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AUGUST 9 – SEPTEMBER 16

Gallery Exhibition: **QUILTING
– LOOKING FORWARD**
M - F 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Pollak Art Gallery
Free and open to the public

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7 – OCTOBER 22

Gallery Exhibition:
TED HENDRICKSON
“Time in the Irish Landscape”
M - F 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
800 Gallery
Gallery Exhibition Opening
September 16
4:30 – 5:30 PM Lecture at Wilson
Hall Auditorium
5:30 – 7:00 PM Opening
Reception at 800 Gallery
Free and open to the public

SEPTEMBER 7 – OCTOBER 15

Gallery Exhibition: **ANDREW
DEMIRJIAN: UP/DOWN/LEFT/
RIGHT**
M - F 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Ice House Gallery
Gallery Exhibition Opening
September 23
Lecture at Wilson Hall
Auditorium (4:30 – 5:30 PM)
Opening Reception at Ice House
Gallery (5:30 – 7:00 PM)
Free and open to the public

SEPTEMBER 16

Alumni: Speed Networking
6:30 - 9:30 PM
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Call 732-571-3489 for details

SEPTEMBER 16

**National Hispanic Heritage
Month: DAVID GONZALEZ**
4:30 PM
Lauren K. Woods Theatre
Free and open to the public

SEPTEMBER 20

**School of Social Work Golf
Outing** Glenwood Country Club,
Old Bridge
11:00 AM – Registration
12 Noon – Shotgun Tee Off
3:30 PM – Cocktails & Hors
d'Oeuvres
Call 732-571-3543 for details.

SEPTEMBER 21

Visiting Writer Series: **MIHAELA
MOSCALIUC**
4:30 PM
Wilson Hall Auditorium
Free and open to the public

SEPTEMBER 23

**MACE Award—NBC Nightly
News' Brian Williams**
Multipurpose Activity Center
(MAC)
6:15 PM VIP Reception/Program
/\$75
7:30 PM “An Evening with Brian
Williams & Friends”/\$25
For more information call 732-
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SEPTEMBER 23

Performing Arts: **LA BRUJA**
4:00 PM
Woods Theatre
Free and open to the public

SEPTEMBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Gallery Exhibition: **POSTSECRET**
Pollak Art Gallery
Free and open to the public
[See Oct 8: PostSecret with Frank
Warren/ \$20]

SEPTEMBER 25

Performing Arts: **THE
TAMBURITZANS (folk dance)**
8:00 PM
2:00 PM (Folk Dance Workshop:
\$10 or free with ticket)
Pollak Theatre
\$28

SEPTEMBER 28

**Estate Planning: Cover Your
Assets – 2010**
Presenters:
Professor Douglas Stives
Robert Gaughran,
The Gaughran Law Firm
Stuart Cox,
Neff Aguilar Law Firm
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wilson Hall
Reservations required for free
event: call 732-263-5400
or e-mail RSVP@monmouth.edu

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7

Performing Arts: **SEAN TYRRELL**
Lauren K. Woods Theatre
8:00 PM
\$15

OCTOBER 8

Performing Arts: **FRANK
WARREN**
“PostSecret with The Most
Trusted Stranger in America”
Pollak Theatre
\$20

OCTOBER 9

The Met: Live in HD
DAS RHEINGOLD - Wagner
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23 adults/\$20 seniors

OCTOBER 14

**Kislak Real Estate Institute
Golf Invitational**
Hollywood Golf Club, Deal
10:00 AM – Registration
12:15 – Shotgun Tee Off
5:30 PM – Cocktails & Dinner
Call 732-571-4412 for details.

OCTOBER 14

Visiting Writer Series:
DAVID ST. JOHN
4:30 PM
Wilson Hall Auditorium
Free and open to the public

OCTOBER 15

**Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner**
6:30-10:30 PM
Wilson Hall
For more information call
732-571-3489

OCTOBER 16

Performing Arts: **SOL Y CANTO**
8:00 PM
Pollak Theatre

OCTOBER 17-18

**Children's Theater:
RUMPELSTILTSKIN**
2:00 PM (October 17)
10:30 AM (October 18)
Pollak Theatre
\$12 adults/\$10 children

OCTOBER 21

NT Live in HD
Complicite's “A DISAPPEARING
NUMBER”
7:00 PM
Pollak Theatre
\$22

OCTOBER 22

Performing Arts: **CHAMPIONS OF
THE DANCE**
8:00 PM
6:00 PM (Dance Workshop: \$10
or free with ticket)
Pollak Theatre
\$40/\$35

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Calendar of EVENTS

OCTOBER 22-24

Family Weekend

OCTOBER 23

The Met: Live in HD

BORIS GODUNOV - Mussorgsky

Pollak Theatre

12:00 PM

\$23 adults/\$20 seniors

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 26

Gallery Exhibition: **BOGDAN ACHIMESCU: ARK**

M - F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Ice House Gallery

Gallery Exhibition Opening November 18

4:30 - 5:30 PM Lecture at Wilson Hall Auditorium

5:30 - 7:00 PM Opening Reception at Ice House

Gallery

Free and open to the public

OCTOBER 29

Future of the Ocean Symposium

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Wilson Hall Auditorium

Free and open to the public

OCTOBER 30

Homecoming: **Monmouth Masquerade**

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 17

Gallery Exhibition: **VAUNE PECK '87: NATURAL TENDENCIES**

M - F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

800 Gallery

Gallery Exhibition Opening November 4

Lecture at Wilson Hall Auditorium (4:30 - 5:30 PM)

Opening Reception at Ice House Gallery (5:30 - 7:00 PM)

Free and open to the public

NOVEMBER 4

Alumni: **NJEA Convention Alumni Party**

Sheraton Atlantic City

Convention Center Hotel, Steel Pier Room

4:30-6:30 PM

Reservations requested: 732-571-3489

Free for all alumni

NOVEMBER 5

Performing Arts: **KT SULLIVAN & MARK NADLER**
"Gershwin...Here to Stay"

8:00 PM

3:00 PM (Songwriting Workshop: \$10 or free with ticket)

Pollak Theatre

\$35/\$30

NOVEMBER 10-14, 17-20

Performing Arts: **THE SHAPE OF THINGS**

8:00 PM (November 10-13, 17-20)

3:00 PM (November 14)

Lauren K. Woods Theatre

NOVEMBER 11 - 13

Interdisciplinary Conference on Race

"Examining Race in the 21st Century"

Sponsored by Kenneth W. Hitchner III

Contact hwilliam@monmouth.edu for more information

NOVEMBER 13

The Met: Live in HD

DON PASQUALE - Donizetti

Pollak Theatre

1:00 PM

\$23 adults/\$20 seniors

NOVEMBER 16

Athletics: **Men's Basketball**

Monmouth vs. Stony Brook

ESPN's 24 Hours of Hoops

Televised live

6:00 AM

Call (732) 263-5884 for ticket information.

NOVEMBER 19

Performing Arts: **NEIL BERG**

"Neil Berg's 102 Years of Broadway"

8:00 PM

4:00 PM (Business of Broadway Workshop:

\$15 or free with ticket)

Pollak Theatre

\$42/\$35

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 4

Holiday Ball

[Special Pricing for Young Alumni]

Call 732-571-3509 for details



MAILQUAD
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I read your story "Hawks on Healthcare" and I have to say: That's all you got?

I'm a graduate of Monmouth - earned both BS and an MBA. I work for an international conglomerate that bought the small company I had worked for 17 years.

In the land of the free, choices in the workplace and in employment opportunities are more rhetoric than reality: People are afraid to move from one job to another (assuming they can find one) because it means interrupting their health care and with the darn "pre-existing conditions" it can mean life and death for a loved one - literally.

The so-called healthcare legislation signed by Obama in March is nothing more than a shell game. Most benefits don't kick in until 2014 - many others not until 2019. If you like your current health care plan, you can keep it. If you don't, you have to keep it.

The only real answer is Universal Single Payer Health Care which you neglected to mention.

Here's a little tidbit: Late last year my husband went to the hospital and spent 39 hours there. The bill came to \$16,808. I called to say "Hey, I have insurance." So the hospital said, "Yes OK we'll wait for your insurance company to pay." The insurance company paid \$2,800.

So here's my question: Which was the cost of my husband's care? \$16,808 or \$2,800?

Here's the answer: If you can afford to buy an insurance policy (cost about \$25,000 annual for family), you get to pay the lower cost. If you cannot afford health insurance, you must pay more.

Here's another tidbit (I did, after all, major in Accounting): According to the Form 990 filed by the hospital in 2008, it lost \$9 million dollars that year. But it wrote off \$10 million in "un collectibles". Then again, it paid its executive director over \$3 million.

Under Universal Single Payer, the hospital would be allotted an amount to cover all operations. For this particular hospital, which a review of the past decades Form 990's showed their operating costs to average \$350 million (of course we don't know which set of books they use - the \$16,808 books or the \$2,800 books).

So under Universal Single Payer, the hospital would not have to worry about billing patients, writing off collectibles, hiring collection agencies (been there, done that), or requesting from the State for its share of "charity care" (another billion dollar savings to the broke and beaten State of NJ).

Oh here's the good news: The doctors can "profit-share" in this cost cutting measure. The nurses, not so much. Wait a minute, how can a hospital that is a non-profit have "profit-sharing"?

Lynn M. Petrovich, CPA

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For information about Alumni events call Alumni Affairs at 732-571-3489

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For information about other events contact Special Events at 732-571-3509

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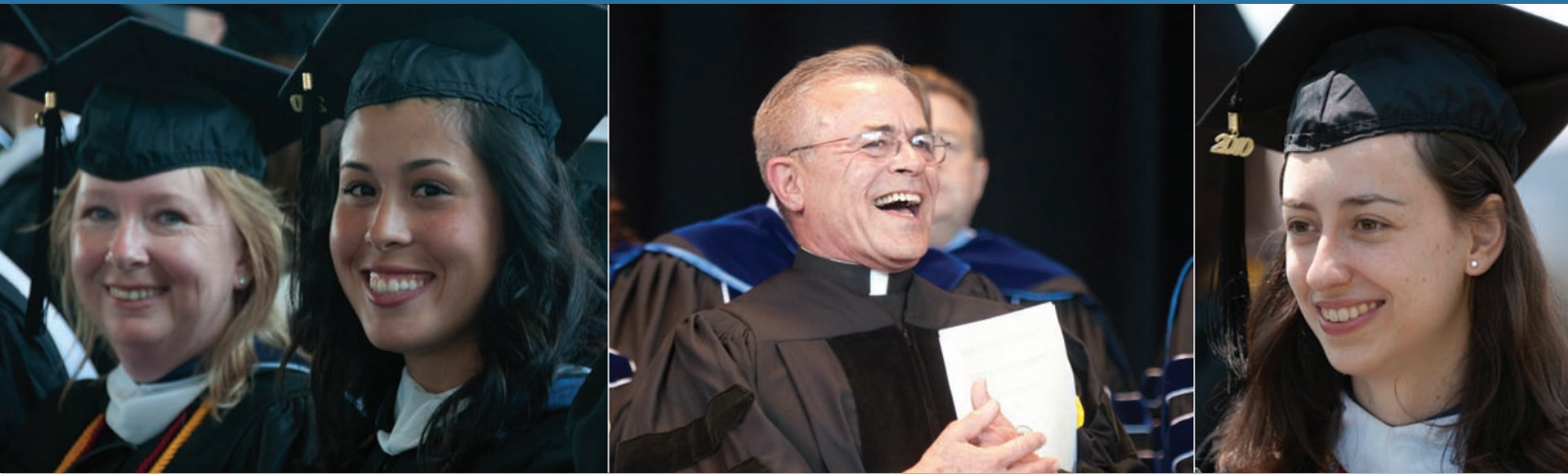
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COMMENCEMENT SHINES



LEFT: WENDY LOIHLE, ANDREA LOPEZ, MIDDLE: THE REVEREND ALPHONSE STEPHENSON, RIGHT: MARIGRACE BAKER

Under sunny skies, the Reverend Alphonse J. Stephenson, known colloquially as “Father Alphonse,” told the 1,200 graduates at Monmouth’s 76th commencement on May 20, to “listen intensely, listen intently; guide, mentor, and counsel gently; recall hurt, guilt, and pain sparingly; rejoice in other’s accomplishments ecstatically; and give back.”



GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE HN '10

The words of wisdom from the Air War College graduate and a former conductor of *A Chorus Line*, who was presented with an honorary doctorate of music, served as an inspirational start to the commencement exercises.

Keynote speaker, Governor Chris Christie, who President Gaffney called “a physically and socially courageous man who fought crime and corruption for our nation within our state,” was presented with an honorary doctor of laws by Alfred J. Schiavetti Jr., chair of the board of trustees.

“I’m all for changing the world, but you don’t have to do that if you don’t want to,” Christie said. “You just have to be prepared to change (yourselves).”

Christie challenged the graduates to explore all possibilities, to general applause and sporadic outbursts from some naysayers in the audience who ques-

tioned his recent education budget cuts.

“And if you’re open to that possibility, you know what it means to be truly free. Because what it means to be free is to know that in your life you can choose any new direction and new goal.”

The recipient of the Outstanding Student Award, Natalie Rambone, took advantage of the many possibilities offered while studying at Monmouth. The



PRESIDENT GAFFNEY

Noelle McNeil: Small Steps and Great Strides

Russell Carstens '07



Noelle McNeil, who graduated with her bachelor’s in Business Administration, is an inspiring example of persistence and determination. During an equestrian competition in August 2005, McNeil was thrown from her horse and suffered a diffuse axonal brain injury.

Her initial chances of making any recovery—let alone a significant one—were extremely slim. With the sheer will to regain her mobility, return home and resume her studies, she worked her way back to health and enrolled at Monmouth in the fall 2006 semester (she was previously a student at James Madison University). Her process of recovery and renewal is detailed in her book, *Heaven Exists*, published while she was still an undergraduate student.

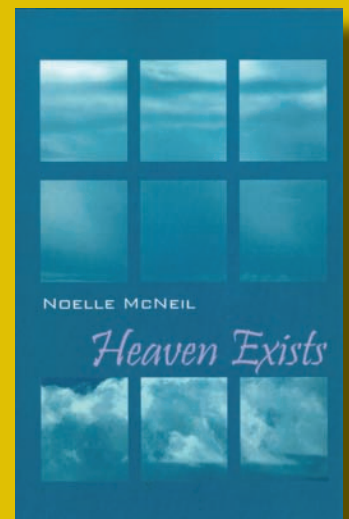
The first four months of her recovery were especially difficult. With the encouragement of her family and doctors, McNeil began using a small, portable typewriting device called the AlphaSmart. With this tool, she began a journal of her thoughts and emotions. As she made progress in her recovery, she recorded her struggles and breakthroughs, which eventually formed the basis for her book.

McNeil described the public response to the book as “phenomenal.” Since the book’s publication in August 2009,

McNeil has been involved in motivational speaking, including a standing-room only book signing in December at Novel Teas in Red Bank.

“Speaking is something I do well, and I never took advantage of that prior [to the accident]. I feel like now I have this experience and knowledge, and I have something reassuring to tell people, to put them at ease.”

The reassuring information McNeil wants to share is her strong belief





GRADUATES OF THE MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM, DEVON HODGE AND KWESI ST. LOUIS. HODGE, AN HONORS SCHOOL STUDENT, WAS ADMITTED TO THE CLASS OF 2014 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. ST. LOUIS, WHO WAS ACCEPTED INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, DREXEL UNIVERSITY AND UMDNJ, WILL ATTEND THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. DURING HIS SENIOR YEAR ST. LOUIS WAS CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE STUDENT & ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL. SINCE 2008 THE ACCEPTANCE RATE FOR MONMOUTH STUDENTS ENTERING MEDICAL SCHOOL HAS TRIPLED.

Student Government Association president also earned the Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF) Academic Achievement Award and the EOF Leadership Award. She graduated with a 3.68 GPA with a degree in Communication and Criminal Justice. During her time at Monmouth, Rambone planned the first annual Leadership Conference, wrote

for *The Outlook*, was a resident assistant, and excelled academically as a member of three honor societies.

With a perfect 4.0 GPA and a degree in Chemistry with departmental honors, Cody Ross Pitts took home the Alumni Association's Academic Achievement Award. Pitts balanced his academic achievements with a strong

involvement in the theater program both on and off campus, starring in every play/musical production at Monmouth since his freshman year. He is also a member of the Screen Actors Guild and plans to ultimately attain his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry.

Also toting an impressive GPA of 3.97 was Marigrace Baker, who may be

in the existence of Heaven.

At some point during her two-week coma, McNeil recalls herself as floating peacefully through clouds into the sky, where she was greeted by deceased relatives and offered a second chance at life.

Although she was nervous the first time she spoke publicly about her belief (which is detailed in *Heaven Exists*), she felt more secure as she progressed. The notes she had prepared fell to the wayside as her words came naturally, and she thought to herself, "maybe I *can* do this."

With that newly found sense of confidence, McNeil spoke this summer at JFK Medical Center in Edison, where she was treated for her brain trauma rehabilitation. Dr. Vincent Malone, her world-renowned neurological specialist, attended one of her speeches at Monmouth's Wilson Hall this spring, which was also filmed for submission to *Dateline NBC*.

McNeil said she was thrilled by his presence and support, which she felt gave her speech further credibility.

While McNeil enjoyed the camaraderie of going through her marketing classes with the same core group of peers, she said she worked most closely with, and felt the strongest connection to, several professors in the Leon Hess Business School. "I cannot say enough about John Buzza, Gene Simko, and others. I love them; they're fabulous." She said she has "never been happier" than when studying marketing.

McNeil described Professor Buzza as a maverick. "He's at the forefront of what education is all about. He's going to be my friend for life," she said.

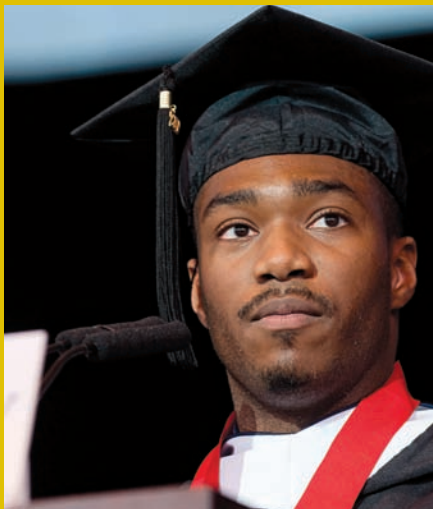
She called Professor Pasquale Simonelli, "wonderful," and Daniel Ball, "just excellent." Dr. Ball taught her multi-step math in the operations management course. McNeil's injury made the work difficult to follow at times, and Dr. Ball assisted her for many hours, tutoring her outside of class. For that, she is deeply appreciative. She said, "I believe any professor I've had here would be willing to do that."

Although McNeil said it took her a while to feel like Monmouth was her home, she now feels like a part of the family. She said, "I don't want to leave!" She's been in touch with a company she met through Monmouth's job fair about a potential position after graduation.

McNeil also hopes to become involved with disability advocacy programs, and is adamant about increasing resources to help rehabilitate war veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who have returned home with brain trauma and injuries similar to her own.

McNeil urges people to take advantage of the skills they have, and not dwell on what they think is missing. She said, "Don't get upset about the little things." As for the future, she has many plans, but the main thing on her mind is "looking forward to being independent."

Senior Class President Helps Re-charter Phi Kappa Psi



Senior Class President Dante Barry made his way to the podium on crutches, after tearing his Achilles tendon late in his final semester. “Each of us has gone through our own individual experiences and accomplishments that have contributed to our tenure here at Monmouth,” he said.

Barry’s own college experiences included volunteering in the University sponsored “Big Event,” where students donate time and effort to local nonprofits, the Relay for Life fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, and as a volunteer with the Boy and Girls Club of America. He also served as the president of the campus club, Students Taking Action and Responsibility Today (START), and became a founding member of the recently re-chartered chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Phi Psi was first brought to campus in the fall of 1967, but lost its charter in 1995.

Two years ago Barry and nearly 50 supporters, including Alumni Association President Peter Bruckmann '70, began the process that led to the Chapter’s re-chartering in April. “These are some of my best friends in the world,” he said, “and the experiences we shared working toward that charter are the kind of experiences that are to be cherished.”



TOP: BOARD CHAIR ALFRED J. SCHIAVETTI, JR., GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE, TRUSTEE ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63 **LEFT:** DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF 2010, DR. DAVID M. TRIPOLD **RIGHT:** SGA PRESIDENT AND WINNER OF THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD, NATALIE RAMBONE AND PRESIDENT GAFFNEY

the only student entering the University of Virginia Medical School this fall with a degree in Spanish.

She maintained this near-perfect GPA while taking extra credits each semester and taking summer courses to fulfill her pre-med requirements while still finishing her Spanish degree.

In her sophomore year, Baker decided that the medical field was where she wanted to redirect her career instead of becoming a Spanish teacher as she had originally planned. However, she decided to continue with her Spanish major and take full advantage of her 30 elective credits. “If you can communicate more directly with patients, then I think you can be a better doctor,” she

said, adding that she also thought the Spanish degree would make her stand out in the medical school selection process.

Baker said her strongest interest is in dermatology, but she is trying to keep an open mind as she pursues her medical education. “Seventy percent change their minds so they try to dissuade you from choosing right away.”

Jennifer Lukasik was at the top of her accounting class, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.87.

“The whole experience was really great for me. I really miss it,” said Lukasik, crediting Professor Douglas Stives as one of the driving forces toward her success.

This summer she completed six credits at Brookdale Community College in preparation for the CPA exam on August 31 and November 30. She said she hopes to return to Monmouth for a master's degree in the near future.

Carrying the highest ranking in his political science class, Rich Moriarty ended his four years at Monmouth with a 3.86 GPA. He said his inspiration for continuing with the program was Dr. Joe Patten, the Dis-

tinguished Teacher of 2009. "He's the reason I stayed," Moriarty said. His plans are to work on Congressman Scott Garrett's (R-NJ) campaign this summer.

Taking home the Distinguished Teacher Award for 2010 was Dr. David M. Tripold, an associate professor of music and the interim chair of the Music and Theater Arts Department. He has been teaching at Monmouth for 13 years.

"At a time when student engagement is the mantra of higher education," said Provost Thomas Pearson, "few faculty are as successful as Dr. Tripold in this endeavor. He inspires students in the classroom and the chorus to reach deeply within themselves and rise above their own expectations to produce professional quality work. For these reasons his students see him as a master teacher and respected mentor." **MU**

In a Cody State of Mind

Cody Ross Pitts' "Myspace" page describes him as an actor, a musician, a poet, and a "state of mind."

His acting career began at age 9 when he was cast as the voice of "Slippery Soap," on the wildly popular children's show *Blue's Clues*. As a youth he appeared in an episode of *Miracle Pets*, and in 2004 his family appeared in the first episode of ABC's *Wife-Swap*, an early and painful learning experience in the limits of reality in "reality" television programming.

A more uplifting performance occurred on New Year's Day of 2009, when Pitts sang at the mass held in St. Peter's Basilica (the Vatican), behind the altar of Pope Benedict XVI, while travelling with the church choir from his home state of Connecticut.

His professional career has included roles on television shows *Law and Order* and *Gossip Girls*, and on film as a paperboy in the 2007 Steven Seagal action-thriller, *Pistol Whipped*, and a college student in the 2009 "Bollywood-thriller," *New York*.

During its first week in theaters, *New York* was ranked number one in the box office in India and went on to become one of the sixth highest-grossing films of the year. *New York* also proved popular in the Middle East, Australia, and the United States. Popular enough, Pitts said, that he was stopped by another student while walking to class and asked, "Were you the guy in *New York*?"

On campus, Pitts sang as a tenor in the Monmouth University Choir and appeared in every musical and theater production on campus since his freshman year, wearing a flesh-colored body stocking for the role of Adam in *Children of Eden*, and a chainmail helmet for the original production of *Roasting Alice*. As a senior he became the first non-music major to hold a voice recital.

As comfortable as he is performing on stage, Pitts' turn at the podium of the PNC Arts Center was recognition of his tremendous academic success. With a perfect 4.0 GPA, Pitts graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Honors School with a B.S. in Chemistry (earning departmental honors), and minors in both Physics and Musical Theatre. His academic efforts earned him the Monmouth University Alumni Association's 2010 Academic Achievement Award.

Pitts credits Assistant Professor Massimiliano Lamberto for inspiring him to become a Chemistry major. Three semesters of research in organic



chemistry with Dr. Lamberto formed the basis of Pitts' honors thesis, and he plans to submit his research for publication, perhaps along the way to his goal of pursuing his own doctorate in Organic Chemistry.

He is a member of the Phi Lambda Upsilon (National Honorary Chemical Society), Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society), a certified skin and SCUBA diver, and was for two years certified at the EMT-B level as an Emergency Medical Technician, a vegetarian, a poet, and...perhaps when taken all together, a state of mind.

The Man behind the *Jersey Shore*

Michael Maiden

How hard work, a college internship and growing up at the Jersey Shore led to the most notorious television show of 2009.

The show, *Jersey Shore*, and its cast of larger-than-life characters may be controversial, but its creator isn't. Anthony Beltempo '98 worked his way to the top of the reality television food chain by logging hundreds of hours of grunt-work at "below entry-level" jobs to gain a foothold in the ultra-competitive world of television.

Using the time-tested dictum, “write what you know,” Beltempo created a show that has captured record numbers of viewers, generated stock-market-changing profits, provoked hand-wringing about the cultural implications of the show for overseas viewers, and garnered criticism from Italian-American cultural organizations—and even the governor of New Jersey.

Beltempo, who grew up in Ocean Township, said he knew at an early age that his career would involve media. He spent time in high school drawing movie story boards, and rushed home to make movies with his friends using a borrowed camcorder.

After high school, Beltempo came to Monmouth “for the great Communication program. Monmouth has a great staff,” Beltempo said, citing two of his professors, John Morano and Donna Dolphin.

Beyond the education he received at Monmouth, Beltempo credits two internships he secured during his senior year for launching his career. His first internship was at the Manhattan headquarters of MTV, at 1550 Broadway, which Beltempo calls “the mothership.”

His second internship, in the summer of 1998, was at the MTV Beach House—located in Seaside Heights. At the time, a *New York Times* article observed, “Seaside Heights officially entered the big time,” when MTV “kicked off its show in a rented beach house on the local boardwalk.”

Business receipts were up, but some locals “fretted that the presence of MTV would draw hordes of raucous teen-agers to town, clogging the streets with traffic and covering private yards with empty beer cans.”

But that was a simpler time—before the dawning of the age of “Snooki” and “the Situation.”

To get some perspective on the cultural impact of Beltempo’s brainchild, consider the media flurry that followed when President Obama was asked about *Jersey Shore* star Snooki on *The View*, in June. “I don’t know who that is,” the president said.

In perhaps the least significant accusation of a “flip-flop” in American political history, media wags were quick to point out that President Obama had joked about Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi, and fellow cast member Jenny “JWoww” Farley, at the White House Press Correspondents Dinner two months earlier in May.

For some measure of the financial impact of the show, the *Wall Street Journal* reported in February that MTV’s viewership was up 18% from the year-earlier period, “propelled largely

by its new reality hit ‘*Jersey Shore*,’ which chronicles the social rituals of a crew of young partiers.”

“All things factored in, the filming of the show has brought millions of dollars to the economy of Seaside Heights and the state of New Jersey,” said John A. Camera, Borough Administrator of Seaside Heights.

In August, the *Los Angeles Times* quoted Viacom Chief Executive Philippe Dauman: “The return of MTV’s ‘*Jersey Shore*’ for a second season will be a big boost to the company’s bottom line.” Dauman said advertisers are scrambling to get on the show that can draw “more than 5 million viewers.” Last season, *Jersey Shore* was the highest rated cable show among young adults.

Love it or hate it, *Jersey Shore* is single-handedly lifting the share price of Viacom, a corporate communications giant.

Looking back, Beltempo said he feels as though his career has come full circle. “In 1998, I spent five days a week on set [of the MTV Beach House] as an intern, and last summer I was two blocks away from the same set as a producer of *Jersey Shore*.”

Beltempo came back to campus in April as the final speaker in the “Spring Semester Speaker Series” sponsored by the Monmouth chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

At the event, Beltempo regaled students with the perks of the business, including a three-month stay in Paradise Island in the Bahamas to shoot an earlier MTV “Beach House” season, and was equally frank about the hard work and less glamorous elements needed to make a career as a television producer.

“From the time I left Monmouth to now, I have had great experiences,” Beltempo said. “I have prepped and worked with everyone from Bon Jovi to Derek Jeter to Elmo.”

But as an intern, he worked for months without pay, trying to gain practical experience and “network with the crew,” to prove his value. “I shot film...sat in the edit bay...it was great experience for an intern,” Beltempo said of his Beach House apprenticeship.

His hard work paid off when he was hired as a production assistant, or “PA,” at the end of the summer. “I was writing, shooting, and directing DPs [directors of photography] as a PA,” said Beltempo, who originally wanted to shoot film, but fell in love with producing.

After three-and-a-half years at MTV, Beltempo worked his way up to a segment producer, then worked as a sound engineer, before rejoining MTV’s parent company, Viacom, as the producer of VH1’s top 20 weekly video countdown show, where he works today.



PHOTO: MTV



“I did think maybe there would be a little backlash, but never to the extent that occurred. I just thought there were a lot more important things going on in the world.”

Genesis of the *Jersey Shore*

With the experience Beltempo had gained through his internships and work experience, he was confident enough in 2007 to pitch his idea for the show that would become *Jersey Shore*. His supervisor said that the “higher-ups” were looking for show ideas, and by that time Beltempo, “knew what he was doing.”

His original pitch was for a show called “Guidos.” Although the initial reaction was skeptical, Beltempo persisted. “I’ve got the show for you,” he said seriously. “There is a world on the *Jersey Shore* where I grew up, that I guarantee Joe in Indiana and Melissa from Tennessee—they have no idea—they won’t think [this lifestyle] even exists.”

Originally cast as the “search for America’s biggest Guido,” Beltempo sat through hundreds of auditions and countless Polaroid headshots, on an extremely limited budget to find the cast that would evolve into the outrageous characters of the *Jersey Shore*, like Mike “the Situation” Sorrentino, Snooki, and “Pauly-D,” who now command appearance fees in excess of \$10,000.

When asked about the strong reaction that *Jersey Shore* has generated, Beltempo said, “I did think maybe there would be a little backlash, but never to the extent that occurred. I just thought

there were a lot more important things going on in the world.”

In reaction to protests by Italian-American groups, Beltempo said, “I am 100% Italian, so I would never do anything if I thought it was derogatory.” Beltempo said that “more than 50% of the cast was not Italian, and one prospective cast-member was Chinese. “He described himself as a ‘Chi-do,’ and we had finalists that were Jewish and Middle-Eastern.”

“I always say I’m about 25% Guido myself—I’m sorta one of them—growing up and going out around them.”

Beltempo predicts that when the current cast grows stale for viewers, a more ethnically diverse cast of “Guidos” will be waiting in the wings.

Despite “taking a pass” on producing the second season of *Jersey Shore*, Beltempo’s agreement guarantees him royalties for as long as the series runs. He describes his adventures with the first season as “the most fun you never want to have again.” Although he doesn’t rule out another run as producer on the show, Beltempo notes that the runaway success of *Jersey Shore* may have changed the show forever.

“In the first season, we could fly under the radar a little bit, but now there are mobs and mobs of people around them,” Beltempo said. “Now, when Snooki gets

a cup of coffee, I read about it on TMZ (a popular celebrity website).”

What’s Next?

Beltempo is writing a comedy screenplay as time permits, and he admits that “since I did *Jersey Shore* and got my name on the credits, I have had a lot of people reaching out to me.” Beltempo said his business arrangement with VH1 is that the network gets “first crack” at any show ideas he wants to pitch.

“I didn’t write *Gone with the Wind*; it is what it is,” he said. “*Jersey Shore* will exhaust itself sooner or later. But honestly, it’s been extremely fulfilling and gratifying to see an idea touch so many people—especially when the ratings come in every Thursday.”

His new-found fame has brought blessings, like getting in touch with long-lost friends, but also challenges. “I got my first ‘hate-mail’ on Facebook a few months ago,” Beltempo said. “I’ve had to make adjustments.”

“*Jersey Shore* was an experience unlike any other I’ve had in television,” Beltempo said. But as he ponders life beyond the Shore, he admits, “I find it very gratifying to pass on my knowledge to others. Teaching is something I keep in the back of my mind.” **MU**



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Springsteen

I'm not sure which came first, my attraction to the Jersey Shore or my appreciation (okay, fanaticism) for Bruce Springsteen. In the fall of 1984, I was fortunate enough to combine my two interests—that go together so naturally—when I moved from New York to Monmouth College.

Susan Merrill O'Connor '88

Days after arriving on campus I joined *The Outlook*, Monmouth's student-run weekly newspaper since 1933. With all the certainty of an 18-year-old, I told the Editor-in-Chief, Tom Parr, that I was determined to meet Bruce Springsteen. Tom obliged by appointing me the entertainment editor, and within a week I was closer than I ever imagined to fulfilling my goal.

My first assignment was to cover a fall semester kick-off, with horn-band, LaBamba and the Hubcaps, playing as the main attraction in the dormitory quad in front of Elmwood Hall. In itself, the kick-off concert would have been a memorable day—with groups of freshmen and upperclassmen throwing Frisbees, laidback hackeysack trios, the smells of barbecue and of course, good, live music. I interviewed the friendly LaBamba who told me it was the

first time his band played outdoors and they felt very welcomed by the Monmouth students. We talked about the Jersey Shore music scene and he recommended I check out another band, The Cruisers, who were playing at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park later that night. When I told him I was underage and would be turned away by the bouncers, he said he would put me on the VIP list.

Editor Tom Parr kept me very busy. Before venturing out to "The Pony," I had another assignment that night, covering a Cyndi Lauper concert at the Garden State Arts Center (now the PNC Arts Center). The lead singer from Lauper's opening band, Modern Thinkers, welcomed the crowd with the line, "It's great to be playing in the land of The Boss." Little did I know how prophetic his words would prove to be in my quest to meet Bruce Springsteen. That same day was the beginning of my own "Boss" story.



LABAMBA AND O'CONNOR IN THE SEPTEMBER 13, 1984 ISSUE OF *THE OUTLOOK*.

Later that night (which now seems *very late* to me in my 40s), friends drove with me to the Stone Pony. Thanks to LaBamba, we had no problem getting in. Between sets, I interviewed the house band and enjoyed feeling like a true journalist. I thought it could not get any better.

But it certainly did when LaBamba informed me Bruce, *just Bruce*, was now at the Pony and sitting by himself.

LaBamba offered to introduce me, and as we walked across the floor of the club I could see Bruce's face lit by the stage lights and his dark head slowly bobbing to the music. I had seen that face a dozen times on the Jumbo Trons in concerts throughout the tri-state area. It was the face plastered all over the four walls of my bedroom back in Brooklyn. And there he was, now just a few feet away, and looking very real.

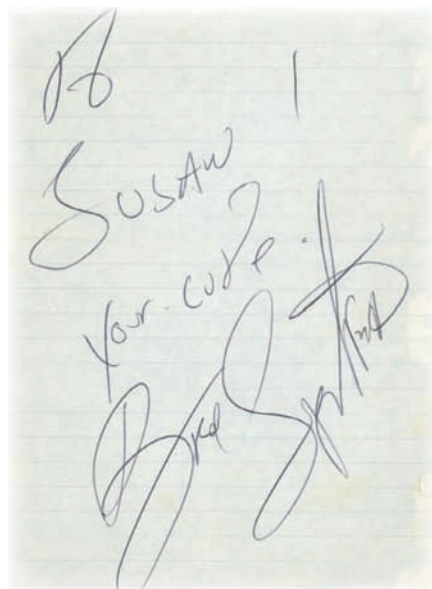
I remember shaking his hand. I remember him smiling. I remember him saying he liked my boots. The band was loud and he apologized for not being able to speak above more, than a whisper to save his voice.

He was in the middle of the "Born in the USA" tour and home for a few days. We talked about the tour, the old songs, new band members and more as I took notes in the dark. Although it was unprofessional of me as a journalist—but quite acceptable as a teenager—I asked for an autograph and he happily obliged. For someone who often writes about dark characters and scenes, he exuded innate joy and good humor.

How I was able to pull myself away from the table, I still do not know, but I did not want to overstay my welcome. After the interview I excused myself to meet my friends. I told them they could leave if they wanted. I was staying even without a ride home so that I might have the opportunity to see Bruce join the band on stage, which he is often known to do at The Pony. Obeying my instructions, my friends left, and I was alone (not something I would recommend now to my own teenage daughters).

Bruce did not play that night but instead left the bar alone and without much fanfare. Through the Stone Pony's glass doors, I saw him standing by his car, a metallic blue Z-28 Iroc Camaro.

It was a windy night and he was fixing his ball cap that almost blew to the boardwalk across Ocean Avenue. I thought of one last reason to talk to him—and to also thank him for the interview. I joined him outside and he smiled again. I wondered if I looked like I was on drugs while standing there in awe of him. By now he had seen thousands of fans like me, although he didn't make me feel that way.



AN AUTOGRAPHED PAGE FROM O'CONNOR'S REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK.

I told him I had tickets to see him in Philadelphia the following week. Then I had the nerve to request a song. My first choice was *Incident on 57th Street*,

and he politely laughed, saying the new members in the band didn't know it, and it was a long song to learn. He then asked for a second request and I said, "*Candy's Room*."

That was a tough one too; but if I wrote it down for him, he said he could see what they could do. I tore a piece of paper from my notebook, wrote down the song, folded it up and put it into the chest pocket of his denim jacket (the one with the leather sleeves often seen in 80s videos). Bruce then asked where my friends were and I told him they left me without a ride. I think, but can't be really sure, but this may have been the only time he looked at me like I really was crazy.

But it all worked out because he offered me a ride back to Monmouth.

While our talk in the bar was an interview, the ride home was a chat. We discussed the creative writing process and he was interested to hear my plans to be an author. He told me he often started—then stopped—writing novels, and how he had hoped to delve into it after touring.

I told him his fans would enjoy learning more about the characters in his songs and how it would be hard to choose just a few for a book. I mentioned how impressed I was that he never changed his name even though some in the recording industry thought he should. He let out one of his famous squeaky laughs when I quoted him on how a musician needs to remain truthful for his art to be believable.

It is an understatement to say that it was an opportunity of a lifetime. To be driving with Springsteen through the Shore towns that gave his music inspiration is like a devout Beatles fan walking with Lennon through the streets of Liverpool or a literary zealot watching a dress rehearsal at the Globe sitting with Shakespeare himself.

I don't remember if the car radio was on. I only remember the new car smell. For someone who sings about fast cars, I remember how slowly he drove along Ocean Avenue and how quiet the night



SNAPSHOT OF SPRINGSTEEN TAKEN ABOUT A WEEK AFTER O'CONNOR'S ENCOUNTER AT THE STONE PONY.

seemed—especially because he was still whispering. I remember asking him how his mother was (not really sure why since it was not reported she was ill). He smiled and said she was fine and then asked me about mine.

Twenty minutes later of what seemed like a two-second ride, we pulled into the back of Elmwood Hall. I gave him a kiss on his cheek and thanked him for the ride. As I got out and started walking up the stairs to the dorm, he called me back to say something. I tilted my head through the open window of the passenger side of the Camaro and he leaned over and looked up at me with the sincerest brown eyes and said, “I just wanted to tell you good luck with your writing.”

As I floated back up the stairs to Elmwood, I saw him peel out of the lot. Eager with excitement, I woke up everyone in the dorm, got in trouble with the resident dean, and called my parents at three in the morning to tell them the news.

The following week at the concert in Philadelphia, halfway through the first set, I heard a song begin with a familiar scratchy snare as Bruce told 20,000 fans, “We haven’t done this one in a long time, but this is for Susan at Monmouth.”

I was so shocked that I could not even sing along. I listened as others in the crowd said they could not believe he was doing that song. This is one of

the many reasons Bruce Springsteen is so adored by his fans. Not only do you get more than your money’s worth and your rock-and-roll expectations exceeded with his four-hour shows, but he also has the allegiance and heart to fulfill the request of one single pushy fan... *journalist*.

Almost 25 years later, I had the opportunity to hear him in concert at Giant’s Stadium before it was torn down. Bruce now includes *Candy’s Room* and even *Incident on 57th Street* on his concert setlists. This decade it was also wonderful to see LaBamba perform on Springsteen’s Seeger Sessions and to see Bruce at President Obama’s inauguration. I’m also happy for E. Street Radio on Sirius XM

where every morning on my way to work I can again drive with The Boss.

When my daughters ask to hear my “Bruce Story,” I happily tell it. I know they are imagining their own rock star and see themselves in that passenger seat (hopefully the driver is sober and kind-hearted like Bruce). I want them to know nothing is impossible without a plan and some helpful people along the way. I would like to take this opportunity to express a long overdue thank you to my parents for sending me to Monmouth; a thank you to *Outlook* editor Tom Parr for believing in me as a reporter; a special thanks to LaBamba for getting me into the Stone Pony that night; and finally—*Thanks for the ride Bruce!*

Susan Merrill O’Connor lives in northwestern New Jersey with her two daughters Paige and Jamie Dunlap. She is a freelance writer and a public relations consultant and the volunteer adviser for her town’s middle school student newspaper. Susan continues to write poetry and fiction and seeks publication of her manuscripts including a novel, *Bridge Bailey, the Rumrunner’s Daughter*, a mystery romance set in Long Branch in the 1920s.



SUSAN MERRILL O'CONNOR WITH HER “JERSEY GIRLS,” PAIGE (14) AND JAMIE (10). PAIGE LIKES SPRINGSTEEN BECAUSE “EACH SONG IS LIKE A POEM ABOUT VERY HUMAN THINGS.” HER FAVORITE SONG IS “MARY’S PLACE.” JAMIE LIKES THE “REAL DRAMATIC, SAD BRUCE VOICE.” HER FAVORITE SONG IS “JUNGLELAND.” SHE PLAYS THE SAX AND LIKES THE SOLO.

Sports Schedules 2010

Women's Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
08/27	at NJIT	7:00 p.m.
08/29	at Rutgers	1:00 p.m.
09/03	SAINT PETER'S	4:00 p.m.
09/06	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	2:00 p.m.
09/11	at Brown	2:00 p.m.
09/17	at Villanova %	4:00 p.m.
09/19	vs. Towson %	1:30 p.m.
09/24	LAFAYETTE	3:30 p.m.
09/28	at Mount St. Mary's *	4:00 p.m.
10/01	SAINT FRANCIS (PA.) *	3:30 p.m.
10/03	ROBERT MORRIS *	1:00 p.m.
10/08	at Quinnipiac *	3:30 p.m.
10/10	at CCSU *	3:00 p.m.
10/15	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON *	3:00 p.m.
10/17	SACRED HEART *	1:00 p.m.
10/22	at Long Island *	6:00 p.m.
10/24	at Wagner *	1:00 p.m.
10/31	BRYANT *	11:00 a.m.
11/05	at NEC Championships @	tba
11/07	at NEC Championships @	tba

Home games in ALL CAPS
 *- Northeast Conference games
 % - at Villanova Tournament
 @ - at highest seed

Men's Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
09/03	at West Virginia %	7:30 p.m.
09/05	vs. Binghamton %	12:30 p.m.
09/10	SAINT PETER'S	3:00 p.m.
09/12	at American	1:00 p.m.
09/17	at Seton Hall	3:00 p.m.
09/19	NJIT	1:00 p.m.
09/25	LOYOLA (MD.)	4:00 p.m.
10/01	at Quinnipiac *	3:00 p.m.
10/03	at Central Connecticut State *	1:00 p.m.
10/08	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON *	3:00 p.m.
10/10	SACRED HEART *	1:00 p.m.
10/15	at Long Island *	4:00 p.m.
10/17	at St. Francis (N.Y.) *	1:00 p.m.
10/24	BRYANT *	1:00 p.m.
10/29	SAINT FRANCIS (PA.) *	3:00 p.m.
10/31	ROBERT MORRIS *	1:30 p.m.
11/05	at Mount St. Mary's *	3:00 p.m.
11/12	at NEC Championships @	tba
11/14	at NEC Championships @	tba

Home games in ALL CAPS
 *- Northeast Conference games
 % - West Virginia University Nike Classic
 @ - at highest seed

Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
09/04	MONMOUTH XC KICK-OFF Thompson Park, Lincroft, N.J.	9:15 a.m.
09/11	CCSU Invitational at Stanley Quarter Park, New Britain, Conn.	11:00 a.m.
09/18	16th ANNUAL MONMOUTH INVITATIONAL Holmdel Park, Holmdel, N.J.	10:00 a.m.
09/25	Jack Daniels Invitational at SUNY Cortland at Cortland, N.Y.	TBA
10/01	Paul Short Run at Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pa.	12:15 p.m.
10/16	Princeton Invitational at West Windsor Fields, Princeton, N.J.	11:00 a.m.
10/30	Northeast Conference Championships at Stanley Quarter Park, New Britain, Conn.	11:00 a.m.
11/13	NCAA D-I Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships Penn State Golf Course, State College, Pa.	11:00 a.m.
11/20	ECAC Division-I & IC4A Championships Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, N.Y.	11:30 a.m.
11/22	NCAA Division-I Championships Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.	11:00 a.m.

Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
09/04	at Colgate	6 p.m.
09/11	MAINE	1 p.m.
09/25	OLD DOMINION	1 p.m.
10/02	at Duquesne *	1 p.m.
10/09	at Robert Morris *	12 p.m.
10/16	BRYANT *	12 p.m.
10/23	SAINT FRANCIS (Pa.) *	1 p.m.
10/30	SACRED HEART *	1 p.m.
11/06	at Wagner *	1 p.m.
11/13	CENTRAL CONN. STATE *	12 p.m.
11/20	at Albany *	12 p.m.

Home games in ALL CAPS
 *- Northeast Conference games
 Dates and Times Subject to Change

Field Hockey

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
08/27	VILLANOVA	4:00 p.m.
09/04	RICHMOND	12:00 p.m.
09/05	COLGATE	12:00 p.m.
09/11	BROWN	4:00 p.m.
09/12	DELAWARE	4:00 p.m.
09/17	at Lehigh	7:00 p.m.
09/19	at Rutgers	1:00 p.m.
09/26	at Vermont	12:00 p.m.
10/02	TEMPLE	1:00 p.m.
10/03	at Penn State	12:00 p.m.
10/08	at Columbia	4:00 p.m.
10/10	at Saint Francis (Pa.) *	1:00 p.m.
10/15	at Sacred Heart *	4:00 p.m.
10/17	at Quinnipiac *	1:00 p.m.
10/22	SIENA *	4:00 p.m.
10/24	BRYANT *	12:00 p.m.
10/29	at Rider *	4:00 p.m.
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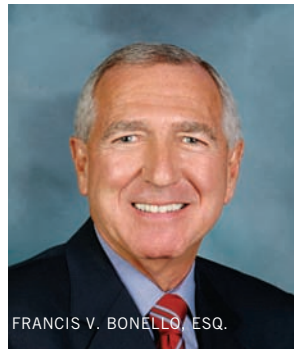
TRUSTEES JOIN BOARD

Francis V. Bonello, Esq. and Jeana M. Piscatelli '01 '02 were elected to serve on Monmouth University's Board of Trustees in June. This follows an earlier appointment of Frederick Kaeli, Jr. '61 to the Board in March.

"We are pleased to have these accomplished individuals join Monmouth's Board of Trustees," said President Gaffney. "I look forward to working with them to advance the University's mission and objectives."

At the June meeting Robert B. Sculthorpe '63 was elected chair of the board, succeeding Alfred Schiavetti, Jr.; Marcia Sue Clever, MD was elected vice chairman; John R. Garbarino was re-elected treasurer; and Michael Plodwick '82 was elected secretary.

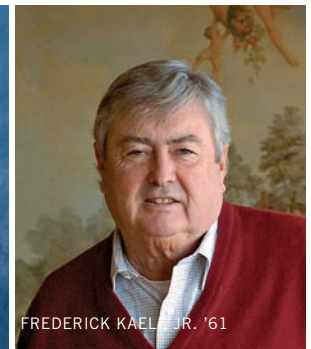
Mr. Bonello is "of counsel" to Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A. He practices in the areas of healthcare, corporate, commercial, and business law. He is a board



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FREDERICK KAEI, JR. '61

member of CPC Behavioral Healthcare and New Jersey Repertory Company and lives in Long Branch.

Ms. Piscatelli is a vice president at Wells Fargo Bank. She received her B.S. from Monmouth University in 2001 and M.B.A. in 2002. She is a member of the Monmouth University Business Council and Monmouth University Alumni Board. She lives with her husband, Drew, and children, Andrew and Paige, in Neptune.

Mr. Kaeli and his wife, Jean, members

of the Vision and President's Societies, pledged \$1 million toward the \$20 million Multipurpose Activity Center campaign. This made Mr. Kaeli the first alumnus to donate \$1 million to the Center.

Mr. Kaeli retired as the senior vice president of investments at Smith Barney in Shrewsbury, NJ. Kaeli serves on the board of the Fairleigh S. Dickinson Jr. Foundation, which recently awarded a \$38,000 grant to Monmouth to further enhance the Pollak Theatre's "Live at the Met" series.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR DEAN MAMA



Dr. Robin Sakina Mama, professor and dean of the School of Social Work, was honored with this year's Humanitarian Award by the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County. As one of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) representatives to the United Nations (UN), she has played a key role

in the annual United Nations Social Work Day for many years and has ably represented IFSW and social work in a number of UN initiatives.

Dr. Mama teaches in the international and community development concentration of the MSW program and serves on the editorial board of *Social Work Education: The International Journal*.

Dr. Mama received her BSW degree from College of Misericordia and her Master of Social Service, Master of Law and Social Policy, and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College. Before entering academia, Dr. Mama was a staff member at the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health. She was responsible for several projects, including projects on both AIDS and asbestos in the workplace, and provided technical assistance to unions on workers compensation, contract language for health and safety, and right-to-know information.

GRANT FOR SERIES ON RACE

Trustee Kenneth W. Hitchner, III made a \$100,000 grant in May to help fund a series of interdisciplinary annual conferences on race with particular emphasis on race in higher education.

The conference series will build on a University conference on race, "Future of an Illusion, Future of the Past," held November 13-15, 2008. The new conference series is expected to last for at least seven years.

The 2010 conference, "Examining Race in the 21st Century," will be held on campus November 11 to 13. It will be open to professors, students, school teachers, and the public.

LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR EDWARDS



Life Trustee W. Cary Edwards was given the Individual Leadership Award in June as part of New Jersey Future's 2010 Smart Growth Awards.

"Cary Edwards has been a powerful, influential and effective voice for smart growth in New Jersey for more than 25 years," said New Jersey Future Executive Director Peter Kasabach. "This special Leadership Award is but a small tribute to his lifelong determination to make New Jersey a better place to live."

Former chief counsel (1982-1985) and attorney general (1986-1989) in the Kean administration and longtime New Jersey Future board member, Edwards was recognized for fostering sustainable prosperity in the state.

He is "of counsel" to Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C., a Secaucus-based law firm specializing in real estate development and environmental law. He has served as a commissioner and chairman of the New Jersey State Commission on Investigation since 1997 and was a key player in the pas-

sage and implementation of the State Planning Act of 1985.

He is also lead director of the Board of Directors of South Jersey Industries and former chairman of the board of South Jersey Sanitation, Inc. He is also a visiting associate professor and former adjunct professor at Rutgers University's Eagleton Institute of Politics and a member of numerous other community and volunteer organizations.

Mr. Edwards received his undergraduate and law degrees from Seton Hall University. He is also the recipient of five honorary Doctor of Law degrees and more than 100 private and professional service awards.

New Jersey Future is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that brings together concerned citizens and leaders to promote sustainable growth and environmental preservation at both the state and local levels.

GAFFNEY IS DISTINGUISHED DOLPHIN

To commemorate its 75th anniversary in 2010, Jacksonville University honored 75 of its most distinguished and influential alumni, faculty, and staff by inducting them as the inaugural group of "Distinguished Dolphins."

President Gaffney, who earned an M.B.A. from Jacksonville, was among the roster of athletes, CEOs, musicians, community advocates, and philanthropists chosen to represent the school in its anniversary year.

In 2002, President Gaffney received an honorary doctorate of human letters from Jacksonville University.



KISLAK HONORS GIUNCO & REINHART



DR. DON MOLIVER, JOHN GIUNCO, PETER REINHART

Monmouth University's Kislak Real Estate Institute honored two attorneys, John Giunco and Peter Reinhart, at this year's 17th annual Leadership Excellence Award Reception on June 3.

The award is conferred annually upon an outstanding individual for his or her distinctive contributions to the state of New Jersey and the nation through a career in real estate. Recipients are either residents of New Jersey or those who regard New Jersey as an important locus of their corporate identity.

Giunco is the chairman of the Real Estate, Land Use and Development Practice Area for Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, PC. He devotes his practice to the acquisition, development, sale, and financing of real estate. With a substantial background in business law and real property taxation, he advises clients with regard to the acquisition of land, its suitability for development, and methods of sale and financing. His

experience includes the preparation and formation of the various business entities individually suited for the client's needs.

Reinhart, senior vice-president and general counsel for Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., has been with the company since 1978. He was a member of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and the New Jersey Site Improvement Advisory Board from 1993 to 2004. He is a past president of both the New Jersey Shore Builders Association and the New Jersey Builders Association. During his 31 years with Hovnanian, he has been involved in the planning and development of tens of thousands of homes in New Jersey and 17 other states. He has been a leading spokesperson for Hovnanian and the building industry in public policy issues of land use, housing, and development.

He serves as a Board member for New Jersey Future. Reinhart has written articles for several trade pub-

lications including *Housing New Jersey*, *Dimensions*, *Tri-State Real Estate Journal*, and *New Jersey Lawyer*. He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Rutgers-Camden School of Law, where he graduated with honors.

Reinhart also serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees for Meridian Hospitals Corporation and chairman of the Community Foundation of New Jersey. He is the past chairman of the Jersey Shore Partnership, the Bayshore Community Hospital Board of Trustees, the Monmouth County Boy Scouts of America, and the Greater Red Bank Jaycees, among others. He has also served as the chairman of the Monmouth County American Heart Association annual Heart Walk and received their 2005 Leadership Award for Community Service.

Peter G. Riguardi, who is president of the New York Region, Jones Lang LaSalle was honored in 2009.

MAG COVERAGE FOR MAC

The Multipurpose Activity Center was included in the June issue of *Athletic Business*, which featured its 23rd annual “Architectural Showcase” of 87 athletic, fitness and recreational facilities constructed or renovated in the past three years.

The facilities were divided into six categories—College/University, Health & Wellness, Joint-Venture, Pro, Public Recreation and School. The Multipurpose Activity Center, featured on page 110, was called “a hub of student life.”

This summer, the facilities will be judged by a panel of leading sports, recreation and fitness facility architects, with the top ten winners in the 30th annual Facility of Merit Awards Program announced in December.

The July/August issue of *College Store* magazine also included coverage of the



Monmouth University Bookstore in their fifth annual “Store Design Showcase.” As the showcase article notes, “college stores are emerging from the basement...being given the prominence

and investment they deserve as the gateway they’ve always been—to incoming students and parents, and to the surrounding community.”

NAPPEN MARKS 50 YEARS



DR. NAPPEN IN 1963 YEARBOOK



Professor Enoch Nappen celebrated 50 years of service at Monmouth University at a festive luncheon sponsored by the department of political science in April. Dr. Nappen began his career at Monmouth when he was hired by Edward G. Schlaefer, who in 1933

was the first dean of Monmouth Junior College. When Nappen started teaching, President John F. Kennedy had just entered office, student enrollment was about 2,600, and Monmouth had no graduate programs.

Dr. Nappen, an associate professor

of political science, has been an active member of the Council of Chairs and the Undergraduate Studies Committee. He is advisor of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society, and is College Pre-Law advisor for students interested in going to law school.

He also played a role in formulating the College Learning Objectives through his membership in the Academic Policy Committee and its Experiential Subcommittee.

Dr. Nappen is also a well-known collector of political campaign memorabilia. The owner of one of the country’s foremost private collections, Nappen published a comprehensive price guide, *Warman’s Political Collectibles: Identification and Price Guide* in 2008. He has also written a number of articles on the subject. For several decades, he has been a member of the Token and Medal Society, The New York Photographic Historical Society, and the American Political Items Collectors.

TKE AWARD FOR WORSHAM



Tau Kappa Epsilon's 2010 TKE International Sweetheart Scholarship was awarded to Marie Worsham representing Kappa-Kappa Chapter at Monmouth.

More than 1,300 valid votes were registered, almost tripling the total from one year ago. This is the first time in the 57-year history of the scholarship there have been back-to-back winners representing the same chapter. Former homecoming queen Amanda Klaus '09 was the previous winner.

A member of Zeta Tau Alpha and the Standards Chair for her chapter, Marie is also a peer tutor at Monmouth, a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, the Student Activities Board Awareness Chair, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and regular participant in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and Relay for Life. She is seeking a degree to become a Marketing or Advertising professional in the magazine or music industries and was holding a 3.73 GPA at the time of the award.

SOCIAL WORK RECEIVES AWARD



HENRY ACOSTA FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH; DR. ROBIN MAMA, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK; ROBERT LOWRY '84 '06; DR. CAROLYN BRADLEY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK; AND ELLEN FOLEY, A CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER AT FORT MONMOUTH

The Monmouth University School of Social Work's Coming Home Project received the 2010 New Jersey Governor's Council Ambassador Award in the category of Military and Veterans Affairs on May 18.

"The Council is proud to recognize the importance of the Monmouth University Coming Home Project. We applaud this endeavor and see it as invaluable as we strive to support the mental health needs of veterans and their families," said Celina Gray, executive director of the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma.

The Coming Home Project is an effort by the School of Social Work to recognize and prepare social work students and community practitioners to meet the needs of returning career, reservist, and National Guard military personnel and their families. The School sponsors workshops and classes throughout the year.

The mission of the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma is to raise mental health awareness and combat

mental health stigma as a top priority in New Jersey's effort to create a better mental health system. The Ambassador Award recognizes individuals, organizations and institutions in New Jersey that have made outstanding contributions to the effort to raise mental health awareness and combat mental health stigma.

SAVE THE DATE
CELEBRATE
HOMEcoming
Saturday,
October 30, 2010
See back cover for details.

MONMOUTH IPHONE APP



With the release of the official Monmouth University iPhone app, you can carry the Monmouth fight song with you wherever you go. Find out what's happening at Monmouth with up-to-the-minute updates on campus news and twitter feeds, athletic highlights and schedules, campus events, and more.

Dr. Robert Mc Caig, vice president for enrollment management, said the app "was created to help members of the Monmouth community and beyond stay connected to the University. We are very excited to offer this service and look forward to expanding the ways in which Monmouth is visible on other platforms."

The app, developed in partnership with Straxis Technology and Hobsons,

is available as a free download in the iTunes App Store or through the University's Web site at www.monmouth.edu/connect.

Prospective and current students will find application checklists, class scheduling information, an interactive campus map, and links to the MU YouTube video channel. Parents, alumni, and Hawks sports fans will also find campus events and current campus weather conditions posted.

The app can be downloaded to an iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad to keep up with the latest happenings at Monmouth. A future version for smartphones using the Android operating system is planned for later in the year.

HONORS FOR THE OUTLOOK



In May, Monmouth's student newspaper, *The Outlook*, was awarded First Place With Special Merit, the highest rating the American Scholastic Press Association can bestow on a university newspaper.

Dr. Richard M. Plass, chair of the judging committee, wrote, "You have an excellent school newspaper, which shows the talents of your editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout designers, and advisor."

In addition, *The Outlook*, which has been student-run since 1933, was chosen as the Association's Most Outstanding University Newspaper for 2009, the top honor in the national competition.

Professor John Morano, *The Outlook's* faculty adviser for the past 20 years, said, "Being judged 'The Most Outstanding University Newspaper for 2009' is an incredible honor, especially when one considers the quality of the universities and the newspapers involved in the competition. It is a tribute to the outstanding students who take on quite a bit of extra work to produce *The Outlook* week after week. It also speaks to a university community that contributes ideas and information, along with a faculty, staff and administration who make themselves available to provide comment when stories are being written."

The Outlook finished ahead of the university newspapers from Villanova University, Fordham University, Brandeis University, Brigham Young University, Iona College, Siena College, Sonoma State University, St. Mary's University (San Antonio) and many other institutions, scoring 980 points out of a possible 1000.

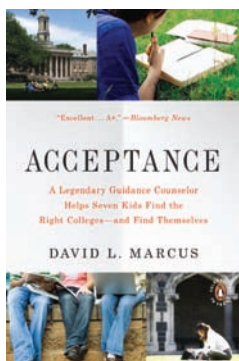
Papers were judged in the areas of Content Coverage; Page Design; General Plan; Art, Advertising, Illustration; Editing, and Creativity. *The Outlook* has garnered First Place awards for the past five years running.

VETERAN HELP NEEDED

The Monmouth University Career Services office is looking for alumni who are recent veterans of military service for an upcoming career seminar. The Dean of Career Services seeks veterans who are willing to share their experience of how past military service contributed to success on the job. If you are willing to help your fellow vets with advice and job-seeking suggestions in this difficult employment market, please contact William Hill, Assistant Dean of Career Services. The seminar will take place on October 12, 2010 from 6:30– 8:30 PM. If you would like to be considered as a guest speaker, please send a resume and a short letter describing your interest in the project to hill@monmouth.edu

MONMOUTH IS A "GEM"

Monmouth University is an "overlooked gem" that deserves more attention from applicants and parents, according to a new book by a Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist. *Acceptance*, by David Marcus, praises Monmouth's combination of a liberal arts education and practical training for careers.



The book profiles Gwyeth Smith who is regarded as one of the country's most successful guidance counselors. Smith urges students to look at the "fit" of a college, not just its reputation. In that spirit, the book includes Smith's 40 favorite college "gems," including Monmouth University, from his 40 years of admissions counseling.

Smith praised Monmouth's "immaculate" campus and its location near New York City and Philadelphia, which offer internship possibilities. "Monmouth realizes that students are concerned about being prepared for jobs from their first day on campus," Smith said. "The school has a refreshing emphasis on real-world tasks."

Smith said he tells parents about Monmouth's "employment-friendly" majors such as marine and environmental biology and policy. He called Spanish and International business "an overdue idea."

The book follows several students from diverse backgrounds at a suburban New York high school as they search for the right colleges. Smith calls the college quest the "great American adolescent rite of passage."

NOAA GRANT FOR UCI



STUDENTS SAMANTHA KREISLER AND KEITH LEONARD PREPARE A SAMPLE OF WATER FROM BARNEGAT BAY FOR STUDY IN THE LAB. PHOTO: TIM MCCARTHY/ASBURY PARK PRESS

Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute (UCI) has been awarded a \$249,750 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support the UCI's Resilient Coastal Urban Community and Ecosystem (RESCUE) Initiative.

RESCUE will support three integrated projects: coastal monitoring, mapping and observing; regional ocean governance and ecosystem-based management; and coastal stewardship and climate ready communities. NOAA funding will enable UCI to maintain Monmouth University's operational, near real time water quality monitoring system; expand its near-shore and seascape mapping efforts; guide development of relevant water and habitat quality information and products; and identify scientific and technical information to support regional ecosystem-based approaches to management, and coastal and marine spatial planning.

Using the data gathered, the UCI will prepare periodic reports and recommendations to strengthen regional collaboration in the Mid-Atlantic, and conduct stakeholder processes and develop tools to improve stewardship and management of coastal resources and community resilience in the face of climate change, sea level rise and inundation.

The UCI will collaborate with the Mid-Atlantic Governors Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO), the Mid-Atlantic Regional Coastal and Ocean Observing System (MARCOOS), the American Littoral Society, Monmouth Conservation Foundation, and other partners to support these projects.

SPENGLER AWARD FOR ECONOMICS BOOK

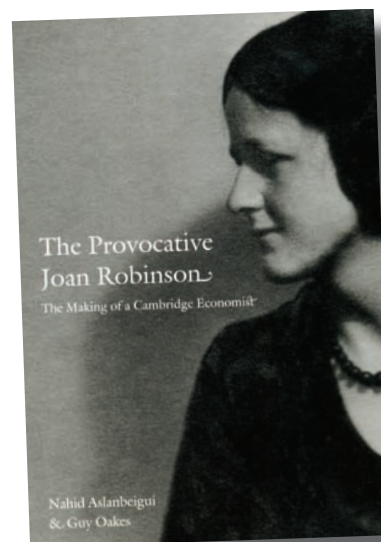
Monmouth Professor of Economics Nahid Aslanbeigui and Guy Oakes, Jack T. Kvernland professor of philosophy and corporate social policy, received the 2010 Joseph J. Spengler best book award from the History of Economics Society for their book, *The Provocative Joan Robinson: The Making of a Cambridge Economist*.

The History of Economics Society established the Joseph J. Spengler Prize in 2004 to recognize the best book written about the history of economics. Joan Robinson (1903-1983) is widely regarded as the most important woman in the history of economics. She studied economics at Cambridge University at a time when women could not receive

degrees and yet made a career that spanned more than 50 years.

Of the prize-winning text Duke University economist E. Roy Weintraub wrote, “This is a remarkable book. It is the first attempt of which I am aware to deal with the complexity of Joan Robinson’s contributions to Cambridge economics in the 1930s. Robinson is an iconic figure, and a series of legends—mostly created by Robinson herself in a complex process of personality and career formation—makes such a historical reconstruction necessary.”

The History of Economics Society was established in 1974 and publishes the *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*.



MULLANEY HALL OPENS DOORS

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new residence hall on campus June 28, marking the beginning of guaranteed housing for all incoming freshmen for the fall semester.

The newest residence hall, named Mullaney Hall in recognition of the generous donation by Trustee H. William and Sandra Mullaney, was completed on schedule.

“It’s a thrill,” said Mr. Mullaney, who added that he was honored to welcome guests to the newest building on campus.

The hall is a traditional double-loaded corridor design at the corner of Pinewood Avenue and Cedar Avenue just south of Oakwood Hall. It houses 196 students with additional space allocated for staff.

The project also included new competition tennis courts and a storm-water management basin just north of Beechwood Avenue.



NEW NAME FOR GALLERY



LOIS BRODER STANDS BEFORE A HISTORY QUILT SHE CREATED THAT DOCUMENTS LAND AND PROPERTY HER FAMILY DONATED TO MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY.

The art gallery in Pollak Theater was officially named the Monmouth University Pollak Art Gallery thanks to a generous gift from the Lucile and Maurice Pollak Fund and family. Lois Broder is the daughter of former Life Trustee Maurice Pollak, who generously donated 10 acres of land in 1985 to Monmouth University.

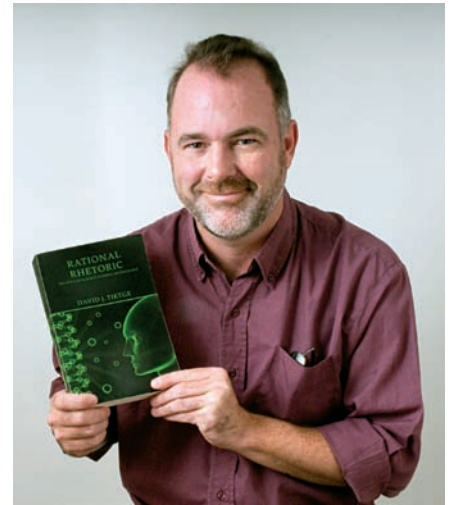
The August 6 naming celebration also launched the exhibition, *Quilting: Looking Forward*, which is on display through September 16. On display is a juxtaposition of modern quilts with antique/reproduction hand-crafted quilts, highlighting the development of quilting as an art form over the last forty years.

The opening reception was also an opportunity for family and friends of Lois and Marvin Broder to celebrate Mrs. Broder's 85th birthday.

One quilt that will remain on permanent display in the Pollak Art Gallery is a beautiful "history quilt" crafted by Lois Broder. The quilt incorporates imagery and text, including old property deeds, from the former Pollak property.

Quilting: Looking Forward also includes a brief written history of the current revival of quilting, an explanation of guilds and quilt stores as gathering places to learn skills and foster creativity, and a description of the materials currently employed by modern quilters.

OLSON AWARD FOR TIETGE



David J. Tietge, Ph.D., associate professor of English and director of First Year Composition, has won the *Journal of Advanced Composition's* Gary A. Olson award for outstanding book in rhetorical and cultural theory for *Rational Rhetoric: The Role of Science in Popular Discourse*.

Rational Rhetoric: The Role of Science in Popular Discourse places popular representations of science and scientific discourse under the terministic lenses of rhetorical theory, cultural studies, and language theory.

Dr. Tietge teaches courses in rhetorical theory, the rhetoric of science, composition pedagogy, literature, and writing. He has published on scientific rhetoric in *The Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* and *The Journal of Advanced Composition*. His earlier book, *Flash Effect: Science and the Rhetorical Origins of Cold War America*, examines the role of science on the ideology of American society during the early Cold War era.



OPERA NEWS COVERS MET AT MONMOUTH

In July, *Opera News* covered the success of the Metropolitan Opera's "Live in HD" initiative. The article cited Monmouth's sellout crowds at Pollak Theatre, and explained how *Carmen* attracted a diverse audience—including students of Spanish Literature (Class FS403). Read the article here: http://www.operanews.com/Opera_News_Magazine/2010/7/Features/Screen_Tests.html

GRADUATE STUDENT NURTURES COMMUNITY GARDEN



HEALTH STUDIES PROFESSOR DR. BOJANA BERIC; WEST LONG BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER JOE HUGHES; PROVOST THOMAS PEARSON; SEAN FORAN; HOME DEPOT REPRESENTATIVE KATHRYN COSBY; CENTER FOR HUMAN WELLNESS AND PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELING PROFESSOR DR. FRAN TROTMAN

As a young child growing up in Spring Lake Heights, Sean Foran remembers his mom planting watermelon and sunflowers. But the 25-year old Monmouth graduate student said he didn't pay much attention. That was about as far as his horticultural acumen reached until last September when he decided to develop an idea of Dr. Robin Mama, dean of the School of Social Work. Dr. Mama suggested that Foran develop a community garden on campus as part of his graduate field study.

"It's all about community development," said Foran, who has cultivated Mama's concept into an intricate business plan that will help to reduce the University's carbon footprint, boost sustainability, feed the hungry, provide horticultural therapies and likely serve as an example by other institutions.

"We hope to help create a community of active citizens," Foran said. He also said there have been at least 50 people involved with the project since its inception. The project, which was originally sponsored by the School of Social Work and the Center for Human and Community Wellness, has attracted the School of Nursing and the Urban Coast Institute.

Home Depot gave a grant of \$2,000 as well as a day of service from its employees on May 1, which was known as "a call to action day." About 20 employees were on hand to help till the soil, build a

fence and start the planting process. On June 13 planting was done in the communal plots of the garden which is being donated to local food banks.

Other volunteers include Tony Sloan '74, a farm engineer, who is helping with plot design and planning and building infrastructure. John "Skip" Carey, director of Monmouth's Disability Services, is contributing his professional advice to make the garden handicapped accessible.

Foran said he expects the garden to reap about eight thousand pounds of food by the second year of operation. To put that in perspective, Health Studies Assistant Professor Chris Hirschler said, "If 8,000 pounds of produce were comprised of equal amounts of tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes, and broccoli, it would amount to 1.3 million calories, enough to supplement about 10,000 meals with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables."

Foran hopes the additional boost in produce will help to alleviate the shortage felt by many local food pantries. In Monmouth and Ocean Counties alone, the average increase in demand from summer 2008 to summer 2009 was 30 percent.

The new organic garden, packed with 16 beds for individual gardeners and 10 beds for communal space to be used as food for local food pantries and soup kitchens, is located on university-owned land between Beechwood and Brook-

willow Avenues in West Long Branch. Electricity will be used to power the irrigation system timers, but an efficient drip system will be used to reduce the volume of water needed and runoff.

To make the project even more environmentally-friendly, there are also plans to add solar panels and a compost bin once the garden is established.

The timing for the project seems perfect. Before the recession, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated that one out of six Americans needed food assistance, equating to about 36 million people, and the need to feed the hungry is mushrooming.



DR. REKHA DATTA, CHAIR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

Prior to his graduate studies at Monmouth, Foran worked for N.J. Community Water Watch from September 2008 through May 2009 as campus organizer. He received his bachelors from Villanova University in Astronomy/Astrophysics and Physics. But cloistered in a laboratory was not where he wanted to stay. "I wanted to work with people." The community garden project was a natural fit where he could combine his environmental background with his passion to help the community.

For more information about the community garden project visit:

[http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/swork/CommunityGarden.](http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/swork/CommunityGarden)

MONMOUTH'S

Bionic Men



MARION EASLEY



VICTOR RIZZOTTO

“Hang in there, guys; it’s going to pay off in the end,” was the message Monmouth University throwing events coach Abraham “Abe” Flores delivered to his star javelin throwers, Marion Easley and Victor Rizzotto many times over the past five years.

Obviously, these Hawks paid very careful attention to their coach but not without dealing with some adversity.

Six-foot-one Easley endured eight different injuries over the course of his Monmouth track and field and football careers. "Biggest thing was my (right) elbow injury (which required "Tommy John" surgery)," he said at season's end.

"Plus I had some pretty bad turf toe; sometimes I forget about that one; plus two shoulder surgeries, a pretty bad (ankle) sprain my last football season, a bruised sternum, and a sprained wrist.

Oh, and a hamstring."

"But I never was willing to quit. I always wanted to finish it out. I never wanted to say 'I could have done this, I could have done that.'"

Six-foot-two Rizzotto similarly had six surgical and rehab episodes of his own.

But in the Hawks' biggest event of the 2010 outdoor season, Easley and Rizzotto came through with inspirational performances that will long be remembered.

Putting all their past misfortunes behind them, Easley and Rizzotto placed one and two in the javelin final

at the Northeast Conference Championships May 8-9 at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD, putting 18 points in the MU column as the Hawks went on to total 214.5 team points, second best score in NEC history. It brought home their eighth all-time NEC men's team crown, their second straight, and their sixth in the last seven years.

Only the 2009 MU team's 232-point total had ever topped that. And Sacred Heart, the last team to beat Monmouth in the NEC outdoor meet in 2008, was a distant fifth this time around.

The four throwing events - shot put, discus, hammer and javelin - were true keys to this overwhelming MU triumph. Monmouth athletes won all four of them and netted 94 of their team's 214.5 points in the process.

Vinnie Elardo took firsts in the shot put, discus and hammer. Larry Lundy was second in the shot put and hammer, and fifth in the discus. Shawn Sabo was second in the discus, third in the shot put, and fifth in the hammer. Shane Carle collected eighth in the shot put.

And the javelin throwers iced the cake.

In addition to Easley's gold medal (with a toss of 215' 7") and Rizzotto's silver (at 207' 1"), the Hawks added key back-up javelin points with Vince DuVernois' third place at 202' 1" and Matt Mizerek's eighth place at 177' 5".

That 94-point haul by the Monmouth throwers was good enough to outdo the total team efforts of nine of the NEC's 10 other teams.

Easley had been a standout athlete at Somerville High School, competing in football and wrestling as well as track. "We had pretty good teams in all those sports," he remembered. He excelled as a fullback in football, a District runner-up (at three different weights) in wrestling, and as Group II javelin champion three straight years, and Meet of Champions javelin winner as a senior in 2005.



Representatives of Richmond, Maine, and the University of Massachusetts descended on Somerville on recruiting missions, but Monmouth won out, giving Easley the chance to compete in football and track within reasonable distance of his hometown.

Easley said, “Monmouth was the only school that would have let me take part in both sports. And I knew the coaches and the resources I’d have at Monmouth were outstanding.”

Easley took full advantage of the opportunities and completed his bachelor’s in health studies in December 2008. With eligibility remaining after his injury-induced breaks from varsity competition, he remained a member of the Monmouth varsity track and field team while he worked on his master’s degree in educational counseling.

“Now, I have 15 credits left to go (for the M.S.) and expect to get them next year,” said Easley. “Playing football here was a great experience for me (he alternated between running back and fullback). And so was track.”

Easley leaves Monmouth with a career javelin best of 216’ 7”, achieved at the NCAA Regionals his freshman year.

“I hope to get a high school job teaching and coaching,” he said. “I won’t be thinking of the injuries at all, just the good stuff, all the great friends I met here, and the good coaches I’ve had.”

“Persistence, that’s Marion,” said Rizzotto. “I don’t think there are too many people who’d continue to compete after all he’s gone through. He’s done a heck of a job for Monmouth.”

Rizzotto, a graduate of Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin, had played defensive tackle and offensive guard on Southern’s football teams but was really using football as conditioning for track, his favored sport.

He starred in both the shot put and javelin in high school, was an Ocean County and state sectional champion, and reached a best of 189 feet in the javelin.



Like Easley, Rizzotto spent more time than he would have liked on the injured list.

“I tore my elbow my freshman year, but I still set my personal best of 207’ 3” in the NECs,” he said. “They shut me down after that. That’s when I had the first of my own two ‘Tommy John’ surgeries.”

“First time, my body wound up rejecting the cadaver ligament. I had to have three more corrective surgeries, then had to have the cadaver removed. Finally, I had to have it all redone.

“This time, they took the tendon from my own forearm, and that actually worked out pretty well. I haven’t had any complications with it since then.”

He later tore his rotator cuff as a junior in spring 2009, undergoing repair work last fall.

By the spring of 2010, he was ready to give his all. In a resounding farewell, he collected the silver medal at the NECs.

Rizzotto proudly accepted his bachelor’s in health studies at the May 20 graduation ceremony.

“There was a time, probably between surgeries two and five on my elbow, when I had my doubts,” he reflected. “The doctors told me there was a chance I’d never be 100 percent

competitive again.

“But me, I just kept my chin up and rehabbing; it all worked out for me. It’s been a long four years but I wouldn’t trade them for anything. I owe a lot to all the people who’ve helped me get here, my coaches, trainer Kevin Drew, the whole staff,” said Rizzotto, who also mentioned the importance of his doctors, Harry Bade, Brian Torpey and Gregg Foos, of Professional Orthopaedic Associates, of Tinton Falls and Toms River.

Coach Flores has total admiration for Easley and Rizzotto: “Both these guys went through a lot. They continued to work out and it all paid off at the end. They battled back and stayed positive.

“This is my eighth year at Monmouth and only one other guy I can think of went through what they did. That was Bobby Smith, and I think he did OK.” (An obvious understatement—Smith was the 2008 USA Olympic Trials javelin winner.)

Joe Compagni, Monmouth’s head coach for the past 15 years, put it this way: “Our throwers were tremendous this year, and especially at the NECs. Marion has been outstanding; Victor has never gotten down; he’s always had a sense that he would get these things done. You always want to see your athletes succeed. They did just that.” **MU**

ATHLETICS

GRYGIEL IS NEW BOWLING COACH



Karen Grygiel has been named the first head women's bowling coach in Monmouth University history. Grygiel, who graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2009, was a member of Vanderbilt's first recruiting class in 2005. While with the Commodores, Grygiel won a national championship in 2007 and made it to the semifinals in 2008.

She is a USBC Level II Certified Coach and a member of the Ocean County USBC Youth Association. Recently, she has been involved with the NCAA Coach's Forum, where she participated in crisis management exercises and improved her understanding of NCAA rules and regulations.

"It is an honor to be joining the Hawks," said Grygiel. "I am very excited for the opportunity to start up their NCAA Women's Bowling program and work with some very talented female bowlers from the area."

SOFTBALL TRIO EARNS ALL-NEC HONORS



ALEXA FERRARA

Three softball team members earned All-Northeast Conference honors in May, with senior second base fielder Alexa Ferrara and junior outfielder Emily deLong both landing on the first team and junior pitcher Melissa Mehrer claiming second team honors.

This marks the third straight year that the Hawks have placed three student-athletes on the all-conference first or second teams. Ferrara and deLong both earned first team honors last season, while Mehrer lands on an all-league team for the first time in her career.

Ferrara claims All-NEC First Team honors for the second straight season at second base this year. The senior ranked fourth on the team in batting average this season, hitting .297, while tying for the team lead, and tying for fourth in the league, with 31 RBIs. She ranks second on the team with 12 doubles and added a home run while scoring 19 runs. Perhaps the most improved part of Ferrara's game was her defense, as she logged a field percentage of .975%, only committing four errors on the season.

deLong landed on the first team for the second consecutive season with a .336 batting average. She smacked six



EMILY DELONG



MELISSA MEHRER

home runs, making her second on the team, and drove in 26 runs. Her 38 runs scored placed her fourth in the NEC, while her three triples tied her for the team lead and ranked in a tie for second in the league. She slugged .575%, second on the team, and led the team with 12 stolen bases. She also moved into second place on MU's career home run list this season with 26 round trippers.

Mehrer earned her first all-league honor this season, landing on the second team. She led the squad in appearances, starts, complete games, shutouts, saves, innings pitched and wins. Her 16 wins tally is a career-high and ranked fourth in the NEC, and also places her in a tie for third place on the MU season-single list. Her 37 career wins also places her in a tie for fifth on the Monmouth career list.

POSTSEASON AWARDS FOR BASEBALL



JAMIE ROSENKRANZ



BOBBY DOMBROWSKI



KYLE BREESE



NICK MEYERS



RYAN TERRY

Nine baseball Hawks placed on 2010 New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association (NJCBA) All-State teams, including Bobby Dombrowski, Nick Meyers and Jamie Rosenkranz on the first-team All-State, and Kyle Breese and Ryan Terry on the second team. In addition, the Hawks landed four freshmen on the NJCBA All-Rookie squad.

Dombrowski was named to his second straight NJCBA First-Team, as the senior started 47 games for the Hawks and sported a career-best .331 average, including a .355 mark in league games. Dombrowski, who threw out 12 would-be base stealers on the year, also added 55 hits, which included six doubles and seven home runs, while driving in 39 runs.

Starter Meyers led the pitching staff with 12 starts, posting a 6-3 record and a 3.93 ERA, in 75.2 innings of work on the year. The left-hander also struck out a team-high 51 batters and held oppos-

ing hitters to a .261 batting average.

Shortstop Rosenkranz earned his second appearance in the NJCBA All-State selections, as the sophomore was named to the 2009 NJCBA All-Rookie squad. Rosenkranz, a first-team selection, ranked second on the squad with a .346 batting average, while collecting 56 hits, including seven home runs.

Terry makes his third straight appearance on the NJCBA postseason award list, after being named to the First-Team last season, and the 2008 NJCBA Rookie of the Year. The junior started all 49 games, while registering a .337 average, and leading the Hawks in hits (66), doubles (20), home runs (nine), and total bases (117). During the season, Terry also led the Hawks in slugging percentage (.597) and stolen bases (15), and hit .389 in league games.

Terry was also named NEC First-Team All-Conference in May. He earned his second career all-league honor.

Breese made 11 starts last season,

tossing 69.2 innings, en route to a 3-4 record and a 4.91 ERA. The senior recorded three complete games, including a 5-2 victory against Central Connecticut State when he allowed two runs, struck out six, and did not walk a batter, ending his career with a full slate in the NEC Tournament, posting a career-high 10 strikeouts against top-seeded Sacred Heart.

Four Hawks, including three pitchers were placed on the New Jersey All-Rookie squad. They were Danny Avella, Dan Smith, Pat Light, and Neil Harm.

The baseball team's 2010 season came to a close May 28 with its 9-4 loss to #3 seed Wagner in the Northeast Conference Tournament. Led by Coach Dean Eehalt, Monmouth won its fourth NEC Championship as the No. 4 seed in 2009.

ATHLETICS

SOCCKER DUO NAMED TO HERMANN WATCH LIST

Seniors Ryan Kinne and Bryan Meredith have been named to the Missouri Athletic Club's 2010 Hermann Trophy Watch List, awarded annually to the top player in college soccer. Kinne, a midfielder who was also named a semifinalist for the award last year, is the only two-time honoree in program history while Meredith, a keeper, appears on the list for the first time.

"I couldn't be more proud of Ryan and Bryan," said Monmouth University Head Coach Robert McCourt. "Both of their careers to date have been spectacular. Bryan has been top-five in the country in many goalkeeping and defensive statistics for the last two seasons; he fully deserves this recognition. Ryan was our first ever First Team All-American last season and a Hermann Trophy Semifinalist. Both student-athletes are exceptional talents on the field and positive role models off of it. They are exactly what a coach looks for in leaders."

This marks the second straight season that the Hawks have placed a pair of student-athletes on the list. Monmouth is one of only three schools in the country to have multiple honorees on the watch list in each of the last two years, joining Maryland and Tulsa.

Kinne, who was recently named a 2010 First Team Preseason All-America by College Soccer News, became the first Hawk in program history to be named a semifinalist for the trophy and to the NSCAA/Performance Subaru Men's NCAA Division I First Team All-American last season. He was also named to the NSCAA/adidas North Atlantic Region First Team and All-Northeast Conference First Team, in addition to being named the NEC Player of the Year, and the BigAppleSoccer.com Men's College Player of the Year as a junior.

Meredith enjoyed one of the finest seasons for a keeper in school history last year, earning NSCAA/adidas North At-



lantic Region First Team accolades as a junior. He led the nation in goals against average (GAA), allowing 0.306 goals per game, while also ranking third in the nation in save percentage, stopping 88.9% of the shots he faced. He led all NEC keepers in GAA, save percentage, shutouts (12) and shutout percentage (71%), and logged a scoreless streak of 779:41, including eight straight clean sheets. He was also named to the All-Northeast Conference Second Team.

Thirty different schools and six

countries are represented on the list, including players from the United States, Ghana, France, New Zealand, Scotland and Zimbabwe.

Voting for the MAC Hermann Trophy is conducted in late November, when a field of 15 semifinalists is reduced to three finalists. It is the highest individual award in intercollegiate soccer. Recipients are selected by NCAA Division I coaches who are members of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

BOSTOCK IS NEW ASST COACH



Former men's soccer standout and recent graduate Daniel Bostock '10 was named a volunteer assistant coach with the program led by Coach Robert McCourt.

"We are excited to have Dan on board; his experience and leadership will prove to be a valuable asset to our staff," said McCourt. "Dan was an All-American and an Academic All-American as a student-athlete here at Monmouth. He will be a positive role model for our student-athletes."

Bostock, who was named the Northeast Conference and ECAC Defensive Player of the Year last season, was selected to the 2009 NSCAA/Performance Subaru Men's NCAA Division I All-America Second Team. He helped lead a defensive unit that led the nation in goals against average with 0.45 tallies allowed per game and ranked second in the nation in team save percentage (.891).

He was also named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Third Team. Bostock ended his MU career with three NEC Regular Season titles to his credit, including this past season. The central defender also helped lead the Hawks to the NEC Tournament Title last season and a NCAA Tournament win over Connecticut. He started all 58 matches in his Monmouth career on defense.

KATZ TAKES GOLD



Rising fifth-year senior field hockey goalie Melissa Katz competed in the USA High Performance Women's National Championships in June in Virginia Beach, VA. The New Jersey Senior High Performance Center (HPC) Team won with a record of four wins, 0 losses, and one tie.

The New Jersey team also took gold at last year's national competition.

"We are very proud of Melissa and

her dedication; her talent is matched with those of the nation's best, and she deserves to be ranked with them," said MU head coach Carli Figlio.

Katz was the first Monmouth player to be selected to compete with the best in the nation at the tournament, which featured a round-robin format with the top athletes from USA Field Hockey's six regional High Performance Centers.

MEN'S SOCCER #15 IN NSCAA PRESEASON RANKINGS

In August, the men's soccer team was selected #15 in the NSCAA Preseason National Rankings. The Hawks return all but one starter from last year's Northeast Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championship squad that defeated Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

"It is wonderful to again be recognized among the nation's elite men's soccer programs," said head coach Robert McCourt. "Hard work, dedication and commitment by everyone involved in the program has led to some real positive successes for Monmouth soccer. With this recognition comes expectation. We

have a group with strong leadership and the players understand that we will have targets on our backs again and need to be fully focused. We approach the season taking one game at a time and realize that finishing the season in the top-30 in the country is more important than starting there."

This marks the first time that a Monmouth University program has ever been ranked in its respective preseason top-25 poll. Last season, McCourt led the Hawks to an 18-2-2 record, the best mark in program history, and the program's fifth straight NEC Regular Season Title and third league tournament championship overall.

ATHLETICS

LACROSSE STANDOUT GOES ABROAD



Monmouth's lacrosse co-captain, Allison Geoghan, along with longtime friend and University of Notre Dame defender Lauren Fenlon, traveled throughout Europe June 9 through July 8, running clinics, coaching and teaching lacrosse.

Their journey began in Ireland, providing expertise to players at the University of Dublin, and ended in the Czech Republic as coaches of the Czechs' National B Team during the 13th annual international Prague Cup. In between, Geoghan made stops in Norway, Germany and Austria.

Geoghan, a junior, was named to be captain of the 2010-2011 lacrosse team in May along with fellow teammates, Carissa Franzi and Kirby Mundorf.

Geoghan was a second team all-conference selection for the first time in 2010. As Monmouth's top defender, Geoghan helped anchor a defense that allowed the fourth lowest goals against average in the conference this past season. Individually, she recorded 16 ground balls and 11 caused turnovers.

MEN WIN COMMISSIONER'S CUP



The Department of Athletics won the 2010 Northeast Conference Men's Commissioner's Cup, the eighth time in the last nine years that MU has claimed the award.

In the closest Men's Cup race in conference history, the Hawks finished with 89.96 points to edge out Sacred Heart, who finished with 89.01. Since the Men's Cup was established in 1997-98, Monmouth has won the award 10 times in 13 years.

The NEC Commissioner's Cup was instituted during the 1986-87 season

with Long Island winning the inaugural award. Fairleigh Dickinson and Monmouth led all NEC schools with six Cups to their credit. Cup points are awarded in each NEC sponsored sport. For men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, football, women's bowling, softball, field hockey, women's lacrosse and baseball, the final regular season standings are used to determine Cup points. In all other sports, points are awarded based on the finish at NEC Championship events.

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WBCA ACADEMIC HONORS FOR WOMEN'S HOOPS



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The women's basketball team has been honored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) as one of the top academic squads in the nation, the organization announced in July. The team GPA of 3.412 earned the women a ranking of 15 in a national roster of NCAA Division I teams. The Hawks are the only team from the Northeast Conference on the list.

The WBCA 2009-10 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll rankings recognize teams carrying the highest GPA, with a 3.0 minimum, for the entire season based on nominations submitted by WBCA-member head coaches.

"Our program takes great pride in being successful both on and off the court," said Monmouth Head Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Gaitley. "This is a significant accomplishment that would not be possible without commitment to excellence from the players, staff and academic-support system in Athletics and on campus. I am extremely proud of the team."



WILKS: ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT II TEAM

Track and field standout Mary Wilks was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* District II Academic First-Team.

The early childhood education major compiled a 3.62 GPA during her junior academic year. Wilks became the first woman in school history to earn All-East honors at the ECAC/IC4A Championships in two events, the heptathlon and javelin, posting 4,793 points in the heptathlon and launching a 136'1" javelin mark.

A two sport athlete, Wilks also helped lead the women's soccer team to the 2009 NEC championship with the game-winning goal in overtime against top-seeded Central Connecticut State Blue Devils.

ALUMNINEWS

RAMPONE MEETS PRESIDENT OBAMA



Christie Rampone '99 HN '05 visited with President Obama in the East Room of the White House at a July 1 ceremony to honor Sky Blue FC, the 2009 champions of Women's Professional Soccer.

"This is a pretty exciting time for soccer in America," President Obama said.

"This team came together when it counted. No matter what obstacles they faced. No matter what disappointment and distractions they had to deal with, they had each other's backs and they stayed focused on the ultimate goal. And that's what teams do," said President Obama.

Rampone, Sky Blue captain and 2010 WPS All-Star, took over the team's coaching duties during its championship run while almost three months pregnant during the team's

upset victory over the Los Angeles Sol. Rampone presented Obama with a Sky Blue jersey with the number "09" and "Obama" across the back.

"It's great to know that he cares about women's sports," Rampone said.

"This recognition is huge for us on the female side. It's the next step for us. The buzz around the country is there's a lot of people supporting and watching the World Cup. Hopefully that can transfer to the women's side."

Rampone, as the 2008 captain of the U.S. women's national team, brought home the gold that year. But the team didn't make it to the White House.

"As a start-up league this is a big step for us," she said. "It's a great league and we just really hope it stays around. I know all the players are doing everything we can to make that happen."

ONE-HITTER FOR BUCH

Ryan Buch pitched a career-best seven innings for the South Atlantic League Kannapolis Intimidators against the Asheville Tourists on July 25, allowing only one hit.

According to Tony Graham of the *Asbury Park Press*, Buch's former Hawk teammates were quick to congratulate him. "Buch said current minor leaguers Brad Brach (Padres), his brother Brett Brach (Indians) and Monmouth coach Dean Ehehalt were among those in contact," wrote Graham.

Buch was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the eighth round of the 2009 First-Year Player Draft after he helped pitch the Hawks to the 2009 NCAA Tournament. He stands second in strikeouts and victories at Monmouth, with an overall ERA of 3.43 in three seasons.



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BRACH BREAKS LEAGUE RECORD



PHOTO: KEN CARR

Brad Brach '08 set a new California League record for saves on August 12, beating the previous record of 37 set in 2006 by San Jose Giants closer Brian Anderson. Brach became the all-time single season saves record holder in the California League with a perfect ninth inning, striking out one to give him his 38th save of the season.

Brach is in his third season within the Padres organization and shows no

signs of slowing down. In three seasons, Brach has compiled 75 saves in 80 opportunities (4-5 in 2008; 33-34 in 2009; and 38-41 in 2010—so far).

This season Brach is also 5-1 with a 2.44 ERA and 61 strikeouts in 55.1 innings pitched for the Advanced Class A Lake Elsinore, California Storm.

Only 12 California Leaguers, including Brach, have surpassed 30 saves in a season, since saves became a recorded statistic in 1969, and he is now only the second to compile over 35 in a single season.

Last year Brach was recognized as the Best Reliever in Class A for his work with the Fort Wayne TinCaps, and *Baseball America* named him the Mid-west League's best reliever. At Monmouth Brach was Pitcher of the Year for three seasons and set single-season strikeout records in two consecutive seasons.

Brach's next goal is the Storm all-time saves record of 45 set by Carlos Castillo over two seasons in 1995-1996.

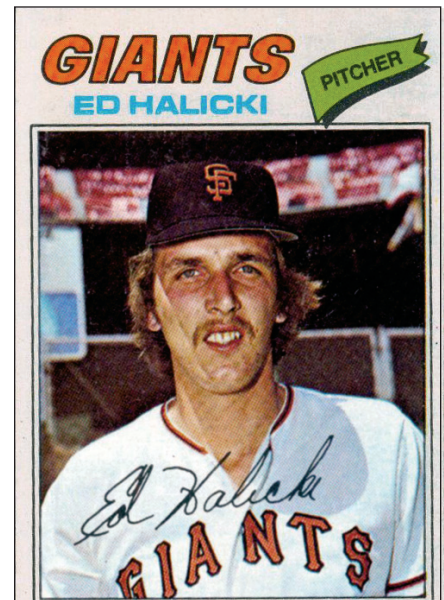


MILES OF COVERAGE

For the second time in less than seven months, former Hawk football star Miles Austin was featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. The July 26 issue contains a story, "Breakout Cowboy Miles Austin," written by Pablo O. Torre.

Torre writes that before his breakout season, Austin "became the Cowboys' model gym rat, quietly learning the playbook and becoming known for his voluntary extra practices with Romo... Says offensive coordinator Jason Garrett... Lots of guys have ability. But Miles is always going 100 miles an hour, and he wants to get better."

JEOPARDY FOR HALICKI



ANY VERY LARGE PERSON, LIKE PITCHER ED HALICKI

Former San Francisco Giants pitcher Ed Halicki '74 appeared as a clue on the June 23 episode of the television game show, *Jeopardy!*

The clue, "Any large person, like pitcher Ed Halicki," may have been a play on words. The answer to the clue, "a Giant," may refer to Halicki's longtime team affiliation, or to his stature—a 1980 baseball card listed Halicki's height at 6'7".

Halicki, who was inducted into the Monmouth University Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, pitched in the Major Leagues from 1974-1980. He threw a no-hitter against the New York Mets on August 24, 1975, for a 6-0 victory. Halicki's no-hitter was the last home no-hit game by a Giants pitcher until Jonathan Sanchez's no-hit winning game on July 10, 2009.

LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR FONG



JOEL SZABAT, FOUNDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION; NORMAN MINETA, 14TH SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; LILY FONG '91 '93M, VP, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OF AIG-AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE & ACCIDENT; AND ELAINE L. CHAO, 24TH SECRETARY OF LABOR.

Lily Fong '91 '93M was honored on July 22 at the International Leadership Foundation's annual Awards Gala with the Leadership Award. She was recognized as an Asian American visionary and for her contributions to this country's success by helping the organization grow and expand its membership network.

Fong came to the United States from Hong Kong in 1987, graduated summa cum laude from Monmouth in 1991, and obtained her M.B.A. with a full graduate assistantship. She is a member of Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society.

NEW ROLE FOR KENNY



In July, Chris Kenny '06 assumed a new role on the Monmouth University men's basketball coaching staff, becoming Director of Operations.

Kenny helped lead Monmouth to the NCAA First Round appearance against

She is the vice president of Business Development for American General Life & Accident Insurance Company in Nashville, TN.

The International Leadership Foundation promotes civic awareness, public service and economic effectiveness of the Asian Pacific American community and develops young leaders in the United States and other Pacific Rim countries in the fields of public service, entrepreneurship and the international arena through a network of business and community leaders.

No. 2 seed Mississippi State, in Orlando, Florida in 2004. He became the 15th player in Monmouth's Division I history to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau, and once held the NEC record for career games played, with 124.

While Kenny was a member of the Hawks' program, Monmouth captured two conference regular season titles, two conference tournament championships, and made a pair of appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Kenny finished his career as fourth all-time on Monmouth's three-pointers list (195), and eleventh all time in both career assists (209) and career steals (115).

COLAO IS 2010 NJ DISTINGUISHED STUDENT TEACHER



ROSEMARIE COLAO AND DEAN LYNN ROMEO

The State of New Jersey's Department of Education selected Rosemarie Colao '09M as a 2010 New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher.

Colao was a student teacher at the Maple Place Elementary School in Oceanport with cooperating teacher Donna Trocchia. Her Monmouth supervisor was Dr. Letitia Graybill.

Colao graduated from Bucknell University with a B.A. in English. Upon graduation, she worked at C-SPAN Cable Network. While working as a tutor in Brookdale Community College's Reading Department and volunteering in the library of her children's middle school, she became interested in teaching. As a result, she graduated from Monmouth with an M.A.T. with a K-5 certification and 5-8 Language Arts/Literacy certification.

Over the years, Colao has volunteered extensively for the Little Silver P.T.O., the Education Foundation of Little Silver, and the Junior League of Monmouth County. She lives in Little Silver with her husband and three children.

The New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher Awards annually recognize the year's 15 top graduates of teacher preparation programs administered by New Jersey colleges and universities.



APTRA AWARD FOR SMITH

Emmy Award-winning videographer, Dean C. Smith '93 won the 2010 APTRA (Associated Press, Television and Radio Association) “Videographer of the Year” award in California, Nevada, Hawaii and Arizona in the Mark Twain Awards competition.

This was the second consecutive year he won and the fourth time in five years. Smith is the television news videographer/editor for KGO-San Francisco, an ABC Television group.

In 2005 Smith won both an Emmy Award and was named the Associated Press Television & Radio Association’s Videographer of the Year that year and again in 2006. He won a New York Emmy Award in 1998.

GRADUATES OPEN GALLERY 13



John Viggiano '07, Alexandra Passage '08 and Jamie Stevens '03 '07M, along with some fellow photographers, opened The Gallery 13, a fine art photography gallery in Asbury Park in March.

“We have strived to build a venue for emerging photographers with unique perceptions, a place to exhibit their art and gain mainstream exposure,” said Passage. “We are focused on commu-

nity and local artists and have partnered with local businesses to help enrich our community and promote the fine art of photography.”

In May the trio hosted the Monmouth University Exhibition where current and graduating students not only had the chance to curate their own show at an off-campus gallery, but also an opportunity to sell their original photographs.

“We feel proud to give something back to the community and to the program that helped bring us to where we are today. We are thrilled to work with the Monmouth University Art Department on similar ventures in the future,” Passage said, adding that they worked closely with Professor Anne Massoni and department chair Andrew Cohen.

In September, the gallery on Cookman Avenue will feature Chris Raimo’s “Oddly Enough” exhibit. “Zombies and the Paranormal,” timed in conjunction with the next Asbury Park Zombie Walk, will be featured in October.

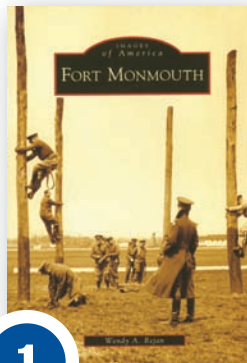
GILDA ROGERS: PRESENCE



PHOTO: BOB BIELKI/
40°74° MAGAZINE

Gilda Rogers '06M was featured in a two-page interview in the June/July issue of *40°74° Magazine*. Rogers, the owner of Frank Talk Art Bistro and Books in Red Bank, discusses her style, favorite books, and personal influences.

Among her role models, Rogers cites her grandmother Helen Adams, “who taught me to live fearlessly, and my mother Jeanne, who taught me to have loads of fun along the way.” Rogers said her favorite books include *Black Boy* by Richard Wright, and *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*.



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FORT MONMOUTH (IMAGES OF AMERICA)

Wendy Rejan '04M
(2009, Arcadia Publishing, \$21.99)

Fort Monmouth (Images of America) is a compilation of images culled from the on-site historical archive at Fort Monmouth. Established in June, 1917, just months after Congress declared war on Germany, the fort initially served as a signal training camp for the First and Second Reserve Telegraph Battalions. The first camp, on the grounds of the old Monmouth Park racetrack, was named Camp Little Silver. The U.S. Army renamed the camp Fort Monmouth in 1925 to honor the Americans who died during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Monmouth in nearby Freehold.

For almost a century, the dedicated military and civilian personnel of the fort have made advances in developing, fielding, and sustaining communications and electronics systems. Breakthroughs have included the development of radar in 1937, bouncing the first electronic signals off the moon in 1946, and producing the first communications satellite in 1958.

Wendy Rejan is a political officer at the U.S. Embassy Nassau. She had previously been command historian for the U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command at Fort Monmouth. She graduated in 2004 with an M.A. in History. In 2007 she received the U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Liberty Bell Journalism Award.

THE BASEBALL FAN'S BUCKET LIST

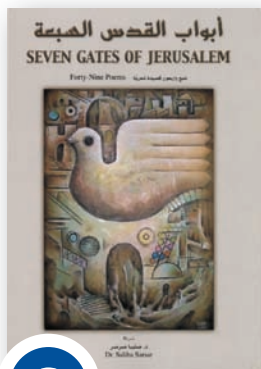
Robert L. Santelli '73, Jenna Santelli
(2010, Running Press, \$15.95)

The Baseball Fan's Bucket List presents a list of 162 things to do, see, get, and experience before you “kick the bucket.” Entries range from visiting Elysian Fields in Hoboken, NJ (site of the first pro baseball game), to starting a baseball card collection; experiencing Opening Day; attending your favorite team's Fantasy Camp; and reading classic books like *Ball Four*. Each entry includes interesting facts, entertaining trivia, and practical information about the activity, item, or travel destination. Also included is a complete checklist so readers can keep a running tally of their Bucket-List achievements.

Santelli, honored as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1999, is executive director of the GRAMMY Museum in downtown Los Angeles and a former assistant professor of music at Monmouth. He is also the author of the 2006 book, *Greetings from E Street: The Story of Bruce SUMMERsteen and the E Street Band*, and a former vice president at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum where he created the American Music Masters Series, the Hall of Fame Series, and Oral History Project.



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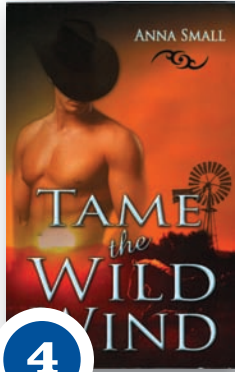
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SEVEN GATES OF JERUSALEM

Saliba Sarsar '78
(2010, kul-shee, \$21.99)

Seven Gates of Jerusalem is Dr. Sarsar's second book of poetry. It explores his personal journey into the depth of dialogue, inclusion and peace as they relate to Jerusalem. It is meant to rediscover the essence of the human condition and direct its energy toward understanding the alternative.

Dr. Sarsar, associate vice president for academic program initiatives and professor of political science at Monmouth, serves on the board of directors of the American Task Force on Palestine (ATFP), the Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF), the Jacob Landau Institute (JLI), the Water Resources Action Project (WRAP), and is advisor to the Monmouth Center for World Regions and Ethical Thought. His first book of poetry, *Crosswinds*, was published in 1999. His individual poems have appeared in a variety of venues, including *The Monmouth Review*, the *New York Times*, and *Asbury Park Press*.



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TAME THE WILD WIND

Anna M. Small '90
(2010, The Wild Rose Press, \$14.99)

Tame the Wild Wind is an historical romance novel set in New Mexico. The protagonist, Cassie Gibson, journeys west to the ranch she inherited from her father. She is dismayed to find a hard-edged, blue-eyed stranger staking claim to her land. Since neither of them can prove ownership, they are forced to become reluctant partners. On the run from his past, Jed Hazard only wants a quiet life. But Cassie's arrival changes everything.

Anna wrote her first romance novel when she was 16. *Tame the Wild Wind*, her seventh novel, is the first to be published.

WATCHMEN AS LITERATURE: A CRITICAL STUDY OF THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

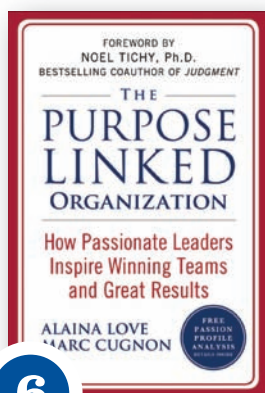
Sara J. Van Ness '08
(2010, McFarland, \$35.00)

Watchmen as Literature began as a paper for an independent study and grew into an undergraduate thesis project. This work explores the graphic novel's reception in both popular and scholarly arenas and how the conceptual relationship between images and words affect the reading experience. Other topics include heroism as a stereotype and social construction, the hero's journey, the role of the narrator, and the way in which the graphic layout manipulates the reader's perception of time and space.

Sara is a graduate student at Monmouth in the English Department's M.A. program. Her original thesis earned departmental honors from both the Honors School and English Department. As an undergraduate, she received the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences Award for Student Excellence and the New Jersey Distinguished Student-Teacher Award.



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THE PURPOSE LINKED ORGANIZATION: HOW PASSIONATE LEADERS INSPIRE WINNING TEAMS AND GREAT RESULTS

Alaina Love '79, Marc Cugnon
(2009, McGraw Hill, \$27.95)

The Purpose Linked Organization identifies 10 "Passion Profile Archetypes." Leadership development experts Alaina Love and Marc Cugnon point out the strengths, vulnerabilities, and proper care and feeding of them all. Alaina and her husband and business partner, Marc, offer ways to channel the power of each individual's passions in a positive, purposeful direction.

Alaina is president of Purpose Linked Consulting, a leadership and organization development firm based in Virginia. She also writes a monthly column for BusinessWeek.com called "Leading with Purpose."

These titles and other books by faculty authors are available online from <http://mubookstore.monmouth.edu>

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 1961



JACK KEARNS (Psych.), a business consultant and a journalist with *The Link News*, was given the Rev. Alfred Acer Community Service Award on June 3 by the Rotary Club of Long Branch. He retired in 1988 following a 32-year career at AT&T in marketing, product development and management, field and staff operations, program and project management, corporate planning, public relations, and government relations. He also served as an adjunct professor at Boston University, the University of Colorado at Denver, and Georgia Institute of Technology. He taught project management extensively throughout the United States and Canada, and in Europe, Central and South America, the Middle East, Singapore and Indonesia. He and his wife, Lorraine, live in Oakhurst. They have four children, John, Kathy, Lori and Michael, and two grandchildren, Nicole and Bobby Quinn.

CLASS OF 1965

DON VANDYKE (Elec. Eng.) married Theresa Shanks March 13. Don is the executive director of Coos Community Media Center in Coos Bay, CA. Theresa is a retired registered nurse. They live in Bandon, CA.

CLASS OF 1966

LINDA H. GOLTZ (For. Lang.) was given the Spirit of Lionism 'Action Through Compassion' Award by the Lions Club of Middletown for coordinating the HOPE (Helping Other People Exist) Food Program in Middletown. The

group provides volunteers to collect and deliver day-old food and produce to seniors in Middletown, Atlantic Highlands and Union Beach. The Lions Club of Middletown was chartered in 1946.



SHARI JACOBSON BRODY (Elem. Ed.) and LOIS LA POINTE KIELY (Engl. '65, M.S.Ed. '80, H. D. '88) are shown enjoying the waterfront sights in Seattle, WA. Lois, who lives in Wanamassa, and Shari, who lives in Thousand Oaks, CA, are former college roommates and sorority sisters who met in Seattle for their most recent reunion. They have celebrated years of friendship with reunions in Paris and Maui while Shari lived there. Lois is a Curriculum Consultant for the West Long Branch School District, and Shari has retired from a career in education.

CLASS OF 1969

THOMAS LIBONATE (Bus. Adm.) retired as president of the Ryan Partnership, a promotional, direct and interactive marketing agency he co-founded with David Ryan in 1984. He and his wife, Marian, live in Weston, CT.

CLASS OF 1970



KEVIN MCCANN (Hist.), co-founder of the Bridgeton law firm Chance and

McCann, is the new first vice president of the New Jersey State Bar Association. An attorney in Cumberland County since 1978, he is scheduled to assume the role of president in 2012. McCann would become the first state bar president from Bridgeton in almost 100 years. Also in 2012 he will serve as a trustee for the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, which is a nonprofit foundation that acts to educate the public about the law.

BARBARA MCMORROW (Ed./Engl.) (M.A.T. '76) is one of 13 Asbury Park High School alumni to be inducted into this year's hall of fame. A former Monmouth County Freeholder and Howell High School principal, Barbara is co-chairwoman of the governor's Teen Driving Study Commission.

CLASS OF 1971



THOMAS P. STEVENS (Bus. Adm.) was given a Volunteer of the Year award by the Monmouth University Alumni Association in April for his efforts as a member of the Homecoming Committee. His daughter, KATE STEVENS '02 (Bus. Mktg.), also received the same award for her efforts with Homecoming and alumni association events.

CLASS OF 1972



BARBARA (RAPPAFORT) KOPP (Elem. Ed.) is a part-time sales consultant for Thasc, a private company that provides work for handicapped individuals. She has also started a blog, "Baseball Mom" (<http://tpmsmilbblog.blogspot.com>). Her son, David, was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2007 and now plays for the triple-A team, the Memphis Redbirds. She and her husband, PAUL KOPP '70, who is a licensed insurance agent and investment advisor for Seeman-Holtz, live in Margate, FL. They also have a daughter, Alissa, who is an administrative assistant in Miami.

PAT VITUCCI (Bus. Adm.), a financial advisor in the San Francisco Bay area, has a radio show that is broadcast on KNEW AM 910 from 11 AM to noon PDT every Sunday called "Your Financial Life." He is also on the board of directors of the California Symphony and has lectured to the American Medical Association, American Dental Association and a variety of investment clubs.

CLASS OF 1975



ANGEL KAMES (Bus. Adm.) teaches English Language Learner (ELL) students at Asbury Park Middle School. His students recently earned a trophy for solving mathematical problems using their computers with the program, First in Math.

CLASS OF 1976

CHRISTOPHER J. RAHEY (Bus. Adm.) was named vice president of sales for the Bachman Co. in Wyomissing, PA. He is responsible for all aspects of sales, including guiding and growing sales, and expanding the brand.

CLASS OF 1980

RUTH KORN (M.S.Ed.) was one of three women given the Spirit of Lionism 'Connecting the Blind to the Earth' Award by the Lions Club of Middletown for creating and administering the Garden Therapy Program at Camp Happiness for the Blind in Leonardo. The Garden Club RFD has worked with Camp Happiness for the past four years, teaching about various subjects connected with gardening and food, during the cold months, and maintaining a vegetable/herb garden for the campers during the warmer months. Ruth is a former instructor at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center's Department of Education.

CHARLES BLOOD II '76 is president of the N.J. Blind Citizens Association Camp Happiness, which was established in 1930.

CLASS OF 1982



ROSS ZIMMERMAN (M.B.A.) and his wife Teri Zimmerman were each recognized by the Monmouth University Alumni Association with Volunteer of the Year honors for their efforts as co-chairs of the Monmouth University

Holiday Ball. The 2009 Holiday Ball raised \$223,803 for student scholarships.

CLASS OF 1984

JOAN RECHNITZ (Art) and her husband, Robert, a former Monmouth University professor, were given the Tourism Achievement Award by the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council (MODC) at its 45th annual Silver Gull Awards Dinner in May. The MODC honors individuals, corporations, companies and organizations that have contributed to enhancing the quality of life and business environment in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. The Rechnitzs founded the Two River Theater in Red Bank.

CLASS OF 1985

BARBARA BOYD (M.A.T.) (M.S.E. Principal) received the Science Award from Clean Ocean Action for her work in the



recent Beach Sweeps, which marked its 25th anniversary in May. Congressman Frank Pallone also prepared a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, which was presented to Boyd at the "Family Beach Ball for the Ocean" on May 23. She is a marine science teacher at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology on Sandy Hook and has been involved with Beach Sweeps for the past 20 years.

MARK A. JENDZEJEC (M.B.A.) is senior vice president and head of the Civil Agencies Sector of STG, Inc., with more than 480 people and revenues approaching \$80 million. He is responsible for overseeing the management information systems and IT operations. Reston, VA-based STG is a leading

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mid-tier government contractor partnering with more than 50 federal agencies, Fortune 100 companies and overseas organizations.



LYNNE C. MORITZ (Bus. Adm.) is the president of NTS Global Productions, an American production company in Even Yehuda, Israel. She is also a writer and producer for the company that promotes and produces music from artists such as Rebecca and Shira Lev. She had previously been an auditor for the U.S. Department of Defense for 22 years. She moved overseas in 2002.

CLASS OF 1986



JAMIE BLACKBURN (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '87) is the new vice president of learning operations at Synaptis, a knowledge transfer company in Cary, NC, that strives to maximize the potential of employees through customized training solutions. He had previously been the president of Presentation Strategies, Inc. Blackburn lives in Cary with his wife and three children.



LOUIS J. SCADUTO JR (Bus. Adm.) was named president of Food Circus Super Markets, Inc. He had previously been the company's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

CLASS OF 1987



MCDONOUGH WITH JULIA AHMET, COMMUNITY HOPE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

STACIA MCDONOUGH (Engl.), founder and award-winning designer for the American-Russian Neva Dolls®, donated another one of her award-winning Russian-made dolls for The Community Hope Program's silent auction which is held at their annual "Sparkle of Hope" gala. This year's featured doll was "Zolushka," Russia's version of Cinderella. Last year, McDonough's "Irina Godunova," fetched \$900. The gala, which is held every October, raises money for basic needs of veterans who have fallen on hard times.

CLASS OF 1988

VIRGINIA AMEND (Engl.) was one of three women given the Spirit of Lionism 'Power of the Pen' Award by the Lions Club of Middletown for helping to build awareness of the Lions' mission through extensive news coverage of Lions events, projects and programs. She owns Amend Publishing.

CLASS OF 1989

FRAN MORRISON (M.B.A.), administrator director of Planning and Project Development at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, recently received the hospital's prestigious Leadership Profile Award for her continuing efforts in developing and managing community programs. She works with physicians and leadership to develop and implement new hospital programs ranging from Quick Care Centers to a new Wound Care Unit.

CLASS OF 1992



DONNALYN GIEGERICH-ZAPCIC (M.B.A.) was second runner-up in the 2010 Mrs. New Jersey United States Pageant. She had previously been named Mrs. Red Bank. An official preliminary to the Mrs. United States Pageant, the Mrs. New Jersey United States Pageant was held May 16 at Monmouth's Pollak Theatre. It celebrates the achievements of married women and honors the outstanding women who call New Jersey their home.

WAYNE TAYLOR (Bus. Adm.) is the owner of Nino Jr's in Oakhurst, an Italian specialty shop and caterer. He is married to LISA (ERCOLINO) TAYLOR (Bus. Acct. '92).

CLASS OF 1994



CANDICE HUDDY (Comm.) has co-authored *The Complete Reference Guide to Me: The Workbook for Her* and *The Complete Reference Guide to Me: The Workbook for Him*. The two guides, co-authored with T.P. Kenny, are designed to help couples communicate better. For the past 16 years, Huddy has been a creative director and strategic marketing consultant for Fortune 500 companies, small businesses and professionals.

CLASS OF 1995



KAHDIJAH TAVIA BELL (Bus. Adm.) married Kandar Taylor June 5. She is a marketing consultant for various New Jersey businesses and nonprofit organizations. Her husband works for New Jersey Transit and is a staff sergeant with the New Jersey National Guard.

VANESSA (ARANTES) LINDEKEN (Bio.) and her husband, Christopher, welcomed daughter, Giulianna Grace, January 29, 2010. The family lives in Auburn, CA.



ANNIE (SHAPIRO) SWARTZ (B.S.N.) opened her own health care service firm in fall 2009. Little Silver Home Care, LLC (www.littlesilverhomecare.com) is licensed by the state of New Jersey and provides home care services to the elderly in the comfort of the client's home. The agency staffs both Certified Home Health Aides and Elderly "Companion" Caregivers on a daily or live-in basis. She has been married for 14 years to Steve Swartz. They live in Little Silver along with their three children, Eliana, Jordan and Jacob.

CLASS OF 1996



AMRO AL-KHADRA (Bus. Adm.) was appointed CEO and director of the board of Maju Holdings, a conglomerate in Malaysia that engages in manufacturing, engineering, property development, infrastructure, and services businesses. He has been with the company since 2008. Previously, he had been vice president of Dan Trading and its group of sister companies in Kuwait.

CLASS OF 1997

GERALD LAHAY (Poli. Sci.) was hired as a sales associate for Levin Commercial Real Estate, LLC, in Atlantic City.

CLASS OF 1998

LOREN MILLER-FUHRING (Sp. Ed.) (M.S.E. '01 M.S.E. '04) is the new superintendent of schools for the Island Heights School District in Ocean County. Formerly the school district's guidance counselor and assistant principal, Loren has worked for the Island Heights Grade School for the past five years. She is entering her 12th year in education, having previously worked at the Children's Center of Monmouth County, the Tinton Falls School District and the Marlboro School District.

CLASS OF 1999

KELLY (O'FLANAGAN) O'BOYLE (Bio.) (M.A.T. '01) and MATT O'BOYLE (M.A. Crim. J. '00) welcomed daughter, Molly Bridget, April 2, 2010. She joins older brother, Shane Patrick, who will be 2 on August 30. The family lives in Manasquan.

CLASS OF 2000



LISA ALLOCCO (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) married Daniel Russo on May 2, 2010. She is an adjunct professor in Monmouth's Department of Communication. Her husband is a project manager for IBM in New York City. The couple lives in Allenhurst.

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JOHN BABULA (Psych./Ed.) is the new varsity girls soccer coach for Morris-town High School. He had previously been the coach of the junior varsity team. He is also a fifth grade teacher in the Morris School District. John and his wife, Michelle, live in Bloomfield.

MELANIE-JO MCCARTHY (Crim. J.) is the new assistant principal at Sum-merfield Township High School. She received her master's and doctorate from St. Joseph's University. McCarthy lives in Havertown, MD.

MELISSA (ALBERGA) MCHUGH (Elem. Ed.) and **SEAN MCHUGH** (Hist. '02, M.A. Hist. '09) welcomed their second daughter, Caitlin Maria, May 13, 2010. She joins big sister, Kiera (2). Melissa is a third-grade teacher in Ocean Town-ship, and Sean is an archaeologist. The family lives in Brick.

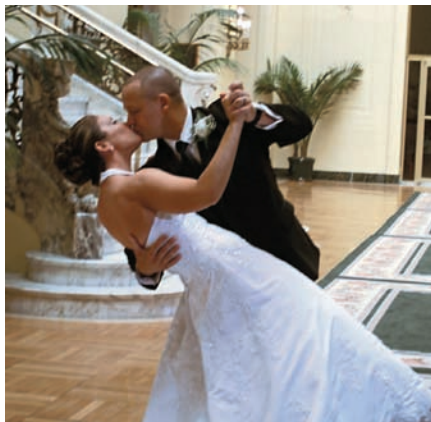
CLASS OF 2001



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MIKE MEDRANO (Hist./Poli. Sci./Ed.) is scheduled to compete against Joseph Aviles on September 24 in Atlantic City at Lou Neglia's Ring of Combat XXXI mixed martial arts tournament. With a

professional record of 8-6-0, Medrano said he has been training hard following his June 11 loss to Ryan LaFlare at the Ring of Combat XXX.



KRISTIN SPOHN (Sp. Ed.) married David Giotta May 16, 2010. There were many alumni in attendance including Lauren Gallagher (Comm. '06), Kim (McCarthy) Golla (Psych. '06), Christina Colanero (Math./Ed. '04) and Meredith Parlman (Hist./Ed. '04 M.S.E. '08). Kristin is the head women's soccer coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University-College at Florham. David is a service writer for DCH Kay Honda in Eatontown. They live in Eatontown.

CLASS OF 2002



DANA ABRAMS (Comm.) (M.A.T. '05) is engaged to marry Brian Canberg in March 2011. She is a teacher on a children's crisis and psychiatric unit at Monmouth Medical Center. Her fiancé is a general contractor and real estate developer. They live in Long Branch.



PHOTO: JASON RHEE

JENNIFER GERBEREUX (Bus. Adm.) married Scott Higgins June 12, 2010. Alumni in attendance included matron of honor Melissa (Strelsky) Murphy (Bus. Mrkt. '02), bridesmaid Alaina Plesnarski (Bus. Adm. '03). Rebecca (Heron) Trachtenberg (Psych. '03) and Steven Hildner (Poli. Sci. '03). Jennifer is a business analyst for a family invest-ment firm, while her husband is a field service engineer for Eaton Corp. They live in Hazlet.



KATE STEVENS (Bus. Mktg.) was given a Volunteer of the Year award by the Monmouth University Alumni Associa-tion in April for her efforts as a member of the Homecoming Committee and other alumni association events. Her father, **THOMAS P. STEVENS '71** (Bus. Adm.), also received the award.

CLASS OF 2003

LEROI JONES (M.A. Psych. Couns.) (M.S. Ed. '05) is pursuing his doctorate at Rowan University. His dissertation is "An Auto Ethnographic Journey through School Leadership in an Alternative Educational Environment." He is also the principal figure of YouthBuild of Newark, a youth and community development program that addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention and leadership development. The graduation rate is 75-80 percent.



CYNTHIA NEWMAN (M.A.T.) was named Educator of the Year April 7 by the Navesink Lodge No. 9 of Free and Accepted Masons, of Red Bank. She was cited for her success in instilling a love for mathematics in her students. They also commended her work in volunteerism outside of school with children with special needs at the Ladcin Network, the Challenger League, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Teacher of students with special needs, and Someone Special Needs You programs. Newman teaches sixth grade mathematics in Shrewsbury Borough.

GINA (TALARICO) PETITTI (Psych./Ed.) (M.S.E. '06) and her husband, Nick, welcomed son, Franco Xavier, April 15, 2010. Her husband owns Jack's Goal Line Stand in Long Branch. The family lives in Aberdeen.

ANTHONY TALERICO JR (M.B.A.) was elected to the Eatontown Borough Council in November 2009. He is a Certified Public Accountant and lives in Eatontown.

CLASS OF 2004



NICOLE BARBANTE (Bus. Fin.) and CHRISTOPHER CIMINIELLO (Hist. '04) were married August 1, 2010. Many alumni were in attendance including maid of honor and fellow MU soccer teammate, Kaci Redding (Sp. Ed. '04) and bridesmaid, Amy (Saltalamacchia) Faber (Art '04). Nicole is the assistant business administrator for the Patchogue Medford Union Free School District on Long Island. Christopher is a portfolio analyst for KIMCO Realties in New Hyde Park, NY. Both Nicole and Christopher have attained their master's degrees, with hers in public management and his in real estate.



DIANA BLANCONE (Bus. Mrkt.) co-founded City Chicks 4 Charity a 501(c) 3 organization, formed to provide other young metropolitan area professionals a friendly and fun environment to engage with a unique variety of charitable endeavors. The charity lends its time, money and efforts to various non-profit organizations around the world dependent upon the passions of its members, current affairs and pre-established partnerships of its sponsors. For more info, see www.citychicks4charity.org. Diana is an executive recruiter at The Forum Group in New York City.



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TOM DEBLASS (Sp. Ed.) defeated J.A. Dudley in a unanimous decision on June 11 at the Ring of Combat XXX mixed martial arts (MMA) competition in Atlantic City. This was his pro MMA debut. DeBlas is owner of Ocean County Jiu-Jitsu.



RICH DEFABRITUS (M.S. Soft. Eng.), a member of Team Oliveira Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ), was awarded his blue belt June 12. The evaluation was completed by Professor Ademir Oliveira and notable Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belts Rodrigo Uzeda (lead BJJ instructor at Miletich Fighting Systems) and former UFC/WEC lightweight champion, Hermes Franca. DeFabritus is a Senior Solutions Marketing Manager in the Avaya SME Communications business unit.

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DAVID K. KITTLE (Bus. Mrkt.) is engaged to marry Jillian Hodge in the fall of 2011. He is a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Freehold. His fiancé is an administrator at Riverview Medical Associates in Tinton Falls.

MICHELLE WALDRON (Psych.) is engaged to marry Anthony LaRocca in the fall of 2011. Her fiancé is a general manager of the Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Washington Township.



EDDIE WRIGHT (Comm.) is the author of the experimental, science fiction novella, *Broken Bulbs*, which has been called "a brilliant and stunningly original work." He is set to release a follow-up novel and is working on a young adult book series. Eddie is a freelance writer, specializing in film and media news and criticism. He can be found on Twitter @eddiewright86.

CLASS OF 2005

DEVON (GOTTSHALK) ACQUAVIVA (Comm.) and GREGORY L. ACQUAVIVA (Poli. Sci./Hist. '03) welcomed daughters, Elizabeth Reagan and Abigail Grace, November 25, 2009. The family lives in Bloomfield.

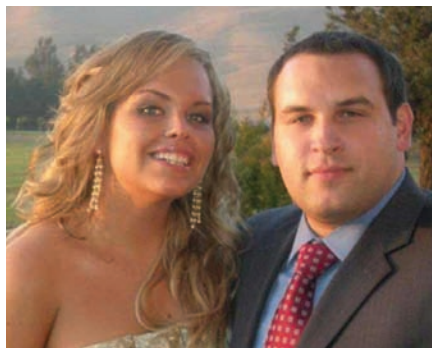


LAUREN LENZA (Comm.) and BRIAN MURRAY were married May 21, 2010. Several alumni were in attendance. The couple lives in Hamilton.

ALBERT MARESCA (Comm.) is engaged to marry Kelly Williams in May of 2011.



CHRISTOPHER PITSCH (Bio.) graduated in May from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. He plans to pursue a combined emergency medicine/internal medicine program at Aria Health Center in Philadelphia.



MICHAEL J. VENEZIA (Poli. Sci.) is engaged to marry Laura DiStefano September 30, 2011. He is a senior aide to U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg in Newark. His fiancé is a public relations manager with Toshiba in Wayne.

MIKE WONSKI (Bus. Fin.) is engaged to marry Veronica Grimaldi in June of 2011. He is a revenue agent with the IRS in Edison. His fiancé is a radiation therapist at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch.

KATHRYN WORTMAN (Bus. Mrkt.) and NICHOLAS PANTAGES (Bus. Mgmt. '06) were married August 29, 2009. Alumni in attendance were bridesmaid

Angela (Palumbo) DeSantis (Engl./Ed. '05), groomsmen Rick Wortman (Bus. Fin. '03) and Frank Sferruzzo (Bus. Mgmt. '05), Kristen Russomanno (Bus. Acct. '06), Lauren Oles (Comm. '05), Erica (Balesterri) Wortman (Bus. Mgmt. '04), Robert Breen (Bus. Mrkt. '08) and David "Bear" Nicola (Hist./Poli. Sci. '00). Kathryn is a contract specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Eatontown. Nicholas is a law clerk for Mercer County and pursuing his Tax LL.M at Villanova Law. The couple lives in Farmingdale.

CLASS OF 2006

HEATHER BACHMAN (Poli. Sci.) is a new policy director for Frontiers of Freedom and political editor for Parcbench.com. She also has her own internet radio show, The GOP Girl, debating how current events will affect the nation's youth with interviews of the political arena's top players, and a column, Heather on the Hill. Heather will complete her master's degree from Regent's University in December.



MICHAEL BARNATHAN (Comp. Sci.) received his Ph. D. in Computer and Information Sciences from Temple University on May 13, 2010. His dissertation introduces a suite of novel tensor and wavelet-based image processing models for automated diagnosis of medical scans. He is a data scientist at Media6Degrees and is also in the process of developing a commercial application for computer-assisted diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in structural and functional MRI.



COURTNEY CAPIELLO (Bus. Acct.) married John Martin May 30, 2010. Alumni in attendance included her maid of honor, Alessandra Colandria (Bus. Mgmt. '07), Marissa Mruz (Hist./Sp. Ed. '08), Kristen Johnson (M.A.T. '09), Nicole Johnson (Bus. Econ. '03 M.B.A. '05) and Matt Merklinger (Bus. Fin. '03). Courtney is an accountant with Price-Waterhouse.

LAUREN KUTNY (Psych.) married Anthony Mascolo on May 1, 2010. She is a speech-language pathologist with Therapy Pros in Castleton Corners, NY. Her husband is a senior crude oil broker with Valence Energy in Manhattan. They live in Great Kills, NY.

LINDSAY J. STERN (Crim. J.) (M.A. Crim. J. '08) and JOSHUA C. WALTER (Bus. Mgmt. '06) are engaged and planning a June 2011 wedding. Lindsay works in the medical field, while Joshua is an account executive in technology sales in New York City.

CLASS OF 2007

LAUREN DEVITO (M.S.Ed.) is engaged to marry Jeffrey Schlogl in June of 2011. She is a first-grade teacher at the Emma Arleth School in Sayreville. Her fiancé began emergency medicine residency in June at UMDNJ-Camden at Cooper University Hospital.

DOUG SCOTT (Bus. Adm.) was appointed supply chain specialist for Somerville-based Trutek Corp., an R&D and intellectual properties company. He supports all supply chain requirements to expand Trutek's reach into international markets.

CRAIG SEGAL (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) won his third straight men's title in the 34th annual Spring Lake Five-Mile Run in May with a time of 24:49.49. Craig is a customer support representative with Icims, Inc. in Hazlet.



CARA WILLIAMSON (Comm.) and Robert Bove are engaged to be married in the fall of 2011. Cara is an ad sales planner for Comedy Central and Spike TV. Her fiancé, a West Point graduate, is a First Lieutenant of the U.S. Army currently serving in Iraq.

CLASS OF 2008

CHRISTOPHER AIELLO (M.B.A.) is engaged to marry Lauren Hastie this September. He is an accountant with Pan Bros. Associates in New York City. His fiancé attends graduate school at Kean University and is a special education teacher for the Pompton Lakes Public Schools.

MELISSA FORSHAY (Bus. Adm.) is engaged to marry Thomas Pedersen in the fall of 2011. She is an advanced level staff accountant at Wilkin & Guttentplan. Her fiancé is a CPA/Supervisor at the same firm.

KIMBERLY S. HINES (M.S.W.) became the new pastor of the Avon United Methodist Church in Avon, NY, on July 1. In addition to her master's from Monmouth, she also has a master of divinity degree from Drew Theological School.

CLASS OF 2009

KAREN CARLSON (M.S.W.) married Christopher Carbone February 13. She is a care manager, and her husband manages the family business, Anthony Bros. Tile and Marble of Brick. They live in the Brick Township area.



KATE DOBBIN (Bus. Mgmt./Mrkt.) and RYAN PUCCIO (Bus. Mgmt. '09) are engaged to be married in April 2012. Kate works on physician relations and strategic planning at CentraState Healthcare System. Ryan is a restaurant manager for the Americana Hospitality Group.

DEVIN C. HARTSGROVE (M.A.T.) is engaged to marry Justin Troy in the fall of 2011. She is a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Turning Point Academy Public Charter School in Lanham, MD. Her fiancé is an executive officer with the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. They live in Silver Spring MD.

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JESSICA REVOIR (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) was promoted to marketing manager at First Financial Federal Credit Union in Wall. She has been with the company since 2008.

JUSTIN THENO (Art) was hired as a graphic designer for Synergy Events in Ocean Township. He designs event renders, marketing collateral pieces and web-based application.

JACKIE TRAINER (Poli. Sci./Hist.) was a member of the USA Red team, competing in the international lacrosse tournament in Australia. She received the MVP Award in a game against the Australian U-19 Green National squad. Jackie is the assistant coach for Wilmington University's lacrosse team.

MEGHAN YETKA (Engl./Ed.) is engaged to marry Matthew Passerelle in October. She is a substitute teacher and part-time waitress while seeking a permanent elementary school teaching position. Her fiancé is self-employed.

CLASS OF 2010

SEAN LESNIAK (M.B.A.) is engaged to marry Hannah Sposato in May 2011. He is a logistics management specialist with NavAir. His fiancé is an ELDP engineer with BAE Systems.

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- 1956 ADAIR D. GORHAM (A.A. Bus. Adm.)
JULY 5, 2010
- 1964 CHRISTIAN M. BENEDETTO SR (Bus. Adm.)
JUNE 2, 2010
JAMES D. WILLI (Bus. Adm.)
JUNE 7, 2010
- 1966 EUGENE W. WHELAN (Physics)
OCTOBER 27, 2009
- 1967 LAWRENCE P. CONNORS (A.A. Ed.)
JUNE 17, 2010
JAMES W. GENECKI (Poli. Sci.)
JUNE 21, 2010
- 1968 CHARLES DIVUOLO (Psych.)
JUNE 27, 2010
- 1969 JOHN G. CASSIDY (A.A. Lib. Studies)
JUNE 30, 2010
- 1971 CHARLES E. ANDERSON (Bio.)
JULY 20, 2010
BARRY E. DANIELSON (Ed./Hist.)
MAY 21, 2010
- 1973 JOHN L. EZYSKE (Bus. Adm.)
JULY 19, 2010
- 1974 RICHARD K. DESANTE (M.B.A.)
JUNE 22, 2010
- 1977 LT. COL. WILLIAM E. BARTON (M.B.A.)
JULY 24, 2010
CHARLIE A. BATHORY (Socio.)
JULY 17, 2010
- 1981 JOSEPH ADELHARDT (M.B.A.)
August 15, 2010
- 1985 SUZANNE M. BERRY (M.S.E.)
MAY 7, 2010
- 1992 DAVID J. CHIANG (M.S. Elec. Eng.)
MAY 21, 2010
- 1996 NICHOLAS C. DISPENZIARE (Bus. Adm.)
MAY 30, 2010
MELISSA A. DRESSEL (Crim. J.)
JULY 3, 2010
MARGARET A. RYAN (Lib. Studies)
JULY 27, 2010
- 2000 JUSTIN BALS (Bus. Fin.)
JULY 11, 2010
- 2002 JOSEPH T. ARTESE JR. (Bus. Mrkt.)
JUNE 13, 2010

FRIENDS

- EDMOND C. BECKER
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- GEORGE C. BROZ
JUNE 14, 2010
- MARY W. CURRAN
JULY 21, 2010 (former employee)
- JAMES B. DELEHANTY JR. MAY 23, 2010
- STEPHEN G. GREENWOOD
JUNE 14, 2010 (former student)
- BARRY HENRY
JULY 4, 2010
- SIMA KISLAK JELIN
JUNE 12, 2010
- JOHN R. NEARY
JUNE 21, 2010 (former student)
- TERRENCE PAUL
MAY 6, 2010 (former student)
- ALYCE H. SALMON
JUNE 20, 2010 (former adjunct professor)

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