010. Alumni in attendance included Danielle Ciandella (Anthro. ’09), Sarah Chamberlain (Comm. ’10), Lisa Orchier (Music ’06), Heather Bryson (Bus. Adm. ’08), Steve Paravati (Comm. ’09), NICK CAMPIONE (Poli. Sci./Ed. ’10), PETER ZOTTI (Bus. Fin. ’07) and THOMAS MINTON (Anthro. ’06). Christina, a teacher, and James, a software engineer, live in Eatontown.

GREG SOTO (Crim. J.) defeated Nick Osipczak on August 28 by unanimous decision at UFC 118 in Boston. In addition to securing his first UFC victory, Soto appeared on the front cover of the Sunday edition of the Boston Herald the following morning. With the defeat of Osipczak, an alumnus of season 9 of The Ultimate Fighter, Soto’s professional record moves to 8-1.
CLASS OF 2009

SARAH MADDEN (M.A.T.) is engaged to marry Michael Kubala in July 2011. She is a teacher for Rumson schools, and her fiancé is a sales executive with Depot America in Farmingdale.

MARYGRACE MURPHY (Engl.) was hired in September as assistant editor for Credit Union Times. She manages the website and writes on Gen Y, including the monthly Gen Y Back Talk column and the Gen Y Back Talk Facebook page.

STEPHANIE SEELEY (Bus. Mgmt.) is engaged to marry Jestin Davie in September 2011. She is a sales associate for Kraft Foods. Her fiancé is an electrician in Local Union 102.

JENNIFER SMITH (Hist./Sp. Ed.) married Ed Dwyer October 23. While having their engagement photos taken in September, the couple met Bruce Springsteen, who joined the photo shoot and began to play the guitar Ed was carrying. The couple lives in Brick Township.

CLASS OF 2010

BRIAN BLACKMON (Bus. Adm.), a former staff member of The Outlook, is continuing his education by pursuing his M.B.A. at Monmouth University. One of his favorite hobbies is cartooning. His final cartoon submission to The Outlook ran in the October 6 issue.

CHRIS COLLAZZO (Hist./Sp. Ed.) was named assistant baseball coach at Felician College, an NCAA Division II member with campuses in Lodi and Rutherford. The Golden Falcons play in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.

CHRIS COVELLO (Bus. Adm.) is a new sales associate for Plymouth Meeting, PA-based Fameco Real Estate, L.P. He is responsible for scouting potential investment opportunities and providing market analysis.

ADARIA DUARTE (Bus. Adm.) is the president of Let’s Hear Your Story, a non-profit organization that tries to connect people through difficult shared experiences. She first became involved with the organization through Monmouth’s Entrepreneurship Program, and was named president only six weeks after working with the organization’s founder, Tony Lombardo. Adaria also owns a home health care company that provides companion care, personal care and other services.

CARLOS MORALES (Music) is now the music teacher for Dennis Township Elementary School in southern New Jersey. The school recently hosted a presentation by the Ocean City Pops woodwind ensemble.
Mays Landing.

VICTORIA REINHARD (Art/Ed.) painted a dog-themed boardwalk mural at All Star Kennels, part of All Star Pet Resort, in Cologne. The 20-foot mural is called “Dog Days on the Boardwalk.” Reinhard also teaches seventh and eighth grade art in Ventnor and works evenings at All Star Pet Resort. She lives in Mays Landing.

TIM SPAETH (M.A.T.) is engaged to marry Megan Willman in December. He is an English teacher at Ocean Township High School. His fiancé is a self-employed acupuncturist who owns Jersey Shore Acupuncture LLC.

CLASS NOTES POLICY

Monmouth University encourages communications from alumni regarding career changes, promotions, relocations, volunteer work, marriages, births, and other information that is of interest to fellow classmates, alumni, and the University community.

In addition to news items sent by alumni, we receive press releases from businesses or other organizations announcing alumni achievements. The Monmouth University Magazine staff also actively searches for alumni news online, and subscribes to an online news clipping service that provides news items about alumni. These items are edited and placed into the appropriate class section.

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1. E-mail: classnotes@monmouth.edu
2. Fax: 1-732-263-5164
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   Monmouth University
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TO SUBMIT A PICTURE

We welcome submissions of photos of alumni for possible use in the Monmouth University Magazine. We prefer to receive digital photos because it saves us from having to scan printed photos. But the resolution has to be high enough for us to publish. What looks good on your computer screen might look grainy in the magazine.

For publication purposes, the resolution should be at least 300 dpi [dots per inch]. Without getting too technical, a larger file size is usually better than a smaller file size.

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