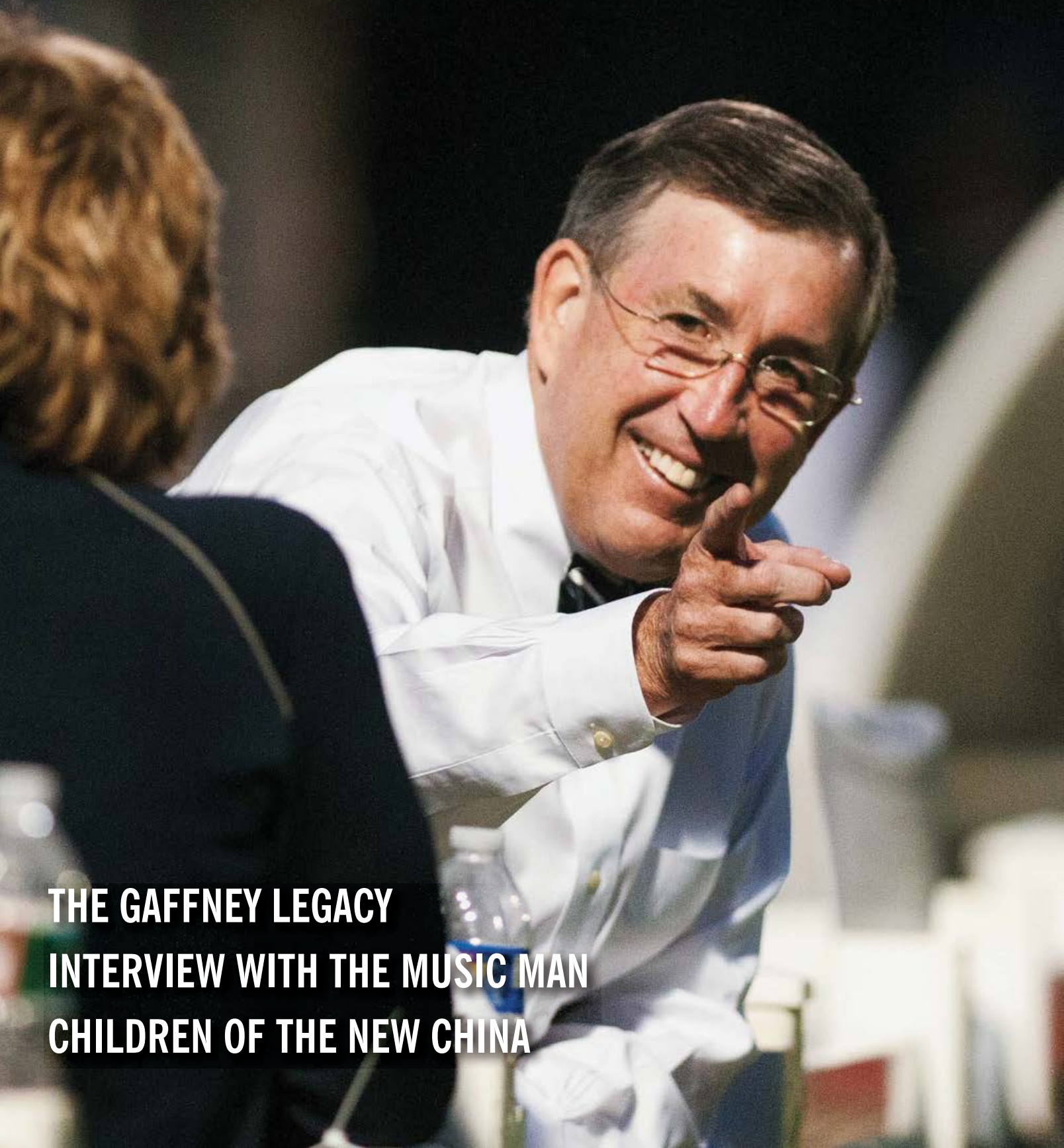


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ABOVE: CONNOR FULLER COMPETES IN THE STEEPLECHASE EVENT AT THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 31. MONMOUTH CAPTURED ITS FIFTH STRAIGHT OUTDOOR TITLE FOR BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS AND HAD A LEAGUE-BEST TOTAL OF 30 ENTRANTS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE RECOGNITION. THE MEN'S TEAM HAS WON NINE OF THE LAST 10 NEC OUTDOOR TITLES AND 11 OVERALL, WHILE THE WOMEN'S SQUAD HAS WON THE LAST FIVE NEC OUTDOOR TITLES, AND 10 OVERALL. CONNOR FULLER EARNED ALL-ROOKIE TEAM RECOGNITION AT THE EVENT.

ON THE COVER: PRESIDENT GAFFNEY WATCHES THE MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM EARN A VICTORY OVER SAINT PETER'S AT A NIGHT GAME ON THE GREAT LAWN ON AUGUST 24, 2012. THE ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTS WERE FUNDED BY JULES L. PLANGERE, JR. HN '86 IN 2011.

LETTERS READERS RESPOND TO WINTER ISSUE



As a Monmouth graduate with a BA in Art & Education, I was heartened when I read the article about Rechnitz Hall. This contribution by Dr. & Mrs. Rechnitz is amazingly generous and incredibly well thought out. It speaks volumes not only about them, but also about the art program itself.

While it's great to look to the future, I felt a huge wave of nostalgia when remembering the old buildings that I spent 4 years basically living in. Mrs. Rechnitz was definitely spot-on when she spoke of their charm and character. The crooked floors, creaky uneven stairs, mysterious doors, and oddly shaped rooms made a perfect setting for learning and creating art.

I also smiled when I saw the photo of professor DiMattio, who is by far one of the best teachers I ever had. He was approachable, talented, and a good friend. I attribute much of my career success to the confidence he and the other art professors inspired in me back then. I'm glad to know that he's still affiliated with the university.

I wish everyone who uses these new facilities much luck in creating their own memories. I can't wait to see the building in person!

DENA (KESTENBAUM) CUNDARI '98

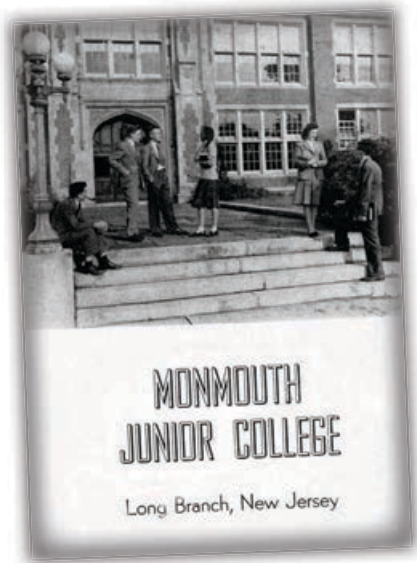
I sent this pamphlet to you because of the story the photographs tell of early Monmouth Junior College. I found a few copies of it in an old file. Here's looking back again.

The pamphlet was produced in early 1940s during WWII. It mentions gasoline rationing for the students. Check out the business and typing class! The sparse student population was not a mistake by the authors of the pamphlet!

The impressive façade of the Long Branch Senior High School (shown inside

cover) belied a small and poor junior college night school struggling to survive inside. At this time only a small portion of the classrooms were used for the program. Dad said that they would turn on all the lights facing Westwood Avenue at night to make it look like a lot was going on inside!

At the time this pamphlet was printed, I was six years old. I remember these days! Occasionally, Mom would drive our 1937 Dodge "touring sedan" to the north entrance of the high school, and Nancy (Bruch) '58 and I would run into the tiny administration office to get Dad.



Really, none of this was that extraordinary but somehow *they* kept it going. Maybe a few inside believed they had a "tiger by the tail."

Best regards,

BOB SCHLAEFFER '60

P.S. You and your staff are doing a wonderful job with the magazine!

The back cover of the winter 2013 magazine includes photos of several of my classmates/fraternity brothers. Can I get copies of these photos?

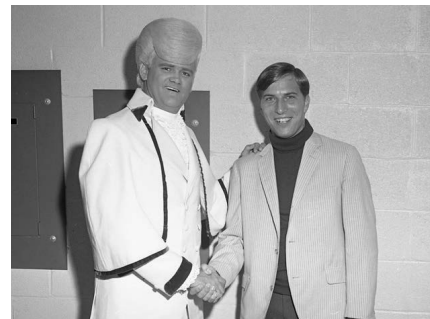


Photo #1: That's Bruce Main ('70) posing with Wayne Cochran of Wayne Cochran and the CC Ryders, a 'blue eyed' soul band that opened for Cream, a rock band of the era, Eric Clapton was the lead guitarist of Cream. Cochran and Cream performed at one of many campus concerts sponsored at Monmouth which were very popular with the student body and local residents.



Photo #2: On the very bottom of the back cover, that photo was taken at the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house and includes the following alums from left to right: Cy Baines, John Unchester, Coleman Vickary and Bill Salandi. Professor Lauren K. Woods, Speech & Drama department stands far left in the photo.

Thank You.

JOHN UNCHESTER '70

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CORRECTIONS:

On page 37, the photo in the top right corner was not Mike Hunchak who was mentioned in the article; it was Ian Simon '11.

On page 51, the Class Note for Leann K. Moczydlowski and Colin McDonough was incorrectly listed under the class of 2001. Leann and Colin are both members of the class of 2011.

We regret the errors.

the Gaffney Legacy

PAUL G. GAFFNEY II steps down as president at the end of July after ushering a decade of transformation and growth at Monmouth. As president, Gaffney reshaped the campus physically, academically, athletically, and culturally, steering the University to a trajectory of continuing success.



“Why would anyone do this job if not for the students?” mused President Paul Gaffney as he made his way to Erlanger Gardens on May 22 to meet with hundreds of newly-minted graduates and their families.

He looked serene in the Gardens, though he had just rushed at breakneck speed down the Garden State Parkway from Commencement exercises at the PNC Arts Center, after already spending more than an hour onstage under hot lights in the stifling black robes of academic regalia. As small clusters of families began to approach him, not a bead of sweat marked his brow, and not a hair was out of place.

Before the crowds arrived in earnest, Gaffney confessed that beneath the formal gown his shirt was completely soaked through, but without that inside information, none of the arriving visitors would have guessed at a hint of discomfort.

Some of the families were nervous approaching the president, while others greeted him with overt physical warmth, as if greeting a family member.

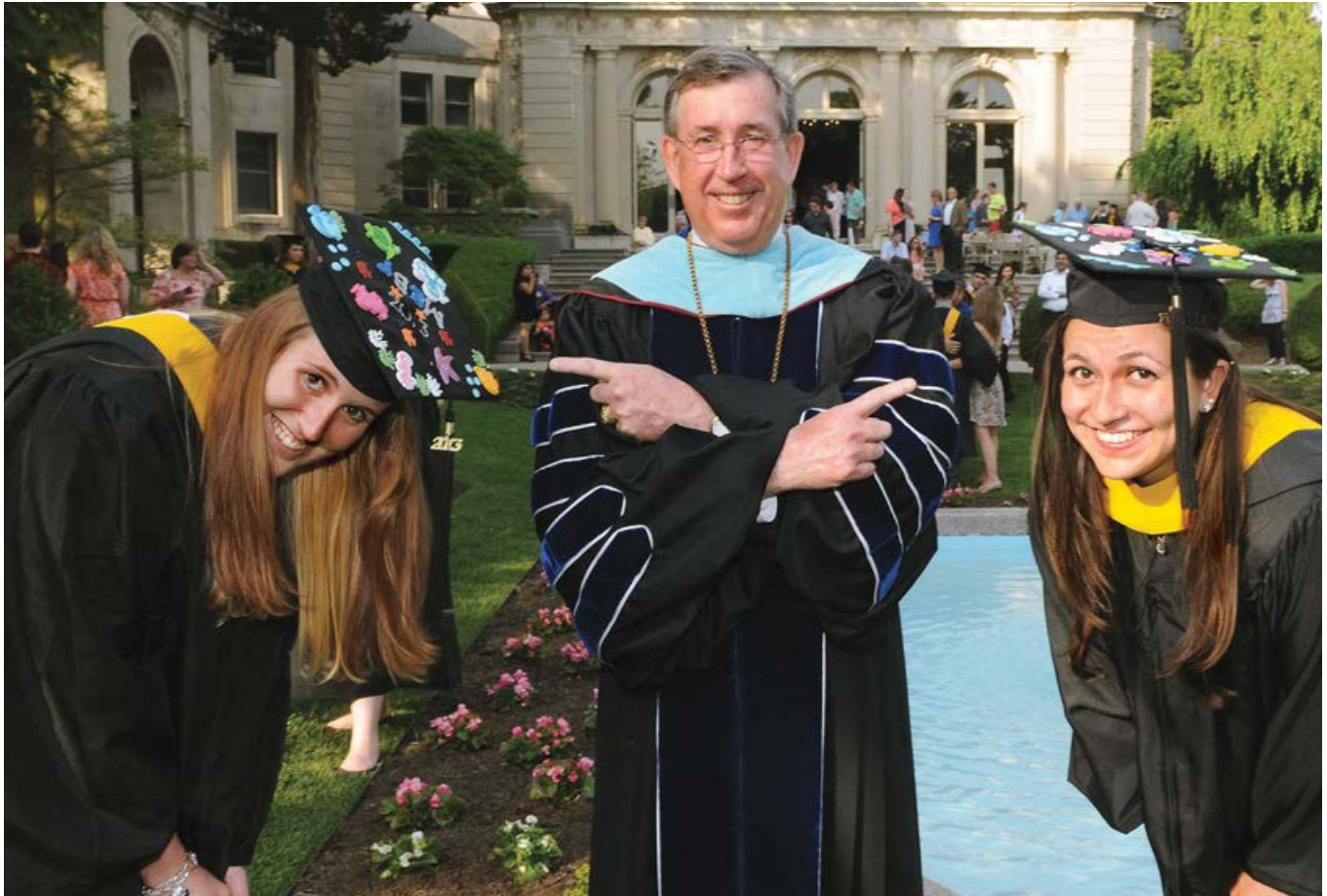
Students—undergraduate and graduate—youthful and experienced—all waited their turn to take a picture with the man whose decade at the helm has profoundly transformed Monmouth University.

Perhaps it isn’t surprising that before Gaffney unfailingly pulled the garden guests closer into his magnetic personal orbit many in the crowd regarded him as something between a major political figure and a rock star, and to many of the students, a trusted friend.

It isn’t uncommon for students to use the social networking service, Twitter, to comment on Gaffney. In March one student urged Monmouth to “ReElect PGaff” with the hashtags #dontleave and #ProPG.

During a three-hour standoff in Long Branch between police and a man armed with knives and a machete in April, one student advised that it was “time for Admiral Gaffney to get back into action and take this guy down.”

Students have even created T-shirts paying homage to the “Gaffney grip,” the president’s signature handshake.





PRESIDENT GAFFNEY WITH SEVERAL FORMER BOARD CHAIRS AT THE NAMING OF GAFFNEY COURT ON MAY 29. **LEFT TO RIGHT:** JULES L. PLANGERE, JR. HN '86; CHARLES T. PARTON HN '01; PRESIDENT GAFFNEY; BOARD CHAIR ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63; PAUL S. DOHERTY, JR. '67 HN '04; ALFRED J. SCHIAVETTI, JR. HN '11

This is not a normal state of affairs at most universities, but Paul Gaffney isn't like most university presidents.

He was an unconventional choice when he was selected as Rebecca Stafford's successor in 2003, and he knew it. Even members of the Board of Trustees involved with the Search Committee that made the choice knew it.

"Who is this guy... What does he know about us and what we do?" Gaffney asked rhetorically in his first Convocation Address to the campus on September 10, 2003.

Gaffney delineated a clear focus on making students the center of personal attention in his first address, and charged all areas of campus with the responsibility of treating each student as a personal charge.

Based on his student fans on Twitter, a technology that did not exist until three years into his administration—and now handles some 340 million messages a day—Gaffney's steady focus on students has paid off. Students may have adopted different tools to communicate and interact across the span of his administration, but Gaffney's attention to nurturing the core values of a quality education has not.

Gaffney did not arrive as president by rising through the ranks of academia, despite an impressive background as an educator and researcher, having served a four-year tenure as Chief of Naval Research and as president of National Defense University from 2000 to 2003.

He joined Monmouth just two days after retiring as Vice Admiral in the United States Navy following a distinguished 35-year career.

THE SECRET OF THE GAFFNEY GRIP

Brett Bodner '13 discovered the story behind the "Gaffney grip" in a May interview for the award-winning student newspaper *The Outlook*. Among a number of wide-ranging topics, Bodner asked, "What's the deal with the Handshake?" Gaffney revealed its surprising origin in the interview.

"I remember doing this the first time I was a boss when I was the commanding officer of a group of sailors and we spent a year in Indonesia, making maps of the coast of Borneo in the island across from it," Gaffney said.

"So after 300 days on a ship at sea with 200 guys, you come to respect one another. When you go up and shake hands with somebody, you want to show a little bit extra and I started doing it. I did it at a ceremony one time and people noticed it and then commented on it, and I've been doing it ever since for about 30 years."

A lot of people prepare for [the Gaffney grip], but if they don't practice enough he still gets them, Bodner said.



ABOVE: PRESIDENT GAFFNEY'S SIGNATURE GRIP IS SO FAMILIAR TO STUDENTS THAT IT WAS CELEBRATED ON A 2007 T-SHIRT READING, "YOU KNOW YOU'RE A MONMOUTH ALUM WHEN YOU'VE SURVIVED PRESIDENT GAFFNEY'S HANDSHAKE."



Alfred Schiavetti HN '11, who chaired the Search Committee and later served as Board Chair, still jokes that he had initial misgivings about Gaffney's abilities as a fundraiser. Ten years later, he admits, "Was I ever wrong about that!"

Gaffney's fundraising prowess is now somewhat legendary and shows no signs of flagging, even as the end of his career at Monmouth draws near.

With just weeks left in his term as president, Gaffney announced a major gift from Trustee Steven Pozyccki '73 to construct an addition to Bey Hall, which serves as home to the Leon Hess Business School and the Kislak Real Estate Institute, both of which were named thanks to generous endowments during his tenure.

But, as Gaffney is fond of saying, "What have you done for me *lately*?"

Gaffney's dynamic energy and relentless enthusiasm are infectious, earning him respect and admiration both within, and far beyond, the campus borders. Gaffney has drawn a "who's who" of internationally respected intellectual, political, religious, and media leaders to the campus—always with the goal of expanding learning opportunities for students.



LEFT TO RIGHT: KISLAK REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR PETER REINHART; PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY; LEON HESS BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN DONALD MOLIVER; ELAINE POZYCKI, TRUSTEE STEVEN J. POZYCKI '73, BOARD CHAIR ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63 AT GROUNDBREAKING FOR POZYCKI HALL ON MAY 30

Under his watch, Gaffney increased the funding for Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) students by 60 percent, a commitment that can be overshadowed by flashier milestones like concluding the Vision for Distinction Capital Campaign, \$10 million over goal, building the \$57



AMONG MANY INTERNATIONAL FIGURES, GAFFNEY WELCOMED HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II, HEAD OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, ON OCTOBER 29, 2007, JUST WEEKS AFTER HE DELIVERED THE OPENING PRAYER FOR THE DAY'S SESSION OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. GAFFNEY HAS ALSO HOSTED CURRENT AND FORMER HEADS OF STATE INCLUDING ATIFETE JAHJAGA, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO; THE HONORABLE MARY ROBINSON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND; AND U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; AND LADY AGYEMAN-RAWLINGS, FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA.

A HOST OF OTHER NOTABLES INCLUDING PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS, NOBEL LAUREATES, AND MEDIA FIGURES HAVE HELPED BRING THE WORLD TO MONMOUTH STUDENTS IN WEST LONG BRANCH.

million Multipurpose Activity Center without incurring any debt, showcasing student residence Mullaney Hall, and the recent opening of the flagship art gallery Joan & Robert Rechnitz Hall.

President Gaffney's legacy to the physical plant at Monmouth University is immediately obvious to anyone who hasn't set foot on campus during his tenure. Many other improvements are less visible, but no less tangible.

He has forged new academic partnerships, built new academic programs, created new Centers of Distinction, raised Monmouth's academic profile, expanded and elevated athletic programs, while also transforming the University into a nationally recognized "Green Campus" widely lauded for its pioneering efforts at sustainability.

Gaffney has also judiciously expanded the campus footprint ever mindful of being a good neighbor to local residents while maintaining cordial and productive "town and gown" relations with local governing bodies. Recent expansions include the purchase of the former Diplomat Apartments, the gift of Brockreide House, and the new Monmouth University Health Sciences Center at nearby Monmouth Corporate Park, all within the last year.

Robert Sculthorpe '63, chair of the Board of Trustees, compared running Monmouth University to being the mayor of a town. With some 6,000 students and 1,200 faculty and staff, the analogy is accurate—except that mayors aren't expected to attend every event that occurs within town borders—or personally raise funds for all new construction projects.



ADMIRAL GAFFNEY MEETS CAPTAIN PLANET (PAUL MANDALA '11) AT EARTH DAY ON APRIL 17, 2007



TEAM GAFFNEY: A DYNAMIC DUO

Throughout Paul Gaffney's tenure as president, one person has been at his side at many public events, and remained long after the crowds have departed. The job of president comes with clearly defined expectations and obligations; the job of presidential spouse is much less clear.

Board Chair Robert Sculthorpe '63 describes Linda Gaffney as Monmouth's "hardest working unpaid volunteer." Mrs. Gaffney, a former teacher, has demonstrated her commitment to education on a daily basis since arriving in 2003.

Linda Gaffney not only supported the work of her husband by attending countless public events and serving as hostess for many private events; she also carved her own role on campus as a member of the Monmouth University Library Association and volunteer on the Holiday Ball Committee.

She also kept a keen eye on the nuts and bolts of University events, always offering practical suggestions for improving the experience of guests while curtailing expenses. Was there too much food left over after a particular event? Mrs. Gaffney would take note and try to avoid repeating thoughtless waste at the next event.

Mrs. Gaffney was also the first "First Lady" to live in Doherty House, the presidential residence named for former Board Chair Paul S. Doherty, Jr. '67 HN '04. Her hands-on stewardship included transforming the new structure into a beautiful home where guests, trustees, and students all felt equally at ease.

Not surprisingly, many of the testimonials offered to mark President Gaffney's tenure have also recognized Linda Gaffney's important work. "She is the real deal," wrote one admirer.

ABOVE: THE DYNAMIC DUO OF PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY AND LINDA GAFFNEY



Every year since he first arrived as president, Gaffney has participated, actively, at Student Move-In Day in the fall. Like most presidents, Gaffney presides over an official welcoming ceremony for students and parents.

Unlike most university presidents, Gaffney warms up for the official greeting by spending hours driving a golf cart, lifting boxes, and doing the physical work involved with moving students into residence halls.

He doesn't wear a nametag or anything to indicate that he is the chief executive of the institution. Whatever student is next in line with clothing, water bottles, furniture, and sometimes stuffed animals, gets help from the nice anonymous man in a blue polo shirt.

Although he is solicitous of students and family members eager to make sure their transitions are smooth, he never mentions that he is the president. When pressed, he might confess to being a member of "the administration." Most parents come away thinking he is a coach or a member of the athletics department.

"He's unloading cars and he's helping people move in and I'm shooting pictures," said longtime University Photographer Jim Reme. "I ask people if they know who he is, and they say no."

"I tell them that he's the president, and they don't believe me. Gaffney loves that stuff, and loves to be out there," Reme said.

Former Alumni Association President Ken LePosa '71, who has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1972, also admires Gaffney's work at Move-In Day.

"I have never had the opportunity to interact with such a dynamic individual. I was always impressed how on the first day of the new semester [Gaffney] was there, sleeves rolled up, and driving the golf carts to assist the incoming students to get settled," LePosa said.

"I have not seen that kind of interaction from any president with the student body, and it was outstanding. Gaffney really is a student's President," he said.

Visitors to campus for athletic events, academic conferences, alumni reunions, student theatre productions, concerts or performing arts events at Pollak Theatre or the Multipurpose Activity Center, were all likely to see Gaffney in his role as "cheerleader-in-chief."

More often than not, anyone who ventured close enough for an encounter was also drawn by his charisma, and almost supernatural ability to remember names. Gaffney's commitment to personally support all aspects of the University seemed to expand, as programming expanded, at an exponential rate to match his boundless enthusiasm for all things Monmouth.

Under Gaffney's leadership Monmouth University made incredible academic progress, registering an incoming first year student GPA of 3.38 in 2012, a significant jump from 2.98 in 2004, while dramatically increasing retention and graduation rates. Incoming students have also become more diverse, with 21.7% of the most recent first year class comprised of traditionally under-represented minorities.

Rankings in the benchmark *U.S. News & World Report* roster of "America's Best Colleges" have jumped to a tier 1 ranking of 37 in 2012 from an unranked second-tier slot in 2003. Monmouth remains one of the fastest-rising universities in its

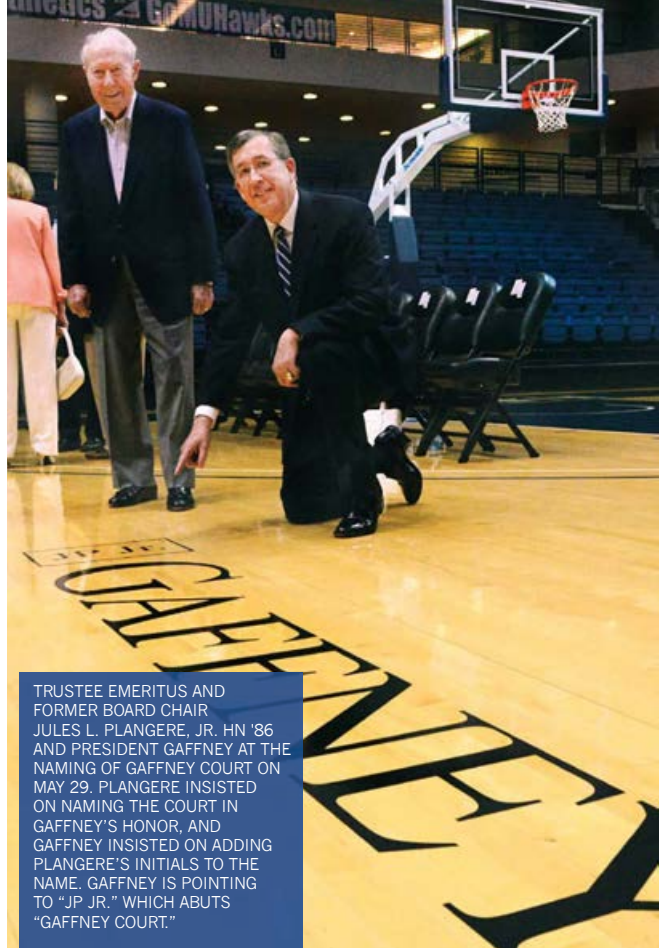


category, climbing more than 50% from a tier 1 ranking of 76 in 2005. *U.S. News & World Report* also recognized Monmouth in its list of “A+ Schools for B Students.”

For eight consecutive years, Monmouth has been included in *The Princeton Review’s Best 377 Colleges*. Only about 15% of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges are selected for the flagship college guide. Other academic programs including the MBA program at the Leon Hess Business School and the MSW program in the School of Social Work have also received increased national attention.

Gaffney established several Centers of Distinction including the Monmouth University Polling Institute, the Urban Coast Institute, and the Rapid Response Institute, which have all become important authorities in regional and national issues.

He introduced Monmouth’s first doctoral program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2011, and a new Master of Science in Physician Assistant degree, one of only three in New Jersey, which is expected to debut in 2014. Gaffney also helped ensure that Monmouth would become home to the unique Bruce Springsteen Special Collection, containing more than 15,000 documents.



TRUSTEE EMERITUS AND FORMER BOARD CHAIR JULES L. PLANGERE, JR. HN '86 AND PRESIDENT GAFFNEY AT THE NAMING OF GAFFNEY COURT ON MAY 29. PLANGERE INSISTED ON NAMING THE COURT IN GAFFNEY'S HONOR, AND GAFFNEY INSISTED ON ADDING PLANGERE'S INITIALS TO THE NAME. GAFFNEY IS POINTING TO "JP JR." WHICH ABBREVIATES "GAFFNEY COURT."

GAFFNEY COURT

Former Board Chair and Trustee Emeritus Jules L. Plangere, Jr. HN '86 and his wife, Jane Plangere, returned to campus on May 29 to celebrate the naming of the basketball court in the Multipurpose Activity Center as “Gaffney Court.”

The honor was one that Gaffney was reluctant to receive and likely one that only someone of Plangere’s stature and generosity could force him to accept. Gaffney has long maintained that only donors deserve naming opportunities, and despite the fact that he and his wife, Linda, have been generous financial supporters of student scholarships.

“I didn’t think I deserved it,” Gaffney said. “But since Jules did earn this by himself, and it was his right to give it to somebody else, I’m absolutely flattered by his generosity.”

Current Board Chair Robert Sculthorpe '63 said, “[Gaffney] doesn’t like recognition. He’s one of the few people walking the planet that doesn’t want platitudes. He deserves it. The record speaks for itself.”

Plangere, also the former publisher of the *Asbury Park Press*, said, “As you know, I do not give praise easily, and I am not easily impressed. However, I can truly say that you have both impressed me with your significant accomplishments at Monmouth University, your personal integrity, your ability to do what is right and not what is expedient, and your compassion for the students you helped find their way in life.”

Gaffney's impending departure hasn't been a closely guarded secret. He very publically announced the end of his term of office in February 2012, garnering widespread media acclaim for his accomplishments. An April roast in Gaffney's honor later the same year raised \$10 million—the largest amount for any single event in Monmouth's history.

Perhaps because Gaffney didn't choose to rest on his laurels, or spend his final year taking a victory lap that his departure still seems unreal to many members of the campus community. Knowing the end of an era is approaching and actually saying goodbye are very different; not unlike the feeling each new class of graduating seniors experiences each year.

Like the many changes he has steered toward the next phases of their lives, Gaffney can be proud of his achievements and still look forward to the next chapter in his remarkable life.

Gaffney plans to move to Columbia, SC, not far from the University of South Carolina where he received an honorary Doctor of Education degree in 2002. He told *The Outlook* that he planned to operate at a slower pace, play more golf, and travel more with his wife, Linda. He also hinted at a new career as a part-time student. "I could sit at baseball practice, go to a play, go to a lecture, and maybe take some courses. Maybe I'll be a journalist, you never know. At my age, with senior citizen rates, going to school doesn't cost very much, and it will keep me out of trouble."

No matter what the future holds, the consensus is that this president will be a tough act to follow. "Following someone who was such a roaring success is not easy," Gaffney said when he arrived in 2003, noting, "Rebecca Stafford certainly raised the bar at Monmouth University."

Each president has built on the accomplishments of predecessors and contributed to Monmouth's rise, and the foundation is firm for Dr. Paul R. Brown, who will take command as president on August 1. [MU](#)



HAWK PRIDE

President Gaffney has been a strong supporter of athletics during his tenure, attending as many home games in as many different sports as possible. During his four years at the U.S. Naval Academy, Gaffney was a leading miler and two-miler in indoor and outdoor track and field and a cross country runner on freshmen and varsity teams, with 12 letter-winning seasons. His love of the sport also led to an additional role for the president—announcer at track and field events.

Administratively, he approved the addition of a Division I women's bowling team and a men's lacrosse team. Gaffney was also instrumental in leading Monmouth into new athletic conferences, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference for most sports, and, beginning in 2014, a move to the Big South Conference for football.

The Multipurpose Activity Center is the most visible upgrade to the athletic facilities, offering space for indoor track and field events and one of the finest basketball venues in the region. Other notable facility upgrades include new turf for Kessler Field, and So Sweet a Cat Field, home to women's field hockey; new soccer lights and scoreboard on the Great Lawn; new scoreboards on the baseball and softball fields; and new tennis courts on the north side of campus.

Several of the University's athletic teams, including men's basketball, baseball, golf, soccer, men's and women's track, and women's lacrosse, have advanced to the NCAA championship series in their respective sports under Gaffney's watch, and the number of alumni drafted or playing in the pro divisions of football, baseball, and soccer has been on the rise. For students not competing at the Division I level, Gaffney also supported a popular intramural athletics program with 2,815 participants.

Gaffney's legacy to Monmouth Athletics also includes reactivating the Sports Hall of Fame, which was established in 1981 but lay dormant from 1984 to 2007.

ABOVE: GAFFNEY WEARING THE PRO BOWL JERSEY OF FORMER HAWK STANDOUT MILES AUSTIN, A WIDE RECEIVER WITH THE DALLAS COWBOYS.

Fair Winds and a Following Sea

President Gaffney Bids Farewell at Commencement



More than a thousand graduates and 7,000 guests, including Monmouth University's first doctoral degree recipients, listened to President Paul Gaffney's words of encouragement and appreciation at the 82nd commencement ceremony at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel on May 22.

At his last commencement ceremony, and first commencement address to graduating Monmouth students, Gaffney stressed the importance of individuality and his faith in the graduates' potential to strive for more, saying, "You're the heroes here... You are great, and you are ready."

Gaffney challenged the class of 2013 to "solve problems, take big steps, and guide the future by leading this great nation."

Reflecting on his distinguished career, including more than three decades of service in the United States Navy, culminating with the rank of Vice Admiral, Chief of Naval Research, and president of the National Defense University, before his transformational tenure at Monmouth, Gaffney said, "This decade with you tops them all." "I wish you fair winds, a following sea, a tall ship and a bright star to steer her by."

As part of the ceremony, honorary degrees were awarded to the Honorable Rochelle R. Hendricks, secretary of Higher Education for the State of New Jersey, and Monmouth

University Life Trustee, Alfred L. Ferguson, Esq., of Counsel with McCarter & English, LLP.

Hendricks said, "This University has transformed from its early beginnings as a junior college to a dynamic, highly-regarded university with strong traditional as well as innovative new programs meeting regional and state needs while garnering national attention."



BOARD CHAIR ROBERT SCULTHORPE '63, LIFE TRUSTEE ALFRED FERGUSON HN '13, SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION ROCHELLE HENDRICKS HN '13, PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY



FIRST DOCTORAL DEGREES

Monmouth University awarded its first doctoral degrees in May to seven members of the first cohort of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, which started in 2011. The DNP program aims to produce clinical leaders who can excel in advocating for, and delivering, quality healthcare to diverse populations.

ABOVE: RENATA FLAKS '10 MSN '13 DNP, BARBARA SCARANO '01 MSN '13 DNP, MELISSA RICHARDSON '13 DNP, JANETTE MARIE PARSONS '09M '13 DNP, VIRGINIA CARREIRA '91 BSN '98 MSN '13 DNP, THERESE WEST '00 BSN '03 MSN '13 DNP, GAYE MADIGAN '88 BSN '00 MSN '13 DNP

DEGREES FOR MOTHER AND DAUGHTER



MELISSA RICHARDSON '13 DNP, JAVEN RICHARDSON '13M

Dorothy Rivers and Carlton Richardson were among the proud parents in the crowd at Commencement, waiting with anticipation for their loved ones to walk down the aisle.

"There's going to be a puddle of tears by the end of this ceremony," said Rivers who was not only waiting for her daughter, Melissa Richardson, to appear in the procession but also her granddaughter, Javin.

Melissa Richardson, clinical site supervisor and preceptor for Monmouth's Nurse Practitioner Program, was one of seven graduates to receive the first

doctorates in Nursing Practice awarded by Monmouth University; while Melissa's daughter, Javin, was receiving an M.B.A. She is also manager and family nurse practitioner at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. Javen plans to continue at McGraw-Hill Financial as a financial analyst while pursuing her CPA certification.

With tears already in his eyes, Rivers' son-in-law, Carlton looked intently at the procession for his wife and daughter.

"I'm just so proud," said Carlton, who is a systems administrator in Monmouth's Information Operations department.

Hendricks, who commended Admiral Gaffney on a job well done, was named the first Secretary of Higher Education for the State of New Jersey in May 2011. She is also the recipient of numerous academic, leadership and service recognitions. She has also participated in several White House initiatives and U.S. Department of State-supported international education events.

Life Trustee Alfred L. Ferguson, who recently served on the search committee to hire Gaffney's successor, Dr. Paul R. Brown, accepted his honorary degree saying, "I'm really proud to be one of you."

The longtime advocate of the environment called on the graduates to "be protectors and guardians of our oceans." In the 1990s Ferguson challenged beach access laws in New Jersey and prevailed, helping to guarantee the rights to beach access for citizens.

"Life is a little bit like a wave," said Ferguson, who urged the graduates to "get to the beach early. Paddle out. Wait for a good wave. Share it with your friends. And ride it all the way in. May you have a good ride in."

Ferguson served in the U.S. Navy before returning to his alma mater, Yale, to attain his law degree. In addition to a distinguished legal career, and years of service as a Monmouth University Trustee, Ferguson is well known in coastal communities for his creation of the Jersey Shore chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. His efforts have been recognized with the creation of "Ferguson Beach" in Sea Bright.

Also honored at the ceremony was Student Government President Oscar Sanchez, Jr., who was named the 2013 Outstanding Student. Sanchez, who earned his degree in Communication, garnered a 3.94 GPA and was active in many campus organizations. [MU](#)



JUAREZ SEIZES OPPORTUNITY

As Jazmin Juarez walked toward the procession line, she tugged on the many tassels that represented her numerous honors she amassed as a student at Monmouth including cords representing the National Biological Society and the National Leadership Honor Society. One of her yellow tassels also represented her commitment to her perseverance to education. It was carried over from her days as a high school student in Bergenfield where about 78 percent of the student body is a minority and 28 percent are designated as economically disadvantaged.

"I promised myself that I wouldn't wear this one until I graduated college," Juarez said with pride. A standout at Bergenfield High School, Juarez was one of 29 students named in 2009 by the College Board as an Advanced Placement Scholar.

Her commitment to education never waned as an Honors School student. Juarez was also a member of the Pre-Health Honor Society, a Peer Mentor Coordinator and in 2012 received a \$1,425 travel award from the Minorities Affairs Committee to present research at the annual American Society for Cell Biology meeting in San Francisco.

Following graduation, Juarez said, she will attend an EMT Paramedic school. She will then attend medical school with hopes of pursuing a career in pediatrics.

SUPER INTERNSHIP FOR EDELMAN

Graduating senior Andrew M. Edelman, who interned with CBS Sports while finishing up his last year at Monmouth, was rewarded with a ticket to Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans on February 3 as the Graphics Runner for the broadcast.

"I was in shock at first, and very apprehensive," Edelman said of his experience. "I knew it was going to be a lot of hard work and something I haven't ever experienced before. I realized though they would not have asked me if they didn't think I can handle it."

Edelman, who majored in graphic design with minors in business marketing and photography, was a graphic intern last summer for CBS Sports. The week-long preparation leading up to the broadcast gave him hands-on experience assisting in the production of the graphics that shaped one of the last truly national network television experiences. Edelman said that in addition to learning from experienced producers, he also was afforded the opportunity to contribute to the creative process and developed graphic content of his own.

"The week was long and hard, but the feeling I had when I saw my designs air was one I can never duplicate," Edelman said.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS



CARLY THIBAUT '13



SAMANTHA WILSON '13

Psychology major Carly Thibault and Criminal Justice major Samantha Wilson both earned perfect 4.0 GPAs and received the Alumni Association Academic Achievement Award at Commencement. The award is given to an undergraduate student with the highest GPA with all credits earned exclusively at Monmouth.

Thibault, a member of the women's basketball team, also achieved success as a player. She shot a league-leading 44.1 percent from the three-point range this season, helping to land her on the All-Northeast Conference Third Team in March. She ranks third all-time at Monmouth with 164 three-point field goals made, while her 56 three-pointers this season rank sixth in a single season with the Hawks. Her 44.1 percent from long range this season also ranks third in a single season at Monmouth.

Bob Santelli

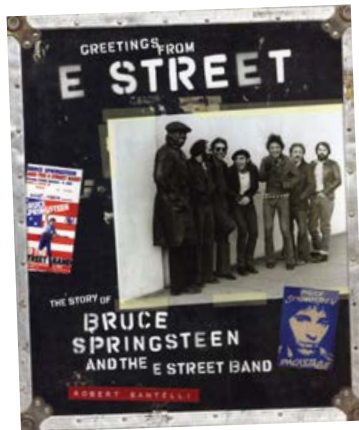
An Interview with the Music Man



“Opportunity is the word that is most synonymous for me when it comes to Monmouth. I had opportunities here, people believed in what I wanted to do, and they supported me—whether it was as a student or as a faculty member when I returned to teach. I always had that sense of opportunity being here and it was mine to grasp, and I did.”

Robert Santelli, '73, executive director of the GRAMMY Museum in Los Angeles, is a noted blues and rock historian, author, educator, and founding director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. On a recent visit to campus, Santelli shared his thoughts on Jersey Shore music, its wider cultural implications, and his journey from youthful music fan to distinguished expert on the national stage.

An active supporter of—and key figure in the acquisition of—the Bruce Springsteen archive housed at Monmouth University since 2011, Santelli is an expert on the Jersey Shore music scene that emerged in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Although Santelli is an authority with first-hand experience of the unique musical scene that emerged from the Jersey Shore and its undisputed break-out star, Bruce Springsteen, his expertise spans much wider than the Jersey Shore.



Santelli has written and edited more than a dozen books about music, including several on blues, rock, and folk. His most recent book, *Wild and Innocent: The Rise of Bruce Springsteen and the Resurrection of Rock and Roll*, has an estimated publication date in 2015.

His diverse body of published material also includes tourist guides to the Jersey Shore and *The Baseball Fan's Bucket List: 162 Things You Must Do, See, Get, and Experience Before You Die*, co-authored with his daughter, Jenna.

Following an early career as a high school history teacher, Santelli went on to write about popular music for *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*. He taught popular music as an important part of the historical record at the college level, and is widely regarded as a principal spokesperson for the music of the 20th century, and an expert at illuminating how popular music has informed both the American individual and the American culture.

Q.

Tell us about your career progression after Monmouth.

A. I left Monmouth, which at the time was Monmouth College, and I spent a year fulfilling a young person's dream. I brought a batch of books and a bunch of surfboards and moved to Mexico with a few friends.

When I came back, I began teaching at Point Pleasant Beach High School, which was my alma mater. After three years, I went to the University of Southern California to obtain my master's degree in American Studies. While I was out there, I started my career as a writer and mostly wrote about popular music and the history of American music.

Q.

How did you come back to teach at Monmouth?

A. I had written my first book (*Aquarius Rising*, a history of rock festivals) and came back to New Jersey in 1978 and began working full-time as a writer for the *Asbury Park Press*. I was their music critic, but I was also writing for *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *New Jersey Monthly*, and a number of other magazines. And as I started writing books, I realized I missed teaching. I then had an idea to create something that I really loved, which was the idea of looking at the unfolding of American history through American music.

At the time, this was a relatively novel idea. Being from the Jersey Shore, an area so rich in music, from Bruce Springsteen on down, I thought it would be great to come back to Monmouth University and create a popular music minor.

I devoted half of my time to writing and half of my time to teaching. I taught classes on music history and the music industry itself and started to send Monmouth students up to New York City to intern at places like *Rolling Stone* and MTV, as well as record companies.

I loved doing this very, very much until I had the opportunity to start the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, with colleagues from *Rolling Stone*. I was "deputized," along with four others, as curators. We put together the first exhibits and acquired the initial artifacts. At that point, in 1995, I had to make a choice—a career choice between continuing to teach and stay in New Jersey—or embarking on this new thing, this whole new concept of a music museum.

I decided to pack my bags, and with my young family, moved to Cleveland. That really started a brand new world for me. I became the first director of education and then vice president at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

From there, I moved to Seattle to start Paul Allen's Experience Music Project, which is another big music museum, very much of a hands-on, active experience that uses technology to tell the story as opposed to only artifacts, and then, finally, I came back to Los Angeles to create and open the GRAMMY Museum, which is where I am now.

Q.

How has your Monmouth education aided your professional development?

A. After graduating from Point Pleasant Beach High School, I was just a kid and had some opportunities to go to different places in terms of college and I decided to stay at the Jersey Shore for a couple of reasons. One is because I love the Shore, I hadn't always lived here—I was born in Jersey City. And I fell in love with the ocean, surfing, and fell in love with everything that revolved around the water. I was also a musician and I loved music, and at the time the Jersey Shore was ready to explode with Bruce Springsteen and Southside Johnny. I realized there was such a vital scene here that I found it hard to leave.

A lot of my friends were applying to what was then Monmouth College, and I had come here to see basketball games as a kid, and my father really liked the school. He said, "You should stick around and go here," and I did. And it was incredibly important to me not only that I got a great education but I had opportunities here, opportunities that I probably would not have had anywhere else.

In my sophomore year, I became part of the entertainment page of *The Outlook*, which is really how I got started as a writer. I covered a lot of concerts including the early bands of Bruce Springsteen, like the Bruce Springsteen Band and Steel Mill, who used to play on this campus all the time.

Q.

Did you have a particular faculty member who mentored you?

A. I remember Professor Ken Stunkel had a big impact on me. He was an intellectual and I aspired to have just a piece of the knowledge that he did, as well as his ability to interpret that knowledge.

I remember sitting in his classes and being in awe of his command of language, his command of history, and his command of being able to do something with history. It is one thing to know what happened in the past and it is another thing to know how to use history to explain things in the present and to help reference and inform the future.



PHOTO: JOHN ARUNDEL

ROBERT SANTELLI MODERATES A WORKSHOP AT THE WHITE HOUSE HOSTED BY FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA IN NOVEMBER, 2011, FEATURING COUNTRY MUSIC LEGENDS KRIS KRISTOFFERSON, LEFT, LYLE LOVETT AND DARIUS RUCKER.

There was also Dr. Richard Westcott who taught American history, and he was someone who allowed me the opportunity to go beyond the traditional confines of American history; because really, my interest was more in American culture and I was interested in the history of music.

Back then, in the early 1970s, the history of American music and especially the history of popular music really didn't exist on the college campus. Some schools had started to experiment with the possibility of teaching the history of rock and roll as a course but back then, those courses were being taught by musicians, not academics, and you were probably going to sit around listening to Led Zeppelin records and think how great they were as opposed to being given any context.

But I saw this gap as an opportunity, and I would talk to my professors about it. They told me I needed to go to graduate school at some point and that I needed to broaden this concept, and it was at that point I realized, "This is what I am going to do." I received a scholarship from the University of Southern California to study American culture and American studies and that seemed perfectly suited to me.

Q.

How do you keep yourself current intellectually?

A. Running the GRAMMY Museum is a full-time "plus" job, but one thing I have never stopped doing, and something I am very proud of, is that I am a perpetual learner. The music industry is moving so fast—keeping up with the greatest and the newest bands, the song artists, and the writers is very important to me.

I read a lot, and I am on planes almost every week of the year, so I usually go through about a book a week. I don't read for pure entertainment. I'm reading for information, I'm reading for new ideas, I'm reading for ways in which I can become not just a better individual citizen or better father, but also a better museum director.

When a couple of hundred thousand people come through the museum in Los Angeles and they are looking for ideas about music, I am looking to challenge their preconceived notions; I am looking to teach them new things about jazz or Cajun music, whatever it is; so I need to be at the top of my game.

No one should ever stop learning. I think once you stop learning you start going backwards, and I don't ever want to do that. I am in a young persons' business; the great music of America is made by people younger than me and in order for me to stay hip and to stay moving as fast as they move means staying in touch—and being in touch means continuing to learn.

Q.

How does your Monmouth education help you to continue to reach your potential, personally and professionally?

A. I like to think of Monmouth University as a well that I have come back to more than once in my life: as a student, as an academic or teacher, and also as an alumnus. Just recently I was involved in helping bring the Bruce Springsteen archive to the University, which is both personally and professionally important to me.

Bruce Springsteen clearly is someone who has helped to culturally define what New Jersey is and who we are as “New Jerseyans,” and he has gone well beyond that.

He is now an American figure on the caliber of Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan. But he started *here*, and he makes his home *here* and I just thought wow, wouldn't it be great if the papers and the lyrics and the posters and the magazine articles and the recordings could stay at the Jersey Shore?

So, I did what I have done numerous times in the past and returned to Monmouth University. Along with others, I sought the opportunity to create something that will not just sit here but will be an active archive where students, scholars,



PHOTO: GRAMMY MUSEUM

SANTELLI HOSTED A BOOK SIGNING EVENT BY ROCK-AND-ROLL ICON PETE TOWNSEND OF THE WHO AT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM JANUARY 30, 2013.

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teachers, journalists, and even fans can come onto the campus and understand the legacy of Bruce Springsteen and his music. This is significant because a hundred years from now, we will be studying Springsteen's music much the way we study Woody Guthrie's music today—as an indicative reflection of an era, and of a particular place, New Jersey.

And Springsteen is someone who has greatly impacted me and influenced me. Coming back to the Shore and coming back to Monmouth to give some of what I have received back to the University is both personally gratifying and, I think, part of what I should be doing. I think it is the role of every alumnus not to forget where you came from and not to forget about the kind of experiences you had while you were spending four years at this University. It is important to do that.

Q.

How would you describe Monmouth University?

A. Monmouth University is a place that is beautiful physically and geographically. But it is also a place that is a creator of ideas and dreams for young people. I noticed that a number of people in my family, particularly on my wife's side, have gone to Monmouth University, and I remember a few years ago when we were sitting around comparing recollections of our time here and almost everyone said that it was a place where you could begin to formulate what you wanted to do with your life.

You would arrive here kind of green from high school, a little bit immature, and over the four or five years, you would grow into a man or a woman. You would be able to see things more clearly by taking courses, by having interactions with the faculty, by exchanging ideas and friendships with fellow students, and by becoming emotionally, academically, and professionally connected to the campus—and that is something that you carry with you your entire life.

It is a rare student who looks back at Monmouth and doesn't see anything in the past. Most of us, if not all of us, carry good feelings about it and are happy that we spent the time here that we did.



PHOTO: GRAMMY MUSEUM



PHOTO: JOHN ARUNDEL

TOP: PUBLIC ENEMY FRONTMAN CHUCK D AND ROBERT SANTELLI DURING AN EVENING WITH PUBLIC ENEMY AT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM ON APRIL 16, 2013

BOTTOM: ROBERT SANTELLI WITH FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Q.

What is the greatest opportunity you have had at Monmouth University?

A. I would have to say the greatest opportunity that was offered while I was at Monmouth was encouragement. I came here as a kid who had just barely turned 17. I skipped a year, and I was green and not very sure of myself or what I wanted to do. By the time I graduated, I had matured and I had vision. And the reason why I had vision was because there were people here who took interest in me, and they encouraged me to think big, and they encouraged me to go beyond what was possible and to strive for a little bit more than perhaps I normally would have thought to reach for.

I come from working class parents. My father was a state trooper, and we struggled. I didn't have the ability to think big. It was just get a job, hold on to that job and raise a family and be satisfied with that.

I came to Monmouth, and I thought bigger, and I decided I wanted to be a writer and I wanted to do things that supported my love of American music and I thought, "why not"?

And there were people here professors, deans, and friends who said "yeah, you should." When I graduated, I felt stronger,

more mature, and I felt confident. I can't say I wasn't afraid a little bit, but I think that comes with taking risks.

I just knew that I had a parachute and my parachute was my background at Monmouth. I had gotten the education I needed and that I wanted. I had taken whatever Monmouth had given me in terms of the opportunities to work on *The Outlook* and to work on the yearbook staff. I learned how to use a camera, and I used that knowledge to help me as a freelance writer travelling around the world. These were all things I took away that gave me the promise and the possibility of being, ultimately, who I would become and for that I am forever grateful.

Q.

What do you consider one of your greatest career accomplishments?

A. When I look back at my career, there is one thing that sticks out more than any other. It is something that I will always be most grateful for and feel the most pride in doing. A few years ago, I was asked to manage the music education program at the White House for the Obama administration. Someone from the White House contacted me to create an educational program with the First Lady on the music from the Civil Rights Era, and I could not believe they were asking me. It was beyond an honor, it was almost like a dream. Together, we produced a concert for the President, and we were fortunate enough to get Bob Dylan to come and sing with a number of other people from the Civil Rights Era, and it became a PBS special that I produced.

Since then I have been back to the White House about half a dozen times doing the same: we have showcased country music, and the blues with Mick Jagger, and we have done soul music as well. These programs have provided a unique opportunity for me to sit with the First Lady and talk to her about music. I am also able to speak to the children and the students in the audience about what they heard and saw, while being in the same room with the President and his guests. It gives me chills just thinking about it. [MU](#)



PHOTO: GRAMMY MUSEUM

SPORTS SCHEDULES

2013 FOOTBALL

08/29 at Montana State	TBA
09/07 at Liberty	7:00 PM
09/14 LEHIGH	1:00 PM
09/21 at Holy Cross	TBA
09/28 at Columbia	12:30 PM
10/05 ROBERT MORRIS	1:00 PM
10/12 at Saint Francis	12:00 PM
10/19 CORNELL	1:00 PM
11/02 at Sacred Heart	1:00 PM
11/09 at Wagner	12:00 PM
11/16 at Bryant	12:00 PM
11/23 DUQUESNE	12:00 PM

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2013 FIELD HOCKEY

08/30 at Northeastern	6:00 PM
09/06 Kent State (at Michigan State)	4:30 PM
09/08 at Michigan State	11:00 AM
09/14 at Temple	2:00 PM
09/15 LEHIGH	1:00 PM
09/20 LIBERTY	3:00 PM
09/22 TOWSON	12:00 PM
09/27 at Fairfield	TBA
09/29 DELAWARE	1:00 PM
10/06 at Syracuse	2:00 PM
10/18 at Siena *	4:00 PM
10/20 at Bryant*	12:00 PM
10/25 SACRED HEART *	4:00 PM
10/27 QUINNIPIAC *	1:00 PM
11/01 RIDER*	4:00 PM
11/03 at Robert Morris*	12:00 PM

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*MAAC Conference Game

2013 MEN'S SOCCER

08/30 at North Carolina	7:00 PM
09/01 at Wake Forest	7:00 PM
09/06 SETON HALL	7:00 PM
09/11 VILLANOVA	7:00 PM
09/14 at Boston University	7:00 PM
09/20 ALBANY	7:00 PM
09/22 at Hofstra	1:00 PM
09/28 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST.	7:00 PM
10/05 at Fairfield *	7:00 PM
10/09 IONA *	7:00 PM
10/12 SIENA *	7:00 PM
10/16 at Rider *	7:00 PM
10/19 at Marist *	7:00 PM
10/23 SAINT PETER'S *	7:00 PM
10/26 QUINNIPIAC*	7:00 PM
10/30 at Manhattan *	7:00 PM
11/02 Niagara *	1:00 PM
11/09 at Canisius *	7:00 PM

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2013 WOMEN'S SOCCER

08/25 DELAWARE	1:00 PM
08/29 at Lehigh	7:00 PM
09/02 SETON HALL	7:00 PM
11/05 NJIT	7:00 PM
11/08 at Columbia	1:00 PM
11/13 at Hofstra	7:00 PM
09/15 FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	6:00 PM
09/21 at Niagara *	1:00 PM
09/28 CANISIUS *	1:00 PM
10/02 MANHATTAN *	7:00 PM
10/05 FAIRFIELD *	7:00 PM
10/09 at Iona *	TBA
10/12 at Siena *	1:00 PM
10/16 RIDER *	7:00 PM
10/19 MARIST *	7:00 PM
10/23 at Saint Peter's *	3:00 PM
10/26 at Quinnipiac *	1:00 PM

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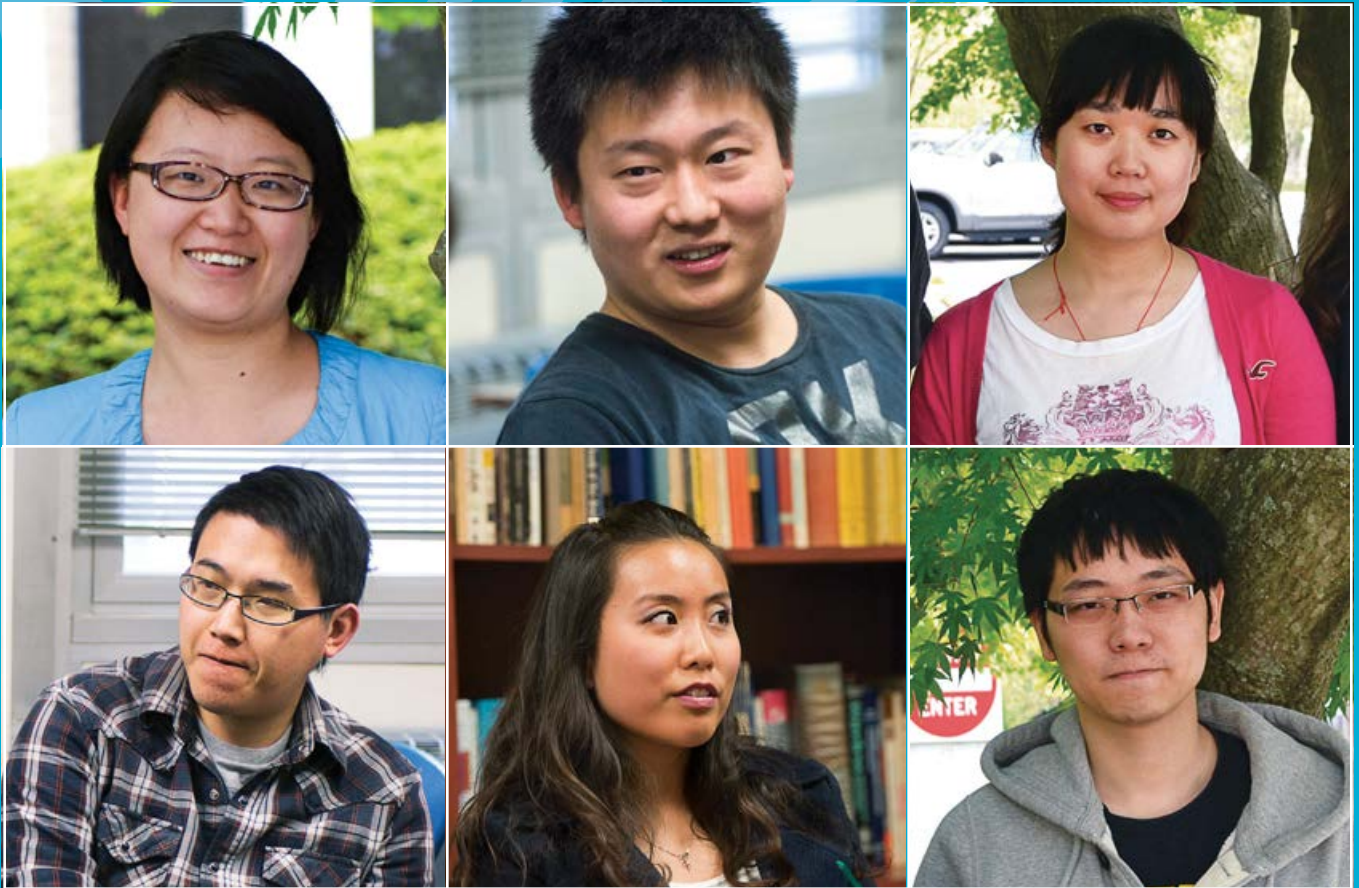
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or return home as "Sea Turtles"?



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT NINGNING CHEN, YUXIANG GUO, DANDAN XIAO

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: TAIRAN SONG, SUMMER (XIA ZHANG) '12M, YUCHEN WU

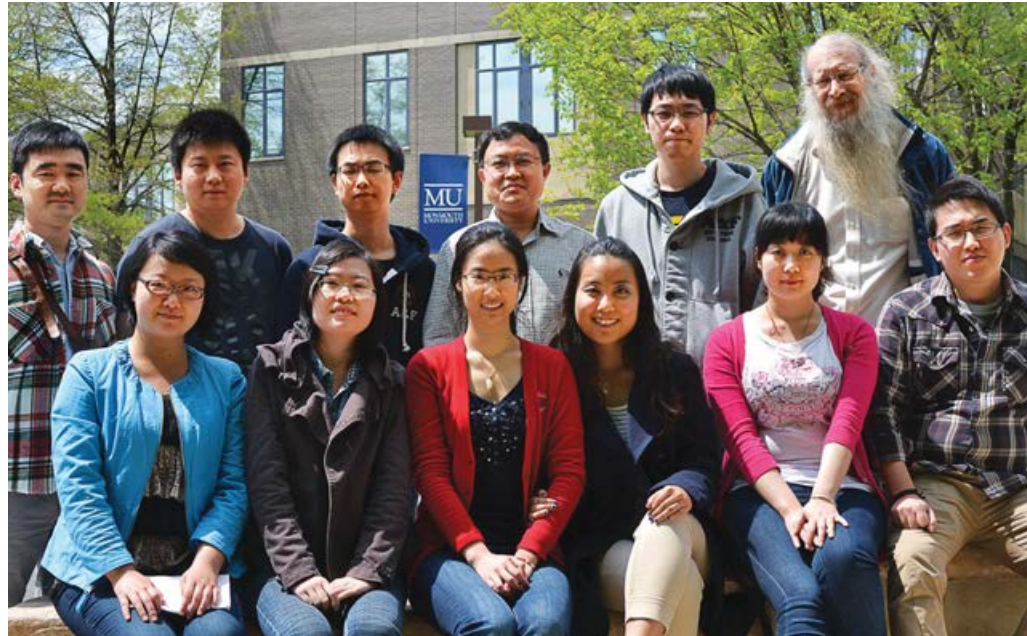


**What no Facebook?
“That’s right!” said,
Ningning Chen, one of
the 11 Chinese students
enrolled in Monmouth
University during the
2012-2013 academic year.
“Facebook is not allowed
[in China].”**

Although Facebook may be forbidden in her native land, as children of the “New China,” Chen’s generation has had other doors opened to them as never before. With economic reform, China is now home to a growing number of middle-class parents who want the best for their, in most cases, only child’s future. They want them to achieve academic success. And that success often means getting into an American university.

“Education in China is top priority. Parents want their children to excel academically,” said Dr. Jiacun Wang, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering.

Students must pass rigorous testing before being accepted to a Chinese university. A high-stakes exam called “gao kao” is given only once a year. It is China’s national university entrance



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DR. JIACUN WANG (TOP ROW CENTER), AND DR. WILLIAM TEPFENHART, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (TOP ROW FAR RIGHT), GATHER AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION ON MAY 13

Although Chen prefers to be called by her Chinese name, Ningning, many of her fellow students and friends have already assumed American names such as Summer, Jack, Casey, and Jerry. While Americanized names can sometimes help them assimilate and make the transition to life in the United States easier, the Chinese students still straddle two worlds.

Using Facebook, wearing Nine West Shoes, shopping at Macy’s and learning to drive while still using chopsticks, practicing Kung Fu, and performing the fan dance at ethnic events on campus gives them a unique multi-cultural perspective as students at Monmouth.

Chen said that it can sometimes be difficult to mesh the two cultures when it comes to personality traits. “In the East we listen. In the West you talk. Americans are much more expressive and outspoken. The Chinese are more introspective and quiet and at first being at an American university can be intimidating,” she said.

exam, the sole factor that determines admission. According to Chen, “It is similar to the American SAT Exam, but includes testing on physics, chemistry and all sciences.” Dr. Wang added, “All students must also prove proficiency in English as a second language.”

Chen completed her undergraduate degree in China and is now on track to receive a master’s degree in software engineering at Monmouth in December 2013. By attending an American university, Chen and her fellow students are recipients of a priceless global education, highly valued by multinational corporations and in her native China.



DR. JIACUN WANG, CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Chen is the epitome of the dichotomy of the Eastern demeanor. She exudes an air of quiet confidence. Before she speaks, her words are carefully composed while translating her native Chinese into English. Yet she is from Shanghai, a bustling metropolis with neon-lit skyscrapers and karaoke clubs; a background far from the one her quiet demeanor suggests. Dr. Wang, who is faculty advisor of the Chinese Student Association, said he chose Chen as president of the Association because of her social skills and leadership qualities.

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Many of the Chinese graduates of Monmouth University are already working in the United States, and most of the students who are on track to graduate soon are actively looking for jobs in America. “There are many companies in China vying for employees who have studied in the United States,” said Wang. “They are more apt to hire them because their English is better. They have broader experience that includes creative thinking and ‘soft skills’ acquired in a diversified American atmosphere.”

By interacting with other students, language skills are fine-tuned and friendships forged. “When students first come they avoid speaking with American or other foreign students, but after a semester, they are confident,” Dr. Wang said. “For those majoring in the sciences, communication is not so critical, but for business and education students it is crucial,” he added.

“Even with the promise of jobs in China, the majority of graduates opt to stay in America. It is economically and environmentally enticing,” Dr. Wang said.

One of Dr. Wang’s roles at Monmouth University is to recruit students from China. His recruitment program is



YAO CHU, FEI HU, NINGNING CHEN

so well respected that new academic partnerships have emerged from it. Known as the 3+1+1 Program, it will be implemented this fall.

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Dr. Wang describes the program as a partnership with universities in China wherein students attend three years at a Chinese university and complete their fourth year at Monmouth. Their bachelor’s degree is conferred by the Chinese university, and they stay on at Monmouth for one to 1 ½ years to obtain a master’s degree. According to Wang, “This means more graduate students for Monmouth and a good reputation for Chinese universities.” So far, the two universities in this consortium are Xi’an University of Posts and Telecommunications and Xi’an University of Science and Technology.

To finalize these far-reaching plans, a delegation from Monmouth University that included President Paul Gaffney,

Dean of the School of Science Michael Palladino, and Dr. Wang in March visited these two universities in Xi’an, the largest city in northwestern China.

Monmouth’s relationship with these universities began in the fall of 2009 with Dr. Wang’s first recruitment journey. Since then he has visited every year and many current and former students credit him with being responsible for them choosing Monmouth University. Dr. Wang has been cultivating this international exchange and promoting the program throughout his nine year tenure at Monmouth.

The fruition of the joint agreement signed by President Gaffney in March will benefit students majoring in computer science and software engineering. “When it kicks off, there will be 10 to 15 students from each university enrolled in this program,” said Dr. Wang. Future plans include a similar partnership for graduate studies in business and education.

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, associate vice president for Global Initiatives, headed an earlier delegation to explore opportunities with these Chinese universities in 2010. “We are proud to have Chinese students pursue their studies at Monmouth University. Like other international students, they bring much cultural richness and diversity to the campus,” Dr. Sarsar said. With 120 international students enrolled, Monmouth currently

hosts students from India, Saudi Arabia and China, making the University a hub of global educational.

China's best and brightest students like Ningning Chen, have been gravitating toward American graduate schools for years. According to the Institute for International Education, "The boom parallels China's emergence as the world's largest economy after the United States. Coinciding with China's rapid economic growth, a distinctive second generation emerged in the 1990s, comprising more affluent students, but the real influx began in 2005. There were 194,029 Chinese students studying in the United States in the 2011-2012 academic year, representing the largest group of international students from a single country and accounting for 25.4 percent of all foreign students studying in the United States."

In the last decade, students from mainland China have reconfigured the international mix at American universities. Peggy Blumenthal, vice president of the Institute of International Education, noted, "The Chinese are going to invest in anything that gives them an edge and having a degree from the United States gives them that edge back home."

Dr. Wang concurs, "As global citizens with an elite American education they will have an advantage in gaining employment with a multi-national corporation or government agency in China."

Whether they return home as "sea turtles," or forge a new path in America is a choice that each student from China will eventually have to make. In the meantime, the Chinese students are discovering the opportunities—economically and sometimes romantically—and experiencing the cultural quirks that come from studying, and learning at Monmouth. [MU](#)

UNEXPECTED BENEFITS OF STUDYING AT MONMOUTH

Tairan and Dandan came to Monmouth University as software engineering graduate students in 2011. Although both are from China, their provinces are far apart. Tairan Song is from Shangdong, which means "mountain east," a region of state-driven industrialization bordering on the Yellow Sea. Dandan Xiao is from Hunan in the western part of the country, an area known as a center for tea cultivation and its location near the village where Mao Zedong was born.

When they first arrived, their paths crossed on campus many times. Mutual classes, cultural events and extra-curricular activities threw the couple together, and they soon began dating. Dr. Jiacun Wang, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering and faculty advisor of the Chinese Student Association, said their romance was a "by-product" of the program he oversees that recruits students from China to Monmouth University. Dandan, who has a master's degree from Xi'an University of Posts and Telecommunications, graduated in May 2013, and Tairan is on track to graduate in December 2013.



SUMMER (XIA ZHANG) '13M AND JACK (WUJUN ZHAO) '12M

Xia Zhang, who goes by her American name, Summer, graduated in May 2013, with a master's degree in Education. She will begin teaching Mandarin to middle school students in Summit, NJ, in the fall. Her husband, Wujun Zhao, or Jack as he likes to be called, graduated in 2012 with a master's degree in software engineering. He is working on developing applications for the iPhone. He also holds the distinction of being Kung Fu Champion of his town in China. As Jack likes to point out, the word "Fu" in Kung Fu means strong and handsome.

events calendar

JULY

JULY 10



Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)
Rossini's *Armida*
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$18

JULY 17



Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)
Verdi's *La Traviata*
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$18

JULY 24

Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)
Puccini's *Turandot*
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$18

JULY 27

Alumni: Summer BBQ at Bar A
Lake Como
3:00-8:00 PM
\$10
For more information, email
alumni@monmouth.edu.

JULY 31

Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)
Rossini's *Il Barbiere Di Siviglia*
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$18

AUGUST

AUGUST 9

Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)
Verdi's *Il Trovatore*
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$18

AUGUST 11



Alumni: Hawks and Horses
Monmouth Park Racetrack
12:00 PM
Adults (12-up) · \$8*
Children (under 12) · free
Cost includes lunch, non-alcoholic
beverages & a souvenir.
*does not include admission into
park (\$3) or parking (\$4/car)
For more information,
call 732-571-3489

AUGUST 19

**Athletics: Induction into Naismith
Memorial Basketball Hall Fame**
For more information
call 732-571-3400

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 3- DECEMBER 5

Gallery Exhibition: Massachusetts
Featuring the work of: Steve
Smalley, Henry Pinardi, Brenda
Atwood Pinardi, Candice Walter,
Bob Stein, Robert Cumming, and
Vincent DiMattio.
Joan & Robert Rechnitz Hall
Opening Reception:
September 13 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 3 –
NOVEMBER 15**

Gallery Exhibition: Zuan Lee
Ice House Gallery
**Opening Reception: September 19
from 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

SEPTEMBER 9



Kislak Golf Outing
Hollywood Golf Club
\$500.00 per person
\$2,000.00 VIP Foursome
Registration: 10:00 AM
Buffet Luncheon: 11:00 AM · 12 noon
Shot Gun Start: 12:15 PM
For more information call
732-571-4412

SEPTEMBER 19



Visiting Writer's Series: Katie Ford
Wilson Hall Auditorium
4:30 PM
Free and open to public

SEPTEMBER 25



Performing Arts: Dawes
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
Call box office for ticket
information

SEPTEMBER 26

**National Theatre: Live in HD
Shakespeare's Othello – starring**
Adrian Lester
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
\$22

SEPTEMBER 27



**Performing Arts: Aquila Theatre's
Fahrenheit 451**
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4-5

Family Weekend

OCTOBER 5

Best of the Met: Live in HD
Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23

OCTOBER 15

**Estate Planning Seminar
Living and Dying in New Jersey**
Panelists: Attorneys Robert
Gaughran and Stuart Cox, CPA
Morris Pinkowitz, financial planner
Ted Nappi
Wilson Hall
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
RSVP to 732-571-4408 by Sept 28

OCTOBER 16

Visiting Writer's Series: Jan Beatty
Wilson Hall Auditorium
4:30 PM
Free and open to public.

OCTOBER 17



NT Live: Macbeth
starring Kenneth Branagh
and Alex Kingston
Manchester International Festival
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 18



Performing Arts: Julian Sands in A Celebration of Harold Pinter

Directed by John Malkovich
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
\$25/\$37

OCTOBER 19



Alumni: Homecoming

Alumni BBQ
Alumni House
(located adjacent to Lot 25)
10:00 AM · Halftime

OCTOBER 20

Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)

Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23

OCTOBER 25



Children's Theatre: Bunnacula

Pollak Theatre
10:00 AM

OCTOBER 26



Best of the Met: Live in HD

Shostakovich's *The Nose*
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1

Performing Arts Series:

Roseanne Cash

Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2

NT Live: National Theatre:

50 Years on Stage

Pollak Theatre
4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 7-10 & 13-16

Dept. of Music Theatre Arts *The Laramie Project*

Directed by Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Project
Lauren K. Woods Theatre
November 7-9 & 13-16, 8:00 PM
November 10, 3:00 PM

NOVEMBER 8



Performing Arts: Ani DiFranco

Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
\$40/\$50

NOVEMBER 9

Best of the Met: Live in HD

Puccini's *Tosca*
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23

NOVEMBER 14

Visiting Writer's Series:

Anna Journey

Wilson Hall Auditorium
4:30 PM
Free and open to public.

NOVEMBER 16



Performing Arts: Lauren Fox

Love, Lust, Fear & Freedom:
The Songs of Joni Mitchell
& Leonard Cohen
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
Call box office for ticket information

NOVEMBER 17

Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)

Shostakovich's *The Nose*
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23

NOVEMBER 22



Sports Hall of Fame Induction

Wilson Hall
For more information
call 732-263-5188

NOVEMBER 24



Best of the Met: Live in HD (Encore)

Puccini's *Tosca*
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
\$23

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1



Fresh Beat Band

Multipurpose Activity Center
2:00 PM (doors open at 1:00 PM)
6:00 PM (doors open at 5:00 PM)
\$49.50 floor, \$39.50 lower bowl,
\$29.50 upper bowl, \$10 parking fee

DECEMBER 7



39th Annual Holiday Ball

6:30 PM
For reservations call 732-571-3509

Events Subject to Change

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

For information about Performing Arts and Opera events, call the box office at **732-263-6889**.

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

VACCARO IS DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS LEADER



JENNA VACCARO, PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY, 2013 DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS LEADER JAMES S. VACCARO

James S. Vaccaro, president & CEO of Manasquan Savings Bank, was named the 2013 Distinguished Business Leader at an annual dinner in Wilson Hall sponsored by the Leon Hess Business School on March 9.

Vaccaro, who was elected a Monmouth University Trustee in 2010, leads the \$840 million mutual banking organization founded in 1874, with eight offices and branches located throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

He served as chairman, president and CEO of Central Jersey Bancorp, parent company of Allaire Community Bank and Monmouth Community Bank, which he helped found in 1998. From 1982 to 1995, Vaccaro served in various capacities at Central Jersey Bank and Trust Company including executive vice president, treasurer, CFO and as a member of the board of directors.

“Mr. Vaccaro is an extraordinary business and civic leader,” said President

Paul Gaffney. “His work ethic and commitment to the communities he serves make him a fitting role model for our students and the business community at large. We are proud to honor him for his many accomplishments.”

Vaccaro is also a member of the board of trustees for Saint Barnabas Corporation, Monmouth Medical Center and the New Jersey Repertory Theater. He is chairman of the board of Visiting Nurses Association of Central New Jersey, is on the advisory board of Interfaith Neighbors and the leadership council of Prevention First. He has also served on the board of directors for the New Jersey Bankers Association.

In 2007 the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce honored Vaccaro with the Louis G. Libutti Community Service Award for exceptional leadership, professional achievement, and stellar record of community service.

Vaccaro received a B.S. in economics from Ursinus College and a PDM certification from Harvard Graduate School of Business. He is a member of the Business Council of Monmouth University’s Leon Hess Business School.

MICHAEL WATERS POETRY PRIZE

A new poetry prize named for poet Michael Waters, a professor in the Department of English, was announced in December by *Southern Indiana Review* (SIR), a literary magazine published twice a year by the University of Southern Indiana with the support of the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Matthew Guenette, a SIR contributing editor, describes Waters as “among the finest poets of his generation, a writer I have long considered a poet’s poet, an innovative technician with an illuminating, wry, and ever-empathetic voice.”

The Michael Waters Poetry Prize, which will be awarded annually, will include \$2,000 and publication by SIR Press for a full-length poetry manuscript written in English. Professor Waters will judge the entries, which can include up to 80 poems.

Waters has written 10 books of poetry, including *Gospel Night* (2011); *Darling Vulgarly*, a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize (2006); and *Parthenopi: New and Selected Poems*, finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize (2001). His poems have appeared in various journals, including *The Yale Review*, *The Paris Review*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Poetry*, *The Georgia Review*, and *Rolling Stone*. Among

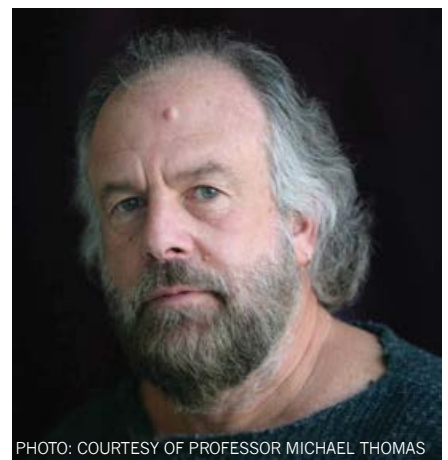


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his awards are fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Fulbright Foundation.

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY IS A HAWK



John Lyon, better known as “Southside Johnny,” performed at Pollak Theatre on April 14 as front man for Southside Johnny and the Pool Fools.

Lyon, who continues to perform with his other band, Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes, has long been regarded as a pioneer of the “Jersey Shore Sound” personified by Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi HN '01,

Before Lyon took the stage, Marilynn Perry, Monmouth University’s director of Alumni Affairs, presented him with a certificate from the Alumni Association proclaiming the influential musician as an honorary hawk.

The distinction isn’t entirely honorary however. As a former student of Monmouth College for about a year and a half, Lyon technically qualifies as an alumnus, even if he did not graduate.

“I was already playing in bands, I was working during the day at the Danelectro guitar factory in Neptune City, then I’d catch the bus up to Monmouth for night classes, 6 to 10:30, 11, then I’d catch the bus back down and play in bands until 2:30, 3 in the morning,” Lyon recalled in an April interview with *The Asbury Park Press*.

“So something had to give, and guess what gave? College.”

In addition to performing an eclectic mix of music from Bob Dylan, Muddy Waters, NRBQ, Emmylou Harris, George Jones and more, Southside Johnny and the Poor Fools were also introducing songs from their debut recording, “Songs From the Barn,” which was released in March.

FINANCIAL MARKETS LAB OPENS



The Leon Hess Business School recently opened the doors to a new Financial Markets Lab on the first floor of Bey Hall. The lab enables students to gain hands-on experience analyzing real-time market and financial data using the same technology and techniques used by Wall Street professionals.

Dr. Donald Moliver, dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said, “We are

delighted to bring this state-of-the-art lab to our students as they deserve no less than this cutting-edge technology to assist in their learning experience.”

The lab is equipped with a wrap-around electronic ticker tape, continuous financial news feeds, and a video wall. The lab will be used for teaching a number of courses in the business school including investments, derivatives, and international finance.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Monmouth University received the New Jersey’s Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award for Environmental Leadership on January 29. The New Jersey Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards are the State’s premier environmental awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects in the state.

The awards program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.



NJDEP COMMISSIONER BOB MARTIN AND PATRICIA SWANNACK, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

BROWN IS NEXT PRESIDENT

Monmouth University's Board of Trustees announced in March that Dr. Paul R. Brown, dean of the College of Business and Economics at Lehigh University, has been selected as the eighth president of Monmouth University, effective August 1, 2013.

"Dr. Brown was our first and unanimous choice to be the new president of Monmouth University. He is an outstanding leader with the qualifications to help Monmouth University continue to prosper as a strong, vibrant institution," said Board Chair Robert B. Sculthorpe '63.

"It is with tremendous excitement that I look forward to joining the Monmouth University community as its eighth president," Dr. Brown said. "Students are at the heart of Monmouth, and it is my honor to serve them, as well as the larger university community, in an effort to reach new heights of excellence. I could not be more thrilled with this opportunity," he added.

During his tenure at Lehigh, Brown raised more than \$40 million in unrestricted funds and funding for endowed faculty chairs even as the College of Business and Economics completed a transformative and wide-sweeping Strategic Plan.

Prior to joining Lehigh, Brown spent more than 20 years at New York University's Stern School of Business where he served as the associate dean of executive MBA Programs and academic director of Stern's global executive MBA program in alliance with the London School of Economics and Political Science and HEC School of Management, Paris. He also served as chair of the Department of Accounting, Taxation and Business Law.

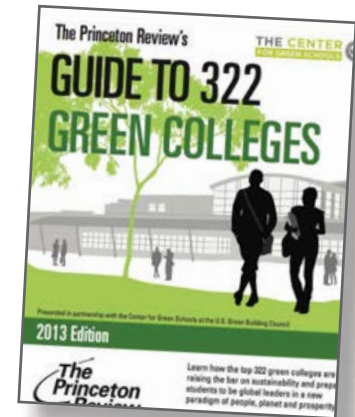
Brown graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Franklin and Marshall College and received his Doctor of Philosophy as well as his Masters of Professional Accountancy degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Brown and his wife, Joan G. Fishman, and daughter, Emma, will move to Doherty House, the presidential residence, this summer.



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MONMOUTH IS A GREEN COLLEGE



Monmouth University is one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States, according to The Princeton Review who included Monmouth for a second year in their "Guide to 322 Green Colleges."

Created in partnership with the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the annual report is the only free, comprehensive guidebook profiling institutions of higher education that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

"Monmouth University is dedicated to environmental responsibility. We practice energy conservation because it is good business, good for the environment, and has an influence on the future behavior of our graduates," said President Paul Gaffney of the recognition.

Robert Franek, Senior VP/Publisher, The Princeton Review, noted the significant interest today's college-bound students have about green issues. "Among 9,955 college applicants who participated in our 2013 'College Hopes & Worries Survey,' 62 percent said having information about a school's commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the school," he said.

NEW CHINA PACTS SEALED

Monmouth University announced in May that it has signed articulation agreements with Xi'an University of Posts and Telecommunications (XUPT) and Xi'an University of Science and Technology (XUST), Xi'an, China, to allow eligible students to enter the master's program in computer science or software engineering at Monmouth University. President Paul Gaffney, Dean of the School of Science Michael Palladino, and Chair of Computer Science and Software Engineering Department Jiacun Wang visited both XUPT and XUST in April to meet with officials at these institutions and finalize the articulation agreements.

Under the terms of the agreements, Chinese undergraduate students majoring in computer science and/or software engineering will complete three years of study at XUPT or XUST and two years of study at Monmouth University. The students will receive a bachelor's degree



from XUPT or XUST and master's degree from Monmouth University.

Dr. Michael Palladino, dean of Monmouth University School of Science, said, "We are honored to be partnering with colleagues at XUPT and XUST in support of student and faculty collaboration. Scientists and engineers work in multinational environments all the time because they speak a common

technical language even when they are from diverse cultural backgrounds."

XUPT President Jianjun Lu said, "This agreement marks a new milestone of our relationship. The partnership will promote and enhance the exchange of students, scholars and administrators between the United States and China."

UCI SURVEYS SEAPORT



As part of a public service for the South Street Seaport Museum, the Urban Coast Institute (UCI) conducted a hydrographic survey at South Street Seaport on March 1.

South Street Seaport Museum reached out to the UCI requesting assistance in surveying water depths between piers 15 and 16 in the lower East River. The Museum's fleet of historic ships

has been berthed between these piers for many years, but water depths have not been known with precision. With plans in the works to move the bigger ships within their berths, accurate depth information was crucial.

UCI Marine Scientist Jim Nickels, with the assistance of Marine and Environmental Policy students Bryan Hewins and David James, took the survey. Nickels is a licensed U.S. Coast Guard Captain and a board certified hydrographer. The Monmouth University survey vessel, Sea Hawk, was used along with sophisticated GPS and depth sounding equipment to give accurate positions and water depths, along with a side scan sonar to look for debris or obstructions that could damage the Wavertree during its movement.

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION HONORS STUDENTS & DONORS



The 22nd annual Scholarship Recognition Reception welcomed about 350 donors, students and family members to Wilson Hall on April 5. The event connects

students with their scholarship donors, and honors both generous donors and deserving student scholars.

Katelyn (Kate) Nawoyski '13, recipient of the Dr. Kenneth E. and Ilamae Knapp

Scholarship and the Samuel H. Magill Scholarship, was the featured student speaker. Interim Vice President of University Advancement Mary Anne Nagy noted that \$1 million in scholarship funds were awarded to 352 students and that 494 new scholarships have been established since 2007.

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



ARTS AWARD FOR DEMIRJIAN

Communication Professor Andrew Demirjian recently received the highest fellowship award from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The \$10,000 award is for media/digital art.

Demirjian combines computer programming with audiovisual production to create experimental portraits that explore relationships between psychology and time. His work has been featured in numerous exhibitions and galleries including Rush Arts and The Center for Book Arts in Manhattan.

Demirjian received a 2006 Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a Fellowship from the MacDowell Colony, a Puffin Foundation Grant, an Artslink grant and has been awarded artist residencies at Eyebeam Art and Technology Center, Djerassi, LMCC Swing Space, the Bemis Center, the Newark Museum, The Clocktower Gallery, and the Experimental Television Center.

MOCK TRIAL GETS SERIOUS



JOSEPH DELLERA, CLASS OF 2014; ALEXANDRIA TODD '13, WILL BE ATTENDING BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL IN THE FALL; CARA TURCICH, CLASS OF 2014; SUSAN PAGANO, CLASS OF 2015; KATELYN NAWOYSKI '13; MICHAEL LUCIA, CLASS OF 2014

Led by Lecturer and Pre-Law Advisor Greg Bordelon, 12 students competed for the first time in the American Mock Trial Association's (AMTA) tournaments in

which over 300 schools vied for the best argument.

"I was so proud of them. They went up against very polished teams in their first year," said Bordelon, who said the

team practiced every Friday starting in October before competing in their first tournament, the "Hooter Invitational," in early December at Temple University. They won one ballot.

Two more tournaments followed at Fordham University on January 19-20 where they won two ballots and then at the AMTA regional competition in Baltimore on February 9-10.

Captain Kate Nawoyski, who graduated in May, said, "Now that Monmouth's team has its first year under its belt, I see even more success in its future. I think the team - in only one year - has developed a strong understanding of Mock Trial and we have a lot of interest to build a really strong team to take on other schools next year."

Looking ahead, Bordelon said he will teach a Legal Advocacy class in the fall. "And now that we got our feet wet, I'm looking forward to the next mock trial."

STUDENTS MEET UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

Monmouth University was one of six institutions invited to the United Nations (UN) on February 20 when UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon introduced and signed his new book, *Building a Better Future for All: Selected Speeches of the United Nations Secretary-General*.

Led by Political Science Professor Rekha Datta, the former director of the Institute for Global Understanding, the visit included students William J. Carrigan, Geoffrey Cloepfil, Alexandria K. Fitzgerald, Brett D. Gilmartin, Gabrielle N. Gunter, Shiva Jyothi Kondamadugu, Samuel L. Maynard, Daniel G. Roman, Shawna M. Sullivan, and Samantha K. Tartas.

Secretary General Ban told the students, "We have invited you here

today because the United Nations is counting on each and every one of you to be a global citizen, to do your part to build a better world, and to take up the mantle of global leadership."

Samuel Maynard, who shook hands with Secretary-General Ban, said, "Actually meeting a global figure and allowing us to discuss issues in an open forum was something not many people are able to do; you could really see how genuine Ban Ki-moon was about promoting education and providing opportunities for students to benefit from at the UN."

"I thought the most important thing that was emphasized was the need for students, as global citizens, to think critically about how international institutions conduct policies...I am



PHOTO: UN/EVAN SCHNEIDER

lucky to have professors like Dr. Datta who are willing to take students to different places in order to have a hands-on learning experience and see things beyond the classroom," he added.

ONCAMPUS

NJSPJ AWARD FOR COVER STORY



“Life Lessons from a Horseshoe Crab,” a profile of Chris Wojcik '91, featured in the fall 2012 issue of the *Monmouth University Magazine*, received an award in May from the NJ Society of

Professional Journalists (NJSPJ) as part of the organization’s 2012 Excellence in Journalism contest.

The article, written by Assistant Editor Heather McCulloch Mistretta, took third

place in the “Magazine—Feature and Profile Writing” category. The cover story chronicled scientist and artist, Chris Wojcik, and the creation, and subsequent destruction of, a 48-foot long artificial reef shaped like a Horseshoe Crab, off the coast of Point Pleasant.

“The contest proves once again that tough, concise, honest, brave and passionate journalism is still happening on a daily basis in the Garden State,” wrote the NJSPJ.

The New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists exists as a voluntary affiliate of the national organization, the Society of Professional Journalists, which was founded in 1909. It works to promote and support the ethical practice of journalism and to improve conditions in the journalistic community in New Jersey.

EOF MARKS 45 YEARS

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program at Monmouth will celebrate 45 years in July.

The mission of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) is to provide access to a four-year college degree to highly motivated students who exhibit the potential for success, but come from families/communities disadvantaged by low income and a lack of quality educational preparation necessary to attend college.

Several of the current EOF staff members are program alumni, including EOF Director Colleen Johnson '81 '85M, Freshman Coordinator/Counselor Nicole Martinez '03 '09M and EOF Counselor Tyrone Smith '06 '07M.

At Monmouth EOF students go through a Summer Program prior to their freshman year that is highly



EOF COUNSELOR TYRONE SMITH '06 '07M; DR. MERCY AZEKE, DEAN OF THE OF THE CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACADEMIC ADVISING; EOF DIRECTOR COLLEEN JOHNSON '81 '85M; 2012 HERO AWARD WINNER GARY MEJIA, AND FRESHMAN COORDINATOR/COUNSELOR NICOLE MARTINEZ '03 '09M

structured with a rigorous daily schedule that includes periods for meals, classes, seminars, and study. Each student earns six credits while on

campus. Students meet regularly with their EOF upper class peer counselors to discuss daily issues.

NATIONAL HONORS FOR THE OUTLOOK



OUTLOOK FACULTY ADVISOR JOHN MORANO, OUTLOOK EDITOR-IN-CHIEF BRETT BODNER AND MEMBERS OF THE OUTLOOK STAFF AT THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY ON MARCH 5

Monmouth University's student newspaper, *The Outlook*, was selected as the 'Best University Newspaper' by the judges of the American Scholastic Press Association in May for

universities with enrollments above 2,500 students, the contest's most competitive category. This is the second time in the last four years Monmouth University's *Outlook* has won the national award.

One judge wrote, "You have an excellent school newspaper, which shows the creativity and journalistic knowledge of your editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout/graphics designers, and adviser." Editor-in-Chief Brett Bodner said, "This is an incredible honor. It is the result of a total group effort of dedicated students and our adviser."

Professor John Morano, the paper's faculty adviser, said, "This is one of the most dedicated, talented staffs I've worked with in over 20 years advising the paper. Everything that was thrown at these young journalists this year, including the devastation of Super Storm Sandy, the staff handled with energy and professionalism. I couldn't be prouder of the students."

BLUE HAWK RECORDS LAUNCHES

Under the guidance of Professor Joe Rapolla '90M, about 25 students from the Music Industry program launched their own record label, Blue Hawk Records, in May. The label, which will introduce four new young artists, was conceived to give students in the program real-world exposure into the operations of a record company.

"The experience gave them a good grasp of what the industry is all about," said Rapolla, who is a 20-year veteran of the music industry and the brainchild of the new project.

Rapolla explained that students need to understand the metamorphosis of the delivery of music over the past 20 years and look toward the future instead of dwelling in the past. "We went from having a physical product to a digital product to what we have today, a virtual product like Spotify, Pandora and iTunes."

He argues that students need to be given the tools to be able to adapt to seismic industry changes and be competitive in the new marketplace. "This gives them hands-on experience from sourcing talent to releasing a record, including recording, packaging, sales, marketing, PR, radio promotion, and producing a live event, all from a current-day mindset and approach."

Prior to his most recent stint as a professor, Rapolla created and led marketing departments at both Universal and Warner Music Group and ran two digital marketing agencies.

The artists, like the staff of the label, are all Monmouth University students. The two flagship bands on the label are 99 Regrets, a fresh, melodic alternative rock band; and Seasons, a heavy electronic-alternative rock band.

"I love that we are doing exactly what a company does, today, to put music out, and we will be able to walk out of college



with that experience," said Sherri Kantor, who graduated in May.

Looking ahead, Rapolla said he will be offering a summer course called Blue Hawk Record Strategy where students will be doing a lot of research and creating a business plan with executable options.

"The appetite for music is never going to go away. There will always be an intrinsic need in most people to hear music and connect. But we need to move forward."

ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL MOVES TO BIG SOUTH



HEAD FOOTBALL COACH KEVIN CALLAHAN WITH BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER KYLE B. KALLANDER

In 2014 Monmouth's football team will join the Big South Conference. The program will operate as an independent for the fall 2013 season, following 16 seasons in the NEC. The conference move for football follows the announcement made earlier this year that most of Monmouth's Division I programs will be joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) in July 2013. During Monmouth's stint in the NEC, the Hawks captured five league titles.

"This is an exciting day for Monmouth football," said Head Coach Kevin Callahan at the February 15 press

conference announcing the conference change. "Membership in the Big South is another significant achievement in the history of the program. The direction that we are heading is extremely positive and I am excited about competing with all of our new conference members. The Big South is a conference that sent two programs to the NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs in 2012 and this is an important milestone for the Monmouth University Football program."

The Big South, which operates on a full Football Championship Subdivision scholarship model, gained an automatic qualifier to the NCAA Playoffs in 2009.

With the addition of Monmouth, the Big South will include seven football playing members including Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Gardner-Webb University, Liberty University, Presbyterian College and Virginia Military Institute.

Monmouth, which celebrated its 20th season of football in 2012, has sent a number of players to the professional ranks, including three current Hawks in the National Football League (Dallas Cowboy Miles Austin, Buffalo Bill Chris Hogan and Kansas City Chief Jose Gumbs). Callahan, the only coach in Monmouth football history, begins his 21st season in 2013 ranked 15th among active FCS coaches with 114 wins.

The Hawks, which began giving athletic scholarships in football in 2006, have had five All-Americans, over 120 all-conference honorees, 13 Player of the Year award winners and Callahan has been named conference Coach of the Year three times. Monmouth has had three 10-win seasons, most recently in 2006.

In the classroom, Monmouth football has had 13 straight seasons with an Academic All-District selection. Recent graduate Andrew Sutton is a two-time FCS ADA Academic All-Star and a finalist for its post graduate award.



NEW BASEBALL SCOREBOARD UNVEILED

A new scoreboard now sits near the third baseline at Monmouth University's Baseball Park thanks to the generosity of donors. The new addition to the field was unveiled April 13 at a donor recognition ceremony and barbeque.

The barbeque was spearheaded by Ed King '70, who is now chair of the Blue/White Leadership Council, a volunteer board formed in March to help provide a governance structure for the Blue/White Club.

A bronze plaque recognizing the donors to the scoreboard was mounted on the baseball dugout. A new scoreboard was also installed for the softball team thanks to capital improvement funds.



ALL-NEC FOR WOMACK & THIBAUT

Graduating seniors and stars on the women's basketball team, Alysha Womack and Carly Thibault, were named in March to the All-Northeast Conference Second and Third Teams, respectively. The honor is the fourth-straight all-league selection for Womack, while Thibault earned all-conference distinction for the first time in her career.

"I'm really happy for both Carly and Alysha," said Head Coach Jenny Palmateer. "They've been such a big key to what we've been able to accomplish this season and they're both really deserving of both Second and Third Team All-NEC. So it's nice to see them

rewarded for all their efforts this season."

Womack averaged a team-best 14.3 points per game (6th-NEC) this season, while adding 2.5 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.4 steals per game. She moved into fifth all-time at Monmouth with 1,484 career points and 546 field goals made, and sixth in three-point field goals made with 135. The 2009 NEC Rookie of the Year, Womack has been named to the All-NEC Second Team in each of her four years with the Hawks. She also earned 2012 All-NEC Tournament Team honors.

Thibault scored 8.7 points per game, grabbed 3.5 rebounds per game and shot a league-leading 44.1 percent from



ALYSHA WOMACK



CARLY THIBAUT

three-point range this season, good for 1.93 three-point field goals made per game. She ranks third all-time at Monmouth with 164 three-point field goals made, while her 56 three-pointers this season rank sixth in a single season with the Hawks. Her 44.1 percent from long range this season would also rank third in a single season at Monmouth.

NEC CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LAX



The women's lacrosse team won their second straight Northeast Conference (NEC) Tournament Championship with a hard fought 9-7 win over Bryant University on April 28.

The defending champion Hawks had earlier captured the 2013 NEC Regular Season Championship on April 21, earning the right to host the 2013 NEC Women's Lacrosse Tournament on Kessler Field. Monmouth finished a perfect 9-0 in league play, the first time the Hawks have ended the regular season with an unblemished conference record since the 2006 season,

which was the last time they hosted the tournament.

Senior Cassie Campasano was named to the All-Tournament team after leading the team in goals with four, all in the first half. Senior defender Gianna D'Urso was named Tournament MVP after spearheading a defense that allowed 8.5 goals over the weekend and finishing with three ground balls and three caused turnovers. Junior midfielder Kaleigh Gibbons, sophomore defender Gracie Williams and freshman Marial Pierce rounded out the All-Tournament Team members for the Hawks.

D'Urso and sophomore Katie Donohoe were also named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Second Team All-Region in May.

"This year was a more exciting victory for us because we've been looking at it since the last day we walked off the field as NEC Champions," said Head Coach Denise Wescott. "We've been working at it for a long time. It was a fun win. More than anything we won it because we played well together. We had so many players who made plays for us today. It takes a whole team to win a championship."

The team advanced to the first round of the NCAA tournament, but fell to eighth-seeded Navy. The Hawks forced nine Navy turnovers in the second half, but were outshot 33-15 on the day.

"I was proud of how hard we fought," said Wescott. "We worked really hard to get the ball and played right with them in the first half. In the second half we gave up too many draws, which gave them possession. We had some good looks but hit the post and their goalie made some good saves."

ATHLETICS

NEW FLEET FOR SAILING TEAM



Monmouth University accepted a new fleet of 18 Flying Junior (FJ) sailboats in January. Members of the Monmouth University Sailing Team, Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club, and two members of a local high school sailing team, helped accept delivery of the vessels.

“This is a large step forward for Monmouth University in intercollegiate sailing and the local sailing community,” said Head Coach Lee Dirubbo. Monmouth’s sailing team competes as part of the Mid Atlantic Intercollegiate

Sailing Association (MAISA), as the NCAA does not sponsor sailing as a sport.

Dirubbo said the new fleet places Monmouth University in a favorable position to host regattas in the future. “It also benefits Monmouth in the community to work with the growing interest in high school sailing,” Dirubbo said.

“Being centrally located for the mid-Atlantic region both in college and high school sailing, it will be an asset to the sailing community, which is such a great part of our shore area,” he added.

The FJ is one of the primary

sailboats used in intercollegiate sailing competitions. Originally designed as a training boat for Olympic class Flying Dutchman, FJ’s are 13 ft. 3 in. long with a beam of 4 ft. 11 in. and carry an overall sail area of 100 sq. ft.

“With the addition of the new boats, it gives us a great opportunity to expand our team. We currently have 12 members and can accommodate a larger group with enough boats for all to practice in,” Dirubbo said.

Marilyn McNeil, vice president and Athletics director, acknowledged the donors who have already helped to make the sailing fleet a reality. Individual donors include Stuart Van Winkle, Mitchell Shivers '70, John Garth, Don Summa, Burton (Tom) Thompson '88M, Trudie and Charles Parton HN '01, the late Barbara Thompson and the late Putnam “Put” Brodsky. Corporate donors include Sovereign Bank, Professional Orthopaedic Associates, and Warranty Title.

“The new fleet is large, so additional donors are welcome to sponsor and name a boat,” McNeil said.

MCGEE IS NEC PITCHER OF THE YEAR



Junior left-handed pitcher Andrew McGee was named the Northeast Conference (NEC) Pitcher of the Year in May. Junior second baseman Jake Gronsky joined McGee on the All-NEC First Team, while Owen Stewart earned second team honors.

McGee becomes the Hawks’ fifth NEC Pitcher of the Year, joining Nick Meyers (2011), Brad Brach (2007), Jim Carone (2002) and Joe Aragona (1996). He has posted an 8-1 record with a 1.76 ERA over a program-record 102.1 innings pitched in the Hawks’ final season in the NEC.

McGee threw consecutive complete-game shutouts against Quinnipiac and Central Connecticut in late March. He

struck out 68 batters while walking just 15. He ranks among the nation’s leaders in several categories, including ERA (1.76 – 33rd), hits-per-9 innings (6.95 – 67th), wins (8 – 58th), walks-per-9 innings (1.32 – 33rd), strikeout-to-walk ratio (4.53 – 58th), WHIP (0.92 – 17th) and complete games (6 – 6th).

Gronsky earned his second-straight All-NEC First Team selection at second base after hitting .307 with 13 doubles, four triples, three home runs, 35 runs scored and 26 RBI’s. He finished first on the team in doubles (13), triples (4) and extra-base hits (20) and second in runs scored (35), on-base percentage (.393) and slugging percentage (.454). His three round trippers ranked third.

TRACK & FIELD ARE NEC CHAMPS

The outdoor track and field teams concluded the NEC Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May by accumulating enough points to secure victories for the men's and women's teams.

The women tallied 218 points over the two days, while the men totaled 173. The runner up for the women was St. Francis (Pa) with 86 points, and LIU Brooklyn placed second on the men's side of competition with 131 points. Both the men's and women's teams have won five years in a row.

Head Coach Joe Compagni said, "Winning the championship was the goal before the year started. The women have been tremendous all year. It wasn't easy but they made it look easy, so it was nice for them to finish it off and have a great two days. On the men's side, it was a bigger challenge. There was a tough first day, but they came out in the jumps and the throws. It was nice to see them finish strong in front of the administrators and the parents and alumni."

With the victories, the track & field program closes out a successful run in the NEC. The Hawks boast 21 NEC Outdoor Track & Field Championships since 1998. The men have captured 11 titles, winning in 1998, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The women have taken 10 titles, winning in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

"I'm really happy for our seniors. This is a group of seniors that have never lost an NEC Championship," said Compagni. "We'll miss being in the NEC, but the MAAC will be a whole new challenge. It's a great opportunity to see what we can do against new teams and new environments. It will be a great challenge for us," Compagni added.

The men claimed five events in the second day and set several qualifying



marks for the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America Championships. Senior Ford Palmer set a new conference record in the 1500 meter run with a time of 3:49.19. Junior Errol Jeffrey won the shot put with a distance of 18.03 meters (59 feet 2 inches), and sophomore Joey Marini claimed the high jump with a height of 2.01 meters (6 feet 7 inches). Junior Jalen Walker won the 110 meter hurdles and recorded an IC4A Championships qualifying time of 14.70 seconds, and sophomore Andrew Langille claimed the 800 meter run with a time of 1:54.52, besting the second-place competitor by .02 seconds.

The women took four events on the day and recorded Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship qualifies. Senior Symmone Fisher dominated the hammer throw with a distance of 57.20 meters (187 feet 8 inches). Senior Rachel Watkins won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 14.29 seconds. Junior Laura Williams claimed the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.09, beating Watkins by .35 seconds. Fisher, Watkins and Williams all qualify for the ECAC Championships with their marks. Senior Amanda Eller came from behind to win the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:38.38.

ATHLETICS

NFHCA ACADEMIC HONORS FOR FIELD HOCKEY



The field hockey team was recognized by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) as a Division I National Academic Team Award recipient for the fourth-straight year and the fifth time in the last six seasons.

In addition, the organization announced in March that nine Hawks were tabbed to the National Academic Squad. Since Figlio has taken over the program in 2007, 69 student-athletes have been named to the academic team.

“Our student-athletes have always strived for excellence both on and off the field,” said Figlio. “They take as much pride about their grades as they do to wins and losses. It’s rewarding to see our team

be recognized for the time and effort put forth in the classroom.”

Senior Kimmy Baligian made her fourth consecutive appearance on the academic squad. The criminal justice major finished her career seventh all-time in points, accumulating 20 goals and six assists for 46 points. After recording three points in the NEC semifinals and leading the Hawks to a fourth-straight finals appearance, Baligian was added to the NEC All-Tournament Team this season.

After graduating in May 2012 with a degree in criminal justice, Tara Brown returned to the field hockey squad for a fifth year in 2012. Brown, who is working on a master’s in criminal justice and homeland security, had one of her most

successful seasons, setting the Monmouth single-season assist record with 12 helpers. She also earned honors as a Scholar of Distinction as a 2012 Gladiator by SGI/NFHCA in March.

Senior Michelle Pieczynski, Monmouth’s all-time points leader, adds the academic honor to cap off her stellar athletic career. The NEC Player and Offensive Player of Year became the program’s first 100-point scorer this season. Pieczynski, who played in the NFHCA Senior Game in November, was named to the NFHCA All-Mid-Atlantic Region First Team for the second-straight year.

Along with Baligian, Brown and Pieczynski, junior Trish O’Dwyer, sophomores Amanda Schoenfeld and Amanda Westerweller, and freshmen Carlee Budd, Lauren Horner, and Chelsea Mann were also added to the academic team. In March Schoenfeld was also named a 2012 Gladiator by SGI/NFHCA.

The National Academic Team Award recognizes those institutions that have achieved a Team GPA of 3.0 or higher, while the National Academic Squad recognizes those student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher through the first semester of the 2012-13 academic year.

HONORS FOR COMPAGNI

Track and Field Head Coach Joe Compagni was recently named the Mid-Atlantic Regional Head Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Compagni led the Hawks to their second straight NEC title in May, their seventh since 2004. The Hawks have won or placed second in the conference the last 10 years in a row. Tallying 162.5 points at the 2013 NEC Indoor Track and Field Championships, a NEC record for most points scored, the Hawks won by 62.5 points against rival Long Island

University Brooklyn. Twenty women from Monmouth scored in 16 of 17 events at the conference championships.

The Coach of the Year honor is the fifth NCAA Division I Mid-Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year honor for Compagni and his staff. They had previously won the honor for Men’s Outdoor Track & Field in 2007 and 2009, Women’s Indoor Track in 2009, and Women’s Outdoor Track and Field in 2012. Compagni and his staff were also recently selected as the NEC Men’s Coach of the Year for indoor track, the 27th NEC Coach of the Year honor they



have earned, more than any coaching staff in any sport in NEC history.

DALTON CONFIRMED AS JUDGE



Angela White Dalton '92, a former Red Bank attorney, was confirmed as a New Jersey Superior Court judge in February. She joined the Family Court bench March 11, as one of four judges transferred to Essex County. "I absolutely love it," said Dalton.

In her law practice at Zager Fuchs, Dalton specialized in probate and chancery litigation, estate planning, family and elder law and commercial litigation.

She received her B.A. summa cum laude in 1992 from Monmouth where she received a full scholarship as an H.R. Young Scholar and the Hon. Elvin R. Simmill Scholarship. She attained a law degree from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden, with Honors, where she was a recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award for Legal Research and Writing.

The recipient of several other scholastic awards, including the Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship, Dalton was law clerk to the Hon. Thomas F. Shebell Jr., Presiding Judge Appellate Division, Superior Court of New Jersey. She was also a Lyndon

B. Johnson Fellowship Legislative Assistant to the Hon. Robert Andrews, United States Congress, First District of New Jersey, and was a legal intern in the Trenton office of the New Jersey Attorney General.

The Howell resident is a former councilwoman in her town from 2006 to 2010 as well as an active member of several bar associations and committees. She was elected secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association in 2011. Dalton has also lectured for groups including the New Jersey Association for Justice, the Monmouth Bar Association, New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION FOR GALLELLO

Dominic Gallelo '77 '78M, CEO of MSC Software, was recently named as a finalist for two prestigious leadership awards, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year competition for Orange County, CA, and the "Stevie" Executive of the Year Award for computer software companies of 500 or more employees.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year award recognizes both seasoned and emerging business leaders for bringing innovative companies to success. The Stevie – or American Business Awards – honors outstanding achievements and positive contributions by executives from companies of any size in a wide variety of industries.

Since taking the leadership position at MSC in late 2009, Gallelo and his



team have returned MSC, a 50-year-old simulation technology company, to growth and elevated the brand by dramatically increasing product

development and innovation. Gallelo supervises 1,100 professionals in 20 countries.

ALUMNINEWS

HONORS FOR CHANDLER



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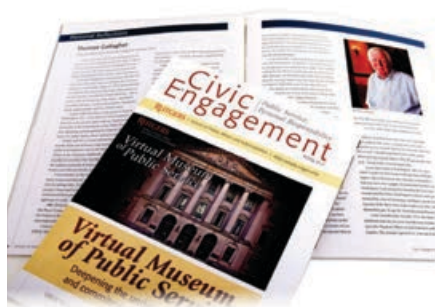
NATASHA CHANDLER '92 '95M (ON RIGHT) WITH HER SISTER, TANYA MAXIMOFF '92

Natasha Chandler '92 '95M, who leads Merck's Global Commercial Services: Strategy & Transformation division, was included in *NJ Biz's* 2013 roster of Best 50 Women in Business, and also honored separately with a Women of Achievement Award from the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

RUTGERS PRINTS GALLAGHER ARTICLE

Thomas Gallagher '62 was featured in the spring 2013 issue of *Civic Engagement*, published by the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University. His article, "Courageous Journey," which first appeared in the summer 2012 issue of the *Monmouth University Magazine*, was republished in the magazine's "Personal Reflections" section.

The story chronicled his early days as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, his nearly 40 years as a Foreign Service Officer and his valiant efforts to combat the inequality he faced as a homosexual.



The prestigious *NJ Biz* "Top 50" list is comprised of women who share a commitment to their professions, community and to the advocacy for women.

The Women of Achievement awards honor individuals from local communities who have made outstanding contributions in their careers or personal lives, serve as positive role models, and exemplify the values of Girl Scouting.

"Natasha is a true leader who believes in giving back to the community," said Betty A. Garger, president and CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey. "As a troop leader for her three daughters, she inspires her girls to live the Girl Scout mission of making the world a better place."

"Girl Scouts is an organization that is very close to my heart," Chandler said. "I strongly believe in helping girls develop self-confidence and leadership skills so they can change the world. I am so proud of my troops which have the greatest girls in the world. I am having so much fun as their leader."

Chandler also participates in several non-profit boards and activities, including The American Heart Association and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is also the founder of Lily's Friends of Type 1 Diabetes, a patient advocacy and support group for other families and caregivers with children with type 1 diabetes in the New Jersey area, which provides coaching and guidance for newly diagnosed parents.

BIESIADA IS RISING STAR

Jamie Biesiada '09 is one of the "Top 25 under 35 Rising Stars of Newspaper Publishing" according to *Editor & Publisher* magazine. The annual roster, published in April, spotlights the achievements of young and upcoming leaders in the field of journalism.

Biesiada, the managing editor of *The Coast Star and The Ocean Star*, said that she was "pleasantly surprised" when she found out she was put on *Editor & Publisher's* list. "It's flattering to be included alongside such a talented group of young industry professionals."

Biesiada, who started as a beat reporter, is one of the youngest to be featured on the "Top 25 Under 35" list. At 25, she manages 12 reporters, two photographers, a paid circulation of 18,500, and the website. "Managing a newsroom isn't always easy," Biesiada told *Editor & Publisher*, "but I don't believe my age makes it any harder."



FOLEY HELPS HAITI



Long before the powerful earthquake battered Haiti on January 12, 2010, Dr. Regina Foley '89 recognized the need to help those left fortunate. And now in the post-earthquake country, the need is even greater.

“There has been incremental improvement since the earthquake, but there is still a pre-earthquake discussion and a post-earthquake discussion,” said Foley, who was traveled to Haiti for nine days in January.

She took her first medical mission trip in 2002, arriving in the town of Milot, about 70 miles outside of the capital city of Port-au-Prince, to offer her help and has continued to do so every year since. The only year she and her team missed was last year when a revolt broke out in the city two days before they were scheduled to arrive.

“I get more out of it than they do,” said Foley. “They are really good at tapping into your experience and talent to become stronger. They embrace our help.”

The mission is part of a self-funded, multidisciplinary medical team headed by Dr. Daniel Burzon, a physician at Coastal Urology Associates in Brick and

an attending urologist at Ocean Medical Center.

As chief nursing officer/vice president of operations for Ocean Medical Center in Brick, Foley was part of a team of 30 to 50 specialized doctors and nurses work on an average of 29 procedures at Milot’s Hôpital Sacré-Coeur that holds about 100 beds.

“It’s a dual role for me,” said Foley, who noted that in addition to performing surgeries for elephantitis and prostatitis, she tries to educate the people on hand washing, diet, HIV and hepatitis prevention and the maintenance and management of equipment.

“They are such a proud culture,” she said. “They really want to improve their life expectancy and their environment.” Currently, the life expectancy is only 44. Despite the obstacles and crumbled infrastructure, Foley still remains hopeful and looks forward to her trip every year, saying, “It’s the best vacation I ever had.”

ACTIVIST AWARD FOR ZIEMBA

Lynda Ziemba '08M, a former adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Social Work and the Department of Political Science and Sociology, received the Outstanding Human Rights Community Activist award on March 8 from the Human Rights Institute at Kean University during the Institute’s annual conference.

Ziemba was honored for her valuable contributions to increase awareness and advancement of human rights.

“I feel incredibly humbled and honored...and was completely blind-sided by the award,” said Ziemba, who was also an adjunct professor at Kean University until this Spring.

Ziemba most recently returned to Makeni, Lusaka-Zambia to help the City of Hope, a Salesian Sisters/Don Bosco organization that affords a safe home for

young girls in need of family support. Her continuing commitment to City of Hope includes developing proposals for an Adult Literacy Program, and a Micro-Credit project designed to assist 30 groups of female farmers in the Northern Zambian province of Luwingu.

Her love of Africa began in 2005 as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) – twice she worked on home-building teams in local Ghana and Uganda communities. She is also planning to lead a team of 14 volunteers on another home-building adventure to Zambia in January 2014.

Ziemba’s global work has also taken her to Bangladesh where she spent time with the organization Development Wheel, a non-profit development organization founded in 1996 that promotes several human rights based initiatives.

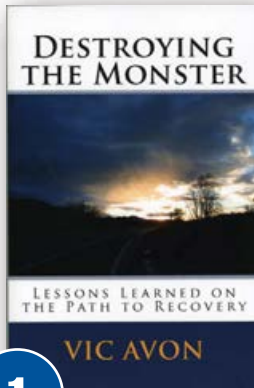


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LYNDA ZIEMBA '08M (ON RIGHT) WITH LUCY MASIYE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF YOUNG WOMEN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA)-ZAMBIA

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DESTROYING THE MONSTER: LESSONS LEARNED ON THE PATH TO RECOVERY

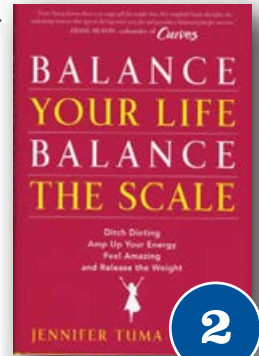
Vic Avon '04
(2013, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, \$10.00)

Destroying the Monster is a follow-up to the Avon's first, *My Monster Within: My Story*, which chronicled the his fight to overcome an eating disorder. He tells his story in order to help people affected by eating disorders find the strength and wisdom needed to recover from the disease. Avon's second book details the author's struggles and triumphs throughout the recovery process while providing the reader with valuable lessons, not only to help in his or her own recovery, but also in life as a whole.

Vic Avon '04 was named the first-ever male spokesman for the National Eating Disorders Association. He was featured on NBC Nightly News w/ Brian Williams, *The New York Times*, NJ 101.5, *Men's Health*, and other regional television outlets. He has also spoken at conferences, public events, colleges (including Monmouth), and treatment centers all across the United States. He was featured on an expert panel moderated by ABC's Diana Williams at Pace University in NYC.

BALANCE YOUR LIFE, BALANCE THE SCALE

Jennifer Tuma-Young '99
(2012, HarperOne, \$25.99)



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Balance Your Life, Balance the Scale offers concrete tools to change life imbalances that are often the real culprits of weight struggles. The author not only helps others but knows firsthand the challenges women face every day. Many years ago, she lost more than 100 pounds. By joining the Curves community, changing her food mindset, and learning how to love life (flaws and all), she radically transformed her body, her health, and her well-being.

Jennifer Tuma-Young '99 is the founder of Inspirista LifeStyle Design, a certified life coach, and for over a decade has designed health, wellness, and inspirational programs for women around the country. She also works closely with women and children living in shelters - she is on the Leadership Team for Enchanted Makeovers, a nonprofit that transforms shelters into places that inspire behavioral and psychological change and are supportive to those rebuilding their lives. Dubbed one of "America's Ultimate Experts" in life balance and inspired living by *Woman's World Magazine*, Tuma-Young has been a featured guest on the Rachel Ray Show and has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX News.



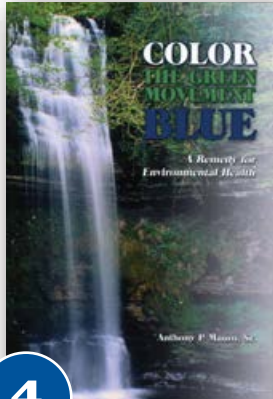
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IT'S ALL GOOD, IT'S ALL LOVE

Joe Patane '05M
(2013, Dream Camp Foundation, \$14.00)

It's All Good, It's All Love chronicles the author's struggle with ADHD and how he rechanneled that struggle into a positive experience. From his days as a cast member on MTV's 'The Real World,' which was the focus of his first book, *Living in Joe's World*, to his computer consulting company, the author dealt with the perils of the disorder. He left the business world by transferring his company assets and profits from his first book to a nonprofit organization for kids, and he decided to go back to school to become a social worker. This book is about that journey. All proceeds of the book support his Dream Camp Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit for high-level need youth.

Patane, a licensed clinical social worker, is the founder and executive director of Dream Camp Foundation (www.joesworld.org). Part of his work at the foundation involves making films, many of which have been submitted to film festivals nationwide.



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COLOR THE GREEN MOVEMENT BLUE: A REMEDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Anthony P. Mauro, Sr. '85M
(2012, Whitmore Publishing Co., \$27.00)

Color the Green Movement Blue addresses the disconnect that has slowly occurred due to industrialization, reliance on natural resources for technological advances and more convenient living, land development, and demographic trends toward urbanization. The book is an attempt to systematically remedy environmental health by establishing a culture of ecology founded on an understanding of ecosystem relationships, precepts of conservation, and a blue-collar value system which includes the study and understanding of intelligent design as the basis of working of ecosystems, participation in angling and hunting to gain hands-on facility with conservation, and unionizing advocates into a grassroots coalition to advance environmental health through political activism.

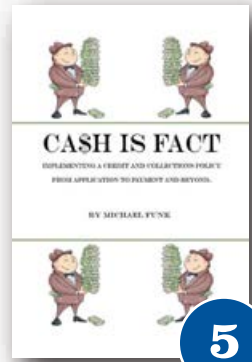
Anthony P. Mauro, Sr. is chairman and cofounder of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance Conservation Foundation, and New Jersey Outdoor Alliance Environmental Projects. He is a celebrated activist for outdoor issues and an accomplished educator of the precepts of conservation. He spearheaded a grassroots movement that united outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen and led to the defeat of two incumbent animal rights legislators in New Jersey. Mauro was also instrumental in forming the New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus, New Jersey's first committee comprised of legislators dedicated to learning about the principles of conservation as they relate to fishing, hunting, trapping, forestry, and ocean ecology. Mauro is also the author of *The New Age Hunter* and *Take Me on Safari: A Family Affair*.

CASH IS FACT

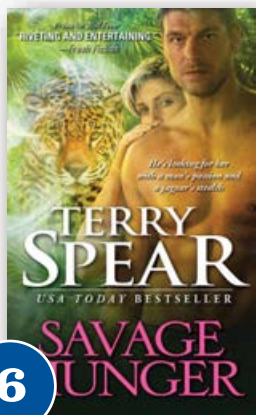
Michael Funk '97
(2012, Amazon Digital Services, \$9.99)

Ca\$h is Fact is broken up into three parts: credit investigation (gain), collections (maintain) and writing the credit and collections policy. The book defines a sound credit and collections policy and illustrates to the reader how this policy can increase cash flow, reduce bad debt and increase sales when done correctly. Credit tools used to establish creditworthiness of a potential customer are broken down as the reader is taught how to interpret information provided by each tool in order to determine if a potential customer is creditworthy. *Ca\$h is Fact* also illustrates proven effective collection methods a creditor can use to ensure timely payment.

Michael Funk '97 is a portfolio manager at CIT, a New York-based finance company with more than \$33 billion in finance and leasing assets. He has worked in the credit and collections field for more than 15 years.



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SAVAGE HUNGER

Terry Spear '81M
(2012, Sourcebooks Casablanca, \$7.99)

Savage Hunter tells the story of Connor Anderson and his twin sister, Maya, who inherited the ability to transform into jaguars from their parents, the only other shifters they have ever known. In the Amazon, Connor uses both his jaguar and human abilities to save the life of steely army captain Kathleen McKnight. Obsessed with Kat, he returns to the Amazon a year later and is surprised to find that she has returned to the jungle in search of him and his "pet jaguar." Kat and Maya become fast friends, and the attraction between Connor and Kat is irresistible, even in the face of Kat's troubled past and Connor's dual nature.

Terry Spear is an award-winning author and creator of award-winning teddy bears. She is a retired officer of the U.S. Army Reserves and is best known for her werewolf romance novels like *Heart of the Wolf*, *Destiny of the Wolf* and the most recent *A Howl for a Highlander*. The next book in her jaguar series is *Jaguar Fever*, which is expected to be released this August.

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 1962



JAMES P. MACK (Bio.) was presented with a “Certificate of Loyal Service” in recognition of 40 Years to the Ocean County college community on February 25. He retired from Ocean County College on March 1. Dr. Mack has been a biology professor at Monmouth since 1974. His wife, ALIDA '64 '85M, and daughter, LISA '95, are also Monmouth University alumni.

CLASS OF 1963

ELFRIEDE (WEIGAND) CACKOWSKI (Ed.) (M.S.E. '79) and her husband, LEONARD CACKOWSKI (Bus. Adm. '69) recently retired to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. They are now owners of Blue Crow, the second largest antique mall in the state, and live in Pungoteague.

CLASS OF 1966



SHARI (JACOBSEN) BRODY (Elem. Ed.), CAROLE (SOLLISH) KAPLAN ((Elem. Ed. '65, M.S.Ed. '80) and LOIS (LAPOINTE) KIELY (Engl. '65, M.S.Ed. '80, HN '88) recently met for their third reunion in Phoenix, AZ, to celebrate 50 years of friendship that started at Monmouth College. Their previous trips were to Maui, Hawaii, and Paris, France. Collectively, they have 11 grandchildren,

have visited more than 26 countries, numerous islands and most of the United States. Shari lives in California; Carole lives in New Jersey; and Lois divides her time between New Jersey and her home in Arizona.

CLASS OF 1967



MARK E. ROTHENBERG (Poli. Sci.) was named to the newly-created position of executive vice president for Synergy Events in Ocean Township. He leads the company's business and strategy development efforts. Rothenberg was previously senior vice president of Havas Sports & Entertainment USA.

CLASS OF 1970



JAMES R. AKERS (Elem. Ed.), who picked up photography following a long career with Texaco, Inc., recently added to his collection of photography awards. He won in both the Animal and Nature categories for Photographer of the Year from the Professional Photographers of California. He was also the only one to get a Judges' Choice award. The two winning photographs, “I've Been Waiting for You” and “Cozy Perch,” can be found at jimakersphotography.com.



EDGAR A. KING (Ed./Bio.) was recently named president of Monmouth's Blue/White Leadership Council. He is the owner of E.A.

King Insurance and Condo Plus Property Management.

CLASS OF 1973

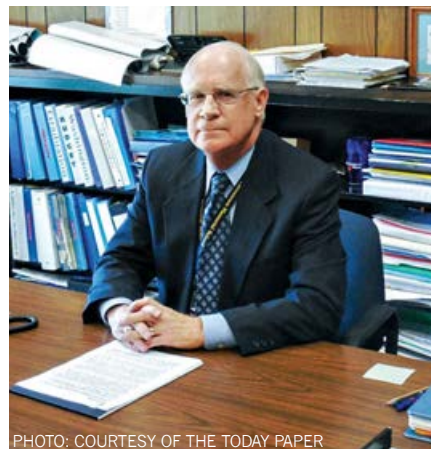


PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE TODAY PAPER

RON DANIELSON (M.S.E.) retired this year as principal of Memorial School in Eatontown following a 47-year career at the middle school. He started as a social studies teacher in 1966 and became principal six years later.

LYNN A. SPECTOR (Socio.), a longtime volunteer for VNA Health Group, was recently appointed as secretary of VNA's Foundation Board of Trustees. She operates a private practice, Bereavement and Life Transitions Center, and is a licensed clinical social worker. Spector also serves on the board of the Monmouth Day Care Center, is a member of the Rumson Country Day School Parent Council Executive Board and the American Cancer Society Board of Managers.

CLASS OF 1975



MAUREEN BAY (Ed./Art) celebrated her jewelry store's 30th anniversary in April. Gem of An Idea is located in Fair Haven. She is also a member of the Women's Council for the Cancer Center at Monmouth Medical Center and is a past honoree of CPC Behavioral Healthcare. Her husband, WILLIAM '72, is a supervising investigator for the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

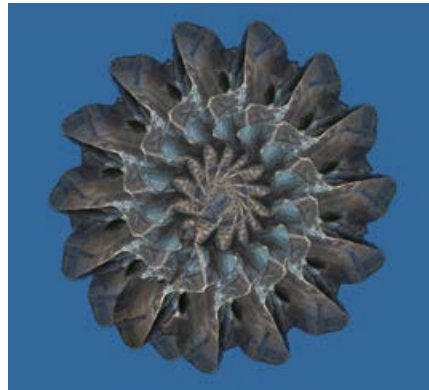


ANGEL P. KAMES (Bus. Adm.) is shown here with retired judge MARK APOSTOLOU '76 at Asbury Middle School where other judges including EUGENE IADANZA '70 participated with students in a mock trial dealing with the ongoing problems of gangs. The "Journey to Justice Program" also allowed students to participate in a Jeopardy game that tested the students' background knowledge regarding the government and the judicial system. The "Journey to Justice Program" also gave the fifth grade audience a presentation on how the judicial system works, careers in law, the importance of education, and encouraging students on how to reach higher goals. Kames is District Bilangual Coach for the Asbury Park School District.

CLASS OF 1976

GLENN W. LEBOEUF (Hist.) gave a three-hour presentation to 217 members of the N.J. Bar Association February 18 on "Abraham Lincoln's Law Practice: 1836-1860." Attendees received "Ethics" continuing education credits. He is currently completing his first book on Lincoln, *50 'What If's' In The Life Of Abraham Lincoln*, to be released in February 2014. LeBoeuf is a senior vice-president, financial advisor and chartered retirement planning counselor with Freedom Capital Management in Lincroft.

CLASS OF 1978



KATHLEEN S. ERNST (Chem.) works in digital and mixed media visual poetry, much of which is painted or collaged, often using three-dimensional letters in freestanding sculptures. She recently exhibited some of her work at NationalPoetryMonth.ca ("Crane Flower") and in the book, *The Last Vispo Anthology: Visual Poetry 1998-2008*. She lives in Blairstown.

CLASS OF 1983

MICHAEL D. GREENBLATT (Psych.) appeared in the March 29 issue of *The Ocean Star*. The article, "Fitness Trainer Made Biggest Discovery in Roadrunner the Cat," chronicled his discovery of an orphaned black cat about four years ago and how he trained him to run.

MARY F. LANE (Bus. Adm.) was recently elected treasurer of the Monmouth County Federation of Republican Women, a grassroots political organization with thousands of

active members in local clubs across the U.S. She lives in Wall Township.



DEB MANNIX IS IN BACK ROW, THIRD FROM THE RIGHT

DEBORAH A. MANNIX (Bus. Fin.), a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley, greeted students from Monmouth's Alpha Kappa Psi chapter and fellow Business Council members, RICH RICCIARDI '86M and SAMANTHA BERNSTEIN '10 '12M at an event at PNC Bank Arts Center in May. The guest speaker was Carla Harris, managing director and senior client advisor at Morgan Stanley who is on *Fortune Magazine's* list of "The 50 Most Powerful Black Executives in Corporate America" and is the author of *Expect to Win*. Also there were some of the most successful women executives in New Jersey representing The Executive Women of New Jersey.



JOSEPH RIGBY (M.B.A.), chairman, president and CEO of Pepco Holdings, Inc., returned to campus on April 5 during which time he served as a guest lecturer for Business Professor John Buzza's class.

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 1984



HOWARD SCHWARTZ (Socio.) has been appointed president/CEO of Ellington Mutual Insurance Co. in Hortonville, WI. He was previously the general manager. He is responsible for the management of all operations of this regional property casualty insurance company. Schwartz is also on the Board of Directors of Wisconsin Reinsurance Corp. in Madison, WI. He lives in Black Wolf, WI, with his wife, Sharon, and son, Erik.

CLASS OF 1986

ALITIA FACCONO (Comm./Theat.) volunteered with her 12 year-old son, Jack Faccone-Stockwell, at the January 19 post-Sandy clean-up effort sponsored by Clean Ocean Action (COA). They helped clean up Maple Cove at the site in Red Bank, as part of the COA's "Waves of Action" monthly volunteer effort.

CLASS OF 1987



STACIA (MANZO) MCDONOUGH (Engl.), the CEO of the award-winning

doll company, Neva Dolls, won the "Outstanding Journalism" award in March from the Princeton Doll & Toy Museum. She is the managing editor of a popular doll publication and has authored two children's books. She is also involved with New Jersey's "Hope for Veterans" program, which provides homeless veterans with shelter, food and other necessities. Stacia became involved with the organization to honor her late husband, John McDonough, who was a highly decorated Vietnam veteran.



VAUNE A. PECK (Art) (M.L.A. '10), counselor and coordinator of Arts Programming and Promotion, at right, was given the Community Champion of the Arts Award in April from the Monmouth County Arts Council. She was recognized for her work with Monmouth as well as at Arts Midwest and the Doris Duke Foundation for the Islamic Arts.

CLASS OF 1988



MICHAEL FARRAGHER (Bus. Mrkt.) is the author of a new book, *This Is Your Brain on Shamrocks 2: 50 Shades O'Green*. His first book was *This is Your Brain on Shamrocks*. Farragher is also a writer of Irish American rock music for the Irish Voice and IrishCentral.com.



RHONDA M. FIGUEROA (M.B.A.), along with SUSAN TELLONE-MCCOY '08M, was recently honored for her outstanding community achievement by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore at the Women of Distinction & Community Partners Gala. She was one of five new board members elected in May 2011 for the organization for a term of two years. She is corporate secretary at New Jersey Resources Corp. in Wall Township where she is also involved in its Project Mentor program and leader of its Diversity Council. Figueroa is also chair of the Governance Committee of the Music Parents Association of Howell and a lecturer at St. Anthony Claret in Lakewood.

CLASS OF 1990



RON P. MALLOY (Bus. Mrkt.) was one of six people inducted this year into the Red Bank Regional High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. He is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, serving as a member of the elite Navy SEALs, and has participated in special operations in Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia with SEAL Team 8.

CLASSNOTES



CHRISTOPHER P. MARTIN (M.B.A.), president and CEO of Provident Financial Services, rang the New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell on January 16 to celebrate the company's 10th anniversary of trading.

DAVID T. O'BRIEN (Bus. Adm.) is now the senior-living community's Life Care Consultant for Harrogate, a Life Care Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lakewood. In this role, he assists prospective residents through the move-in process and provides support to the marketing department and executive director.

CLASS OF 1991

IAN M. HUGHES (Bus. Mgmt.) recently passed his board certifications and is an ER physician at Monmouth Medical and Ocean Medical Center.



SANDY (RUGGIRELLO) SASSO (Sp./Comm./Theat.) released her fourth CD, "Hands On," in February. The album of jazz classics and songs from the Great American Songbook, was recorded at Shorefire Recording Studios in West Long Branch and is available on her website, sandysasso.com. Sasso describes the selections on the recording as eclectic

and swinging. Her third CD, "Sandyland," released in 2010, helped raise money for the Haitian Relief Fund.

CLASS OF 1992



DR. MARY LEE BASS (M.S.E.), a lecturer in the School of Education, is retiring this year following a 21-year career at Monmouth. She was also the faculty advisor for the International Reading Association student organization.

MICHAEL J. JACOBS (Crim. J.) is currently stationed at FOB Shank, Afghanistan, deployed with the United States Navy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On his second deployment to Afghanistan, Jacobs also completed a 12-month deployment to Djibouti, East Africa from 2009 to 2010. He has spent the last seven years in the Navy and also works for a non-profit organization, The Goodworx Foundation, when back in the states. He lives in the Central Jersey area.



DEAN C. SMITH (Comm./Art), of KGO-TV ABC-7, in April was named the Ken McLaughlin News Video Photographer of the Year by the San Francisco Bay Area Press Photographers Association.

CLASS OF 1995



PATRICIA A. BARR (Ed.) (M.S.E. '97), associate director for Enrollment Credit Evaluation since 2008, is retiring this year following a 33-year career at Monmouth. Her children, BRIAN and ERIN, are also Monmouth University alumni.



JARROD E. GREENE (Comm.) was recently promoted to store manager of TD Bank's South Beach store in Miami, FL. He is responsible for new business development, consumer and business lending, managing personnel and overseeing the day-to-day operations. He has been with the company since 2005.

CLASS OF 1996



NATASHA GOLDBERG (Psych./Comm.) is an actress, singer, director and drama teacher. Since April, she has been the director of Camp Iliff in Newton.

CLASSNOTES



MATTHEW HARMON (Comm.) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm. '04) was recently named NJ Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association for the second year in a row and the third time in his career. This is his 15th year doing play-by-play for the Shore Sports Network and his 14th year as a professor at Monmouth.

CLASS OF 1997

JENNIFER BRZUCKI (Sp. Ed.), who teaches math at Freehold Boro High School, was named Coach of the Year by the Shore Basketball Coaches Association in its B-North division. She led her team this year to win the Central Jersey Group III Sectionals.



BRIAN J. ZATORSKI (M.A.T.) was named All-Shore Girls Track Coach of the Year by the *Asbury Park Press* in May. He is a coach and guidance counselor at Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin.

CLASS OF 1998



THOMAS G. FARRELL (M.B.A.) was hired as the shared school chief for both the Shore Regional and West Long Branch School Districts. On

April 15 he began his new post where he is responsible for nearly 1,300 students. Farrell was previously the principal at New Egypt School. He also is an adjunct professor of business for Ocean County College, where he teaches Principles of Marketing, Introduction to Business Administration, and Macro-Economics. Farrell is currently matriculating in a doctor of education program in leadership at Creighton University.

JUSTIN R. LAHULLIER (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '00) is the director of Informatics at Delta Dental of New Jersey in Parsippany. He is also the assistant chief of the East Rutherford Fire Department.

CLASS OF 1999



SHAUN GOLDEN (Poli. Sci.), an adjunct professor at Monmouth and the current Monmouth County Sheriff, was named The Person of the Year by the New Jersey State Triad, a program linking law enforcement with aging services and the community.



GREGORY SEAMAN (Bus. Adm.) was recently appointed a member of the Blue/White Leadership Council. He attended a Blue/White BBQ to celebrate the installation of a new baseball scoreboard on April 13.



PHOTO: JASON THOMSON/TRICITY NEWS

VIVIAN TAORMINA (Comm.), owner of Tao Massage in Asbury Park, was featured in the May 2, 2013, issue of *Tri City News*. The article, "Scooter Awareness," draws attention to her desire to start a scooter club to make other drivers aware of the smaller vehicles on the road and to encourage a more carefree lifestyle along the Jersey Shore. She said she hopes to organize long rides and participate in parades and other events in the tri-state area. Taormina was also the winner of the Asbury Park beach badge contest sponsored by the Arts Coalition of Asbury Park. Her winning design depicts a beach umbrella that incorporates an electric guitar as one of the umbrella sections.

CLASS OF 2000

THERESE A. WEST (B.S.N.) (M.S.N. '03), who received a doctorate in nursing as part of Monmouth's inaugural DNP class, is a subject matter and physician advisor for Creative Computing Solutions as well as the Defense Centers of Excellence

Traumatic Brain Injury Clinical Standards of Care and Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center.

CLASS OF 2001



KRISTEN ISAKSEN (M.S.E.) was one of two recipients of this year's Stafford Presidential Award of Excellence, which recognizes an outstanding member of the University staff or administration for his or her tireless efforts, dedication, creativity and evident commitment to supporting and enhancing Monmouth. Isaksen, the associate director of Financial Aid, is also the dance team mentor. She is also a board member of the New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

JENNIFER THOMAS (M.B.A.) was appointed as a member of the new Blue/White Leadership Council in March.

CLASS OF 2002

DIANA L. DELORENZO (Comm.) is engaged to marry Anthony Paone in the fall of 2014. She is a registered nurse, and her fiance is an IT manager.



ADAM S. WORTH (Comm.), a local filmmaker and DJ, was nominated for a New York Emmy in cinematography by the National Academy of Arts and

Science at the the 2013 New York Emmy Awards in April. His documentary short, "Don the Potter" was about a West Long Branch resident and pottery artist. Based in Asbury Park, Worth's videos can be seen at www.vimeo.com/atomworth.

CLASS OF 2003



MICHAEL BANICK (M.B.A.) began his appointment as director of the Millburn (NJ) Free Public Library on March 4, 2013. Prior to joining Millburn, he was

director of the Mountainside (NJ) Public Library. His first job as a librarian was at Monmouth University, where he worked from 1999 to 2004.



RANDI K. FARYNYK (Comm.) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm. '06) married Daniel Rispoli on April 26 at the Holy Rosary Church in Jersey City, followed by a reception at Seasons in Washington Township. She is assistant account executive at Coyne Public Relations in Parsippany. Her husband is regional support specialist for a national investment firm in Oakhurst. They live in Union.



JENNIFER (GRADZKI) HARRIS (Bus. Mrkt.) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm. '05) was recently named coordinator of

stewardship and donor relations at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). She was previously TCNJ's

advancement project manager. Harris lives in Hamilton with her husband, Tom, son, Aidan, and daughter, Emma.

JOSEPH PALAZZOLO (Engl.) was appointed as a member of the new Blue/White Leadership Council in March.

ERIC M. WASNESKY (Bio.) (M.A.T. '05) was recently named Teacher of the Year at Manasquan High School. He has been teaching marine science and environmental science at the Monmouth County school for eight years. The Belmar resident also teaches anatomy and physiology, a course sponsored by the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, which allows high school students to earn college credits.

CLASS OF 2004

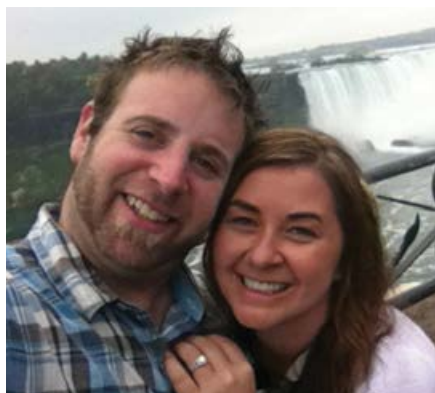


VIC C. AVON (Crim. J.) has recently published his second book, *Destroying the Monster: Lessons Learned on the Path to Recovery*. This follows his first book, *My Monster Within: My Story*. He is the first-ever male spokesman for the National Eating Disorders Association and has been featured on *NBC Nightly News w/ Brian Williams*, the *New York Times*, NJ 101.5, *Men's Health*, and other regional television outlets. He has also spoken at conferences, public events, colleges (including Monmouth), and treatment centers all across the United States. His wife, LINDSEY, is also a 2004 graduate.

CLASSNOTES



THOMAS D. DEBLASS (Sp. Ed.) won his first fight in the Bellator MMA competition held at the Revel Casino in Atlantic City on April 4. Bellator MMA, owned by Viacom, is generally regarded as one of the premiere MMA organizations in the world. DeBlas, a black belt under former UFC fighter Ricardo Almeida, is the owner of Ocean County Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in Forked River.



MARIANNE NICOLETTI (Fine Arts) is engaged to marry Michael Bley on October 11 at Perona Farms in Andover. She is a full-time graphic designer at a print company in north jersey and owns Imagery By Marianne and Love Me {!} Do Photography. Imagery By Marianne was voted 2012 Best of the Best for Ocean County Photographers by the *Asbury Park Press*. She has done charity work for St. Rose High School in Belmar and Paul Mitchell the School Jersey Shore in Brick. Also, Nicoletti photographed an event in March that raised more than \$25 thousand to benefit those impacted by superstorm Sandy on Chadwick Island. Their own home was

destroyed on the Toms River barrier island.

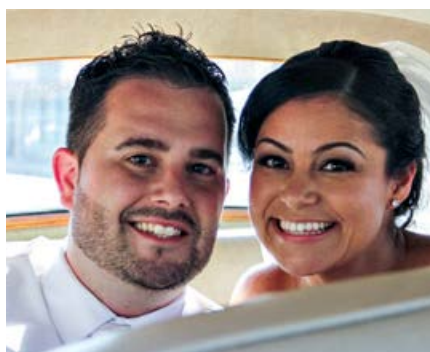
GARY M. SHAFFER (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) recently moderated a panel discussion at Ocean County College to address how the media handled superstorm Sandy. He is assistant professor of media studies.

LAUREN (STRINA) WILLIAMS (Bio.) and her husband, Deon, welcomed son, Xavier Fredrick, on September 28, 2012. Weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces, and measuring 20 1/2 inches long, he joins big brother, Dominick Jason, and sister, Carah Victoria. Lauren is a regulatory affairs coordinator at Celerion in Neptune.



JOHN N. TERLECSKY (M.S.E.), a literature teacher at Ocean Township High School, was recently selected as one of the 24 teachers

chosen for the NJEA's Teachers Who Rock Award. It is promoted through 95.9 The WRAT. Terlecsky, who is also an assistant varsity soccer coach as well as the varsity basketball coach, was named the *Star Ledger* Monmouth County Coach of the Year for the 2012 season. Also, he and his wife, LAURA (PERRI) TERLECSKY '07 '12M, welcomed daughter Liana Amelia, on December 14, 2012.



PATTI URIBE (B.S.W.)(M.S.W '06) married Chris Madeira on October 5, 2012, at Queen of Peace Church,

followed by a reception at the Florentine Gardens in Rivervale. Alumni in attendance were Theta Phi Alpha alumni PATRICIA MOLLOY '04, STACY ARROYO '05, DANIELLE MOONEY '05, NICOLE SEMEY '04 and LISA LITTLEFORD '05. She is a school social worker in the North Bergen School District. Chris works for Myles F. Kelly, as a distributor of building materials. The couple lives in Hasbrouck Heights with their new puppy, Nina.

CLASS OF 2005



MEGHAN F. CAHILL (Hist./Ed.) was named Teacher of the Year at McDivitt Elementary School in Old Bridge where she teaches third grade.

She has been working at the school for six years.



MELISSA (CAMPBELL) FESTA (Comm.) is Mrs. Highlands United States 2013 and will go on to compete at the Mrs. New Jersey Pageant in May. Her platform is "Restoring the Shore: Hope for Highlands."



JON HELEOTIS (Comm.) is the owner of Monmouth Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Center in Oakhurst. A black belt affiliated with Team Oliveira, he is a 2-time NAGA champion, a LI Pride Champion and an NJSBJJ Brown Belt Super Fight Champion. After receiving his black belt in 2010 and subsequently opening his own studio, Jon's goal is to give each student personal attention, assisting and guiding them towards achieving and exceeding their goals.



LISA KANDA (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) was recently named 2013 Distinguished Alumna by Monmouth University's Corporate and Public Communication graduate program. She is president and chief results officer of Elkay Corporate Advisors. Kanda also teaches social media classes for the Monmouth Ocean Small Business Development Center at Brookdale Community College, and is hired to consult, train and speak about social media across the United States.

KIMBERLY L. SHULACK (Bus. Econ.) is a financial consultant at MetLife. She works on earnings projections for various product segments in addition to special projects and various aspects of financial

reporting. Shulack, who earned an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2008, has been with MetLife since 2005.

CLASS OF 2008

CORI M. BUSCEMI (Comm.) and MIKE ZDUNEK (Psych. '08) are engaged to be married in 2014. She is a claims analyst/collector at LG Electronics USA, Inc. He is a sales associate in the garment industry in the New York City Metro Area for Gladson LTD.



CAROL A. HUGGLER (M.S.N.), who also attained a Family Nurse Practitioner post-master's certificate from Monmouth, is the new health clinician at the Monmouth University Health Center. She previously worked at an urgent care walk-in clinic in Woodbridge and Clark.



LAURA T. JANNONE (M.S.N.), professor and director of the Monmouth University nursing graduate program, in March received the NJ State School Nurse Award from the NJ State School Nurses Association in recognition of her dedication to the field and for helping the organization support certified school nurses in the state. She is the coordinator of the School Nurse Program.



LISA MACDONALD (Engl./Elem. Ed.), a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher at Alfred C. MacKinnon Middle School in Wharton, was recently lauded for her use of a \$100 classroom enhancement grant from Phoenix Advisors. She purchased a simple video camera, which she used to teach media literacy and to enhance language arts classes. As a result of her efforts, she was also given the responsibility of awarding the new round of five \$100 grants, which Phoenix will send the Wharton district.



SUSAN TELLONE-MCCOY (M.S.N.), along with RHONDA FIGUEROA '88M, was recently honored for her outstanding community achievement by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore at the Women of Distinction & Community Partners Gala. She is the school nurse for Manasquan High School as well as a student advisor/anti-bullying specialist and the advisor to the Health Careers Club.

CLASSNOTES



ERIC R. MENELL (Hist./Poli. Sci.) (M.A.T. '10) was recently selected as the 2013 Recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award for his school, Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School at East Brunswick. In addition to being a social studies teacher, he is a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership at Rowan University. His mother, ROBIN REINGOLD-MENELL '75 '82 is also an alumna.



DEB MOLINARO (M.L.A.) retired this year following 15 years of employment at Monmouth. She was an administrative assistant in the School of Education.



PAMELA S. QUILLAMOR (Engl./Poli. Sci.) (M.A. Engl. '12) married Charles Boike on May 11, 2013, in Newark, followed by a reception at The Manor in West Orange. Alumni in attendance included ROBERT CORDASCO '09 '13M, MICHAEL DISANZA '08, NICOLE DISTEFANO '08, RANDY GARCIA '90 and DANA KAUFMAN '11. Quillamor and her husband, who is an attorney, live in Flint, MI.

ERIN O. STATTEL (Comm.) is currently assigned to the press desk at the International Security Assistance Force Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. She has been working for the federal government for the past four years, entering through the U.S. Army's Public Affairs Career Path intern program.

VICTORIA (THOMASEY) KOONTZ (M.A.T.) was named Shore Regional High School's Teacher of the Year. She has been an English teacher at the school in West Long Branch since 2009.

CLASS OF 2009



BRANDON A. BOSQUE (Bio.) graduated from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in May. The former Student Government Association President will start his residency this June, specializing in orthopedic surgery.



MOLEEN MADZIVA (M.S. Soft. Eng.), who is on track to attain a doctorate in sustainability education at Prescott College in May 2014, presented her dissertation proposal in May. In 2012 she was one of four recipients of the Monmouth University Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award. Madziva leads the Macheke Sustainability Project, a public health initiative she started at Monmouth in 2008 while studying for her master's degree in software engineering in an effort to eradicate poverty in her hometown.



ALYSSA (O'KEEFE) MAY (Anthro.) (M.A.T. '10) was named Red Bank Teacher of the Year. She has been a kindergarten teacher at the Red Bank Borough Primary School for three years. Her mother is Susan O'Keefe, the Registrar and Associate VP of Academic Administration. She and her husband, JOHN MAY, who graduated in May 2013, have a six-year old son, Michael, and a baby due in August 2013.



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MARTIN J. MUNDIE (Music/Ed.) in March participated in the 7th Annual Valentine Plunge in Manasquan, a winter event that supports Joan Dancy and PALS (People With ALS) and staytough. fightHARD Inc. Mundie is the music director at Sea Girt Elementary School.



JESSICA C. REVOIR (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) was recently presented with the five-year Employee Service Award from First Financial Federal Credit Union, where she is the marketing manager at the credit union's corporate headquarters in Wall Township. She also recently shared the 2013 Marketing Award for Best Member Newsletter with NICOLE ANDRETTA '12. The award was given by the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

LESLIE (WEINBERG) HUDSON (Comm.) is an outreach manager for United by Blue in Philadelphia where she works with retailers and local organizations to plan waterway and beach cleanups throughout the country.

CLASS OF 2010



DANTE R. BARRY (Poli. Sci.), former class president, was promoted to engagement editor at the Roosevelt Institute, a networked think tank based

out of New York City. In his new role, he is responsible for developing and running the new media program for the national organization and all of its units and to disseminate and promote progressive policy ideas on economics and government. He previously ran operations and the summer fellowship program for the Roosevelt Campus Network, the largest student policy organization in the country.



GABRIELLA A. FURMATO (Math./Ed.) celebrated her one-year anniversary of hosting her own program on Catholic Radio for young adults this March 2013. Her show, "Everything is Grace," can be heard on 89.3FM/ Freehold-Colts Neck-Spring Lake or 1260AM/Trenton-Princeton-Bucks County on Fridays at 5 PM and Saturdays and Sundays at 11 AM. Guests on her program range from MU alumni to Leah Darrow of *America's Next Top Model*. She also works for the station as the development coordinator since October 2012. To learn more visit <http://tiny.cc/Furmato>.

JENNIFER R. OPRYSKO (Crim. J.), a former Honors School student, graduated on May 17 from the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University. She is sitting for the bar in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey in July.

ALICIA C. POLKOWSKI (M.A.T.), a social studies teacher at Marlboro High School, was recently selected as one of the 24 teachers chosen for the NJEA's Teachers Who Rock Award. It is promoted through 95.9 The WRAT. Also selected were JOHN TERLECKSKY '04M and CHRISTINA NELSON '11M.

CLASSNOTES

CLASS OF 2011



LUCIA G. RIOTTO (Bus. Mrkt.) (M.B.A. '11) and NICHOLAS FEDELE (Bus. Adm.) are engaged to be married on July 26, 2013. Lucia is an admissions counselor for Monmouth's Undergraduate Admissions. Nick is a CPA at WeiserMazars in Edison.



AMBER L. ROZELL (Psych.) is engaged to marry Scott Alfano on June 22, 2013, in the Bahamas. She works at Ocean Mental Health with clients in the community who have mental illnesses. He is a history teacher at Central Regional Middle School. They live in Forked River.



CHRISTINE A. D'OTTAVIANO (Crim. J.) (M.A. Crim. J. '12), was selected to receive the NCIS 2012 Fall Internship Award where she was given a \$1,000 scholarship by Lou Constantino, retired Naval Criminal Investigative Service Special Agent, at a formal ceremony in the Colts Neck office. This followed an internship with the NCIS from May through December 2012.



RENIE EBREO (M.S.N.), on left, was one of seven RNs honored in April by the CentraState Health System at the 11th annual Nursing Excellence Awards ceremony. She was given the 2013 Mental Health Services Award.



MICHAEL A. GILSEMAN (Bus. Adm.) was promoted to store manager of TD Bank's new Freehold South branch. He is responsible for new business development, consumer and business lending, managing personnel and overseeing day-to-day operations.



JAMES J. KASTNER (Comm.) recently took a photograph that landed on the front page of Reddit's New Jersey section and has since climbed to the sixth most popular post of all time. The aerial image of New Brunswick, which garnered 430 "up" votes, was taken on his way home from Florida. Reddit.com is a social news and entertainment website. Kastner is the director of graphic design for American Jewelry Supply in East Brunswick. His other photographs can be seen at jameskastner.com. He is also engaged to be married to Kristin DeStefano in June 2014.

PAUL N. MANDALA (Bio.) leaves July 1 for Prudhoe Bay/Deadhorse Alaska and will be biking south from there along

the west coast all the way down through Central America to the tip of South America and then to the southern tip of the Pan American Highway in Ushuaia, Argentina. Last August, he completed his first triathlon, the Ironman NYC, in 14 hours. As part of the race, he also reached his fundraising goal for Zero, an organization helping to put an end to prostate cancer.

CHRISTINA L. NELSON (M.A.T.), a fourth-grade teacher at Port Monmouth Elementary School, was recently selected as one of the 24 teachers chosen for the NJEA's Teachers Who Rock Award. It is promoted through 95.9 The WRAT. Also selected were ALICIA POLKOWSKI '10M and JOHN TERLECKSKY '04M.

EMILY A. WELCH (M.A.T.) is engaged to marry Michael Lee on June 30 in Wayside followed by a reception in Freehold. She is an art teacher for grades K-8. Her fiance is the branch manager for a global staffing firm.

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MONIA M. ABOU GHALI (Poli. Sci.) works at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies in Washington, DC. She does research and organizes seminars that focus on security and building international cooperation.



NICOLE ANDRETTA (Comm.), e-marketing specialist at First Financial, recently shared the 2013 Marketing Award for Best Member Newsletter with JESSICA REVOIR '09. The award was given by the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.



GINA COLUMBUS (Comm.), a staff writer for the *Asbury Park Press*, was recently a panel member for an on-campus event sponsored by the Jersey Shore Public Relations & Advertising Association and the NJ Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The panel discussion was "Beyond Likes, Tweets and Check-Ins: What does it take to make real news?"

BRITTANY F. DIAMOND (Engl./Elem. Ed.) is engaged to marry Matthew Soltmann in May 2014. He is an account manager at SHI International Corp.



KRISTEN L. FASULO (Bus. Adm.) is a marketing specialist for Markel Corporation in Red Bank. "I think it's really fantastic, and I couldn't have done it without my wonderful professors and advisors at MU," she said.

CHRISTINE L. HALPER (M.B.A.) is engaged to marry Justin Frumbach on November 16, 2013, at The Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant. They both work at John R. Grumbach, Inc. Plumbing and Heating.



KAYLYN I. KANE (Comm.) and MICHAEL D. O'CONNOR (Bus. Mgmt.) are engaged to be married on September 28. She is a research marketing assistant at National Research Inc. and lives in Pennsauken.



GINA M. MAGUIRE (M.S.W.) is a program assistant at the Stockton Center on Successful Aging at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Along with fellow assistant, Anita Beckwith, she has adapted the "Time to Tell" program from Dr. Lisa Cox's guided autobiography segment of her Aging and Spirituality course. The adaptation, which will be used as an intergenerational teaching tool in gerontology classes, is a collection of stories from nearly 20

older adults from southern New Jersey who have met once a month since January 2012. Maguire is also an adjunct professor at Stockton.



ERIKA ORTIZ (Bus. Fin.) and GARRETT CULLOO (Bus. Fin.) are engaged to be married in November. She works for global recruiting at Johnson & Johnson and is also pursuing a master's in

Human Resources Management at Rutgers University. He is a police officer in Neptune.

ANTHONY PANISSIDI (Comm.), a multimedia reporter, recently won third place for the NJ Press Association's 2012 Robert P. Kelly Award (Rookie of the Year). He is a member of the 2012 Talent Development Program at Gannett Co., Inc./Asbury Park Press.



JESSICA M. TORITTO (Crim. J.) is an investigator with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at the New York State Attorney General's Office. In addition to being responsible for protecting taxpayer money through investigations and prosecutions, she is responsible for abuse cases at long-term care facilities.

CLASS NOTES POLICY

Monmouth University encourages communications from alumni regarding career changes, promotions, relocations, volunteer work, marriages, births, and other information that is of interest to fellow classmates, alumni, and the University community. Although we love to see adorable baby pictures from alumni, individual photos of infants will not be published in Class Notes for safety reasons.

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

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

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ALUMNI

- 1942 LESTER FEUER (A.A. Lib. Stud.)
JULY 6, 2012
- 1961 GEORGE D. DABNEY JR (Bus. Adm.)
FEBRUARY 25, 2013
- 1962 JANET M. PANCONI (Elem. Ed.)
MAY 6, 2013
- 1964 FRANK A. BARRETT (Bus. Adm.)
FEBRUARY 14, 2013
C. RICHARD HARROW (Elec. Eng.)
FEBRUARY 17, 2013
STEPHEN G. JOGAN (Poli. Sci.)
APRIL 10, 2013
- 1966 LYDIA P. BERNHARDT (Ed.)
FEBRUARY 26, 2013
- 1967 BERNICE HAMMER (Elem. Ed.) (M.A.T. '73)
MARCH 16, 2013
- 1968 JAMES W. OSZEYCZIK (Elem. Ed.)
MARCH 27, 2013
RONALD M. SOKOL (Ed.) (M.A.T. '72)
JANUARY 17, 2013
- 1970 MARIE L. HARTMANN (Elem. Ed.)
MAY 16, 2013
VICTORIA M. TOMPKINS (Math.)
MARCH 14, 2013
- 1976 ROCCO J. IANTOSCA (Poli. Sci.)
MARCH 28, 2013
GORDON R. MAST (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '83)
FEBRUARY 24, 2013
- 1978 FLOYD R. GELLERMAN (Art/Ed.)
MARCH 8, 2013
WAYNE J. MESZAROS (M.B.A.)
MAY 8, 2013
- 1980 SARA R. PIZZULLI (A.A.) (M.S.E. '80)
MARCH 9, 2013
- 1981 ANTHONY C. ANJOUBAULT (M.A.T.)
JANUARY 29, 2013
JANE M. FREED (Anthro.)
MAY 3, 2013
ROBERT R. GRIFFITHS (Bus. Fin.) (M.B.A. '84)
FEBRUARY 7, 2013
- 1985 DR. RICHARD T. HADER (B.S.N.)
MARCH 25, 2013
- 1988 GERARD S. DEVERIN (Crim. J.)
MARCH 1, 2013
- 2001 CARAANN FORT RODRIGUEZ (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '02)
APRIL 9, 2013
- 2002 THEODORE K. WERNER (M.S.W.)
FEBRUARY 10, 2013
- 2005 LINDA F. QUINN (M.S.N.)
MARCH 17, 2013

FRIENDS

- TONIA FULGINITI MARCH 23, 2013
(former student)
- REBA GREENSPAN APRIL 9, 2013
(former student)
- JAMES A. HEELY MARCH 14, 2013
(former chair of the Accounting and Business Law Department)
- ELEANOR M. JUDD APRIL 11, 2013
- JOHN E. KARLIN JANUARY 28, 2013
- ETTORE MANFREDI JR MARCH 3, 2013
(student in the 1950s)
- IAN M. ROSS (H.D.) MARCH 10, 2013
(wife, Christina '83)
- PETER C. SANDILOS MARCH 15, 2013
(former adjunct professor in elementary education)
- ANTHONY S. SANTANELLI MAY 20, 2013
(adjunct professor 1965-71)
- DANIEL L. TRAVERSO MARCH 15, 2013
(former student)



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Terence Bodak, a 2012 summa cum laude graduate of the Honors School, isn't a typical member of the President's Society, made of donors who contribute at least \$1,000 each calendar year. He is still paying student loans and tuition as a graduate student in the History program. Even on a tight budget, he values the educational opportunities provided by Monmouth University—and the critical role that financial scholarships played in making his education affordable.

To give back, Terence established an annual award named for Dr. William Mitchell, founding and later interim dean of the Honor School. “Dr. Mitchell was always available to meet with me and give me advice,” Terence recalls. “I was very honored to have him as a mentor and friend, and when I learned he was stepping down as interim dean, I knew I wanted to give back to Monmouth sooner than I expected.”

The William P. Mitchell Excellence in Honors Award provides \$1,000 to an Honors School student selected by Dr. Kevin Dooley, dean of the Honors School, and the Honors Committee.

For his part, Dr. Mitchell says he was surprised and honored by the award in his name. “As teachers and administrators, we rarely get to know the impact that we might have had on students. We like to think we have made a difference, but we never really know,” Mitchell said. “It is a nice feeling to know that a student was sufficiently influenced that he would think of creating such an honor.”

“You don't have to be a big dollar donor to make a big difference,” Terence says. “The scholarships I received as a student were really important. I am happy to be able to make a difference for a current student.”

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