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ON THE COVER: DR. LISA DINELLA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, DEMONSTRATES THE PRINCIPLES OF POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT WHILE FEEDING A GIRAFFE AT GREAT ADVENTURE, WILD SAFARI.

LETTERS READERS RESPOND TO THE WINTER AND FALL ISSUES



VETERAN HERO

I wanted to take a moment to say how much I appreciated the article in the most recent Monmouth alumni magazine [fall 2011] about Bryan Dickerson. As a Monmouth alumnus, I volunteer for various veteran causes and am so pleased that my school gave such a large piece of its magazine to an American hero and I hope that others were as touched and inspired as I was by reading it.

DOMIANO P. DEL PINO, ESQ. '01

PHI DELT MEMORIES



While the Delta Sigs might have considered themselves the “Animal House” in the late 60’s [fall 2011] the original fraternity that earned that title in the early 60s was Phi Delta Sigma or “Phi Delts”. Their parties were legend and they dominated the social scene. As a member of the sorority Mu Alpha Phi we partied along with them and one never quite knew what to expect.

When I saw the movie “Animal House” I immediately exclaimed, “That is the Phi Delt house!”

One hot summer day I remember going into the house to find one of the guys with nothing on but the newspaper he was reading. It was constant fun and the unexpected.

Check out pages 100 and 101 in the 1964 Shadows yearbook to see pictures

of a fraternity of true individuals. If my memory is correct, they were closed down for 30 days, as recorded on page 101 of the yearbook, because the police caught them rolling a keg down Second Avenue. Great memories!

SUSANNE RHODES GILBERT '64

OCCUPY EMBARRASSMENT

I was both disgusted and embarrassed by the portrayal of the Occupy Wall Street movement in the fall 2011 edition of the *Monmouth University Magazine*. I received my AA from Monmouth College in 1969; then received a BA and an MBA from a large, fairly well known Catholic University in the Midwest. I am removing any reference to having attended Monmouth from my resume and bio, both which are liberally distributed as I serve on several Boards of Directors.

You managed to find seven mental midgets who attempted to legitimize a movement which a few months later is no longer even an obituary mention on the most liberal broadcast. The irony, Hillsdale College in Michigan, which requires all students (and faculty) to study both the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence during their first two years, had no trouble posting an opposing viewpoint.

Seven people supporting this group of left-wing ideologues, and you could not find a faculty member identifying the protestors for what they are is a bit mind-boggling. If your faculty members along with the second-year MSW student were to succeed, fast forward five to ten years in the U.S. and we are Greece!

Suggestion: Require your entire faculty to attend summer lectures at Hillsdale College where they might learn something about the founding of this country.

RICHARD C. MCCLELLAND '69AA

For an institution that prides itself on diversity, I find it disturbing that out of your entire base of professors you could not find one that sees the Occupy Wall Street [movement] as nothing more than a collectivist group that wants what I have earned through hard work and sacrifice!

When I went to your institution I worked a full-time night job so I could go

to school during the day. All while I was married with 3 small children at home. I did not begrudge those who had achieved more, I simply worked harder so I might have the opportunity to achieve those things that were important to me.

It saddens me to think that your institution promotes this “Fair Share” collectivist fantasy of entitlement. The only thing anyone is entitled to is the opportunity to achieve not the guarantee of success. I have done many things in my life, some I have failed at some I have succeeded at, some I have enjoyed and some I have not enjoyed.

Regardless, I have made it my responsibility to change, learn and move forward—not hold someone else responsible for my shortcomings or missteps. Maybe you should be teaching your students that personal responsibility and hard work are the elements that make success possible—not collective whining about what they think they are entitled to!

I do vote with my pocketbook. You will never see a dime come your way from my pocket. Please remove me from your mailing list, I have enough to do without reading a bunch of professorial pap!

THOMAS ABEL '83

ROTC PIN



Were you a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Monmouth College? Did you wear a pin like this? Please share your memories as a Monmouth University student enrolled in the R.O.T.C program, by email at: mailquad@monmouth.edu.

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STUDENTS WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

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ELEPHANT DUNG,
GIRAFFE SLOBBER AND
THE SURPRISING SOFTNESS
OF A RHINOCEROS EAR
PART OF INNOVATIVE COURSE
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One of the lesser-known labors of Hercules involved cleaning manure—lots and lots of manure. According to Greek Myth, Hercules was tasked with cleaning the stables of Augeas, which housed a herd of 1,000 cattle, all within a single day. To make matters worse, the stables had not been cleaned in 30 years. Hercules cleverly avoided the stench and muck by diverting two rivers to rinse the filthy stables clean. Students in Dr. Lisa Dinella’s field experience class were not as fortunate.





// **We wanted the students to learn that animal care is not all fun and games.”**

The first order of business for students enrolled in an innovative upper-level psychology class was “mucking the barn” that houses the elephant and rhino population at Great Adventure Wild Safari, a 350-acre wildlife preserve in Jackson, NJ. “We wanted the students to learn that animal care is not all fun and games,” said David Peranteau, the senior supervisor of Animal Training at Six Flags Great Adventure. “It is a lot of hard work, but the students did a terrific job with their first assignment,” he said.

“The smell stays with you,” said Michael Urmey. “It gets into your hair and your clothes.” Despite the unpleasant beginning, students were universally enthusiastic about the fledgling program. “The class is amazing,” said Christina

Green. “The opportunities that we are given are amazing. We love it, and it’s definitely better than sitting in a lecture.”

The field experience class was developed by Dinella, an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology, following a family visit to the park last summer. During a dolphin trainer’s discussion on how marine mammals such as dolphins, seals, and sea lions are trained to perform, Dinella realized that the information was almost identical to a lecture she had given the day before to her own students. “The big difference is that the trainers used cooler props,” Dinella said.

“The principles that animal trainers use to produce animal behavior are much the same as the principles applied to human behavior,” Dinella said. Dinella’s revelation inspired her to create the unique educational experience, which also marks the first collaboration between Monmouth University and Great Adventure. Peranteau believes the class is the first time that any Six Flags location has been involved with a college-level course.

Dinella hopes that the hands-on experience with the animals and working closely with professional trainers will not only illuminate key psychological concepts, but also expose students to animal training as a viable career. Two members of the 15-person class have already found new professional opportunities in the field. Christina Green was hired as an assistant trainer after just one week as an unpaid intern. Another student, former soccer player Douglas Meehan, has secured a summer internship working with Cody and Avalon, Atlantic bottlenose dolphins and star performers in the Dolphin Discovery unit.

“Nothing is as important [for a career as an animal trainer] as hands-on experience,” Peranteau said. Dinella noted that almost all of the trainers at Six Flags have psychology degrees and were willing to share their career experiences with the students. “Many schools for animal training have internships,”





Peranteau said. “Volunteering at zoos, aquariums, and wildlife centers is essential. Some parks even have shadow programs where you can follow a trainer around for a day. It’s a good way to tell if this is a job for you,” he said.

The career involves much more than teaching dolphins to play ring toss games. Trainers are the primary custodians of animal health. “Animals cannot tell us when they are under the weather,” said Senior Animal Trainer Jessica Peranteau. “We can see signs or precursors before they get sick by observing their behavior. We spend a lot of time around the animals, so we know when something is off.”

Even after her experience with the byproduct from the backside of a Rhino, Rachel Werner showed appreciation for the animals. “The backs of their ears are surprisingly soft,” she said after patting and rubbing one of the impressive animals. “We can’t say that the animals ‘like’ being patted or stroked,” David Peranteau said. “[The animals] can’t tell us what they like. We can only observe that they appear to respond positively to tactile stimulation.”

Another important aspect of the career involves public speaking. “There are two big components to the job,” said Jessica Peranteau. “There is the educational aspect, which is important, but proficiency in public speaking is equally important.” Dinella believes that students will benefit

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from the experience of public speaking in both animal training experiences and at educational outreach events. A capstone requirement for students in the class is making two presentations; first as part of a dolphin or sea lion show at Six Flags, and a second at an on-campus research conference.

Alexa Anastasio, a junior psychology major, showcased her proficiency as a public speaker in April when she addressed a crowd of more than 400 student scholarship recipients and scholarship donors as the keynote student speaker on the grand staircase in Wilson Hall at the annual Scholarship Recognition Reception. During a field visit two days earlier, a giraffe licked a thick carrot slice, playfully placed by David Peranteau, from the top of her head. “I still think I have a little bit of slobber, a little crustiness,” Anastasio said after her close encounter.

“I’ve never even seen a giraffe let alone have it eat a carrot off my head,” she said. Anastasio described the class



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as a bizarre but very exciting experience. "It really kind of embodies what you want from your college experience," she said.

Dinella agrees that the course is an amazing opportunity but noted that it also demanded a higher level of responsibility from the students. "The animals that we come in contact with are not pets. They are unpredictable and dangerous if safety guidelines are not followed." An unusual class prerequisite was proof of a recent test for tuberculosis. "If you want to work with baby kangaroos, you need to be healthy," Dinella said.

At a March class focused on herd management, students adapted to the unique classroom facilities offered at the Great Adventure site, far removed from the usual pathways travelled by summer day-trippers drawn to the attractions of the amusement park at Six Flags. Students took notes just inches away from a Giant Indian Fruit Bat and a Russian Lizard, whose habitats served as the field classroom for the Monmouth students.

Members of the class also seemed largely accustomed to the presence of "Miss Piggy," a 90 pound, 8-1/2-foot, albino Burmese python, who lives in the back of the learning space; at least until they were asked to pose with the python for a photograph. Even Dr. Dinella evinced a skittish reaction to gentle flicks from Miss Piggy's tongue.

Interest in the initial class was strong, and Dinella only expects demand for the class to increase. Even limiting the class to juniors and seniors, Dinella said that students were so enthusiastic about the class that within minutes of receiving an informational email, hundreds replied and more than 60 students attended the information session for the class, which was deliberately capped at 15 students.

While field work is common for biology and archeology majors, Dinella's new relationship between Monmouth University and Wild Safari at Six Flags is innovative and unique. This exciting partnership is an exciting and eminently logical use of resources that will benefit psychology students. [MU](#)

GAFFNEY ROAST RAISES \$10 MILLION



*Capital Projects will Transform Campus:
President's Legacy Still Moving Forward*



The roast of Paul G. Gaffney II on April 28 raised \$10 million for student scholarships, academic programs and capital projects. The amount is the largest raised by any single event in Monmouth's history. "It is a real tribute to the leadership and vision of President Gaffney," said Robert Sculthorpe '63, chair of the Board of Trustees.

In February, Gaffney announced his intention to step down as president of Monmouth University at the end of June 2013, concluding a decade of service.

Major capital gifts from Robert and Joan Rechnitz, Jules and Jane Plangere, the Brockriede Family, and an anonymous donor, contributed the majority of the funds raised by the record-breaking event.

Sculthorpe said that proceeds from the roast not earmarked for capital improvements will be divided among the Leon Hess Business School, the Communication Department, and the Paul G. Gaffney II Scholarship Fund. The Leon Hess Business School and Department of Communication each suspended annual fundraising events to clear the way for the tribute organized by George Kolber to honor the tenure of reluctant honoree President Paul Gaffney.

In addition to the significant capital gifts, direct support for the roast raised more than \$1 million. "Not only do we have wonderful new buildings that will enrich our campus life, but charitable giving to this event will fund the Paul G. Gaffney II Scholarship fund and various academic programs to further strengthen Monmouth University," Sculthorpe said.



Dr. Robert and Joan Rechnitz, co-founders of the Two River Theatre Company of Red Bank, are funding construction of a state-of-the-art building that will replace the “800 Building,” former home of the Art Department, which was demolished in August. The new facility, which will be named Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall, will debut in the fall of 2012.

“Thank you for honoring us, and we hope that the new art building will enrich art itself, which is the greatest ‘roaster’ of all of us, all the time,” Dr. Rechnitz said.

“My deepest thanks to Monmouth and its great teachers—all of them—but especially Vince DiMattio, Edward Jankowski, Bill Mitchell, and Charles Lewis...and [husband] Bob,” said Mrs. Rechnitz.

Both Robert and Joan Rechnitz have longstanding ties to Monmouth. Mrs. Rechnitz is a 1984 graduate of the university, and the recipient of a 2012 honorary doctorate of the Fine Arts, while Dr. Rechnitz was a professor of English and American Literature at Monmouth for more than 35 years. In 2001, Dr. Rechnitz received the Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service.

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Sculthorpe described Dr. Rechnitz as “a gentleman, who with his wife, Joan, has had an enormous influence, not only on Monmouth University but the surrounding community and region. He came to Monmouth in 1957, and during his teaching career he was published in scholarly journals, textbooks, and critical anthologies.”

Sculthorpe announced that Jules L. Plangere, Jr., the former publisher of the *Asbury Park Press*, is funding the expansion of football facilities near Kessler Field with a \$2 million founding gift to construct a new building that will house a new press box, office space, and—for the first time—indoor bathroom facilities.

Plangere, a former board chair and longtime benefactor of the University, recently funded the installation of energy-efficient lights for the soccer field on the Great Lawn of the former Shadow Lawn Estate. He is also the namesake of the Jules L. Plangere, Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology, home to the Department of Communication, one of Monmouth’s most popular academic programs.

Reminding the audience that the event was intended to be a *roast*, Plangere joked, “Did Paul Gaffney aid the cause of



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JANE AND JULES PLANGERE HN ‘86.

“ My father thought the world of you [President and Mrs. Gaffney]. He would have loved this tonight—he would have loved being here.”

educating students? I would say yes...particularly after he put his hand into my pocket more than once.”

“How about you,” Plangere asked the audience, “Did he pick your pocket?”

“I know you would all say ‘yes,’ and whether we call him the ‘milker’ of Monmouth, or the ‘maker,’ he does deserve our thanks. He has done a great job for Monmouth University,” Plangere said.

Sculthorpe lauded Plangere as revered and respected for his integrity, leadership, and philanthropy. Known fondly among trustees as the “Godfather of the Board,” Sculthorpe said Plangere is “without peer.”

Plangere was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1969, became a Life Trustee in 1991, and a Trustee Emeritus in



PRESIDENT GAFFNEY, KENNA BROCKRIEDE, JOHN BROCKRIEDE JR. '07 '10M, JOHN BROCKRIEDE III

2006. He served as chair of the Board from 1983 to 1989, and received an honorary doctorate of Laws in 1986.

John Brockriede, Jr. '07 '10M and his wife, Kenna, of West Long Branch, also announced a capital gift from the Brockriede Family at the roast, spurred by the recent passing of John's father, John A. Brockriede, Sr., known colloquially as “Mr. Long Branch.”

The senior Brockriede started in business at 19 as the operator of Johnny's Esso on Third and Morris Avenues

The Man Behind The Roast

George Kolber isn't a graduate of Monmouth University, and despite repeated entreaties, he does not serve on the Board of Trustees. But Kolber, an entrepreneur with an impressive business background, is a substantial supporter of the University and a huge fan of President Paul G. Gaffney II.

Kolber, who was honored with a Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service at Founders' Day 2011, conceived the idea of the roast to honor Gaffney a year and a half ago.

Kolber also received the Jewish Heritage Award from Monmouth University in 2010 in recognition of his contribution to Jewish historical memory. The award recognizes members of the community who shed light on the unseen and unheard story of spiritual resilience and cultural fusion within the global Jewish community. Kolber shared the story of his grandparents who were among the 20,000 Jews who escaped the Nazis by seeking refuge in Shanghai.

Kolber is the managing partner of GVK Limited Partners, which provides venture capital and targets



strategic investments and financing. He also heads Kolber Properties, which owns and manages resort residential and other commercial properties.

He previously served as CEO and vice chairman of the \$2 billion Retail Ventures Inc., which operated Value City Department Stores, Filene's Basement and DSW Shoe Warehouse. He also served as the vice chairman and chief operating officer of American Eagle Outfitters, Inc., where the company grew from a market capitalization of \$225 million to over \$1.25 billion. Kolber was also the chairman

and CEO of Body Shop of America, a national retail chain with a catalog and e-commerce operation.

Kolber and his wife, Vita, are strong supporters of numerous national and local nonprofit organizations. He is the former chair of the Riverview Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees, and previously served on the Board of Trustees for Jumpstart, a nonprofit organization whose focus is to help promote early literacy for economically underprivileged children. He is a current trustee of Oak Hill Academy, Lincroft, NJ.



BOARD CHAIR ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63 AND ROAST CHAIR GEORGE KOLBER

in Long Branch, which later became Johnny's Exxon. He operated the business for 32 years. His entrepreneurial career included many successful restaurant franchises and a prominent role in the banking industry as a founding member of Monmouth Community Bank, which became Central Jersey Bank in 2010. He was honored with a Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service in 2007.

The junior John Brockriede, a lieutenant with the Wall Township Police Department, along with his wife, Kenna, a former nationally acclaimed model, served as co-chairs of the 2011 Monmouth University Holiday Ball, a black-tie event that raised a record number of scholarship funds for students.

"My father and mother have lived about a block from here for over 45 years. They've seen this University grow," Brockriede said. "They have seen a lot of great things happen here, and an awful lot of that has been through [President Gaffney's] leadership," he said.

"My father was a passionate man. He loved his family, he was passionate about business, and he was passionate about giving back. I think it is only fitting to honor him with our gift to the University – his home on Van Court Avenue," Brockriede said. "My father thought the world of you [President and Mrs. Gaffney]. He would have loved this tonight—he would have loved being here."



LINDA, CRISTA, AND PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY



My dad's practical joke side included whoopee cushions, a burping gun [in the top right drawer of his desk], and the infamous fake nose glasses which he would wear all the time," Crista Gaffney told the audience."

Middletown resident George Kolber served as event chair and master of ceremonies at the roast, which was ably executed by Jan Connolly, director of Special Events and Programs for University Advancement, and Luann Russell, director of Conference and Event Services. The roast was the single largest fundraising event in Monmouth's history.

Kolber, managing member of GVK Limited Partners, said, "Paul Gaffney has transformed the University. The roast really brought the changes he's made into clearer focus for Monmouth alumni, trustees, faculty, and even students. A lot of people were happy to contribute to a cause that will cement [Gaffney's] legacy at Monmouth University."

Local and state politicians from both sides of the political aisle were in attendance at the event, including Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Congressman Frank Pallone, State Senators Joseph Kyrillos and Jennifer Beck, Monmouth County Freeholder Director John Curley, and Assembly members Mary Pat Angelini, Sean Kean, and Dave Rible. Kyrillos, Beck, and Angelini read a "mock" resolution celebrating Gaffney's many accomplishments. Video messages were also sent from Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez.

In all, nearly 600 people attended the roast that was held in the Multipurpose Activity Center (MAC), home court for the university's men's and women's basketball teams. The \$57 million facility, which opened in 2009, was a major achievement of Gaffney's presidency. The MAC was constructed without incurring any debt and has since become a popular concert and sporting venue. [MU](#)

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LaMacchia Running

(And Swimming...And Biking)

In a New Direction

Leslie LaMacchia '01, a two-sport scholarship athlete and summa cum laude graduate of the Honors School, returned to the Monmouth campus in February to share her experience as a lawyer with students as part of the Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony.

PHOTO: ANTHONY RATHBURN

“Since high school I knew I wanted to be a lawyer. I learned so much at Monmouth. The Political Science Department has grown so much. It’s remarkable,” LaMacchia said.

LaMacchia also participated in an informal roundtable for all Monmouth students interested in the private practice of law. The event was sponsored by the Monmouth Pre-Law Club, the Department of Political Science & Sociology, and the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

Political Science Lecturer and Pre-Law Advisor Greg Bordelon said, “I was first struck specifically at how well spoken and confident she was. At both events, she spoke with clarity, conviction and purpose. She has spread the Monmouth spirit far in her years at South Texas College of Law and wide in her multi-jurisdictional practice.”

The Ogdensburg, NY, native is a licensed attorney in both New Jersey and Texas. Until March, LaMacchia worked for Houston-based Bailey Perrin Bailey, specializing in pharmaceutical litigation, products liability and personal injury.

“My job has been personally rewarding in helping those who are unable to help themselves against major companies,” she wrote on her blogspot, leslielamacchia.com. “My job has taken me all over—from depositions in Spain to client meetings in Hawaii. I have certainly racked up a lot of frequent flyer miles and hotel points over the past six years.”

She has recently accepted a new position at the law firm of Heard Cloud Robbins and Black LLP in Houston despite an earlier consideration that she might put the law career on hold to pursue her other budding career as a triathlete.

“I hope to juggle both careers,” LaMacchia said.

The former Hawk started training as a long-distance runner in January 2010, leading to her first marathon in 2010. But LaMacchia suffered an unexpected injury—two stress fractures in her left foot. Rather than give up, she changed gears. She scratched the idea of competing in marathons and turned her attention toward triathlons.

Following a stringent, accelerated training program, she competed in her first triathlon in June 2010. LaMacchia

finished fourth in her age group and 14th overall and hasn’t looked back.

Now a professional triathlete with eight sponsors, she competed in a half iron man competition in March in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she swam 1.2 miles, biked 56 miles and ran 13.1 miles. “I’m just happy to have the first one under my belt this year,” she said, adding that she still has seven half iron mans and two full iron mans left on her schedule this year.

“Leslie’s great work ethic and positive energy were an inspiration to her teammates,” said Track and Field Coach Joe Compagni. “I am not surprised she has done so well in her career as a lawyer. She’s a great competitor and will be a success no matter what she pursues.”

LaMacchia was quick to attribute her ability to juggle different tasks to her days at Monmouth. Arriving on campus with a full basketball scholarship, she was quickly recruited by Compagni to join the track team as well. In her senior year LaMacchia ran on a record-setting conference champion 4x800 relay team.

An athlete on both the track and basketball teams, LaMacchia also nurtured her double major of political science and communications in the Honors School.

Following her success as a member of the track team, LaMacchia has continued to challenge herself. “It made me realize I’m capable of succeeding at the next life challenge,” she said. “Having more on my plate makes me better as a person, more balanced.”

LaMacchia hit the ground running after graduating from Monmouth in 2001. She received a J.D. in 2004 from South Texas College of Law and passed the bar exam on the first try in 2005.

Before joining Bailey Perrin Bailey, LaMacchia spent a year at the Watts Law Firm, now Watts Guerra & Craft, where she was involved in lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers of prescription medications that resulted in multi-million dollar settlements.

As an associate at Bailey Perrin Bailey, she was involved in some of the largest mass tort lawsuits in the country against major pharmaceutical companies. LaMacchia also successfully represented claimants who were injured by a refinery explosion against British Petroleum.

LaMacchia’s compassion also extends beyond the courtroom. She serves on the board of directors of Team Winter, a Texas-based non-profit group organized to raise funds to combat prostate cancer. The organization was founded by an 11-year-old athlete, Winter Vinecki, whose father died from prostate cancer at 40.

“You will definitely see [Winter] in the Olympics one day!” LaMacchia said. [MU](http://www.monmouth.edu)



events calendar

JUNE

JUNE 13



**Best of the Met: Live in HD
Anna Bolena Encore—Donizetti**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

JUNE 20



**Best of the Met: Live in HD
Le Comte Ory Encore—Rossini**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

JUNE 21



**National Theatre: Live in HD
The Tempest, Starring
Christopher Plummer.**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$18

JUNE 25

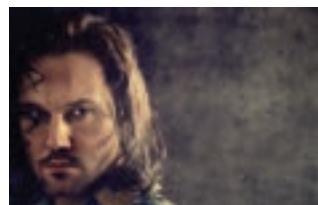
**Jewish Culture Studies Program
Lecture & Discussion with
Tom Block, author of
Shalom/Salaam: A Story of a
Mystical Fraternity**
Wilson Hall Auditorium
7:00 – 9:30 PM
Free and open to the public.

JUNE 26



**Jewish Culture Studies Program
Film Screening and Discussion
Out of Cordoba by director
Jacob Bender**
H.R. Young Auditorium, Bey Hall
7:00 – 9:30 PM
Free and open to the public

JUNE 27



**Best of the Met: Live in HD
Don Giovanni Encore—Mozart**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

JUNE 29



**National Theatre: Live in HD
Frankenstein Encore**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
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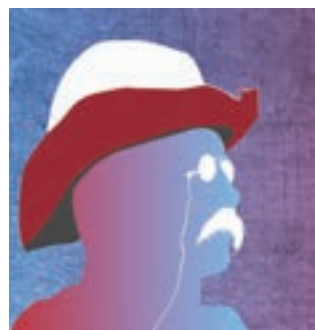
JULY

JULY 11



**Best of the Met: Live in HD
Les Contes D'Hoffman Encore—
Offenbach**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

JULY 12-JULY 29



**Performing Arts:
Shadow Lawn Stage
Teddy and Alice**
Lauren K. Woods Theatre
8:00 PM (Thursday-Saturday),
2:00 PM (Fridays) & 7:00 PM
(Sunday)
Tickets: \$35 (adults), \$25
(seniors), \$25 (MU alumni
& employees), \$15 (non-MU
students), \$10 (MU students)

JULY 18

**Best of the Met: Live in HD
Lucia Di Lammermoor—Donizetti**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

JULY 25

**Best of the Met: Live in HD
Der Rosenkavalier Encore—
Strauss**
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

JULY 28



**Alumni: Summer BBQ
Bar Anticipation in Belmar**
3:00-8:00 PM
Call 732-571-3489 for pricing and
registration

AUGUST

AUGUST 5



**Performing Arts: Jackson Browne
(with Sara Watkins)**
The Multipurpose Activity Center
7:00 PM
Tickets: \$50.50 · 100.50 +
applicable surcharges
Limit four per person

AUGUST 30



**Performing Arts: Train—The
California 37 Tour (with special
guests Matt Kearney and Andy
Grammer)**
The Multipurpose Activity Center
6:30 PM
Tickets: \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50,
\$39.50 + applicable surcharges
Limit six per person

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7



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Performing Arts:

The Fresh Beat Band

SOLD OUT
First show: Doors open at 2:00 PM
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The Multipurpose Activity Center
All tickets \$39.50 and \$29.50 +
applicable surcharges
Limit four per person

SEPTEMBER 14-16



Glory Days:

A Bruce Springsteen Symposium

Sponsored by the University of
Southern Indiana, Monmouth
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SEPTEMBER 20



Kislak Real Estate Institute's Annual Golf Outing

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SEPTEMBER 22



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Performing Arts:

Shadow Lawn Stage

Sean Tyrrell

Lauren K. Woods Theatre
7:30 PM

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4

Estate Planning Seminar

Guest speakers: Doug Stives,
Robert J. Gaughran, Stuart Cox
Wilson Hall
6:00-8:00 PM

OCTOBER 11

Fall Investment Seminar

Leon Hess Business School
Bey Hall
Time: TBD

OCTOBER 11



National Theatre: Live in HD Howard Davies' The Last of the Hassmans

Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

OCTOBER 12



Performing Arts: Red Baraat

Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 13

Best of the Met: Live in HD

L'Elisir D'Amore

Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM
\$23

OCTOBER 14

Performing Arts: California Guitar Trio & Montreal Guitar Trio

Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 20

Alumni: Homecoming

OCTOBER 26

Urban Coast Institute's 8th Annual Future of the Ocean Symposium

Wilson Auditorium
10:00-12:00 PM

OCTOBER 27

Best of the Met: Live in HD

Otello

Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM
\$23

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1



National Theatre: Live in HD Nicholas Hytner's Timon of Athens

Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$22

NOVEMBER 2

Sports Hall of Fame Induction

Dinner
Wilson Hall
6:30-10:30 PM
For more information,
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NOVEMBER 2

Best of the Met: Live in HD Encore L'Elisir D'Amore

Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

NOVEMBER 8-10

Academics: Interdisciplinary Conference on Race

Theme: Access and Privilege in
Higher Education
For registration details, contact
hwilliam@monmouth.edu

NOVEMBER 10

Best of the Met:

Live in HD Tempest

Pollak Theatre
12:55 PM (Encore: January 27 at
12:55)
\$23

NOVEMBER 11

Performing Arts: Peter Yarrow w/ Special Guests Bethany & Rufus

Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$23

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Where in the world?

Alumni responded to our call for photos demonstrating Monmouth pride in unusual destinations. Have a picture of yourself in an unusual location while showing your Monmouth pride? Please send it to mailquad@monmouth.edu, and you might wind up in a future edition of the magazine.



TOP LEFT: RICHARD RICCIARDI '86M AND KAREN LEONCAVALLO UNFURLED A MONMOUTH BANNER DURING A TENNIS MATCH FEATURING NOVAK DJOKOVIC AT THE SONY ERICSSON TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN MIAMI, FL. **TOP RIGHT:** THE GLOBE-HOPPING DUO OF DENIS E. HRUZA (CHEM.) (M.B.A. '77) AND HIS WIFE, ANN HRUZA (M.B.A. '81), RECENTLY TRAVELED TO TUNISIA, THE CLOSEST NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRY TO ROME. THEY ARE SHOWN TOURING THE ANCIENT CITY OF CARTHAGE. **BOTTOM LEFT:** JOSEPH FRITSCH '04 HIGH-FIVES AN IMPERIAL STORMTROOPER WHILE SHOWING OFF HIS MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY T-SHIRT TO THE INTERSTELLAR VISITOR AT A COMIC BOOK CONVENTION. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** KEITH FLEMING '97 SHOWED HIS MONMOUTH PRIDE DURING A RECENT FAMILY TRIP TO SEE THE LIBERTY BELL IN PHILADELPHIA.

BELLS TOLL FOR GILBERT FELL



Gilbert S. Fell, an ardent civil rights activist who taught Philosophy and Religion Studies at Monmouth for 37 years, passed away on February 18. An ordained minister in the Methodist Church, Dr. Fell devoted his professional life to educating students before his retirement in 2001, when he became an Associate Professor Emeritus.

Provost Thomas Pearson, a longtime friend said, “He had strong academic and philosophical principles. He was a champion of intellectual freedom, academic integrity and fair play during the years that Monmouth College became Monmouth University.”

“Like many of my colleagues I always enjoyed talking with him; I appreciated his wisdom and sense of history; for example, his account of how he met a weary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the airport and brought him to Monmouth College for his storied visit in 1966. For many reasons Gil was a perfect choice for that distinguished honor,” Pearson said.

In a 2003 interview, Fell recalled the meeting. “I was enlisted to pick Dr. King up at the now defunct Red Bank Airport. I had never met him before, but I was active in the civil rights movement in the county, and I followed him with great interest. The country was torn apart, you know, and locally,

what was true nationally was true in the microcosm as well.” “They wanted me along because I’m an ordained minister in the Methodist Church, and they thought it would make him more comfortable,” Fell said. “We talked about the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his own background in the Southern Baptist Church.”

King had accepted an invitation to deliver the inaugural speech in the college’s Student Union Lecture Series, and Fell said the invitation was not popular in some quarters. “His coming was controversial, so controversial, in fact, that it was rumored that William Van Note, the president of the college, was under pressure not to introduce Dr. King before his speech. To his credit, Van Note gave a fine introduction to Dr. King.”

Stephen Voitko '86, a former student and faculty member, reflected of Fell’s passing, “No one man has had a deeper, broader and more positive influence on my life than Gil. He was a remarkable man and will be greatly missed.”

“I would be remiss if I suggested that Gil was simply a teacher, scholar, and academic—he was all of that,” said Provost Pearson. “He wrote and presented widely on the issues of ethics and religion, retributive justice and social contract theory, and contemporary philosophy, and he received the Alfred Koenig Prize for his work and writing in these areas.”

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Pearson describes Fell as "His own Renaissance man, as evidenced by his play, 'Canossa,' which was performed in the Lauren K. Woods Theatre, and by his other works."

One of his best known, and most frequently performed, works is the Monmouth Fight Song, which plays immediately after the striking of the noon hour each day from the carillon

in the clock tower in the Jules L. Plangere, Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology.

Despite a lack of formal musical training, Fell won a contest to write the University fight song that debuted February 3, 1997, at the men's basketball game against Wagner College. For his efforts, Fell received a \$250 prize, which he immediately donated to the Pep Band.

Although Monmouth has lost one of its great professors and thinkers, the bells in the tower of the Plangere Center are a lasting reminder of his contributions to the Monmouth community and for his wife, Janet, who is the special assistant to the Board of Trustees.

Janet, who has been at Monmouth for 25 years, recalled her husband saying that every college campus should have bells ringing out. And when the Plangere Center was built in 2002, that's exactly what was added to the tower.

The bells that ring out Fell's fight song also bear his name. In 2008 the Fells made a gift to permanently endow the Fell Philosophy Scholarship. With that gift, the Fells had the opportunity to name something on campus.

Consistent with a personality that Pearson described as "impish, with a great sense of humor," Dr. Fell and his wife chose to name the bells...what else, but "Fells' Bells."

In addition to his wife, Janet, Fell is survived by his daughters, Karen Powers '78 '86M, Linda Mertz '81 '91M, Nancy Hill '82 and stepchildren, Gregory Hakim and Laura Nieves, nine grandchildren, and many other loving family members. [MU](#)



FELL, LEFT, WITH COMEDIAN-TURNED-ACTIVIST DICK GREGORY, AT RIGHT, WHO WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY.



GILBERT AND JANET FELL

LEWANDOWSKI IS TOP PROF



Monmouth University reaffirmed the Princeton Review's recent opinion that Dr. Gary Lewandowski is one of the top 300 professors in the country when it named him the Distinguished Teacher of the Year on May 9.

In accepting the award, Lewandowski said, "As teachers, we get the opportunity to change a student's life." After noting that he is the first person in his family to graduate college, he added that he relishes the opportunity to "turn [students] into scholars who are curious about the world."

AWARD FOR HATCHARD

Dr. Christine Hatchard, specialist professor of Clinical Psychology, was recently awarded a National Early Career Psychologist (ECP) scholarship from the National Register of Health Services Providers in conjunction with the American Psychological Association.

The ECP Credentialing Scholarship is presented to exceptional early career psychologists.

Dr. Hatchard, a licensed psychologist, has a master's degree in Counseling Psychology and Human Services and a doctorate in Clinical Psychology, with a specialization in Psychological Assessment. She maintains a private practice in Eatontown and also works as a forensic evaluator.

The Princeton Review's impressive roster of top teachers features professors in more than 60 fields ranging from Accounting to Neuroscience to Sport Management. They hail from 122 colleges and universities across the nation.

In its profile on Lewandowski, The Princeton Review editors describe how he "sets challenging but achievable goals" and is approachable and always willing to help." The write-up also includes comments from students of Professor Lewandowski who describe

In 1999 she founded Making Daughters Safe Again, which specializes in mother-daughter sexual abuse and provides information, expert presentations and support services for this often overlooked form of child abuse. In 2011 she produced a full-length documentary, and is currently working on several publishing projects.

The National Register is the largest credentialing organization for psychologists. The independent, non-profit organization was created in 1974 with the help of the American Psychological Association and the American Board of Professional Psychology.

him as "the best teacher I have ever had in my entire school career. He's funny and makes class enjoyable."

Professor Lewandowski's courses include Experimental Methods and Intimate Relationships, which is his own research specialty, and the class he considers to be the one most likely to have a direct impact on students' lives. "Students can improve their existing relationships, avoid bad relationships, or leave failing relationships. So many students from the class have told me how the course has changed their lives that I've lost count," Lewandowski said.

The selection process took into account qualitative and quantitative data from survey findings and ratings collected by both The Princeton Review and RateMyProfessors.com. The professors featured in the book are a select group: from an initial list of 42,000 professors considered, the final group of "best" professors chosen constitutes less than .02 percent of the roughly 1.8 million post-secondary teachers instructing students at colleges and universities across the U.S.



PHOTO: MAKING DAUGHTERS SAFE AGAIN

FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE



The keynote presentation of the 11th Global Understanding Convention attracted a full crowd to Wilson Hall on April 3. Raymond Brown and Wanda Akin, co-founders of the International Justice Project, described their work supporting

the victims of genocide and war crimes both in the United States and abroad.

Their lecture, “Freedom, Sustainability and Security: International Criminal Law and Human Rights,” inspired an additional hour of “Q & A” from students and faculty members on topics ranging

from the charges against President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan to the cultural impact of the viral KONY 2012 video. Brown and Akin, who are married, discussed their international legal work in Sierra Leone, and shared video footage of their work as special legal council for the International Criminal Court.

Brown is a partner in the Litigation Department of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP and is the chair of the White Collar Defense and Corporate Compliance Practice Group. He is also the host of the Emmy Award-winning New Jersey Network Program “Due Process.”

Akin maintains an independent practice in Newark and is a member of the adjunct faculty at Seton Hall University School of Law and Seton Hall University’s John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy And International Relations.

MATH HONORS FOR GOLD



Dr. Bonnie Gold, a Mathematics professor in the School of Science, recently received the Louise Hay Award from The Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) for her career achievements – as a teacher, researcher, and in service to the mathematics education community.

Gold, who received a Ph.D. in mathematical logic from Cornell University in 1976, has served as department chair at Monmouth University and has developed a wide variety of courses, ranging from calculus for the biological sciences to Platonic Dialogues as Drama. She has also co-edited the books, *Assessment Practices*

in Undergraduate Mathematics and Proof and Other Dilemmas: Mathematics and Philosophy.

School of Science Dean Michael Palladino said, “Dr. Gold’s leadership at Monmouth University has resulted in transformative changes in the mathematics curricula for majors and non-majors. We are proud that Dr. Gold’s passionate commitment and contributions to mathematics education have been appropriately recognized nationally by the AWM.”

Established in 1991, the Hay Award recognizes outstanding achievements in any area of mathematics education. Louise Hay was widely recognized for her contributions to mathematical logic, for her strong leadership as Head of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago, for her devotion to students, and for her lifelong commitment to nurturing the talent of young women and men.

MILLS TO MAINE



Dr. Jeffery N. Mills, the vice president for University Advancement, is leaving his position at Monmouth in June. He is returning to his native Maine to accept the position of president/CEO of the University of Maine Foundation. Under his leadership, Monmouth University broke fundraising records and completed its largest capital campaign to date.

UNSUNG HEROES HONORED ON CAMPUS



MARY SZACIK '12

Dr. Mary Swigonski, associate professor in the School of Social Work, was one of four recipients of the Monmouth University Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award in February.

“Mary is an unfailing promoter of human rights and social justice. Her empathy and advocacy in this area is incredible,” wrote one of her nominators.

Another nominator wrote, “She has developed and taught courses on Social Justice and Human Rights—these courses make Monmouth’s program unique to all other MSW programs in the country.”

The other three recipients of the award were Moleen Madziwa '09M, Mary Szacik '12, and sophomore Louis Yuliano.

Madziwa, who is pursuing a doctorate in sustainability education at Prescott College, leads the Macheke Sustainability Project. This is a public health initiative she started at Monmouth in 2008 while studying for a master’s degree in software engineering in an effort to eradicate poverty in her native Zimbabwe.

Szacik, who graduated in May, helped organize U.S. Uncut New Jersey, an anti-tax-dodging movement. She has

also been active in working with truck drivers and their families in the ports of New Jersey and New York to organize for better working conditions. Another new project she has been working on since January with fellow student, Jessica Kostenblatt, is called A Patented Life (<http://apatentedlife.wordpress.com>). They are trying to raise awareness of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and a multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation’s power over the global seed supply. In February the returned Peace Corps volunteer left for an 11-week internship in Bangladesh under a Mama Fellowship.

Yuliano, an undergraduate student, is active on campus as a member of the Monmouth University Human Relations Advisory Committee, and volunteer with Soup D’Shore, founded by students in the University’s entrepreneurship program, the weekly soup kitchen at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Long Branch. Outside of campus, he is on call 24/7 for Parsippany Rescue and Recovery, responding to car accidents and other emergencies. He is a volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Asbury Park and helped organize the



DR. MARY SWIGONSKI. PHOTO: MARK LUDAK/
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first charity bike ride for the Ronald McDonald House.

POETRY FELLOWSHIP FOR WATERS

Dr. Michael Waters, associate professor in the Department of English, was one of five recipients of a poetry fellowship from the N.J. State Council on the Arts that was presented in February.

The Arts Council awarded the 2012 Individual Artist Fellowship grants totaling \$182,600 to 22 New Jersey artists selected from 316 applicants in the categories of crafts, sculpture, photography, playwriting and poetry.

The highly competitive grants are based on independent review of work samples submitted, and the anonymous process is focused solely on artistic quality. The grants help artists produce new work and advance their careers and their impact on society.

The Council’s new director, Nicholas Paleologos, said, “The arts are not only food for the soul, but also fuel for the economy.”

SCS AWARD FOR OBAIDAT



Dr. Mohammad S. Obaidat, professor of computer science and software engineering, was the winner of the Society for Modeling and Simulation International's (SCS) prestigious Presidential Service Award in March.

Tuncer I. Ören, chair of the SCS Awards and Recognition Committee, wrote, "Your worldwide distinguished, outstanding and dedicated technical

contributions and services to the Modeling and computer simulation discipline and to the Society for Modeling and Simulation International, SCS, that span over two decades are highly appreciated and well recognized by your peers, SCS and professionals."

The SCS Presidential Award for Service to the Society and Profession recognizes unique long-term technical contributions and services to the profession. Professor Obaidat previously served as president of the SCS from 2009 to 2011.

"I am very honored to be one of seven scientists worldwide who have won this award since the inception of the Society of Modeling and Simulation International in 1952. This award is not only for me, it is for my students, my fellow researchers, my colleagues, my family, and the institutions where I studied and worked, including Monmouth University," Obaidat said.

He is the author of more than 500 scholarly journal articles and conference publications, and 10 books including *Pervasive Computing and Networking* and *Cooperative Networking*, which were both published by Wiley in 2011.

HIRSCHLER DANCES INTO MAGAZINE



Dr. Chris Hirschler, Health Studies professor and faculty director of the Study Abroad program, was featured in the April edition of *Z-Life* magazine in the article, "Following His Own Beat."

The article chronicled his move toward the fitness craze known as Zumba three years ago, crediting Rochester-based instructor, Betty Mandak as his catalyst.

Hirschler also blogs for One Green Planet (www.onegreenplanet.org).



MURRAY ON FOX

Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, spoke with Good Day NY about Governor Chris Christie's 2012 budget in February. According to Murray, polling results indicate New Jersey voters are more concerned with lowering property taxes rather than income taxes. Murray also speculated about the odds of Governor Christie being selected as a vice presidential candidate.

MEJIA IS HERO OF THE YEAR



BILL ELLIOTT '95M, GARY MEJIA, MURIEL ELLIOTT

Gary Mejia, a sophomore majoring in biology, was named the Designated HERO of the Year in March. The Educational Opportunity Fund student from Bayonne will be featured on two billboards across the state.

The HERO Campaign, founded by Bill Elliott '95M, promotes the use of sober designated drivers to prevent drunken driving tragedies. The 2012 event was the third annual HERO Award presentation at Monmouth.

Chelsea Pfender, a senior majoring in health studies, was the second place

winner. The third place honor was given to Ryan Clutter, a junior majoring in communications. The community member honored as a HERO was Chris Sikorski whose girlfriend attends Monmouth.

Tyler Havens was chosen as the Employee HERO of the Year. He is the assistant director of Student Services for Fraternity and Sorority Life. Also taking home an award on behalf of Monmouth University was Suanne Schaad '01M who brought the campaign to campus in 2009.

STAFF MEMBERS HONORED

Three employees were honored with awards for their dedication to Monmouth University at the 33rd annual Awards & Recognition Luncheon on May 9.

The Donald C. Warncke Award was given to Dr. Richard Veit, associate professor of Anthropology, an accomplished archeologist and author. His many publications include his award-winning book, *Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archaeology in the Garden State*.

The award, which is sponsored by the Faculty Association of Monmouth University, is given to someone who has distinguished himself or herself through outstanding service.

The Distinguished Teacher Award was given to Professor Gary Lewandowski Jr, associate professor of Psychology, chair of the Institutional Review Board and the author of many articles related to relationships.

President Paul Gaffney presented the 2012 Stafford Presidential Award of Excellence to longtime photographer, Jim Reme, who has dedicated his time and effort to capturing Monmouth on film for the past 18 years.

The award was established in 2003 to recognize outstanding members of the University staff or administration for their tireless efforts, dedication, creativity, and evident commitment to supporting and enhancing Monmouth University.

A dozen retirees were also honored at the ceremony, including History Professor Kenneth Stunkel who is leaving the university this year after 47 years of service.

In closing remarks, Vice President for Administrative Services Patti Swannack noted that every employee has the potential of making "a huge impact" on campus. She related the story of a graduating student who still remembers one employee wishing her a good morning every single day, and the welcoming impression it made.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION JOINS DONORS AND STUDENTS



The 21st annual Scholarship Recognition Reception welcomed about 350 donors, students and family members to Wilson Hall in April. The event is designed to connect students to their scholarship donors as well as honor the deserving recipients.

Speaking at this year's reception was honors student Alexa Anastasio, from the Class of 2013, who said she was grateful for the opportunities that her scholarship has afforded her. She received the First Union Bank Scholarship as well as the Ferrara-Schleig Scholarship.

Sergie Conklin, representative for the Lloyd and Sergie Christiansen Scholarship, is the daughter of the late Lloyd Christiansen. She recalled the

early days on campus when her father was a Monmouth trustee. "I have so many wonderful memories on this campus," she said.

Scholarships for Monmouth students generally fall into two categories: endowed scholarships and sponsored scholarships. Sponsored scholarships are renewed and awarded annually and can be established with a minimum of \$1,000. Endowed scholarships can be established with a minimum of \$25,000, which can be paid over five years to establish a perpetual funding source. Distinguished endowed scholarships, which can also be funded over a five year period, require a minimum contribution of \$50,000.



SERVICE AWARD FOR DEAN SHARMA

Ravindra Sharma, dean of the Monmouth University Library, received the Distinguished Service Award in June from the Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

The award was presented at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in New Orleans for his service as chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for 2009-2011.

REAL ESTATE STUDENTS TAKE THIRD

A team of students, led by Kislak Real Estate Institute Director Peter S. Reinhart, Esq, took third place in the Villanova Real Estate Challenge in March. The event brought together universities throughout the nation including: Cornell, Drexel, Florida State University, Lehigh University, Monmouth University, New York University, Penn State University, University of North Carolina, The Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania, University of Southern California, Villanova University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The winning team was Lehigh University followed by Wharton in second.

This was the first time that Monmouth had entered into the team competition involving real estate majors. Team members were seniors Anderson Haxton and Jason Miller, and juniors Lawrence Vecchio and Christopher Cianfarini.

"I am so proud of the hard work and dedication our team demonstrated," said Reinhart. "They worked throughout the day and night to analyze a very complex and challenging problem. Their solutions demonstrated incredible creativity and knowledge of real estate."



STUDENTS ARE ACTIVE AUTHORS



Three Monmouth students who just finished up their junior years have already entered the world of publishing. They are Aziz Saifuddin Mama, Matthew-Donald DeBerardinis Sangster and Ryan Loihle.

Aziz, who is studying finance and accounting, and Sangster, who is a psychology major, have written *The Stranger Inside: Stories from Beneath the Mirrored Glass*. It is a collection of nine short stories that outline the transition and difference between the philosophical ideas of Nihilism and Existentialism, thereby exposing the significance of a second chance.

Aziz is the son of Dr. Robin Mama, dean of the School of Social Work.

Loihle's first entry into the publishing world is *Accept With Poise With Grace*, a collection of short stories examining the different ways people react to the truth. He is also the son of Monmouth employee, Wendy Loihle '10, who is a gift processing specialist.

Both books are available on campus at the bookstore, and online from Amazon.com.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 28

**Alumni Summer BBQ
Bar Anticipation in Belmar**
3:00-8:00 PM

Call 732-571-3489 for pricing and registration, or visit official alumni page on Facebook.

EMPLOYEE GIVING BREAKS RECORD



WILLIAM CRAIG, VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE HOLDS A TROPHY PRESENTED BY JEFF MILLS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT. THE DIVISION OF FINANCE HAD 100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN THE 2011 EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN.

Monmouth University employees contributed a record high of \$242,960 in 2011, eclipsing the goal of \$225,000. Employee participation has almost tripled since 2004 with 67 percent of full-time employees contributing to the campaign.

Two campus divisions, Enrollment Management, led by Dr. Robert Mc Caig, and the Division of Finance, led by William Craig, had 100 percent participation in the campaign.

"Your charitable donations help support student scholarships and programs," said President Paul Gaffney. "An added bonus is when we share the impressive number of employees participating in the campaign to external constituents, alumni, and parents; it motivates them to give as well."

The campaign has raised more than \$1.2 million in six years.

MSW RANKINGS JUMP

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program at Monmouth University was named one of the best programs by the 2012 *U.S. News & World Report's* roster of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

The MSW program was ranked 60 among 206 social work graduate programs nationwide. In the previous report published in 2008, Monmouth's program was ranked 82.

"We are very pleased that the School was recognized as one of the best programs in the nation. It is a testament to the excellent work of our faculty, staff, administration as well as our students and alumni," said Dean Robin Mama.

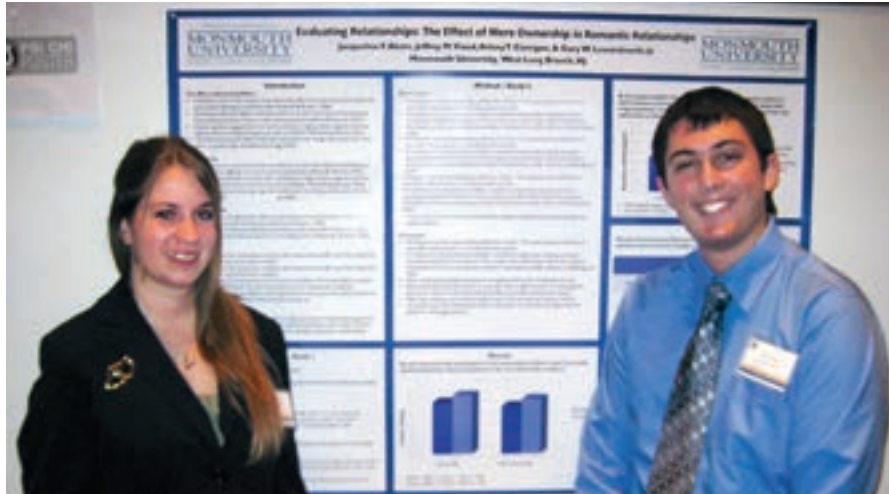


The MSW Program currently offers two tracks, one in practice with families and children, and the second in international and community development practice.

Social work program rankings are based on peer assessment surveys sent to deans and directors, and to other top administrators or faculty at accredited MSW degree programs.

ONCAMPUS

STUDENTS WIN PSI CHI AWARD



SENIORS JACQUELINE ABATE AND JEFFERY VIAUD

Seniors Jacqueline Abate and Jeffery Viaud along with junior Kelsey Corrigan received the Psi Chi best poster award at the 83rd annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Pittsburgh, PA, in March.

The project, "My partner is better than yours: The mere ownership effect in relationships," was advised by Dr. Gary W. Lewandowski, Jr, associate professor in the Department of Psychology. The

study examined the mere ownership effect (i.e. the preference for objects primarily because one owns them) within the context of romantic relationships.

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology.

GREEN RECOGNITION FOR MONMOUTH

Monmouth University was recently commended for its commitment to the environment by The Princeton Review.

"The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition" created in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), profiles institutions of higher education that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

Monmouth is the first independent university in New Jersey to sign a comprehensive green operation agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The University was named the New Jersey Clean Energy

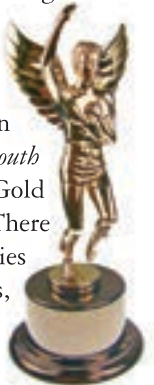


School of the Year in 2006 by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and received a 2007 Merit Award from the Monmouth County Planning Board for its 2006 Solar Panel Installation Project. Monmouth is also more than doubling its use of solar energy under a Power Purchase Agreement with Torcon Energy Services.

"College-bound students are increasingly interested in sustainability issues,"

OCCUPY WINS GOLD

An article presenting different academic perspectives on the Occupy Wall Street movement, published in the fall issue of the *Monmouth University Magazine*, won a Gold Hermes Award in May. There were more than 4,700 entries from the United States, Canada and several other countries in the Hermes Creative Awards 2012 competition.



Hermes Creative Awards are administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. The international organization consists of several thousand marketing, communication, advertising, public relations, media production and freelance professionals.

said Robert Franek, senior vice president/publisher, The Princeton Review. "Among 7,445 college applicants who participated in our 2012 'College Hopes & Worries Survey,' nearly seven out of 10 (68%) told us that having information about a school's commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the school," he added.

5K RAISES \$1500 FOR CANCER RESEARCH



PHOTO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - FIRST ROW, MEN'S SILVER MEDAL WINNER TYLER MCCUE; WOMEN'S SILVER MEDAL WINNER JENNIFER STOLTE; WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL WINNER JENNA INTERSIMONE; MEN'S GOLD MEDAL WINNER DAVID WONG. BACK ROW, MEN'S BRONZE MEDAL WINNER MIKE FANTINI. (NOT PICTURED IS WOMEN'S BRONZE MEDAL WINNER KELSEY KURRIE.)

The Third Annual Global Understanding 5K race was held on campus on April 6 to benefit pediatric brain tumor research through The Kortney Rose Foundation

DEBATE HAWKS STRIKE GOLD

Monmouth University's debate team, the Debate Hawks, received seven trophies at the Western National Novice Debate Championship at Sacramento State University in March. Four of the teams made it to the playoffs, which was more than any other school.

Brandon Karkovice and Arielle Giordano made it to the semi-final playoff, before losing a split decision (2-1) against a debate team from Cal Poly. Brandon and Arielle went 4-2 in the tournament before winning two playoff rounds.

Olivia Mills and Miriam Peguero went 4-2 during the six-round tournament and won their first playoff round against a team from Cal State, before losing a close decision to Fresno State, in the quarterfinals. Lexi Todd and Dan Roman also made it to the playoff rounds after going 4-2 at the

(KRF). With close to 100 participants, it was the largest turnout for this event to date. The event raised \$1,500.

David Wong was the first man to finish in 19:07, and track star student Jenna Intersimone was the first female to finish with a time of 21:25.

Kristen Gillette, founder and president of KRF said, "We are so grateful to the Monmouth campus community, and beyond, for their support of this event to Help Get Brain Tumors Off Kids' Minds."

The 5K event caps off the Global Understanding Convention, a week full of events open to the campus and the public to bring light to global events. This year's convention was "Freedom, Sustainability, and Security: Creating Interconnected and Inclusive Communities."

tournament. They lost in their first playoff round (2-1) to a team from Cal State Fullerton. Kelly Craig and Sam Maynard were one of two 3-3 teams to make it to the playoff round.

The tournament included 82 debaters from 12 universities including Fresno State, Cal Poly, San Diego State University, Cal State Fullerton, and Pepperdine to name a few. This year's topic was Resolved: The United States Federal Government Should Substantially Increase its democracy assistance for one or more of the following: Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Prior to the California tournament, the Debate Hawks won five trophies at Cornell University (NY), and received a number of team and individual awards at the West Point Military Academy tournament and tournaments at Rutgers University and Monmouth.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL



Monmouth University was again included in the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Launched in 2006, the honor roll annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measureable outcomes in the communities they serve.

The recipients were announced at the American Council on Education's 94th Annual Meeting *Ahead of the Curve* on March 12 in Los Angeles, CA. Administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the honor roll included a total of 642 colleges and universities. Of that total, 513 were named to the Honor Roll, 110 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction, 14 were identified as finalists, and five received the Presidential Award.

Campuses named to this year's Honor Roll reported that nearly one million of their students engaged in service learning and more than 1.6 million participated in other forms of community service, serving a total of more than 105 million hours.

ATHLETICS

SEAL INSPIRES HAWKS



Members of the football team had a once in a lifetime opportunity in February to be motivated by Raymond C. Smith, the former commander of the elite forces of the United States Navy's Sea, Air, and Land Teams, more familiarly known as the Navy "SEALs."

During his service as a SEAL, Smith earned a Bronze Star and Navy Commendation Medal for combat efforts in Vietnam. Smith rose to the rank of rear admiral, as the commander of SEAL operations, serving in the position for four years—the longest tenure in U.S. Navy history.

"President Gaffney offered me the opportunity to come to Monmouth to speak to the football team," Smith said. "We took that initial idea and expanded our time together to not only speaking, but doing some things that I thought would help out the football team."

The retired SEAL Commander spent three days working with members of the team. Players were paired together and put through a workout, while being forced to memorize details about items and situations.

Smith said there are a lot of mental and physical similarities between SEAL

training and being a successful member of a football team. "In the Navy SEALs and in football, you not only have to work hard, you have to think hard," Smith said.

"Admiral Smith taught us a lot of lessons about working together and trying to be a unit," said senior tight end Tyler George. "A lot of the core principles that the SEALs train and teach relate to the football field," George said.

Head Coach Kevin Callahan said, "Cooperation, teamwork, communication, perseverance, the ability to be able to focus on a single task when there's a lot going on around you—these are things that are not only important to Navy SEALs: it's something that football players have to do." "I think that's going to be so important for our guys—that you rely on each other, that you have a responsibility for the guy next to you, and for the guy behind you," said President Paul Gaffney, a longtime friend of Smith.

"I think that is a great lesson in life, and it is going to help our football team immediately."

GUMBS SIGNS WITH SAINTS

The New Orleans Saints of the National Football League (NFL) signed Monmouth safety Jose Gumbs as an undrafted free agent in April.

Gumbs, who agreed to terms shortly after the conclusion of the 2012 draft, joins Dallas Cowboys wideout Miles Austin, Miami Dolphins wide receiver Chris Hogan and Seattle Seahawks tight end John Nalbone as Hawks currently in the NFL. Austin, a perennial pro bowler, was signed by Dallas in 2006 as an undrafted free agent.

Selected after the end of the season as a Third Team All-American, Gumbs is one of Monmouth's most decorated defensive players. He led the team in tackles all four seasons as a Hawk, finishing third in school history with 306 stops (188 solo). In 2011 Gumbs led the Northeast Conference (NEC) in forced fumbles with four, had nine pass breakups, two interceptions and three blocked kicks while finishing with 75 total tackles.

As a sophomore in 2009, he was named NEC Defensive Player of the Year and was a First Team All-NEC selection in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Gumbs was named NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2008 as a redshirt freshman.



ACADEMIC HONORS FOR FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team was recognized in March by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) as a Division I National Academic Team Award recipient, earning the third best GPA in the country, while also adding 11 to the NFHCA Academic Squad.

The Hawks, who earned a GPA of 3.48 in the fall, received the honor for the third straight year and the fourth time in the last five seasons.

“Our student athletes take great pride in their academics, and we could not be more proud as a staff,” said Head Coach Carli Figlio. “Being in the top-three is such a big accomplishment and a testament to all the hard work our student-athletes do.”

Recent graduate Morganne Firmstone '11 earned the honor for the fifth-straight year, while Kayleigh Kalamar and Elly Rosati claimed their fourth-consecutive honors. Firmstone, a 2011 Second Team All-NEC and All-Tournament selection, started 18 of her 20 games last season. Kalamar played 79 games during her career with six goals and eight assists. Rosati compiled five points on two goals and an assist in 51 games.

Along with Firmstone, Kalamar and Rosati, senior Ashley McPeek, junior Kimmy Baligian, sophomores Patricia O'Dwyer, Stephanie Lewis and Shelby Mollineaux and freshmen Rebecca Grande, Emily Poole and Amanda Schoenfeld were added to the all-academic squad.

The Hawks finished 2011 with 15 wins for the second straight year, and appeared in the NEC Tournament title game for the third consecutive year.



NEC CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LACROSSE

The third-seeded lacrosse team won the 2012 NEC Tournament Championship in April with an 11-3 victory over Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart University. The victory is the team's fourth overall and first since 2007. The Hawks advanced to the NCAA Tournament, where they faced Colonial Athletic Association Champion Towson University.

The Hawks rode an historic defensive performance to the 2012 title, allowing the fewest goals in NEC Tournament history in the process. The Hawks gave up seven combined goals in their two conference tournament wins, besting the previous mark of nine allowed by UMBC en route to its 2002 title.

“I thought we played well,” said Head Coach Denise Wescott. “Offensively, we were a little tentative early, but our defense put a lot of pressure on them. That allowed our offense to settle down and get some late goals. Our defense has been solid all year.”

Freshman keeper Katie Donohoe, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, capped off her championship performance with 11 saves against the Mount. The Hawks outshot the Mountaineers, 27-18 in the match. The Hawks were led offensively by Sam Lillo's four goals and Kaleigh Gibbons' three goals and two assists. Those two, along with defender Kim McCormick, were selected to the all-tournament team.



MEN'S LACROSSE IN 2014

Men's Lacrosse will be added to the roster at Monmouth beginning in 2014. Dr. Marilyn McNeil, vice president and director of Athletics, said the sport will be the school's 21st NCAA Division I sport.

Strong student interest is one element driving the change from its current club status. The club team, which debuted in 2009, plays in the National College Lacrosse League in the Liberty Conference. In May the Monmouth club team ranked third in its division.

“Men's Lacrosse has seen a 28.5 percent growth spurt in the NCAA, with high school growth pegged at 175 percent over the past 10 years,” said McNeil.

Six current teams compete in the NEC: Mount St. Mary's, Bryant, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart and Wagner. A national search is underway to find Monmouth's first Division I Lacrosse coach.

ATHLETICS

GOLDEN SPIKES LIST FOR LIGHT



Pitcher Pat Light was added to the Golden Spikes Award Watch List, a 60-man roster of contenders for an award given by USA Baseball to the top amateur baseball player in the country.

"It truly is an honor to be added to such a prestigious list and to be included with so many great players," Light said. "I have been blessed with a successful season thus far, and I look forward to contributing to one of our team goals of returning to the Northeast Conference (NEC) Tournament."

"It is a tremendous honor for Pat to be added to the Golden Spikes Award Watch List," said Head Coach Dean Ehehalt. "Year in and year out, the

Golden Spikes Award recognizes a very prestigious group of players, and Pat is very worthy of the honor."

In 11 starts for the Blue and White this season, Light has a 7-3 record with a 2.69 ERA. The three-time NEC Pitcher of the Week recipient, who has held opponents to a combined .227 batting average, has three complete games to his credit, including taking a perfect game into the eighth inning against Wagner College at the end of March.

Light, who was drafted by the Minnesota Twins out of high school, but elected to pursue a collegiate career, was pegged at 25 on *Baseball America's* top-100 prospect rankings in December for the 2012 MLB draft.

500 FOR EHEHALT



Head Baseball Coach Dean Ehehalt captured his 500th career victory with the Hawks after a 7-2 victory over visiting Lafayette in non-conference action on April 4. Ehehalt, a three-time NEC Coach

of the Year, earned his first win in a Monmouth uniform back on March 19, 1994, against Lynn University. He is in his 19th season.

An eight-time New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association Coach of the Year recipient, the Middletown native picked up his 500th overall victory as a head coach last May in a walk-off win over LIU Brooklyn. Ehehalt, who coached two years at Upsala before arriving at Monmouth, is now the coach with the most wins in NEC history over his 21-year career.

FISHER: NJAIAW WOMAN OF THE YEAR



The New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJAIAW) named Symmone Fisher as its 2012 Woman of the Year for her excellence both on and off the field.

The senior track star holds the top nine spots in Monmouth school history in the hammer throw, including a school record of 188' 0". In the weight throw, she was also the 2011 Indoor NEC Champion and the 2010 Outdoor NEC Champion.

Fisher has also excelled academically, landing on the NEC Academic Honor Roll in 2009, 2010 and 2011 while carrying a 3.36 GPA in political science/sociology.

She has also volunteered with Special Olympics as well as "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" to raise awareness for domestic violence.

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PALMER SHATTERS QUARTER CENTURY RECORD



PHOTO:
TOM CONNELLY

Junior Ford Palmer ran 4:08.08 in the mile to snap the program record set in 1987 as the men's and women's track and field teams

NEC HONORS COMPAGNI & HAWKS

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams, the 2012 NEC Champions, had team representatives in 26 event areas on the NEC All-Conference Teams.

Head Coach Joe Compagni also earned men's and women's NEC Coach of the Year honors, his 24th and 25th (cross country and track and field combined) distinction in his 17-year tenure. Compagni was also honored with fellow coach Taryn Landers with awards from the Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey in March.

The cross country and track and field programs claimed its combined 28th and 29th team titles in school history and the 26th and 27th titles since Compagni has led the program, which stands as a conference record.



competed at the Armory's Collegiate Challenge in February.

Palmer, who took fourth overall and was the third collegiate finisher in the event, broke Ed Hendricks' record of 4:10.63 set 25 years ago.

Errol Jeffrey finished first place in the weight throw, landing a toss of 55' 6.5". He also earned first in the shot put with a mark of 57' 3". Josh Mann cleared 45' 7" in the triple jump to claim second.

For the women's team, Rachel Watkins and Lindsey Walsh each cleared 5' 8.75" in the high jump to share first.

Junior Sandra Jean-Romain landed a shot put mark of 45' 4" to earn second.

Claiming the league championship in five of the last nine years, the men's team won its fifth NEC Indoor Track and Field title.

Vincent Elardo earned his second-consecutive Most Outstanding Field Performer award after landing on the first team in both the shot put and weight throw. The senior hurler registered a toss of 17.81m (58' 8.25") in the shot put, while launching a mark of 18.85m (61' 10.25") in the weight throw at the championships event.

Peter Matano, who cleared 4.80m (15' 9") in the pole vault, was placed on the First Team All-NEC, while rookie Ben Boyd landed on the first team and the all-rookie squad with his 50.09 time in the 400m dash.

The women's team, which captured its fifth championship, has been first or second at the last nine NEC Indoor Championships.

Amanda Eller and Rachel Watkins each placed on the First Team All-NEC for the women's squad as Eller ran 2:15.18 in the 800m run while Watkins registered a jump of 1.76m (5' 9.25") in the high jump.

1,000 POINTS FOR WOMACK

Junior guard Alysha Womack scored a game-high 16 points, including the 1,000th of her career, as the women's basketball team defeated Wagner, 70-54, on February 18.

Womack became the 15th player in Monmouth Division I history to score 1,000 points in a career, and just the fifth to accomplish the feat by the end of her junior season.

"I'm just really happy for Alysha to be able to score her 1,000th point," said Head Coach Jenny Palmateer. "It's a credit to her to do that by the end of her junior year. She's had such an impact on the program since her freshman year. She's been playing really well since returning in December. I'd love to have her for her next 1,000 points. She's such an asset to the team."



RAMPONE RETURNING TO OLYMPICS



U.S. Women's Soccer Team captain Christie Rampone '99 '05HN and the women's soccer team clinched a berth in this summer's Olympics in London after shutting out Costa Rica 3-0 in January. This will be Rampone's fourth trip to the Olympics.

Rampone, who has also played in four World Cups and won the 2009 Women's Professional Soccer title with Sky Blue in the Women's Professional Soccer League, was profiled in the *New York Times* in April. In March she was selected as one of 13 members of "Team Citi," athletes, comprised of two U.S.

Olympic alumni and 11 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic qualifiers as part of Citi's sponsorship of the U.S. Olympic teams.

According to the financial institution, Rampone and the other athletes were "selected because they exemplify an unwavering commitment to excellence and demonstrate what it is possible to achieve when you reach for a dream."

Closer to home, Rampone also serves as the official spokesperson for the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

APTRA AWARD FOR SMITH



Dean C. Smith '99, a photographer with ABC7 in San Francisco (KGOtv), will have to make more room on his award shelf this year. He was recognized again by the Associated Press Television and Radio Association (APTRA), as the 2012 Dick Terry Videographer of the Year.

In June 2011, he also won the 2010 APTRA's Mark Twain Award for "Best Videography of Hard News." This followed wins in 2005 and 2006 and several other nominations.

Last year Smith won a local Northern California Emmy Award for Editing News—Within 24 Hours for his video, "Dean C. Smith Composite," earning his third Emmy. His previous nods came in 1998 and 2005. His work can be seen at <http://vimeo.com/deancsmith/videos>.

TWO BELTS & UFC DEBUT FOR DEBLASS



In February, Tom DeBlass '04 became a two-division champion at Ring of Combat 38 at the Tropicana Resort in Atlantic City. DeBlass, who scored the light heavyweight title belt in September, added the heavyweight belt to his collection with a victory over veteran fighter Randy Smith just 41 seconds into the first round.

Following his successful run in both weight classes at Ring of Combat,

DeBlass caught the attention of Ultimate Fighting Championships (UFC), making his debut as a late replacement for an injured fighter with 12 days' notice. DeBlass earned his professional loss in his first UFC match against Cyrille Diabaté on April 14, 2012, at the Ericsson Globe Arena in Stockholm, Sweden. DeBlass is expected to fight as a middleweight for the UFC in July.

PHOTO: MARK WARD/GARDEN STATE PRODUCTIONS

TOM DEBLASS (CENTER) AND HIS CORNERMEN, FROM L TO R, RICARDO ALMEIDA, MARK HENRY, CHRIS LIGUORI, AND FORMER UFC LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION FRANKIE EDGAR.

TOP 100 FOR MCCUTCHEON



Wendy McCutcheon '80M was recognized in March with the 2012 Federal 100 Award. This award, sponsored by *Federal Computer Week*, recognizes government and industry leaders who have played pivotal roles in the federal government IT community.

Since 2009, McCutcheon has been the associate executive director of the Technology Acquisition Center in Eatontown. She is directly responsible for the acquisition planning, execution and management of goods and services in support of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The new member of Monmouth's Computer Science and Software Engineering Advisory Committee began her federal career as a Mathematics Instructor with the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth. She continued her federal career joining the USA CECOM Acquisition Center at Fort Monmouth as a contract specialist. While in the CECOM Acquisition Center, she served as a contracting officer, policy chief and, later, as a sector chief responsible for the acquisition of major weapon systems,

services and supplies in support of the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Community. McCutcheon was responsible for the award and management of such contracts as the Joint Tactical Radio System, Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below, Strategic Services Sourcing, Rapid Response and the U.S. Army Recruiting and Advertising Program.

In 1996 she was selected as one of the Top Ten CECOM Employees, and in 2001 she received the CECOM Leadership Award (Supervisory). In 2004 McCutcheon was selected for the Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Professionalism in Contracting (Civilian) Award. Rounding out the list of awards was the Department of Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

TWINS HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



PHOTO: TRACEY JAMES

Robert '63 and Ken Orr '63 were honored in April for their 50 years of service to the E.H. Stokes Fire Company in Ocean Grove.

The two brothers, who each earned a business administration degree from Monmouth, signed up as volunteer firefighters together while students

in January 1961. Half a century later, both brothers are still members of the firehouse.

Ken, who moved to Shark River Hills in 2006, is a fire policeman. Robert, who was the Neptune Township treasurer for 30 years, moved to Pennsylvania in 2001.



The fire company, which was founded in 1886, was named after the first president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, Rev. E.H. Stokes. A Stokes Memorial was erected in Auditorium Square in 1905.

ALUMNINEWS

MORAN IS COVER STORY

James J. Moran '99 appeared on the cover of the February/March 2012 issue of *Vetpreneur* with his business partner Wade Zirkle and Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell.

The business-oriented magazine for military veterans profiled StrongPoint Capital, a company providing automated teller machines (ATMs) that Moran co-owns with fellow Marine, Wade Zirkle.

Under their guidance, StrongPoint has thrived, and the company was recently awarded a contract with the Department of Transportation in Virginia to place ATMs in 10 tourist centers throughout the state.

Moran's entrepreneurial streak dates back to his days as student at Monmouth. To help pay his tuition Moran owned a company servicing and installing pay telephones. Moran founded StrongPoint after separating from the Marines in 2007.

StrongPoint's success has also allowed Moran and Zirkle to assist Wounded Warriors by sponsoring a fishing expedition in Montana last fall. They said they hope to sponsor two trips each year for the veteran-run charity.



EMMY FOR DUDICK



Chris Dudick '03 '10M took home a trophy this year for children's programming at the 55th Annual New York Emmy Awards. Dudick's Fair-Haven based animation center, Small Factory Productions,

was commended for its series of "Kids Kare," socially-conscious cartoons which promote volunteerism and responsibility. Dudick was profiled in the fall issue of the *Monmouth University Magazine*.

"It's a huge honor to win an Emmy Award for Excellence in Children's Programming," said Dudick, who opened his business in 2007 and was nominated for an Emmy last year. "Small Factory Productions turns a hopeful eye to the next generation. Our socially-conscious animated shorts, created by kids for kids, boast authentic voices that are relatable to children of all ages and offer a plan to parents for raising more engaged, community-minded kids. Our Award

will hopefully expand the program to help more children tap into the arts for healing and learning."

One of the cartoons featured was created by children from Riverview Medical Center's Children's Art Therapy Program. The teen artists created the animated film short, "Tyler's Reef," to help other children deal with the loss of a loved one. The project was funded by a grant from the Provident Bank through collaboration with the Children's Art Therapy Program and Small Factory Productions. In all, Dudick has helped produce more than 200 cartoons by more than 1,000 children.

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SANTELLI EDUCATES AT WHITE HOUSE



Robert Santelli '73, the executive director of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, led an interactive workshop, “At the Crossroads: A History of the Blues in America,” at the White House in February. First lady Michelle Obama introduced the event which welcomed 120 middle and high school students from 10 cities across the country.

The afternoon education program on the Blues, a musical genre rich in history and integral to the musical fiber of America, was part of the “In Performance at the White House” concert series.

Santelli gave students a brief overview of the origins of the Blues, discussed important artists, past and present, and covered the genre’s evolution from

African American spirituals and work songs to its influence on the chart-topping hits of today. Santelli was joined on stage by special guests Keb’ Mo’, Shemekia Copeland and Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews, who shared their experiences, answered questions from students and closed the program with a performance.

The program is a follow-up to 2010’s “Music that Inspired the Movement,” co-produced by Santelli which featured performances by Bob Dylan, Jennifer Hudson and Smokey Robinson, and 2011’s “The Sound of Young America: The History of Motown” and “The History of Country Music: From Barn Dances to Pop Charts.”

Santelli, a leading musicologist and music educator, has also recently published a new book, *This Land is Your Land*, named for Woody Guthrie’s famous 1940 folk song. The book features interviews with Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Pete Seeger and John Mellencamp.

BOZZA IS DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

Dr. Richard G. Bozza '71 '75M, executive director of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA), was recently given the 2012 New Jersey Council of Education Distinguished Educator Award by the New Jersey Council of Education (NJCE).

“Dr. Bozza knows the skills needed to be a successful educational leader and shares these key elements with all who aspire to that level. He is an administrator who practices what he preaches” said NJCE President Terry Vanaman-Cole.

Dr. Bozza has provided training for superintendents, principals, teachers and other educational personnel across the

country on such topics as: organizational development, instructional leadership and effective teaching.

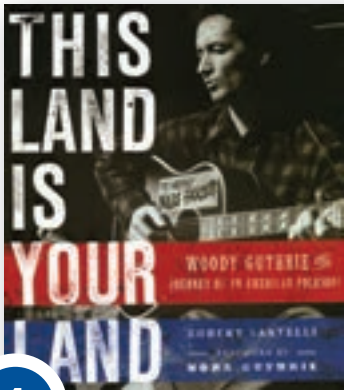
“One of my lifetime goals is to be an advocate for public education and for the educators who serve the children of our state. At this critical time in New Jersey’s educational community, I will continue to accept new challenges and I intend to move forward the Jeffersonian belief [in] the importance of an educated citizenry in a representative form of democratic government,” Bozza said.

In December, 2007, Bozza was named the NJASA’s sixth executive director. NJASA is an organization of chief education officers and school administrators who lead school districts



PHOTO: ANNE GALLAGHER

in New Jersey’s 21 counties. The Association’s mission is to ensure a superior statewide system of education.



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THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Bob Santelli '73
(2012, Running Press, \$31.95)

This Land is Your Land is the story of Woody Guthrie's most famous song 100 years after the songwriter's birth. Written in 1940 and first recorded in 1944, the song became an instant hit, and then a point of controversy, and finally a cross-generational anthem. It has been covered by numerous artists in many genres. It also details Guthrie's legendary journey from Oklahoma across the Heartland to New York City, where he wrote many of his works including "This Land Is Your Land." It has more than 40 rare black-and-white photographs from the Woody Guthrie archives, a removable poster, plus original interviews with Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Willie Nelson, Pete Seeger, John Mellencamp, and more.

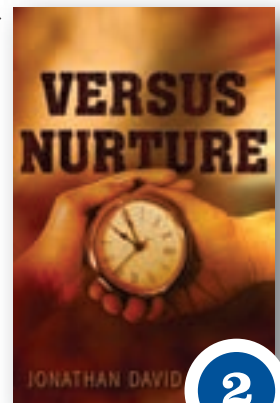
Santelli is the executive director of the GRAMMY Museum in Los Angeles. He was previously the vice president at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and then the CEO and artistic director at the Experience Music Project in Seattle. Santelli has written more than a dozen books, including *Greetings from E Street: The Story of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band*.

VERSUS NURTURE

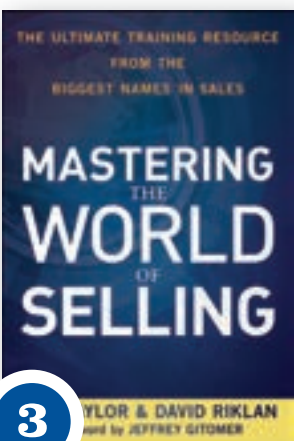
Jonathan David Morris '00
(2012, Amazon Kindle, \$3.99)

Versus Nurture is a literary/science fiction novella that chronicles the lives of two people who first meet in college during the days leading up to the war in Iraq. Nine years later they are faced with a monumental decision.

Jonathan David Morris, who graduated in 2000 with a bachelor's in communication, is also the author of *The Best Sniper Ever*, *The Honest Truth About Honest Abe*, and the weekly column, "JDM vs. the World."



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MASTERING THE WORLD OF SELLING

Eric Taylor '93 & David Riklan
(2010, John Wiley & Sons, \$19.95)

Mastering the World of Selling is a collection of articles from leading sales experts and business experts offering advice for successful selling. The guide offers the reader tips on generating more leads, closing more sales and achieving higher profits in any economy.

Eric Taylor is the president and chief collaboration officer of Empowerment Group International. He speaks, trains, and coaches at some of America's most respected companies on the topics of sales, leadership, employee motivation, and personal development. He is also the author of *101 Great Ways to Improve Your Life* and *Mastering the World of Marketing*.



GREEN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Richard Maltman & David Shirley '89M
(2010, CRC Press, \$69.95)

Green Project Management, the winner of the Project Management Institute's 2011 David I. Cleland Project Management Literature Award, provides detailed cutting-edge green techniques and methods. With illustrative case studies and insights from acknowledged leaders in green project management, it teaches project managers how to maximize resources and get the most out of limited budgets. It supplies proven techniques and best practices in green project management, including risk and opportunity assessments.

David Shirley, project management instructor and consultant, has more than 30 years of experience in project management, new product introduction, teaching project management, as a project manager, consultant, small business owner, and educator. He is an adjunct professor in Boston University's MBA Program, teaching project management and IT project management.

THE ROAD WARRIORS: DANGER, DEATH, AND THE RUSH OF WRESTLING

Joe Laurinaitis with Andrew W. Wright '04
(2011, Medallion Press, \$24.95)

The Road Warriors is an autobiographical sketch of two professional wrestlers in the 1980s and 1990s. Laurinaitis and his partner, Mike "Hawk" Hegstrand became one of the most influential and celebrated teams of wrestlers. The book explores the dangers of being in the ring, the death of the Hawk," and the rush of leaving an unmatched legacy in tag team wrestling.

Andrew Wright, who was just a child while the Road Warriors were making history, did extensive research for this book and helped Laurinaitis frame his personal story. He is a writer, video producer, and longtime professional wrestler enthusiast. He has written for several New Jersey newspapers including the *Asbury Park Press*, and also produced the video series, *The Hardy Show* (featuring Matt and Jeff Hardy) and *RVD TV* (with Rob Van Dam).



LIFE THROUGH A KITTEN'S EYES

Nancy Rearick '56
(2011, AuthorHouse, \$14.99)

Life Through a Kitten's Eyes tells the story of a stray kitten that finds a home and experiences a good life as a curious kitten. Told from the grey kitten's point of view, the book is based on the true story of how the son of the author's friend happened to get his kitten and the sometimes wild antics that followed.

Nancy Rearick is a retired elementary school teacher and former Connecticut Education Association employee. This is her first book. She lives in South Glastonbury, CT.

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 1968



SAL GIACCHI (Art) starred as Ben Franklin in a Spring Lake Theatre production of *1776* in April and May. He is a former vice president of Grey Advertising, one of the largest global marketing firms. His wife, BARBARA, graduated from Monmouth in 1975.

CLASS OF 1969



YVONNE S. THORNTON (Bio.) (H.D. '95) met President Barack Obama at a fundraising event at the Apollo Theater in January. She gave him a copy of her latest book, *Something To Prove: A Daughters Journey to Fulfill A Father's Legacy*, which won the 2011 New York Book Festival award.

CLASS OF 1972



KATHLEEN (HARRISON) BUFFUM (Psych.) and JAMES BUFFUM (Bus. Adm.) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 25. The couple met at Monmouth at a Phi Kappa Psi party where Jim was a brother, and later married in Spring of their senior year. Jim and Kathy live in Toms River. They have two daughters, Marianne and LAURA '06, two sons-in-law, Brandon and Joe, a granddaughter, Hannah, and a grandson, Caden. They look forward to recognizing this milestone with their family on a celebratory vacation in June. They also enjoy travelling together, going to the beach, and spending time in their backyard pool, affectionately called "Hotel del Buffum."



SUNNY (SLACK) DONALD (Psych.) and BOB DONALD (Bus. Adm.) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 20. Sunny met Bob the summer before transferring to Monmouth and started dating him the first day she arrived on campus. They live in La Jolla, CA, and have one son, Kristopher, who is a master sergeant in the Marine Corps and will be serving a second tour of duty in Afghanistan this year. Their grandson is Kristopher Jr.



ARNOLD G. SIMON (Art) published an article, "Still Reeling—Psycho Redux" in the May 2011 issue of *The Art Section, An Online Journal of Art and Cultural*

Commentary. It received an award in the Magazine Feature Article category of the 80th Annual *Writer's Digest* Writing Competition. More information can be found in the archives at theartsection.com.

CLASS OF 1973



DAVID J. ENNIS (Bus. Adm.) recently took a trip around the world with his wife, Nancy. The couple is shown visiting Jordan amid the ruins of Jerash. Ennis, the owner of the real estate firm, David J. Ennis & Associates, was the recipient of the 2008 Alumni of the Year Award. He was instrumental in devising the Comprehensive Pinelands Management Plan that created the 1.5 million acre Pinelands National Reserve and helped create New Jersey's Farmland Preservation Program.

CLASS OF 1975



ANGEL P. KAMES (Bus. Adm.) met legendary pop singer Darleen Love on February 10 at McLoone's Supper Club

in Asbury Park where she performed. He is district bilingual coach for the Asbury Park School District.

CLASS OF 1976

GLENN W. LEBOEUF (Hist.) spoke about Abraham Lincoln to members and guests of the Middletown Historical Society on March 19 at the MacLeod-Rice House. His presentation was called "The Rise of Lincoln: 1831-1860." LeBoeuf is a senior vice-president, financial advisor and chartered retirement planning counselor with Freedom Capital Management in Lincroft.

CLASS OF 1981

SUZANNE (HOCHMAN) NEVINS (Bus. Mgmt.) last year formed a non-profit animal rescue in Upper Fairmount, MD, along the Eastern Shore. The grassroots organization, Roadrunner Rescue (www.roadrunnerrescue.org), saved 332 dogs and 738 cats in 2011. Also last year, the group had 28 cats adopted. She has been working with animal rescue groups for the past seven years.

CLASS OF 1982



MICHAEL D. GREENBLATT (Psych.) was featured on March 31 with his cat, Roadrunner, on the Animal Planet Network's "Must Love Cats."

CLASS OF 1986



JENNIFER LOYSEN (Bus. Adm.) is now the director of Annual Giving at Georgian Court University. She was previously the associate director of Annual Fund at Monmouth.



RICHARD RICCIARDI (M.B.A.) received the 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award from Monmouth's Alumni Association. He is vice chair of the Business Council, a member of the Holiday Ball Committee, and an active participant in the Alumni Association Mentoring Program. Ricciardi was also the Beta Sigma Gamma International Business Fraternity 2011 honoree and a 3M Community Volunteer Award recipient.

CLASS OF 1988



RAJESH KHENY (M.S. Elec. Eng.) (M.B.A. '89) and RICK IRACE (Bus. Mrkt. '89) recently returned to campus with their families. They met with Dean Nagy, stopped in the bookstore and checked out the Monmouth County Exhibit at the MAC.

BOB L. KRESS (Bus. Mrkt.) and his brother, Rich, own NorthEast Stage and recently acquired Georgia Stage. NorthEast Stage operates out of Freehold and Richmond, VA. Georgia Stage is located in Duluth, GA. They specialize in theatrical rigging,

motorized rigging, installation and fabrication of stage drapery. They offer design services, fabrication and installation for the entire East Coast. Kress lives in Freehold with his wife of 20 years and his two daughters.

CLASS OF 1990

RITA M. HAWKINS (M.B.A.) is the new director of Enterprise Application Development for Vistronix, Inc., an information technology and managed services company based in Reston, VA. She previously worked for General Dynamic as the director of Business Development for the Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration. She is also the president of the South Jersey Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, an international, not-for-profit mothers' group dedicated to providing leadership and community service activities for children. For her more than 25 years of achievement in business, Hawkins was also recently selected by Kappa Community Development Corp. as an African American Woman Achiever.

CLASS OF 1991

DAVID V. CALLOWAY (Bus. Mgmt.) (M.B.A. '95), former Monmouth men's basketball coach, made his Northeast Conference television debut in February as a color analyst. He called the Wagner vs. Robert Morris game alongside Dave Popkin and Tim Capstraw. Calloway also recently joined the staff of Turn 2 Sports Consulting, a college recruiting agency.

PATRICIA HILTON-HILLYER (M.A.T.) was selected to participate in CLOuDS (Classroom Leadership Operative in u-gravity Discovering Science) in July 2011. A professional development program sponsored by NASA's Microgravity University and Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, CLOuDS enables educators to experience the scientific process by proposing, designing, building, testing and analyzing data from an experiment the educator's team designed and tested aboard NASA's Weightless Wonder. Hillyer's team tested the surface tension of

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bubbles in zero-g and 2-g. She brought back her experience to Matawan Aberdeen Middle School by having her students design, build, test and analyze data from their energy efficient homes they made.

CLASS OF 1993



PATTI ADORNA (M.A.T.) is the owner and founder of Turn 2 Sports Consulting, a college recruiting agency on the Jersey Shore. It offers free on-location

workshops to schools, teams, groups, and organizations. More information can be found at Turn2SportsConsulting.com.

MARY M. BOWEN (Engl.) and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 2, 2012. They were both former Esso Standard Oil employees. Frank served in the Navy as a pilot during World War II.

CLASS OF 1995



BILL D. ELLIOTT (M.B.A.) and his family's organization, the HERO Campaign on April 3 kicked off "Jersey Shore Heroes," a program that partners with bar and tavern owners, package goods stores, and law enforcement to promote the use of safe and sober designated drivers at the Jersey Shore. Also, the second annual 5K HERO Walk will be held October 14 in Ocean City. The HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers (www.herocampaign.org) was established in memory of his son, John, after he was killed by a drunk driver in July 2000.



DAWN MARINO-SMITH (Psych.) is a consultant for Turn 2 Sports Consulting. She is also a physical therapy assistant for Atlantic Physical Therapy Center at its Freehold location. She is shown here with former Hawk standout, Miles Austin, who plays for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

JOSEPH J. ROMAN (Math.) was named *The Star Ledger's* girls basketball state Coach of the Year. He has led the St. Rose team in Belmar for the past nine years, ending this past season with a 29-2 record and its first Shore Conference Tournament title since 1993. Roman announced in March that he would not return for a 10th season.

CLASS OF 1996

MARK J. EGAN (Bus. Adm.) is engaged to marry Maria Spicuzza in June 2013. He is a store manager in East Windsor ShopRite. His fiance is a medical assistant at Hametz and Picascia Dermatology in Freehold.

DR. MILDRED M. FRANTZ (Psych.) has moved her general practice, Healthcare for Life, to One Industrial Way West, Eatontown. She was named as "A Doctor Who Makes a Difference" in a 2011 issue of *N.J. Life Health and Beauty*.

CLASS OF 1997

FRANCISCO W. FILLICETTI (Hist. '97) has been working at Capital One Corporate since last August. He is the manager of executive services for all of Texas and Louisiana. He lives in McKinney, TX.



PHOTO: ASBURY PARK PRESS

RACHEL GOODALE (Comm.), head basketball coach at Jackson Memorial High School, was named the All-Shore Girls coach of the year by the *Asbury Park*

Press. She led the Jaguars to a record 27 wins last season, winning their fourth consecutive Class A South title.



JENNIFER (ORT) LILLEY (Comm.) has started her own weight/health-centered website, FlabbyRoad.com, following her successful loss of 70 pounds through the Medifast program in 2007. The site combines her professional writing background with her strong interest in weight and health.

CLASS OF 1998

ANTHONY CARVAGNO (Poli. Sci.) was promoted in February to general manager of the Holland Tunnel, which runs under the Hudson River and connects Manhattan with Jersey City. Since graduating from Monmouth, he completed a master's in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in May 2011.

DAWN M. FALLON (Comm.) was promoted to vice president and general manager at Communication Partners & Associates, LLC, a healthcare public relations and communications firm in New York City. She lives in Union City.



LAUREN N. VICIDOMINI (Bus. Mrkt.) married David Lawrence Radsniak October 15, 2011. She is a portfolio manager with Executive Property Management in North Brunswick. Her husband is a police sergeant with the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Point Pleasant.

CHAD M. WAGENHEIM (Bus. Adm.) recently left Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia to join Aerin Lauder in launching Martha's new luxury lifestyle brand, AERIN, as its senior vice president of Finance and Operations. Currently living in New York City, he and his family are moving to Westfield sometime this summer.

CLASS OF 1999



CHRIS J. MULVANEY (Art) is a new member of the Communication Council, an advisory organization with Monmouth's Department of Communication. He is the president of CMDS, an award-winning marketing

agency in Middletown dedicated to branding businesses. The Honors School graduate is also the recipient of numerous awards including an IMA for Outstanding Achievement in Web Design, a Communicator Award of Distinction and three consecutive Graphic Design USA Awards for Excellence in Communication & Graphic Design.



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YVONNE SINGER (Psych.) was featured in January on mycentraljersey.com where her difficult path toward success due to her severe case of cerebral palsy was chronicled. With a master's in psychology from Walden University, she now teaches online psychology courses to students at Middlesex County Community College. One of the courses is Psychology of People with Disabilities.

CLASS OF 2000



ROBERT T. CAVANAUGH (Comm.), director of Robert Thomas Cavanaugh (RTC) Training, is partnering with Fair Haven Recreation this summer to offer children the Cool Runners Fitness Camp.

The camp will run from July 9 to July 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. More information can be found at www.rtc-training.com. Cavanaugh lives in West Long Branch with his wife and their three children.



JONATHAN D. MORRIS (Comm.) is the author of three books, including the essay collection, *The Honest Truth About Honest Abe*, and two novels, *The Best Sniper Ever* and *Versus Nurture*. All of his books are available on Amazon.



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LYNN M. TONELLI (Bio.) married Jake Venable September 24, 2011. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaids, KIMBERLY (KWIATKOWSKI) PASSAMONTE (Sp. Ed.'00), GAIL (CHANCE) SANTAMARIA (B.S.W. '01) and KELLY (LEWIS) WEYMER (Crim. J. '00). Also in attendance were CHRISTINA PIHOS (Bus. Mrkt. '01) and STEPHANIE (BULDO) LIPPINCOTT (Art '01). Lynn works for Merck & Co., Inc. as a quality assurance auditor, and Jake works for S.E.I. as a private equity manager. They live in Philadelphia, PA.

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 2001

KATHEL S. ECKLER (Sp. Ed.) is engaged to marry Douglas Willms on August 9, 2013, on Spring Lake beach. She is an instructional assistant in Ocean Township School District. Her fiancé is a retired police officer from Ocean Township and is currently a substitute teacher in Ocean.



PHOTO: HALLMARC.COM

CORNELL K. KEY (Crim. J.) is the owner and founder of Key 2 Sports & Personal Training in Wall Township, which was featured in the March 2012 issue of *Men's Fitness* magazine. Since 2008, the former EOF Counselor and assistant football coach at Monmouth has been training athletes from more than 15 different sports ranging from age 12 to adult. He specializes in strength training, incorporating speed development and tactical sport mechanics, and creating powerful and efficient athletes. Two former Hawks, JOHN NALBONE '08 and JON KALNAS '02, are among his trainees. Also partnering with Key 2 is Turn 2 Consulting, owned by PATTI ADORNA '93M.

SCARLETT L. REUTER (Comm.) is now an assistant varsity softball coach for Cumberland Regional High School in Millville. She still holds the Hawk record in career wins (56) and earned run average (1.83).

DR. NANCY SANTAGATA (Chem.) is a postdoctoral research associate in the Physics Department at The Ohio State University where she uses low temperature ultrahigh vacuum scanning tunneling microscopy to tackle basic physics problems from a chemist's perspective. She received an M.S. in Chemistry in 2003 from the University of California-San Diego and a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from North Carolina State in 2009.



SUANNE SCHAAD (M.A. Psych. Couns.), shown on right, Monmouth's Substance Awareness Coordinator, received a HERO of the Year Award for fostering a strong presence of the HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers (www.herocampaign.org/) on campus since 2009. The organization was established in memory of Bill Elliot's '95M son, John, after he was killed by a drunk driver in July 2000.

CLASS OF 2002



BRENDAN K. MONAHAN (Bus. Fin.) was recently promoted to senior loan officer in Commercial Lending at TD Bank in Bridgewater. He will continue to be responsible for managing the banking relationships and providing commercial loans in excess of \$500,000 for closely held companies throughout Somerset and Hunterdon Counties.

CLASS OF 2003



PHOTO: DAVE SAFFRAN

JIM CARONE (Bus. Mrkt.), 2002 Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Year, was recently named the new head baseball coach at Wagner College. He

was the pitching coach in 2006 for the team, which featured two-time American League All-Star and current Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Andrew Bailey as well as Washington Nationals farmhand Joe Testa and former Baltimore Orioles farmhand Andrew Huebner. As a Hawk, Carone garnered 17 victories from 2000 to 2003 including a record of 10-3 in 2002.



JACLYN E. FISCHER (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '04), head of the Social Work Department at the Navy Medical Center, is now stationed in Bagram, Afghanistan, with the U.S. Navy. She is a member of the Navy Mobile Care Team.



ANTHONY J. MAGLIO (Bus. Adm./Bus. Mrkt.) (M.B.A. '05) is in his third season as a freelance writer for the Weekend Update and Weekend Update Thursday segments of "Saturday Night Live." He has also started a new website where he posts jokes not selected for inclusion on Weekend Update. His jokes also appear several times a week on Roadrunner.com, the home page of Time Warner Cable. Maglio has been a recruiting manager at Robert Half International in Woodbridge since January.



GREG MESCALL (Comm.), at right, was an on-air anchor for the Big Ten Network on March 3, calling the Michigan/Indiana water polo match. He is also heading to the summer Olympics again, this year in London. Mescall was in Rome in 2009 covering water polo's 2009 FINA World Championships and in Beijing for the 2008 Olympics.



LAWRENCE S. PERRUZZA (Bio.) is director of Global Customer Support for Roche Molecular Diagnostics in Branchburg. He received an M.S.

in Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs from Temple University in 2010.

CLASS OF 2004



SAMANTHA J. FRYER (Sp. Ed.) and STEPHEN D'ANDREA (Bus. Fin. '04) were married January 22, 2012. She is a kindergarten special education teacher, and he is a consultant for Accenture. The couple, who lives in Oakhurst, is planning a summer reception.

GREG S. HANNAH (Hist./Ed.), a disability advisor at Villanova University, worked with a student on campus to develop LeVel in an effort to change the way people view disabilities and to enlist students in helping their fellow disabled students. The newly-formed group hosts speakers, organizes programs on campus, provides community outreach and engages with university officials to initiate change. Hannah was also a contributor to "Coming off the DL," an award-winning documentary profiling the lives of two students with cerebral palsy, Frank Kineavy and Nick Gaynor.

LAUREN C. LANDRIGAN (Soft. Eng.) (M.S. Soft. Eng. '07) is a computer scientist with the Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. She is expected to attain a Ph.D. at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken in 2015. Also a member of the School of Science Advisory Committee, Landrigan is a co-inventor of the MapSketch system with Monmouth professors, Allen Milewski, William Tepfenhart and Barbara Reagor as well as Technical Support Specialist Robert Bekefi.



GIOVANNA ROMANO (Comm.) is engaged to marry James McCombie in June 2013. While at Monmouth, she was an active sister of Phi Sigma Sigma and a resident assistant. Romano was also the president of the Panhellenic Council as well as vice president of the Inter Greek Council. Now living in Jersey City, she is the director of Custom Sales for HMC, a men's fashion retailer. Her fiancé, who also lives in Jersey City, is a manager at Ernst & Young.



VICTORIA L. TRAPANESE (Psych.) is engaged to marry Richard Hannum in the spring of 2013. She is a teacher with the Southern Regional School District. Her fiancé is a project manager for Sears Home Improvement.

CLASS OF 2005



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JUST TO SEE YOU SMILE PHOTOGRAPHY

KATY (DAVIDSON) PAWLOWSKI (M.A.T.) and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first child, a daughter, on January 25, 2012. Sunny Halo was seven pounds, 13 ounces and 21 inches long. The family lives in Boca Raton, FL.

MARISSA A. DELLAPIETRO (Comm.) is engaged to marry Matthew Leatherwood in March 2013. She is an account executive with the *Asbury Park Press* in Neptune, and he is an environmental consultant for Trident Environmental Consultants in Toms River.

CLASSNOTES



MARC A. JONES (Bus. Mrkt.) married Kristen Spell on July 23, 2011. TIMOTHY BATKO '05 was in attendance. Marc is a business manager for Picatinny Arsenal. Kristen works for Hamburg School in New Jersey. They live in Hardyston.

CLASS OF **2006**



DR. MICHAEL D. BARNATHAN (Comp. Sci.) is a software engineer with Google, where he works on the internal development tools used to build and test Google's software. He earned a Ph.D. in Computer and Information Sciences at Temple University in 2010.



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TODD D. BRIGGS (M.A.T.), head coach for Freehold Township's indoor track team, was named the All-Shore Coach of the Year by the *Asbury Park Press*. His team earned the program's third NJSIAA Central Jersey Group IV Championship since the school began the boys' program only five years ago.



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LEAH F. FROBERG (Anthro./Sp. Ed.) is engaged to marry Anthony Scali on October 20. She is a first-grade teacher in the Barnegat Township School District. Her fiancé works for the Toms River Police Department.

PETER M. HOGAN (M.B.A.) was promoted to vice president, portfolio manager in Commercial Real Estate Lending in Philadelphia. He is responsible for building more than a \$100 million portfolio of commercial real estate loans among approximately 75 client facilities in Metro Philadelphia. He lives in Philadelphia.

COREY (CLARK) PIGNATELLO (Bus. Acct.) recently earned her certification in QuickBooks from Intuit. She is a certified public accountant and senior

accountant with Cowan, Guteski & Co. in Tinton Falls.



LAREN QUARTARACO (Bus. Acct.) is engaged to marry Scott Hendrickson on February 9, 2013. She is a senior tax associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in New York City, and her fiancé is vice president of Advertising Sales at Paypal. Alumni in attendance will include maid of honor, HEATHER WIDDOP (Comm. '06).



MAXX G. SANN (Comm.) married Simone Klooger December 22, 2011, in Australia. He has worked for Rosch Consulting since he moved to Melbourne in August 2008. Simone, who was born and raised in Melbourne, is a first-grade teacher at Brighton Beach Primary. They regularly visit family and friends in the United States, most recently in May 2012.

SHANNON SNYDER (Comm./Ed.) completed post-graduate work at Florida Institute of Technology in Applied Behavior Analysis. This September

she will sit for the boards to become a board-certified Behavior Analyst. She is an autistic support teacher at New Story School in York, PA, as well as a mobile therapist/behavior specialist consultant within the Harrisburg area. Snyder is also a program site director/mental health professional for New Story's Summer Therapeutic Activities Program, which promotes social and coping skills within the autism community for ages 5-17.

CLASS OF 2007



ROBERTO FERRAGINA (M.A. Hist.) was named the 2011 Amerigo Vespucci Society of Long Branch Man of the Year. The Society is the nation's oldest Italian American mutual aid society, founded in 1875 and incorporated in 1895. The award is given to someone in the Italian American community (from Monmouth County) who has unselfishly upheld the values of the society while contributing to the community. Ferragina has served the organization as their secretary of archives and was elected president for 2012. He also volunteers his time each summer with the Ray Licata Memorial Swim in Long Branch and has volunteered several years at the Long Branch Columbus Day Parade. He is the regional sales manager for Mohawk Fine Papers Inc. in the metropolitan New York area and the Mid-Atlantic region.

KRYSTLE M. HINDS (Math/Ed.) is an applied research mathematician for the federal government. She received an M.A. in Mathematics from Boston College in 2009.

COLEMAN T. IMHOFF (Music) is a weatherization field tech at Veterans Green Jobs, a Denver-based company which helps military veterans transition into their communities and find career opportunities across all environmental sustainability sectors of our economy.

SARAH E. LAMM (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '09) is engaged to marry William Smentkowski in October. She is a licensed social worker, and he works for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department.

JESSICA R. PAPAY (Engl.) is engaged to marry Joseph Fornarotto Jr. in November. She is a production editor for Health Intelligence Network in Sea Girt. Her fiancé is a gas mechanic for New Jersey Natural Gas Company in Wall.



TARA A. RUDA (Math) (M.A.T. '09) is engaged to marry Steven Bloom. She is an adjunct professor at Monmouth in the Department of Mathematics. The couple lives in Matawan.



CRAIG A. SEGAL (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.), along with Red Back Catholic's Track Coach Rob DeFilippis, opened

a new store in Freehold Township in February called Runner's High. He is also a customer support manager at Pacific Health Labs.

CLASS OF 2008

ASHLEY M. GIANNECHINI (Psych.) is engaged to marry Michael Lazewski on September 22, 2012. She is self-employed, and her fiancé owns and operates his own business.



KELLY M. KORZ (M.S.E.) married Shaun Hobbs September 30, 2011, in Freehold. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaid, DANA HIGLEY (M.S.E. '08), KELSEY HIGLEY (Hist./Sp. Ed. '09) and KYLE KURCZESKI (Hist./Ed. '10). She is a school counselor at Park Avenue Elementary School in Freehold Borough. Her husband is a police officer, also in Freehold. They live in Jackson with Shaun's two sons, Lance and Alex.

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CIARAN HOWARD (Comm.) and RYAN SSKO (Psych. '05) were married September 23, 2011. VINCENT DICONSTANZI '66 attended the wedding. Ciaran, who is interning at an elementary school in Middletown, is enrolled in Monmouth's MSW program. Ryan is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. They live in Middletown.



PATRICK M. MCGRANER (Bus. Adm.) is engaged to his "grammar school sweetheart," Jade England. Strategically planned, the proposal took place this past fall at the exact spot where they met in 1998, with 50 of their closest friends in attendance. He is a marketing associate with Saber Funds in Middletown and a self-employed general contractor. His fiancée is an account executive for Kelly Wearstler Fashion in New York City.

CHRISTOPHER J. REED (Bus. Adm.) recently began working at York, PA-based CGA Law Firm where he counsels startups, entrepreneurs, closely-held businesses and small- to mid-size businesses on the legal aspects of operating and growing a business. He attained a J.D. from Villanova School of Law in 2011.



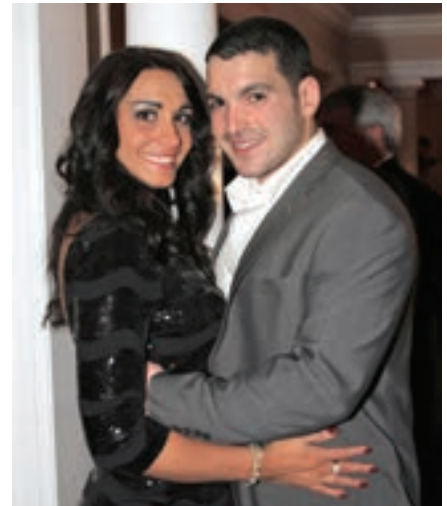
LISA A. QUACKENBUSH (M.S.W.) married Robert Scott on November 1, 2011, on Castaway Cay in the Bahamas. She is a licensed social worker for the State of New Jersey, and her husband is a field technician at Edgeboro International. They live in Jackson.



LISA A. URBANOWICZ (Sp. Ed./Engl.) is engaged to marry Robert Hendricks in late August. She is a second grade special education teacher in Freehold Township. Her fiancée is the general manager of Triumph Brewing Company in Philadelphia. They live in Kendall Park.

CLASS OF 2009

CHRISTOPHER A. ALBRIZIO (M.S.E.) was recently appointed the principal of Avon Elementary School after serving since July 1 as the interim principal. Prior to this promotion, he was assistant principal.



DANIEL P. KENNY (Psych.) is engaged to marry Christina Bakay this November. He is an electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 102, in Parsippany. His fiancée is an assistant office manager with MG Engineering in Manhattan.



MOLEEN MADZIVA (M.S. Soft. Eng.), who is pursuing a doctorate in sustainability education at Prescott College, was one of four recipients of Monmouth's 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award. She leads the Macheke Sustainability Project, a public health initiative she started at Monmouth in 2008 while studying for her master's degree in software engineering in an effort to eradicate poverty in her hometown.



MELANIE TERRERI (Sp. Ed./Anthro.) and PETER KOZLOWSKI (Crim. J.) are engaged to be married September 14, 2012, on Long Beach Island. Melanie is a preschool special education teacher in Washington Township. Peter graduated from Rutgers Camden School of Law in 2011 and is a civilian attorney for the U.S. Army in Maryland.

KELLYN A. TOMS (Math.) and SCOTT RIEDEMANN (Soft. Eng. '08) are engaged to be married on September 29, 2012. They both work for the Department of Veteran Affairs.



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STEFANIE WYNN (M.S.W.) was featured with her husband Andrew in a March 2 article in the *Asbury Park Press* about the difficulties associated with financing for first-time homeowners. Stefanie is a foreclosure counselor at Affordable Housing Alliance, an Eatontown-based housing agency.

CLASS OF 2010



BRIAN J. BLACKMON (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '11), the recipient of a Management Excellence Award as an undergraduate, is working on his first book. His interview with artist, Heather McAdams, "Alternative Motion," was published in the fall 2011 issue of the *Monmouth Review*. In 2010 he was a semifinalist for the international GMAC MET Fund "Ideas to Innovation Challenge," which concerned drafting a proposal for possible ways to improve upon prevailing MBA curriculum.



CHRISTOPHER J. COLLAZO (Hist./Sp. Ed.) is in his first season as an assistant baseball coach at Wagner College where he is responsible for the Seahawk hitters and infielders as well as serving as the program's recruiting coordinator. He was formerly an assistant at both Seton Hall and Felician College. As a Hawk, he earned NEC Tournament MVP honors in 2009 en route to a berth in the Mississippi Regional. A two-time All-NEC honoree, Collazo finished as Monmouth's all-time leader in hits while posting the school's top fielding percentage mark at second base.

ELIZABETH A. KEYS (Bus. Adm.) has joined Beach Bum Realty in Daytona Beach, FL, as a real estate agent.

NOELLE MCNEIL (Bus. Adm.) recently became a community relations ambassador at Meridian Health. She has also started a new blog at www.noellesdefiningmoments.com. McNeil is also a part-time motivational speaker as part of Heaven Exists Noelle McNeil LLC (www.noellemcneil.com). On March 30 she spoke about her experiences at the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan.



LEANN K. MOCZYDLOWSKI (Engl.) and COLIN MCDONOUGH (Bus. Mrkt. '10) are engaged to be married in the fall of 2012. Leann was recently promoted to account executive for Bridgewater-based R&J Public Relations where she has worked since 2011. Colin is a community coordinator/project manager at KL Communications in Red Bank.



KELLY A. REILLY (Comm.), a former member of the women's golf team, is the director of Operations for Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini (11th District) and Assemblyman Dave Rible (30th District). She is also pursuing a master's in Public Policy at Monmouth. Last Fall, she ran for Councilwoman in

Sayreville but lost by only 30 votes. Her father, MICHAEL REILLY, graduated from Monmouth in 1972.

KEVIN E. VOLLBRECHT (Bus. Adm.) is engaged to marry Christie Barbato in the summer of 2013. He is an onsite transportation coordinator at Monmouth Medical Center for the Monmouth Ocean Healthcare Cooperative. His fiancée is an area manager for the Deal Chicken website in East Brunswick for Gannett Co.

CLASS OF 2011



PAUL N. MANDALA (Bio.) will be participating in the Ironman U.S. Championship Triathlon, the first ever in New York City history, on August 11, 2012. He will swim 2.6 miles, bike 112

miles and run 26.2 miles in support of Zero, an organization helping to put an end to prostate cancer. To donate on Paul's behalf please call (888) 245-9455 or contact Paul directly at paul.mandala@gmail.com. Paul, who lives in Fort Lee, works with REI in Hanover.



MAGGIE F. RUANE (Bus. Adm.) is engaged to marry Andrew LaBarbera in August 2013. She works for SHI International, and her fiancée works for the Hazlet Township Board of Education and is pursuing a master's at Montclair University.

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ALUMNI

- 1959** HERBERT BUTLER (Physics) (M.A.T. '76)
DECEMBER 14, 2008
ANTHONY J. CAMASSA (Bus. Adm.)
FEBRUARY 18, 2012
DONALD W. ECKART (Chem.)
APRIL 24, 2012
JAY O. PETERSEN (Bus. Adm.)
APRIL 26, 2012 (former financial aid director)
- 1964** JOHN D. KOERKEL (Bus. Adm.)
MARCH 14, 2012
- 1965** ANGELA P. PERRI (Elem. Ed.)
FEBRUARY 22, 2012
- 1966** LEE LOZOWICK (Bus. Adm.)
NOVEMBER 16, 2010
- 1967** WILLIAM R. ENGLISH (Art)
JANUARY 27, 2012
ROBERT C. LAMPERT (Bus. Adm.)
FEBRUARY 18, 2012
JOSEPH A. MOLLICA (A.A. Lib. Stud.)
JANUARY 26, 2012
- 1971** ARLENE R. GRAND (Elem. Ed.)
MARCH 4, 2012
- 1972** THOMAS C. GALETA (Soc. Stud./Ed.)
JANUARY 31, 2012
SEYMOUR L. HERSH (M.B.A.)
MARCH 7, 2012
- 1973** CAROL R. HILLMAN (M.S.E.)
APRIL 29, 2012
RAYMOND J. MANIACI (Bus. Adm.)
MARCH 10, 2012
LAWRENCE P. NAPIER (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '80)
FEBRUARY 22, 2012
- 1974** KAREN (PRYBLICK) AUGUSTINE (Bus. Adm.)
APRIL 25, 2012
- 1976** ELISABETH L. BOWEN (Bio.)
APRIL 8, 2012
- 1978** CHARLES MONTSKO (Comp. Sci.)
MARCH 16, 2012
- 1979** FLORENCE B. FARBER (M.A.T.)
MARCH 15, 2012
- 1982** MARY JANE LEE (M.S.E.)
APRIL 19, 2012
- 1985** ANTHONY J. RICCA (Bus. Mrkt.)
MARCH 17, 2012
- 1986** BRUCE E. WEIMER (Comp. Sci.)
(M.S. Soft. Eng. '88)
MARCH 25, 2012
- 1987** MICHELE (KANN) MCGINTY (Comp. Sci.)
FEBRUARY 1, 2012
- 1989** KAREN (HANCOCK) SOLTES (Bus. Adm.)
FEBRUARY 26, 2012
- 2000** MELISSA (COKELET) BROWN (Bus. Fin.)
JANUARY 24, 2012
- 2003** JESSICA L. PEPIN (Sp. Ed.) (M.S.E. '07)
MARCH 4, 2012
- 2009** JOSEPH P. IRVING (Bus. Adm.)
MARCH 20, 2012

FRIENDS

- JOHN A. BROCKRIEDE APRIL 15, 2012
(honored with Maurice Pollak Award for Distinguished Community Service in 2007).
- STELLA R. FARRELL FEBRUARY 19, 2012
(former president of the Monmouth University Library Association)
- GILBERT S. FELL FEBRUARY 19, 2012
(Emeritus Associate Professor of Philosophy)
- LYDIA JACOBS FEBRUARY 21, 2012

SUPPORT STUDENTS

My name is Jenna Intersimone. I am a sophomore in the Honors School majoring in Communication with a specialization in Journalism/PR, and a minor in Graphic Design. I am a section editor at *The Outlook*, editor-in-chief of *Arete*, the newsletter of the Honors School, a writer for the *Monmouth Review*, a member of Phi Eta Sigma and the Outdoors Club, and a peer mentor.

My time in and out of the classroom is made possible thanks to the generous support of donors like you. I am receiving both a scholarship for Academic Excellence and financial aid. When you make a gift to support the Annual Fund, it really does directly affect students like me.

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