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**ON THE COVER:** CHRISTIE RAMPONE #3 CAPTAIN OF THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S TEAM RAISES THE WORLD CUP TROPHY AFTER THEIR 5-2 WIN OVER JAPAN IN THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADA 2015 FINAL AT BC PLACE STADIUM ON JULY 5, 2015 IN VANCOUVER, CANADA. (PHOTO BY RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES)

# RAMPONE

## CONTINUES STREAK OF SUCCESS



RAMPONE WITH DAUGHTERS RYLIE AND REECE. PHOTO: U.S. SOCCER

CHRISTIE RAMPONE '99 HN '05, who will be inducted along with Derek Jeter and Dick Vitale into the Sports category of the New Jersey Hall of Fame on October 8, shepherded her team to a World Cup with a decisive 5-2 win over Japan in July. The victory marked another milestone in a storied career with the U.S. Women's Soccer team, where Rampone has served as captain since 2008.

Rampone, the only player on the squad that remains from the 1999 World Cup Championship team, and most capped active player in the world, graced the front cover of the July 20 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. To honor the entire squad, *Sports Illustrated* developed 25 customized covers in place of a single group shot.

The website, Fusion, named Rampone's cover as one of the top five, noting, "There are so many possible interpretations for long-time veteran Christine Rampone's trophy cradle. It could be a subtle shout to motherhood, generally, or to her two children. Perhaps soccer is one of Rampone's metaphorical children."

A three-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time FIFA Women's World Cup champion, Rampone has never finished lower than third place in any of the World Cup or Olympic tournaments in which she has competed. >>



PHOTO: LISA MILANESE

**A**long the way she has quietly led and mentored the many women who have followed in her footsteps while also notching personal milestones including the births of daughters, Rylie (2005) and Reece (2010), and a prolonged battle against the chronic fatigue of Lyme disease, which she was diagnosed with in 2010.

In 2012 she also teamed up with Jersey Mike's Subs as its first spokesperson in the company's 56-year history. In that role, Rampone worked on creating an instructional soccer video series for children, teaching important soccer skills including dribbling, shooting and shielding. That partnership was renewed for another three years this past June.

"Christie is an excellent role model for our brand," said Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike's founder and CEO and recipient of Monmouth University's 2014 Distinguished Business Leader Award.

"She has strong Jersey Shore roots and shares our same values related to leadership, mentoring and giving back. Continuing our partnership with Christie was an easy decision, and we look forward to growing our relationship as we approach our 60<sup>th</sup> year in business."

Accolades for Rampone and the U.S. Women's Soccer team included a historic ticker-tape parade and City Hall ceremony in New York City on July 10, marking the first time a women's sports team was honored with a ride down the city's famed Canyon of Heroes.

Monmouth University also marked the triumph of the three-sport standout who was a two-time Player of the Year (1995 and 1996) during her collegiate career with billboards in New Jersey and extensive media placements along the parade route.

Closer to home, Rampone was lauded as a local hero on July 28 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, where she is a spokesperson for Meridian Health's K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital.

The celebration included a performance of the national anthem by Jacquie Lee, the Colts Neck teen who was a finalist on "The Voice." She was also joined by Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, New York Giants Hall of Famer Harry Carson, and Monmouth Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil.

Inducted into the Monmouth University Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, Rampone holds the Hawks' all-time scoring record with 212 points, on 79 goals and 54 assists. A four-year member of the basketball team, she remains tied with Michelle Cappadona '02 for the steals record at Monmouth.

Rampone continues her professional career as a defender with Sky Blue FC, playing home matches at Yurcak Field in Piscataway. **M**



**TOP:** RAMPONE FEATURED ON THE COVER OF THE JULY 20, 2015, ISSUE OF *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED*. THE MAGAZINE HONORED EACH OF THE 23 PLAYERS ON THE U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM (AND COACH JILL ELLIS) BY GIVING THEM EACH CUSTOMIZED COVERS. **MIDDLE:** MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY SHARED ITS PRIDE OF RAMPONE ON BILLBOARDS IN NEW JERSEY AND IN NEW YORK DURING THE TICKER-TAPE PARADE THROUGH THE CANYON OF HEROES ON JULY 10. THE U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM BECAME THE FIRST TEAM OF FEMALE ATHLETES TO BE AWARDED THE HONOR. **BOTTOM:** RAMPONE SHARES A GOLD MEDAL MOMENT WITH MADI GRIEVE, A JUNIOR AND MEMBER OF THE MONMOUTH WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM



**FROM ACCOUNTING TO ANTHRAX:**

# the **FBI** Adventures of Don Kleber

**It's a fair bet that for most accounting majors, post-college plans don't including busting Hells Angels drug rings, jumping aboard moving ships in international waters in the dead of night, leading tactical S.W.A.T. teams, or bringing high ranking mafia criminals and terrorist bombers to face justice.**



**TOP PHOTO:** DON KLEBER '74 VISITED THE CAMPUS 9/11 VETERANS MEMORIAL DONATED BY LIFE TRUSTEE JUDY EISENBERG AND HER HUSBAND, LEWIS EISENBERG HN '01. LEWIS WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PORT AUTHORITY DURING THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE TWIN TOWERS

**ABOVE:** KLEBER, ON LEFT IN MAY 13, 1985 ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE BUSTING HELLS ANGEL'S DRUG RING

**F**ormer basketball team captain and Phi Kappa Psi brother Don Kleber '74, has followed a career path that often placed him in direct danger, and attracted the media spotlight, including numerous articles in *Time* magazine and, more recently, appearances on the National Geographic Channel's *Breakout*, and the Investigation Discovery Channel's shows *Web of Lies*, and *My Dirty Little Secret*.

During his three decade career as a Special Agent for the FBI in New York, Connecticut and Virginia, the physically imposing 6'5" Kleber has accumulated a host of distinguished law enforcement honors and enough edge-of-your-seat stories to fill several books.

Now the founder and president of Blue Hawk Investigations in Fairfield, CT, Kleber reflected on his colorful career.

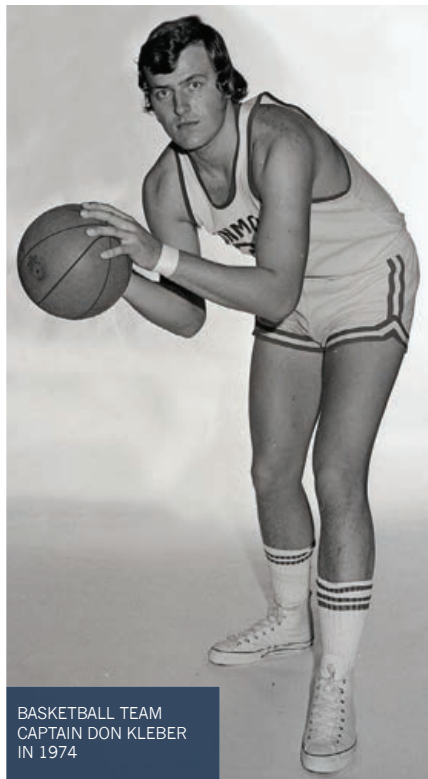
"It was a dream job," said Kleber. "That was all I ever wanted to do."

Among the stories that Kleber can discuss are the capture of 1993 World Trade Center bomber Mahmud Abouhalima, and his escort duties for former Gambino crime family underboss turned FBI informant, Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano.

But there are still a lot of stories Kleber can't disclose.



6' 5" DON KLEBER ESCORTS 5' 5" GAMBINO FAMILY UNDERBOSS SALVATORE "SAMMY THE BULL" GRAVANO TO GIVE TESTIMONY



BASKETBALL TEAM CAPTAIN DON KLEBER IN 1974

Following anthrax attacks in the aftermath of 9/11, the FBI sent Kleber to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He was a Team Leader responsible for enemy combatant interviews, first at Camp X-Ray and then Camp Delta, until April 2002.

"There was always a certain amount of truth, but in the end they all lie," said Kleber as he recalled interviewing hundreds of detainees.

### DISCOVERING HIS PATH AT MONMOUTH

Before a career dedicated to combating domestic and international threats, Kleber was a student at Monmouth College.

While studying toward his degree in accounting, Kleber spent summers working for the New York Giants, getting paid \$3.50 an hour. He fondly recalls being chosen because of his size to help players like Pete Gogolak and Norm Sneed warm up.

"I remember Tom Blanchard used to ask me to hold the ball for him before he kicked it," he said.

During the school year, he played on the basketball team, serving as captain, and lived in the old Fountains Motel near the beach.

He also joined the fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, and was later instrumental in re-establishing the chapter on campus and in the formation of the Phi Kappa Psi NJ Beta Alumni Association and the creation of a \$50,000 endowed scholarship.

"I still remember getting a handwritten note from one of our scholarship recipients," Kleber said. "That made a huge impression on me."

It was during his freshman year that Kleber discovered his passion for the FBI. He also learned that choosing a field like accounting would increase his chances of getting chosen as an FBI agent.

After working at Johnson & Johnson in Red Bank for three years, Kleber was recruited as an agent in the summer of 1977. Only about three percent of applicants make the initial cut and even fewer actually graduate.

Following graduation from the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, in March 1978, Kleber trained in Norfolk, VA, for three years. In October 1980, he began his career in New York City as an FBI agent.

### SPECIAL AGENT KLEBER

During his tenure with the FBI, Kleber was the lead agent on some of the largest investigations in the New York and New Haven offices. He served as a member of the New York City Joint Bank Robbery Task Force and New York City Terrorist Task Force. He was also a tactical team leader for the New York Office S.W.A.T. Team.

His extensive and often colorful experiences include kidnappings, extortions, corporate product tampering, hostage rescue, theft, bank robberies, executive protection, and crisis management.

Some high-profile cases like the round-up of more than 100 Hells Angels for illegal drug dealing in 1983



KLEBER, ON FAR RIGHT, ESCORTS CONVICTED 1993 WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBER, MAHMUD ABOHALIMA TO FACE JUSTICE IN THE APRIL 5, 1993 ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE

and capture of the convicted 1993 World Trade Center bomber, Mahmud Abohalima, landed his photo on the pages of magazines like *Time*.

Several years later as the country remained shaken by the events of 9/11, Kleber stepped in to run a command post at the Hilton Hotel on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street for 70 days.

“It was trying,” Kleber recalled, shaking his head in silence.

This intense, emotionally-draining duty was quickly followed up by the unexpected anthrax investigations, brought on by mysterious mailings of the lethal substance for several weeks following the 9/11 attacks to members of the news media and Senator Charles Grassley and Rep. Rush Holt HN '14.

The FBI later reported the investigations were “one of the largest and most complex in the history of law enforcement.”

Following the anthrax investigation, Kleber continued to crack one case after another, and eventually retired in 2006 with no regrets.

“It was the best job. It gave me the opportunity to serve this country, protect citizens and make my dad proud,” Kleber said.

Fast-forward a generation, and Kleber’s 27-year old son, Matt, following in the same proud tradition, is now working for the FBI as a supervisor.

Kleber’s wife, Julianne, is a retired teacher—a career, Kleber said, that would have been his second choice had his opportunity with the FBI not materialized.

### PHI KAPPA PSI AND SERVICE

Commitment seems to come naturally to Kleber. He has been a faithful brother to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity for more than 40 years. Along with his longtime friends, Joe Keip '75, Joe Cook '76 and Billy McLaughlin '75, Kleber has helped build the fraternity’s foundation on campus, which is now represented by about 350 alumni.

“Don and I met at a Fraternity Rush Party in 1972 and pledged together,” recalled his fraternity brother Keip.

“It was during that time that we found out rather quickly the only thing we didn’t have in common was our size. You see, he’s a bit taller than me, but we share the same enthusiasm for Phi Psi, have a strong work ethic, believe in ourselves, care for people, enjoy helping out, stay persistent, have strong opinions and most importantly, like to have fun!”

As part of Kleber’s continuing commitment to service, he has ridden his bicycle from East Hanover, NJ, to Washington, DC, for the past seven years each May as part of the national Police Unity Tour, to honor fallen police officers. At the end of the journey, which now includes nearly two thousand riders nationwide, the police officers commemorate the event with a candlelight vigil.

“You have made a difference in the lives of several families who have lost a loved one,” Kleber wrote on his fundraising page.

Perhaps it’s no surprise that Kleber’s favorite book is Shel Silverstein’s iconic children’s book *The Giving Tree*.

### KLEBER HITS THE LOTTERY

Following his retirement as a special agent, Kleber accepted a governor-appointed position as Unit Chief of Security and Licensing for the State of Connecticut’s Division of Special Revenue, a role he filled until 2013.

He was responsible for insuring the integrity of all legal gaming in Connecticut and conducting due-diligence investigations on all individuals and businesses who participate in Connecticut’s gaming industry.

During this time, he also headed the FBI Academy. Kleber is a FBI-certified police instructor and has guest-lectured at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, Westchester County New York Police Academy, Connecticut Police Academy, Monmouth University, Iona College, Fairfield University and Dubai, UAE Police Academy.

**“IT WAS A DREAM JOB, THAT WAS ALL I EVER WANTED TO DO.”**



KLEBER, ON LEFT, AS TACTICAL SWAT TEAM LEADER

After his second retirement from government service, Kleber turned a new chapter in his career, as a Blue Hawk.

### FROM THE FBI TO PRIVATE EYE

Kleber's second retirement also proved to be short-lived.

"I needed a challenge," said Kleber, who added, "I wanted to be my own boss."

In January 2014, Kleber founded Blue Hawk Investigations in Fairfield, CT, and began offering corporate and legal investigative services throughout New York and Connecticut.

From witness interviews to litigation support to executive protection, Kleber now applies his knowledge and experience to the private sector. And apparently he is just as effective.

"Donald Kleber is one of the finest law-enforcement agents it was my privilege to work with," said Andrew McCarthy, former chief assistant U.S. attorney, Southern District of New York.

"He is a superb investigator, with the eyes and ears for detail that come only with experience," McCarthy wrote. "Whether it is a shaken crime victim in distress, a shady record-keeper cooking the books or a hardened criminal plotting his next move, Don knows what tack to take and how to advance the investigation with competence, firmness and sensitivity."

Another client, former chief of police

in Fairfield, Dave Peck, said, "I have known and worked with Don Kleber for over 20 years. As an FBI Agent, Don was our local contact at the Bridgeport, CT, FBI office, and he was instrumental in assisting the Fairfield Police Department with many complex investigations and in particular a hostage situation at Fairfield University that resulted in a positive outcome due in part to his hands on assistance at the scene of the incident."

### TV DISCOVERS KLEBER

Kleber's extensive career as an investigator also included less flashy, but even more grisly experiences with criminal activity.

One of his cases was first profiled on television by the National Geographic Channel in the October 12, 2013, episode of *Breakout*, "The Connecticut Conspiracy." Kleber recalls his involvement in the case surrounding Ronald Rutan who was put in prison for a string of burglaries and possession of drugs. Rutan's actions led to a 19 year sentence in a maximum security prison in Connecticut.

The premiere of his second show was televised on February 18, 2015, on the Investigation Discovery Channel's show, *Web of Lies*. The show's episode, "Too Fast, Too Young," chronicled the investigation into the murder of Christina

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Long, a teenager from Danbury, CT, who met someone online who later murdered her in 2001.

In April, he was a guest on Investigation Discovery's show, *My Dirty Little Secret*, where he discussed a case of a woman who was murdered in California in the episode, "Don't Mess with Mommy."

"The twist in the case is that the woman worked for the CIA," said Kleber.

One might think that a career spent bearing witness to such horrific scenes would have hardened him or made him cynical. But Kleber has remained steadfast to embracing his duty to serve and protect with compassion, honesty, perseverance and humility.

He continues to mentor members of the Fairfield University basketball team, often inviting them over for dinner with his family and encouraging them to make smart and responsible life choices.

"Sometimes I feel like Forest Gump," Kleber said with a smile. "The reality of my life has far exceeded any expectations I ever had." **M**



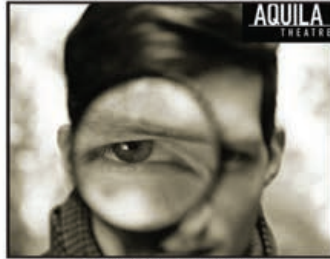
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OCT. 1 | 7 PM

## COWBOY JUNKIES



OCT. 2 | 8 PM

## LAKOTA SIOUX DANCE THEATRE



OCT. 4 | 3 PM

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# HAWKS

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2015 FALL HOME EVENTS

**AUGUST**

21	FH	HOFSTRA	11AM
21	WSOC	MARSHALL	7PM
22	MSOC	DELAWARE	7PM
27	WSOC	NJIT	7PM

**SEPTEMBER**

1	WSOC	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7PM
4	FH	LEHIGH	3PM
4	MSOC	HARTFORD	7PM
5	XC	MONMOUTH KICK OFF - LINCROFT	9AM
5	FB	HOLY CROSS	1PM
6	FH	VILLANOVA	1PM
6	MSOC	HOWARD	7PM
7	WSOC	SETON HALL	7PM
12	XC	21 <sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MONMOUTH INVITATIONAL- HOLMDEL	10AM
12	MSOC	VILLANOVA	7PM
16	MSOC	RUTGERS	7PM
18	FH	TEMPLE	3PM
19	WSOC	MARIST	7PM
20	FH	TOWSON	12PM
22	MSOC	SETON HALL	7PM
26	WSOC	CANISIUS	1PM
27	FH	ALBANY	1PM
30	MSOC	IONA	7PM

**OCTOBER**

3	FB	BRYANT	1PM
3	MSOC	SIENA	7PM
7	WSOC	RIDER	7PM
10	MSOC	QUINNIPIAC	7PM
14	MSOC	SAINT PETER'S	7PM
17	FB	LIBERTY	1PM
17	WSOC	FAIRFIELD	7PM
18	FH	RIDER	12PM
21	WSOC	MANHATTAN	7PM
23	FH	SACRED HEART	4PM
24	FB	COASTAL CAROLINA	1PM
24	MSOC	NIAGARA	7PM
25	FH	QUINNIPIAC	1PM

**NOVEMBER**

14	FB	PRESBYTERIAN	12PM
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**MONMOUTH HAWKS**

LEGEND:  
 FB FOOTBALL      WSOC WOMEN'S SOCCER  
 FH FIELD HOCKEY      XC CROSS COUNTRY  
 MSOC MEN'S SOCCER

# events calendar

## SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER 8- DECEMBER 22



**Gallery Exhibition**  
**Bruce Springsteen:**  
**A Photographic Journey**  
Rechnitz Hall-DiMattio Gallery  
First Floor  
1:00-4:00 PM  
Free and open to the public  
(Opening reception  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1:00-4:00 PM)

### SEPTEMBER 8- NOVEMBER 13

**Gallery Exhibition: Aaron Wexler**  
Ice House Gallery  
Free and open to the public  
(Opening reception SEPTEMBER  
24, 5:30-7:00 PM)

### SEPTEMBER 8- OCTOBER 26

**Gallery Exhibition**  
**James Deane: A Hidden Treasure**  
Pollak Gallery  
Free and open to the public  
(Opening reception OCTOBER 26,  
5:30-7:30 PM)

### SEPTEMBER 12



**Men's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Villanova**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### SEPTEMBER 16

**Men's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Rutgers**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### SEPTEMBER 18

**Social Work 40<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Anniversary Celebration**  
Wilson Hall  
6:00-9:00 PM  
\$40  
RSVP (732) 571-3543

### SEPTEMBER 19

**Women's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Marist**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### Hawk Crawl:

**A Tour of Asbury Park Pubs**  
Alumni \$15/Non-Alumni \$20  
For more information, contact  
alumni@monmouth.edu or  
(732) 571-3489

### SEPTEMBER 20



**Performing Arts: Bravo Amici**  
Pollak Theatre  
4:00 PM  
\$35/\$45/\$60

### SEPTEMBER 22

**Visiting Writers Series:**  
**Alex Gilvarry**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium  
4:30 PM  
Free and open to the public

### Men's Soccer

**Monmouth vs. Seton Hall**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### SEPTEMBER 24

**National Theatre Live in HD**  
**The Beaux' Stratagem**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$22

### SEPTEMBER 25

**Foreign Puzzle**  
Director Chithra Jeyaram  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM

### SEPTEMBER 26

**Alumni Tailgate at Fordham**  
Football: Monmouth vs. Fordham  
11:00 AM  
Cost \$15  
Contact: alumni@monmouth.edu;  
(732) 571-3489

### Women's Soccer

**Monmouth vs. Canisius**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### SEPTEMBER 28

**Kislak Real Estate Institute/The**  
**Leon Hess Business School:**  
**2015 Invitational Golf Classic**  
Hollywood Golf Club  
10:00 AM  
For more information, contact  
Theresa Lowy at (732) 571-4412  
or email at tlowy@monmouth.edu

### SEPTEMBER 30

**Men's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Iona**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

## OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 1

**Performing Arts: The Adventures**  
**of Sherlock Holmes**  
The Aquila Theatre Company  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$35/ \$45

### OCTOBER 2



**Performing Arts: An Evening with**  
**the Cowboy Junkies**  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
\$40/\$50/\$60

### OCTOBER 3

**Football: Monmouth vs Bryant**  
**Monmouth Stadium**  
1:00 PM  
\$10/\$6 (Student/Senior)

### Men's Soccer

**Monmouth vs. Siena**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### OCTOBER 3



**MET Opera: Live in HD**  
**Verdi's Il Trovatore**  
Pollak Theatre  
1:00 PM  
\$23

### OCTOBER 4

**Performing Arts: Lakota Sioux**  
Dance Theatre  
Pollak Theatre  
3:00 PM  
\$35/\$45/\$55

### OCTOBER 7

**Gallery Exhibition**  
**James Deane: A Hidden Treasure**  
Reception/Gallery Talk  
Pollak Gallery  
5:30-7:30 PM  
Free and open to the public

### Women's Soccer

**Monmouth vs. Rider**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

### OCTOBER 10

**Men's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Quinnipiac**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

## OCTOBER 14

**Men's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Saint Peter's**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

## OCTOBER 15

**National Theatre Live in HD**  
**Hamlet—starring Benedict Cumberbatch**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$22

## OCTOBER 16

**Small Small Thing: The Olivia Zinnah Story**  
Director Jessica Vale  
Wilson Auditorium  
7:00 PM



**Performing Arts: The Weeklings Orchestra Experience**  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
\$25/\$35/\$50

## OCTOBER 17

**Football: Monmouth vs Liberty**  
**Monmouth Stadium**  
1:00 PM  
\$10/\$6 (Student/Senior)

**MET Opera: Live in HD**  
**Verdi's Otello**  
Pollak Theatre  
1:00 PM  
\$23

**Women's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Fairfield**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

## OCTOBER 18

**MET Opera: Live in HD (encore)**  
**Verdi's Il Trovatore**  
Pollak Theatre  
1:00 PM  
\$23

## OCTOBER 21

**Women's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Manhattan**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

## OCTOBER 23

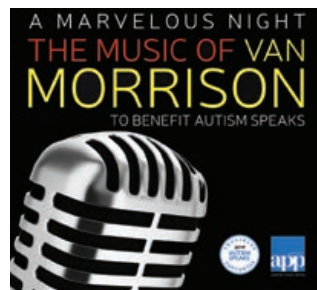
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## OCTOBER 24

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**Football: Monmouth vs Coastal Carolina**  
Monmouth Stadium  
1:00 PM  
10/\$6 (Student/Senior)

**Men's Soccer**  
**Monmouth vs. Niagara**  
Hesse Field on the Great Lawn  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public



**Performing Arts: A Marvelous Night: The Music Of Van Morrison**  
Rob Paparozzi and Pat Guadagno lead an all-star band on a musical journey through the lifework of one of the most influential and unusual artists of our time.  
Pollak Theatre  
8:00 PM  
\$25/\$35/\$55

## OCTOBER 25

**Bolshoi Ballet: Live in HD**  
**Giselle**  
Pollak Theatre  
3:00 PM  
\$22

## OCTOBER 26

**MACE Award Presentation and Reception**  
**Honoring Phil Lord and Chris Miller**  
Pollak Theatre  
7:30 PM  
For details: (732) 263-5449

## OCTOBER 31

**MET Opera: Live in HD**  
**Wagner's Tannhauser**  
Pollak Theatre  
1:00 PM  
\$23

# NOVEMBER

## NOVEMBER 1



**Performing Arts: An Evening with Pine Hill Project**  
Lucy Kaplansky and Richard Shindel  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
\$29/\$39/\$49

## NOVEMBER 2

**Children's Theatre: The Lion The Witch & The Wardrobe**  
Pollak Theatre  
10:00 AM  
\$12/\$15

## NOVEMBER 5

**On Screen/In Person**  
**Miriam Beerman: Expressing the Chaos**  
Q&A with Director Jonathan Gruber  
Pollak Theatre  
7:00 PM  
Free and open to the public

## NOVEMBER 14

**Alumni event at the Grammy Museum in LA**  
Cost TBD  
For more information, contact alumni@monmouth.edu or (732) 571-3489

**Football - Final Home Game**  
**Monmouth vs. Presbyterian**  
12:00 PM  
\$10/\$6 (Student/Senior)

# DECEMBER

## DECEMBER 5

**Annual Holiday Event**  
For details call (732) 571-3473

## DECEMBER 12

**Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Dinner**  
Cost for Dinner/\$95  
For more information, contact alumni@monmouth.edu or (732) 571-3489

### EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For information about Alumni events, call University Engagement at (732) 571-3489.

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

For complete sports schedules visit [monmouthhawks.com](http://monmouthhawks.com)

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

# COMMENCEMENT



Among the diverse array of graduates celebrating commencement in May were students who were among the first in their families to earn a college degree; a graduate who earned the Outstanding Student award after emigrating from Pakistan with her family 14 years ago; and there were graduates who had already been accepted into graduate and doctoral programs.

**D**espite their differences in goals, backgrounds and career choices, they all reveled in a day of celebration, pride and satisfaction when more than a thousand graduates collected diplomas on May 20 at Monmouth University's 2015 Commencement at the PNC Arts Center.

President Paul Brown called on the graduates to stay connected, share their successes and avoid complacency. "I ask you very sincerely to share your accomplishments and your successes, and your personal milestones with your alma mater."

He added, "All of us—your professors—and the many individuals who keep things running—are very proud of your accomplishments."

At the ceremony, President Brown presented the inaugural Jules L. Plangere, Jr. Award to former trustee and investment banker Ann Unterberg for her unwavering support of Monmouth University. She runs the Marjorie & Clarence E. Unterberg Foundation and is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations committed to healthcare, education, and women's rights.

Also lauded for his commitment to Monmouth University was 1963 graduate and former Board Chair Robert B. Sculthorpe who received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. "For his keen mind; active leadership; tireless service; and abiding belief in the transformative power of higher education, we are pleased to bestow this honor upon you," Brown said.



◀◀ **LEFT:** BOARD CHAIR HENRY D. MERCER, III '87, FORMER BOARD CHAIR ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63 HN '15, COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER BRAD ERIC SCHELER HN '15, PRESIDENT PAUL R. BROWN, FORMER TRUSTEE AND INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF THE JULES L. PLANGERE, JR. MEDAL ANN UNTERBERG

**RIGHT:** SANA RASHID '15 WHO WAS CHOSEN BY HER PEERS FOR THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD, MAJORED IN CHEMISTRY AND MINORED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. A GRADUATE OF THE HONORS SCHOOL, RASHID WAS ACTIVE AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, THE DEBATE TEAM, MULTI-YEAR SITE COORDINATOR FOR THE BIG EVENT, AND A PEER MENTOR

**“The true meaning of equality is treating with dignity and respect and with equal deference captains of industry, the homeless and all in between. We define ourselves by how we act and by leading by best example.”**

Brad Scheler, a senior partner and chair of the bankruptcy and restructuring department of the global law firm of Fried, Frank Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, delivered the commencement address after receiving an honorary degree.

Scheler, a Brooklyn native, called on the graduates to “accept nothing less than excellence.” He added, “Marshal your strength and resolve of youth and future and do so. Monmouth University Class of 2015, you can heal and make better our world; I am certain that in each and all of you we could not have or ask for better.”

He urged the crowd to respect the rights of others and treat people fairly.

“The true meaning of equality is treating with dignity and respect and with equal deference captains of industry, the homeless and all in between. We define ourselves by how we act and by leading by best example. Never allow success to overtake grace, warmth, concern, respect, deference and treating with dignity all. We make better our world when we extend our hand equally.” **M**



**LEFT:** FORMER BOARD CHAIR AND TRUSTEE EMERTUS JULES L. PLANGERE JR. HN '86 AND FORMER TRUSTEE ANN UNTERBERG. UNTERBERG RECEIVED THE FIRST JULES L. PLANGERE JR. MEDAL FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY IN THE AREAS OF PHILANTHROPY, LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT

**“JULES PLANGERE HAS SET A VERY HIGH BAR AND IT'S A BAR THAT I HOPE, IN THE YEARS TO COME, THAT I WILL MEET,” UNTERBERG SAID.**



**LEFT** ANDRAE KCKENZIE '15 WHO IS NOW PURSUING AN MBA AT MONMOUTH

**BOTTOM:** POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE MIGUEL NUNEZ SHOWN WITH HIS MOTHER, ANNETTE MOSS, AND PROFESSOR JOE PATTEN WHO IS CHAIR OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE & SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSOR REKHA DATTA WHO IS THE INTERIM VICE PROVOST FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION



# BASKETBALL HAWKS FLY TO CHINA



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During their journey, the squad played four games against two Chinese professional teams, winning the final three contests. Along the way, the student-athletes were immersed in an exciting cultural experience, vastly different than that of their familiar stomping grounds in West Long Branch.



JUNIOR FORWARD GREG NOACK WITH A CHEERLEADER AT THE SECOND GAME AGAINST THE SHANGHAI SHARKS



HAWKS PREPARE TO FACE THE ANHUI WENYI BASKETBALL CLUB

Shanghai marked the first stop on the tour with a pair of games in two packed arenas played against the Shanghai Sharks of the Chinese Basketball Association.

Following a pregame ceremony that included a dance team, a speech, and words from the Shanghai captain, Zhang Zhoaxu, the Hawks first faced off against the Sharks at the Donghui School. Shanghai defeated Monmouth 72-62 in what would turn out to be Monmouth's only loss of the trip.

"I thought our kids really tried hard even though they had heavy legs from all the traveling and walking they had been doing," said Head Coach King Rice following the game. "The international game is hard to get used to when you first start,

but overall I thought our kids played extremely well.”

Monmouth rebounded the next day to win the second game against the same Shanghai team by a 17-point margin in front of a standing room crowd at Fudan University, one of the most prestigious schools in Shanghai.

Rising junior Collin Stewart led Monmouth with 14 points. The Hawks wowed the crowd with a handful of late slam dunks to seal the victory. In attendance on the Sharks bench was former NBA center and owner/president of the Shanghai Sharks, Yao Ming.

Between games, the student-athletes took advantage of the unique attractions of Shanghai, including a visit to the world’s highest observatory at the Shanghai World Financial Center. The viewing deck is located over 100 floors above the street and features a glass floor, allowing spectacular views of the city and beyond.

“We are really, really high up,” said sophomore forward Greg Nowak while atop the observatory. “I don’t know how they built this thing but it is awesome.”

After traveling to Hefei on the 200-mile-per-hour bullet train, the Hawks arrived at Hefei Arena to take on the Anhui Wenyi Basketball Club on consecutive afternoons. Monmouth won a shootout in the third game of the trip and the first in Hefei, 111-101 behind 24 points on 12-13 shooting from rising junior Chris Brady. The Hawks posted 10 dunks on the afternoon while winning their second straight game in China. Looking to move to 3-1 and close out the competitive leg of the trip with a winning record, the Blue and White did just that in a 106-95 win in their final game in Hefei. Stewart knocked in six three-pointers as the Hawks bested Anhui Wenyi again to end the trip with a trio of victories.

“You always want to win,” said Coach Rice. “But the thing I liked most is all of us bonding together as a group and getting tighter as the games went on.”



**TOP:** JUNIOR GUARD JOSH JAMES AUTOGRAPHS A JERSEY. THE TEAM WAS GREETED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND GREETED WARMLY AT EACH STOP ON THEIR 14 DAY TOUR. FOLLOWING GAMES, THE TEAM TOOK PHOTOS AND SIGNED AUTOGRAPHS FOR HUNDREDS OF FANS

**RIGHT:** ZHANG ZHAOXU, 7'2" CENTER FOR THE SHANGHAI SHARKS EXCHANGES GIFTS WITH 5'8" JUNIOR GUARD JUSTIN ROBINSON BEFORE THE SECOND MATCH

Rising junior point guard Justin Robinson echoed Coach Rice, saying “As a result of this trip, the team has become closer and we got a lot closer with the coaches as well. To come to another county with my second family and to notch up three wins is huge.”

With the basketball competition wrapped up, the next stop for the team was Xi’an, which included visits to the Da Yan Pagoda, and the burial pits of the Terracotta Warriors—said by some to be the eighth wonder of the world.

“I think it’s amazing,” said guard Josh James while viewing the statues. “To think that farmers were trying to dig a well and instead found all these warriors is really, really cool.”

The group wrapped up their trip with a flight to Hong Kong, ready to head westward for home.

Head Coach King Rice noted, “Between the competitive, international basketball matches, the cultural education, and the ability to come together both as a team, and with the coaching staff, during these two weeks has been a powerful bonding experience. This opportunity will help move the team forward.” **M**



JUNIOR CENTER ZAC TILLMAN AND XHOAZU OF THE SHANGHAI SHARKS EXCHANGE GIFTS BEFORE FACING OFF IN THEIR FIRST MATCH

## MONMOUTH MOURNS SAMBOL

President Paul R. Brown marked the passing of Trustee Emeritus Richard Sambol HN '04 on Saturday, May 23, with a message to the campus community. "Mr. Sambol was a tremendously influential and effective trustee, serving with distinction since his election to the Board in 1988," Brown said.

Sambol served for many years as the chair of the Committee on Trustees, as a member of the University's Government Relations Committee and the Kislak Real Estate Institute's Advisory Council. In 2004 he received the Distinguished Business Leaders Award and an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at the spring Commencement Ceremony. In 2008 he was elected as a Trustee Emeritus by his fellow board members.

Mr. Sambol and his family have made many important contributions to education in New Jersey. The Sambols helped establish and nurture the Ocean

County College Foundation. He was also a trustee emeritus of the foundation and co-initiated the development of what is now called the Sambol-Citta Arboretum.

In 1995 Brookdale Community College honored Mr. Sambol and his wife, Janice, for a lifetime of community service for Holocaust studies. They were also recipients of the State of Israel Peace Medal in 1999. In 2001 Mr. Sambol was honored with the Francis Albert Sinatra Tribute to the Performing Arts, which recognizes individuals, corporations, and philanthropies that have shown a dedication to improving cultural life in New Jersey. Mr. Sambol was appointed by President George Bush in 2003 to serve as council member for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In addition to his many educational affiliations, Sambol is a former director of the New Jersey Resources Corporation, a founder of Metedeconk Golf Club, and served as a commissioner of the New



Jersey Highway Authority and a trustee of Paul Kimball Medical Center.

A veteran of World War II, Sambol served in the U.S. Navy, and earned his bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute following his discharge.

## REINHART ENDOWED CHAIR IN REAL ESTATE POLICY



Peter Reinhart, Esq., who serves as the director of the Kislak Real Estate Institute, is the first recipient of the Arthur and Dorothy Greenbaum and Robert Ferguson/New Jersey REALTORS Endowed Chair in Real Estate Policy in the Leon Hess Business School.

"Peter Reinhart's cutting edge understanding of law and politics make him ideally suited to hold the endowed chair," said Provost Laura Moriarty.

The endowed chair was named in honor of the late Robert Ferguson, who served as executive vice president of New Jersey Realtors for nearly 40 years, and Arthur Greenbaum HN '96, a senior partner at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLC, and recipient of the first Monmouth University Kislak Real Estate Institute Leadership Excellence Award in 1994.

"New Jersey Realtors has always had a strong interest in how our land is used for current and future generations. We are proud to help endow the Chair in Real Estate Policy to further the discussion of our state's future land uses. Peter Reinhart is an excellent choice for

this chair with his extensive background and experience in housing and other real estate policy issues," said Jarrod Grasso, CEO of New Jersey Realtors.

Reinhart has held many leadership roles in a diverse set of issues relevant to the quality of life in New Jersey. He is the chair of the board of New Jersey Future, the leading land use policy organization in the state, vice chairperson of the board of trustees of Meridian Health Corporation, past chairman of the Jersey Shore Partnership, and past president of the New Jersey Builders Association.

"I look forward to making Monmouth University New Jersey's center for policy discussion on the important issues affecting the future use of our land and the associated development, environmental, social, infrastructure and fiscal impacts," Reinhart said.



## WOMACK IS NEW HUMANITIES DEAN



Dr. Kenneth Womack took the reins of the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities & Social Sciences on July 1, succeeding Dr. Stanton Green who returned to a faculty post earlier this year.

Following an 18-year career at The Pennsylvania State University's Altoona College, Womack brings a reputation in the study of contemporary literary and popular culture and nearly 25 years of experience in the classroom and in broader outreach initiatives.

At Altoona College he served as professor of English & Integrative Arts and, since 1997, as senior associate dean for Academic Affairs. Before moving into that leadership post, he served Penn State Altoona as head of the Division of Arts

and Humanities for 6 years, during which time he shared in the development of new degree programs in Communications, History, and Visual Art Studies. Womack was a faculty member in the English department from 1997 to 2002.

Womack also brings considerable experience as an administrator, supervising more than 200 full-time faculty members, hiring a diverse pool of new faculty members through national searches, overseeing tenure and promotion, directing curricula, and managing the programmatic activities associated with a wide range of academic disciplines.

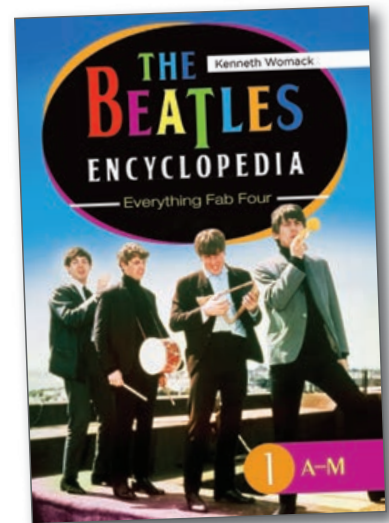
His leadership experience includes spearheading external fundraising initiatives to support scholarship funds and endowed lecture series, development of new study abroad opportunities, creating college-wide assessment strategies, and implementation of strategic planning activities.

Womack's body of work includes three novels, *John Doe No. 2 and the Dreamland Motel* (2010), *The Restaurant at the End of the World* (2012), and *Playing the Angel* (2013). He is also the author or editor of numerous works of nonfiction, including *Long and Winding Roads: The Evolving Artistry of the Beatles* (2007) and *The Cambridge Companion to the Beatles* (2009).

His most recent Beatles-related work, *The Beatles Encyclopedia: Everything Fab Four*, was honored in *Foreword Reviews'*

annual INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards for the best indie books of 2014.

He is also the editor of *Interdisciplinary Literary Studies: A Journal of Criticism and Theory*, published by Penn State University Press, and co-editor of the English Association's prodigious *Year's Work in English Studies*, published by Oxford University Press.



In addition to studying Russian language and literature at the Moscow Institute of Communications, Womack earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Texas A&M University and a doctorate in English from Northern Illinois University.

## STEM STAMP OF APPROVAL

Monmouth University recently earned the designation of a 2015 *STEM Jobs Approved* College by Pittsburgh-based Victory Media. STEM is an acronym referring to the academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The inaugural 2015 *STEM Jobs Approved* Colleges list rates universities, colleges, community colleges and trade schools on their responsiveness and relevance to high demand, high growth STEM occupations. Also as a result

of the designation, Monmouth was featured in the winter 2015 issue of *STEM Jobs* magazine.

Monmouth was among more than 1,600 schools participating in the *STEM Jobs* survey process. Schools were scored on publicly available data and responses to proprietary questions around three key indicators of success: STEM job alignment, STEM job placement, and diversity in a school's STEM programs.



# ONCAMPUS

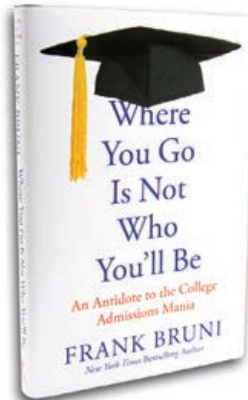
## GREAT COVERAGE FOR GREAT ADVENTURE

**N***ew York Times* columnist Frank Bruni profiled one of Monmouth University's signature academic programs in his recent bestselling book, "Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be," attracting wide attention to Psychology Professor Lisa Dinella's behavioral-psychology class that partners with Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J.

Students in Dinella's capstone course meet weekly with animal trainers and undertake extensive field research with safari park animals.

Subtitled, "An antidote to the college admissions mania," Bruni's book debunks the "conviction among too many young people that their futures will be determined and their worth established by which schools say yes and which say no" during the admissions process.

Using success stories and case studies of graduates across a wide swath of collegiate experiences, Bruni argues



that motivated students can get an outstanding education without attending an Ivy League school; to underscore the point Bruni interviews Fortune 500 executives, Pulitzer Prize winners and MacArthur Foundation fellows who did not attend "the most exclusive schools."

"What matters in the end are a student's efforts in and out of the classroom, not the gleam of his or her diploma," Bruni notes.

Dinella's class was also cited in the article "The Elite Squeeze," by Bruni which appeared in the March 30, 2015 issue of *Time* magazine and in interviews with the author on National Public Radio.

Dinella was also featured on the May 6 edition of the nationally syndicated radio program, "Academic Minute," where she spoke about her research on gendered toys.

## CORLISS SCHOLARSHIP FOSTERS EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM

**T**rustee Paul Corliss has established a distinguished endowed scholarship in memory of his brother, Richard, who for 35 years was a film critic for *Time* magazine. The fully funded \$100,000 scholarship will provide financial assistance to Monmouth University students majoring in Communication while encouraging them to aspire to reach the professional heights as Richard.

Richard Corliss joined *Time* magazine as an associate editor in 1980 and was promoted to senior writer in 1985. In the late 1960's and 1970's, he wrote about film for *The New York Times*, *National Review* and other publications. In 1970 he became editor of *Film Comment*, a journal devoted largely to independent films and documentaries.

Following his death, *Time* editor Nancy Gibbs wrote, "It's painful to try

to find words, since Richard was such a master of them. They were his tools, his toys, to the point that it felt sometimes as though he *had* to write, like the rest of us breathe and eat and sleep. It's not clear that Richard ever slept, for the sheer expanse of his knowledge and writing defies the normal contours of professional life."

"He was a workaholic, who loved writing in the wee hours and pushed deadlines to the breaking point—but always came through with pristine prose that left his editors in awe," noted Richard Zoglin in his remembrance of Corliss in the April 24 issue of *Time*.

Corliss was also the author of several books including: "Talking Pictures" (1974), a survey and critical defense of American screenwriters; a 1994 study of "Lolita," the Stanley Kubrick adaptation of the Nabokov novel; and an illustration



of history, "Mom in the Movies: The Iconic Screen Mothers You Love and a Few You Love to Hate" (2014).

Richard received his bachelor's degree from Saint Joseph's University and a master's degree in film studies from Columbia University.

## TORCIVIA BROTHERS ARE DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS LEADERS

**B**enedict J. Torcivia, Jr. and Joseph A. Torcivia, co-presidents of Torcon, Inc., were named Monmouth University's 2015 Distinguished Business Leaders at an event drawing 330 leading executives and business professionals to Wilson Hall in March.

"A big thank you to our honorees Ben and Joe Torcivia for making this one of the top two most successful events in the history of the Business Leaders Dinner," said Donald Moliver, dean of the Leon Hess Business School. "Their talents and contributions to the corporate community are impressive."

"They serve as outstanding role models for our students," Moliver said.

Proceeds from the event will fund an endowed scholarship in memory of the honorees' father, former Monmouth University Trustee and founder of Torcon, Benedict J. Torcivia Sr., to assist students within the Leon Hess Business School.

"Our family's relationship with Monmouth University has always been very special," said Benedict Torcivia, Jr. "We were thrilled when the University

offered us the opportunity to establish a scholarship in my father's name in this, Torcon's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Dad had a strong affinity for education throughout his life, so we felt it was very appropriate."

Benedict Torcivia, Jr. joined Torcon in 1979 after earning his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Lehigh University. He serves on the Red Bank YMCA Foundation Board and is a member of the Riverview Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.

Joseph Torcivia earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Lehigh University and his law degree from Seton Hall University. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the New Jersey Bar Association, joining Torcon in 1986. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Springpoint Senior Living and the Board of Trustees of Barnabas Health Systems' Monmouth Medical Center.

"As I look at the list of past honorees, I see people I know and respect, and people I don't know personally, but whom I certainly admire. I feel an incredible sense of pride for us to



JOSEPH A. TORCIVIA, MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENT PAUL R. BROWN, BENEDICT J. TORCIVIA, JR

now be included among those Award recipients," said Joseph Torcivia.

A portrait of the Torcivias was unveiled at the event and will be displayed in the Distinguished Business Leaders Gallery located in Bey Hall, home of the University's Leon Hess Business School.

## GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL AWARD FOR CULLEY



PAT CONSIDINE (LEFT) AND IAN CULLEY (RIGHT)

**I**an Culley, a senior Communication major, was honored with an award at the Garden State Film Festival in March for the music video, "Real to Me," which he produced and directed. He took the top spot in the category, "Home Grown Student Music Video – College."

The music video, which features his cousin, Pat Considine, is based on a story about helping a classmate through a difficult time as a self-harming teen living with depression. "We made the video in the hopes that it will help even one person," Culley said.

Culley, who expects to graduate in January, said he has a few projects in pre-

production including a few music videos and a documentary. "The documentary is about the heroin epidemic in New Jersey but it is in the early stages of planning right now and we are looking to start shooting next year," he said.

The Garden State Film Festival was developed to celebrate the independent film genre where local and other independent filmmakers can exhibit their work and pay tribute to New Jersey's legacy as the birthplace of the American filmmaking industry in Thomas Edison's Menlo Park laboratories.

# Board Broadens with New Trustees

Ten new members joined the Monmouth University Board of Trustees on July 1. They are Patty Azzarello '86, Quincy J. Byrdsong, Ed.D., John A. Brockriede Jr. '07, '10M, Karyn F. Cusanelli '89, Nancy A. Leidersdorff '97, Christopher Maher, Erik Matson '88M, Lisa McKean, Gary T. Puma '99M, and Michael J. Renna.

“As we continue the process of implementing the ambitious vision and goals outlined in our strategic plan, having a diverse, vibrant, and participatory board is critical. We are delighted that these outstanding executives will add their considerable talents to our leadership team,” said President Paul R. Brown.

Board Chair Henry D. Mercer, III said, “I am looking forward to working with our new trustees.”

“Fulfilling the objectives of our strategic plan will enhance the educational experience for our students and better prepare them for successful careers after graduation,” he said.

“A strong board requires a diversity of experience and opinions,” Mercer added. “The outstanding business and leadership skills of this incoming class of trustees will add a valuable breadth and depth of perspectives. I look forward to working closely with them as board members,” he said.



## PATTY AZZARELLO '86

Azzarello, who earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Monmouth in 1986, is a successful Silicon Valley executive, best-selling author and speaker. She is the founder of Azzarello Group, Inc., a management consulting firm in Palo Alto, CA. Notably the youngest general manager at Hewlett Packard at the age of 33, Azzarello then ran a \$1 billion software business at 35 and became a CEO at 38. She has held leadership roles in general management, marketing, software product development and sales, has been successful in running and transforming large and small businesses, and has significant international management experience. She is the author of the best-selling book, *RISE: 3 Practical Steps to Advancing Your Career, Standing Out as a Leader (and Liking Your Life)*.



## QUINCY J. BYRDSONG

Byrdsong, of Glen Allen, Va., is the vice president for Academic Planning and Strategic Initiatives at Georgia Regents University, after serving as associate vice president for Health Sciences Strategic Initiatives and Engagement for the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Before VCU, he served as the administrative program director for Clinical and Translational Research for the School of Medicine at Meharry Medical College. Byrdsong, a member of the Society of Clinical Research Associates, received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Middle Tennessee State University and his Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Tennessee State University.



## JOHN A. BROCKRIEDE JR. '07 '10M

Brockriede, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice at Monmouth, and also earned a Certified Public Manager designation from Fairleigh Dickinson University, is a co-owner of Legacy Management Group LLC, a real estate management company in Long Branch. He is recently retired from the Wall Township Police Department, where he worked for more than 25 years, ascending to the rank of captain. Brockriede served as the vice president of the Senior Officers Association of the Wall Township PBA Local Chapter #234, and as a member of the board of directors of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Central Jersey Chapter. He has been a co-chair of the Monmouth University Scholarship Ball.



## KARYN F. CUSANELLI '89

Cusanelli, of Brick, N.J., is a direct sales and marketing specialist. She was recently elected president of the Monmouth University Alumni Association and began her term on July 1. As president of the association, Cusanelli was also elected to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees. She is a member of the Brick Township Board of Education, UNICO National (Brick Township Chapter), and The Church of St. Martha, Point Pleasant, N.J. Cusanelli earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Monmouth University in 1989. Cusanelli's husband, Nicholas Cusanelli '89, and daughters Marissa '14 and Gianna '16 are also proud to be Monmouth University Hawks.



### **NANCY A. LEIDERSDORFF '97**

Leidersdorff, of Interlaken, N.J., is the senior vice president of Media Planning and Creative Strategy at Nickelodeon. Previously, she was the vice president of Media Planning for AMC. Before AMC, Nancy was vice president of Media Planning in the Programming Department at Nickelodeon Networks. Leidersdorff earned her bachelor's degree in Communication from Monmouth University in 1997 and served on the Alumni Association board of trustees from 2009 to 2011. In 2008, she received the Alumni Association's Volunteer of the Year Award.



### **CHRISTOPHER MAHER**

Maher is the president and CEO of OceanFirst Bank and its parent company OceanFirst Financial Corp. With over 25 years of experience in financial services and related industries, Maher's banking career is diverse and has included responsibilities in retail banking, consumer lending, and insurance services. He graduated from Upsala College with a bachelor's degree in business, and earned a graduate certificate in banking from Consumer Bankers Association and the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. Maher serves as chair of the Board of Trustees of Helen Keller Services, a national nonprofit agency serving people with hearing and visual disabilities, where he has been actively involved since 1998.



### **ERIK MATSON '88M**

Matson, who earned an MBA from Monmouth in 1988, is a managing general partner with REGA Partners, LLC, a private investment partnership focused on discrete capital and operating investments in select insurance and insurance-related assets. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Drew University, studied international economics at the London School of Economics, and completed post-graduate studies at the University of Chicago and Harvard Graduate School of Business. He serves on the Board of Directors and heads the Industry Advisory Group for BlackOps Partners, a cyber-espionage consulting and solutions firm, and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Gamma Iota Sigma, an academic fraternity, which provides mentorship and professional opportunities and structure for actuarial science, risk management and insurance students. Matson is a retired Lieutenant Colonel (USAF), where he has led bio-terrorism exercises as well as being deployed in support of the War on Global Terror.



### **LISA MCKEAN**

McKean, of Rumson, N.J., is managing director overseeing marketing and development at the Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF), a countywide land trust organization. She is a specialist in cause-related marketing, event marketing, nonprofit public relations, and the creation of signature promotional programs. Prior to her position at MCF, she was on the business side of magazine publishing in leadership positions for *Time*, *Esquire*, *Worth* and *Civilization* magazines.



### **GARY T. PUMA '99M**

Puma, of Shrewsbury, N.J., is the president and chief executive officer of the not-for-profit Springpoint Senior Living. He oversees an organization that serves nearly 3,500 residents in 24 communities and has responsibility for an annual operating budget of \$150 million and assets of \$500 million. He earned his MBA from Monmouth University in 1999 and is currently a member of the Monmouth University Business Council. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2011 Monmouth University Distinguished Business Leaders Award, the 2009 Excellence in Leadership Award from LeadingAge, and the 1996 New Jersey State Governor's Award for Management Excellence. In 2010, he served on the Governor's Healthcare Subcommittee Transition team.



### **MICHAEL J. RENNA**

Renna, of Mount Laurel, N.J., is president and CEO of South Jersey Industries (SJI), an energy services holding company based in Folsom, N.J. After joining SJI in 1998 as a manager, Renna quickly advanced to the officer level and in 2006 assumed leadership of SJI's non-utility businesses. He was named SJI's president and COO and was elected to SJI's board of directors in 2014. He earned his MBA from Cornell University and his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Delaware. Renna serves on the board of directors of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the CEO Council for Growth's Greater Philadelphia Energy Action Team. He also participates in The University of Delaware's Student Mentoring Program.

# ONCAMPUS

## JOYCE CAROL OATES PRIZE ESTABLISHED

Graduate student Sally Taylor Tawil was the first recipient of the first Joyce Carol Oates Award in recognition of her creative writing. The new award, established by a generous gift from Princeton University professor and best-selling novelist, Joyce Carol Oates, will be awarded by the English Department each year.

Oates, a cornerstone of the 2014-15 Visiting Writers Series, a forum to recognize the most celebrated poets and authors from around the world, met with students before addressing a capacity crowd in Pollak Theatre on November 13.

The program, which marked its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year has brought literary luminaries including Andrei Codrescu, Colm Tóibín and Adam Zagajewski as well as Long Branch's own U.S. Poet Laureate, Robert Pinsky HN '97 for intimate conversations with students and community members.

"When a prominent writer comes to Monmouth University for our Visiting Writers series, there is always a lasting



vibration or mood, the resonating of a particular influence, felt by our community, and more so with our students, many of whom have studied a writer's work closely with their mentors," said Michael Thomas, associate dean of the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences and director of the Visiting Writers Series.

"One can hardly define the beautiful, widening mark left by Joyce Carol Oates. Months after her visit, many were still talking about her reading and also about the intimate craft discussion she hosted. Now, with her generous gift for

graduate students in creative writing, Joyce's influence is truly limitless," Thomas said.

Thomas said that Oates's gift is perfectly timed to support a growing graduate program and the Joyce Carol Oates Prize will inspire and also motivate potential applicants when they consider coming to Monmouth University.

In Tawil's short story, "Spellbound," the narrator, Sally, is recognized for her talent and love for words, particularly, the order of words.

Among Oates' many honors are the National Humanities Medal awarded by President Obama in 2010, two O. Henry Prizes and two Bram Stoker Awards, the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction, World Fantasy Award, and M. L. Rosenthal Award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters. In 2012 Oates received both the Mailer Prize for Lifetime Achievement and the PEN Center USA Award for Lifetime Achievement. In March 2014 she was awarded the Poets & Writers Distinguished Lifetime Award.

## HENNING IS NEW EDUCATION DEAN

John E. Henning, Ph.D., began his tenure as dean for the School of Education on July 1. He succeeds Mary Brennan who served as interim dean since January 2015, following the retirement of former Dean Lynn Romeo.

"Dr. Henning is an innovative and energetic leader with more than 30 years of experience in teaching and teacher education," said Laura J. Moriarty, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "His diverse background, which includes service as a public school teacher, university professor, and academic administrator, will foster a comprehensive and holistic approach to leading the School of Education."

Dean Henning comes to Monmouth from Ohio University, where he served

as professor and associate dean of academic engagement and outreach for The Patton College of Education for the past two years. Before moving into that leadership post, he spent four years as a professor and chair of the teacher education department at Ohio, where he supervised 26 faculty members in the largest department in the college.

Henning is the author of *Using Action Research to Improve Instruction: An Interactive Guide for Teachers* and *The Art of Discussion-Based Teaching: Opening Up Conversation in the Classroom*. Books currently in progress include *Building Clinical Capacity: Tools and Strategies for Supporting Mentoring During Early Field Experiences* and *Designing Teacher Preparation Programs*.



Henning earned both a doctorate in educational psychology and a master's degree in vocational education from Kent State University. Henning is also a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University.

## MARCHESE KEEPS IT REAL



Amber Marchese '00, and her husband, Jim, regular cast members of the reality television show, “The Real Housewives of New Jersey,” visited campus in March to discuss the psychology of reality television with students in Dr. David Strohmetz’s Social Psychology course.

Psychology student Leigh Ricciardi noted that the Marcheses spoke about the

different factors including the behind-the-scenes situational factors that lead to their crazy responses on T.V., to the love and hate they receive from their viewers.

According to Ricciardi, one of the most popular topics of conversation during the class visit was the concept of cognitive dissonance, “a state of tension that occurs whenever an individual simultaneously holds two cognitions

(ideas, attitudes, beliefs, opinions) that are psychologically inconsistent.”

“Several students in the class were regular viewers of ‘The Real Housewives of New Jersey’ and had strong and negative pre-conceived ideas about the couple from the show, before meeting them in person,” Ricciardi wrote.

“As it turns out, Amber and Jim were able to reveal their true, off-camera selves, to Dr. Strohmetz’s class. Sitting in the classroom listening to the Marcheses share who they truly are, you could feel the cognitive dissonance working in the brains of the students who had these preconceived ideas,” she wrote.

Ricciardi summed up the visit, writing, “For the most part, minds were changed about the couple. What, on television, seemed to be two out of control, trouble-starting adults, turned out to be two well-educated, kind-hearted parents of a large family. It was great to have Amber and Jim Marchese speak to our own class here at Monmouth University and we hope to have them visit again in the future.”

## NBS AWARDS FOR MASSIMINO

Senior communication major Erik Massimino scored two awards at the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Awards in March. Massimino, who is president of Monmouth University Chapter of the National Broadcasting Society, and executive producer of “The Extra Point,” a sports showing airing on Hawk TV took honors in the Video Feature Segment category for *Step Back Concert 2014: YCNBR.com*, and in the Video Promos category for *Monmouth U: Big South Era Promo 2014-2015*.

During his college career at Monmouth Massimino has received 11 awards at the NBS National Competitions, making him the most awarded student in the history of the University’s NBS chapter. “Winning a grand prize in the national



competition is a great honor and is very inspiring,” he said.

In addition to Massimino’s double score, Alexis Morrison earned honors in the Audio PSAs category for her *Texting & Driving Public Service Announcement*, while Brielle Coteló placed first in

the Audio Feature Package category for *Browsing With Brielle*. Overall, Monmouth had 13 finalists, 10 honorable mentions, and four grand prize winners at the 2015 competition.

“The National Broadcasting Society allows Monmouth students the opportunity to take the work they have created in class and in other clubs and compete on a national level,” Massimino said.

“We are always one of the smallest schools in the competition and are considered an underdog,” he said. “However, every year during the awards ceremony Monmouth University has a huge presence, which, has led to our 68 awards, since 2005.”

## KUSHNER HONORED BY REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** RONALD LADELL, 2014 LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW JERSEY AT AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC; HONOREE JAMES HUGHES; PETER REINHART, DIRECTOR OF THE KISLAK REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE AND THE ARTHUR AND DOROTHY GREENBAUM AND ROBERT FERGUSON/NEW JERSEY REALTORS ENDOWED CHAIR IN REAL ESTATE POLICY IN THE LEON HESS BUSINESS SCHOOL; HONOREE MURRAY KUSHNER; JONATHAN KUSHNER, MURRAY'S SON AND PRESIDENT OF THE KUSHNER REAL ESTATE GROUP

More than 500 leaders of the commercial real estate industry gathered in May for the Kislak Real Estate Institute's Leadership Excellence Award Dinner to honor two key influencers in the industry, while raising money for scholarships for promising students in the real estate education program.

Murray Kushner, chairman of The KRE Group, received the Leadership Excellence Award, and James W. Hughes, dean of the Edward Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy at Rutgers University, received the Institute's Service to the Industry Award.

Kushner's KRE Group is the successor to SK Properties, which he co-founded in 1979 with his father Joseph Kushner and Eugene Schenkman. The full-service real estate company has more than 100 full-time employees and a real estate investment portfolio of more than 9,000 apartment units and six million square feet of industrial and office space.

Introducing his father for the award, Jonathan Kushner, president of the Kushner Real Estate Group, said,

"Many people know what it means to be in a family business, but I've always felt lucky to work with my father, because he doesn't conduct our business the way most families do."

"Despite his role as our chairman, our leader, and our father, he is open-minded, detail-oriented, fair, respectful, humble, and modern," he said

In accepting the award, Kushner joked about New Jersey's notorious traffic, saying, "I only had to leave Bridgewater on Monday to be here tonight."

Kushner noted that his parents came to the United States as Holocaust survivors in 1949, and their hard work taught him important life lessons that guided his business career. "Not only did they rebuild their lives and their families from the ashes of World War II, but as partners in life they built a remarkable business and set an incredible example for me to follow," he said.

"From my mother I learned the three 'Ps,' perspective, persistence, and patience. From my father I learned humility, integrity, and character. One needs a little ability and much

confidence to be successful in life, but as my parents instilled in me, never lose sight of these other characteristics to be truly successful and to be a leader."

Kushner joins a roster highly influential real estate professionals who have received the award including Ronald S. Ladell, senior vice president of development for AvalonBay Communities; Steven J. Pozycki, founder, chair and CEO of SJP Properties; Mitchell E. Hersh, president and CEO of Mack-Cali Realty Corporation; John A. Giunco, Esq., Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C.; and Anne Evans Estabrook, chief executive and owner of Elberon Development Co.

Dean Hughes said, "Receiving the Service to the Industry Award is a great honor to me, particularly since the roster of past awardees is particularly impressive."

Previous recipients of the award were Caren Franzini, formerly CEO of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Ted Zangari Esq., attorney with Sills Cummis & Gross; and Donald Moliver, dean of the Leon Hess Business School at Monmouth University.

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## BLUE HAWKS MEET FIRST LADY



ROBERT SANTELLI (FAR LEFT) '73 HN '14 SHOWN LEADING A PANEL DISCUSSION



## AACSB FOR BUSINESS SCHOOL



The Leon Hess Business School affirmed its accreditation from AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, in April. Accreditation with the AACSB is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs.

Don Moliver, dean of the Leon Hess Business School, said, "We're delighted to receive the news that we have obtained affirmation of accreditation."

"It is a formidable and grueling process to go through that promotes continuous improvement of quality and distinction. It also confirms our status as one of the top 294 business schools in the nation and one of the top 5 percent in the world," Moliver said.

"Our faculty and other stakeholders worked very hard in making this a meaningful process. We thank the AACSB peer review team for their positive and thorough examinations that they conducted last spring," he said.

Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Joe Rapolla '95M, chair of the Music & Theatre Department, led a group of Monmouth and Asbury Park High School students to Washington, DC, in April for The Grammy Museum Music's Impact on Social Change program.

The group met First Lady Michelle Obama and participated in the educational workshop "The History of Gospel Music." The event paid tribute to the fundamental role gospel music has played in the American musical tradition, and the important artists and repertoire that have marked its vibrant history.

Robert Santelli '73 HN '14, executive director of The Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, led a panel discussion that gave students an overview of the origins of gospel music, exploring the unique elements of gospel that have inspired the sound of other American musical genres.

"Even though it is a sacred music form, essentially born in the church and sung

in the church, it has a lot of connections to the kind of music that's on your iPod today," Santelli said.

"When Africans came to this country by way of slavery, they weren't able to bring too much with them in terms of material possessions, but they brought the most important and the most valuable thing. That's what was in their heart, what was in their soul, and that was almost always music," he said.

In addition to the 10 Monmouth students and seven Asbury Park students, the first lady also welcomed more than 100 other students from across the country to take part in the interactive student workshop held in the State Dining Room.

**TOP:** SANTELLI MODERATES A PANEL INCLUDING MICHELLE WILLIAMS, LYLE LOVETT, DARLENE LOVE, RODNEY CROWELL, AND RHIANNON GIDDENS. RELIGION NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY ADELLE M. BANKS. **BOTTOM:** JOE RAPOLLA WITH MICHAEL GRANT, GUY BATTAGLIA, JONATHAN CHANG-SOON, ANDREW BOXMAN, SAMANTHA BASTONE, ELLIE NEWCOMBE, KATE LATKOVICH, COURTNEY DAVIS, SHAYNA CONDE AND TAYLOR HOPE

## ARTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HANLON



BRIAN HANLON (CENTER) CELEBRATING HIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ART IN OCEAN COUNTY (NJ) WITH HIS FAMILY

**B**rian Hanlon '88, the recipient of Monmouth University's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2013, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for Art in Ocean County, NJ, in March.

Dubbed "New Jersey's Sculptor," Hanlon's career started with a bronze sculpture of a Holmdel town hero named Bob Riggy who died in a car accident in the mid-1980s. "Four hundred installations later, Brian is one of the most accomplished artists in the world today," his brother, Matt Hanlon said.

As the official sculptor to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, Hanlon recently unveiled his Dominique Wilkins statue outside the Atlanta Hawks' Philips Arena. His statue of the Hall of Fame's founder Dr. James Naismith, sitting on bleachers and teaching children, will be dedicated in September.

The subject of a 2011 short documentary, "Legacy in Bronze," Hanlon says that if the subject matter inspires him, he knows that a finished sculpture will be great.

"Will a person looking at my work relate to the subject? Will they learn something from the sculpture, and maybe even be inspired?"

One area of inspiration, an effort to expand the knowledge of African American influence on basketball history at the Hall of Fame, has led Hanlon to redesign one of the floors of the museum into "Coaches' Circle," which will celebrate the athletic achievement and charitable endeavors of Hall of Fame coaches including Vivian Stringer and Jim Calhoun.

Further south, Hanlon will be working on a statue of longtime Georgetown University basketball coach, John Thompson. Also, he has completed statues at Syracuse University of Hall of Famers Floyd Little and Ben Schwartzwalder as well as the first African American to win a Heisman Trophy, Ernie Davis, whose life was tragically cut short by leukemia at the age of 23.

The inspiration for one of Hanlon's first bronze statues, "Involved Student," was Michele Adamkowski '90. The bronze work depicting a reclining reader, standing on the western edge of Erlanger Gardens, later became his wife. Together they have five children.

From athletes to religious figures to 9/11 heroes, Hanlon looks for inspiration in many different venues and in turn inspires others with his creations. Still others in his collection have acted as a catharsis for grieving family members. His passion to create has even taken him back to Monmouth's campus with his 2009 Hawk sculpture that greets guests to the Multipurpose Activity Center. To see a collection of his works, visit [www.hanlonsculpture.com](http://www.hanlonsculpture.com).

## POWER LIST FOR COAN



**S**usan Coan '91M, a region vice president at Atlantic City Electric was named in July to the inaugural "Power List" of the 50 most influential business men and women in South Jersey, by *South Jersey Biz* magazine.

Editor Amanda Hamm Hengel noted, "From the governor to several banking executives and the heads of local universities, and many more, [members of the list] are the ones particularly adept at making the right moves in business and proving to be influential leaders."

Coan said, "I've experienced the greatest professional growth when I've stepped out of my comfort zone and took on an assignment that, at first, felt well beyond my abilities. I realized failure was a possibility, but decided the reward was worth the risk."

"I've learned that being open to constructive feedback, asking many questions and taking time for self-reflection in the early stages of a new job are essential to success. And, of course, there's no substitute for hard work."

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## CLIO PICKS PURCELL AS PRESIDENT

Nicole Purcell '02 was named the president of CLIO in January. CLIO, sponsor of the annual CLIO Awards and *The Hollywood Reporter's* Key Art Awards, is among the world's most recognizable international advertising awards, honoring innovation and creative excellence in advertising, design and communication.

"Early on in my CLIO career, I had a vision for what this brand could be—creative, innovative, and inspirational—a true mirror of the creative we applaud," Purcell said. "Moving into this new chapter with a renewed energy, my top priority is continuing to build our great brand presence. The creative work we represent is in many ways the core of pop culture, and it's important for CLIO to be a part of that conversation."

Prior to her role as CLIO president, Purcell co-owned Rock Media and



Entertainment and developed fashion weeks in Los Angeles and Miami. For many years, she was also mentored by Richard Tarzian, owner of The Passion Group, formerly ICC. In that experience, Purcell was able to build a foundation and learn firsthand how to run a business.

Founded in 1959 to celebrate high achievement in advertising, the CLIOs annually and throughout the year recognize the work, the agencies and the talent—across advertising, sports, fashion, music, entertainment, and health care—that, in a variety of categories and as judged by industry peers, push boundaries and establish new precedent.

The CLIO judging process is known for its democratic approach to recognizing creative excellence. Fewer than 20 percent of submissions, within a media type, survive the first two rounds, from which juries re-evaluate the work to determine Gold, Silver and Bronze statues along with the Shortlist. Less than five percent of all entries receive a statue, and less than one percent receive a Gold CLIO.

## WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP FOR ROMAN



Armed with a wealth of experience in debating and law and an unwavering passion for politics, Dan Roman '15 interned at the White House during the spring semester of his senior year. Only 100 out of a total of six thousand applicants are accepted into the program.

"It was an amazing experience," said Roman who worked in the Office of Presidential Personnel from January until May 5. "Everyone was on the same playing field, and it's crazy how much work gets done. They are so dedicated."

"I still remember when the president spoke to our group, and he looked me right in the eye and told us to pick an issue and fight for that." And that is exactly what Roman plans to do as he embarks on his Juris Doctorate studies at Seton Hall School of Law in August.

"Being a lawyer is really exciting to me. I remember taking a law class at Monmouth and thinking for the first time in my life, I really enjoyed the homework. They [political science professors] believe in us more than we believe in ourselves."

His debating skills were honed during his four years as a member of the Debate Hawks program, where he

also served as co-captain of the team for three years.

"Dr. [Joseph] Patten is the biggest influence in my life. He has been my main source of guidance. He cared about us as people," said Roman who added that Patten urged and encouraged him to apply for the White House starting in his sophomore year.

Following his internship at the White House, Roman worked for 32BJ SEIU as part of its Summer Brigade. SEIU is the largest property service workers union in the country, representing more than 125,000 office cleaners, security officers, doormen, porters, maintenance workers, bus drivers and aides, window cleaners, school cleaners and food service workers in eight states and Washington, DC.

# ALUMNINEWS

## NBA ENERGY FOR GROSS



**N**icki Gross '13M was promoted to assistant coach of the Iowa Energy basketball team and its NBA affiliate, the Memphis Grizzlies, in July. With her promotion, Gross becomes the only female assistant coach in the NBA Development League.

"I am very excited to promote Nicki within our staff as she becomes the only female assistant coach in the NBA D-League," said Energy Head Coach Bob Donewald.

Gross spent the 2014-2015 season with the Energy as video coordinator after previously serving as the assistant video coordinator for the Bakersfield Jam in 2013-2014. Pending league approval, Gross will begin her assistant coaching duties this upcoming season.

"Nicki joined our franchise last season as video coordinator and did an outstanding job in helping the team prepare for each game. She is a tireless worker who has a bright future in basketball."

Following her undergraduate career at Seton Hall University where she was a member of the women's Soccer team for all four years. Gross went on to serve as a graduate manager for the men's Basketball team at Monmouth University during the 2012-2013 season while pursuing her MBA.

## HEALING IS NEW HEAD COACH AT PACE



**M**att Healing '04 is the new head coach for Pace University's men's basketball program after serving as assistant coach during the previous two seasons. Prior to accepting his new role in March, Healing was the recruiting coordinator for the program.

He previously served as the director of Men's Basketball Operations at Division I New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) under Head Coach Jim Engles where he was responsible for recruiting, player development, academic oversight, team travel, film exchange and organizing alumni events. Healing also helped lead NJIT to the program's first-ever Great West Conference Championship.

Before NJIT, Healing served as assistant men's basketball coach at Vassar College for two seasons. Healing also served as both assistant men's basketball coach and assistant sports information director at Centenary College where he coached the program's all-time leading scorer. Healing began his coaching career in 2007 at Randolph High School in New Jersey, where he spent two seasons as assistant boy's basketball coach.

In addition to his coaching resume Healing has also worked various camps for the Hoop Group, Hoop Mountain, Gym Rat Challenge, Marist College, and in 2012 worked in the NABC Final Four Boys Basketball Clinic at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA.

## CORY-MORRONGIELLO IS BOARD CHAIR

**J**ennifer Cory-Morrongiello '02 was elected in June as the chair of the board of directors of Cory Home Delivery, one of the oldest and largest specialized home delivery carriers in America.

She took over the reins of the board following the death of her father, Joseph Cory, on April 28.

Following her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Monmouth, Cory-Morrongiello went on to earn graduate degrees at two Ivy League schools, including a master's in clinical social work from Columbia University and a master's in applied positive psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to her new post as board chair, Cory-Morrongiello has a private practice in clinical psychotherapy in Red Bank. She specializes in grief/



bereavement; anxiety/depression; working with individuals and couples in transition; cultivation of resilience; navigation of the end-of-life journey and divorce mediation.

Cory-Morrongiello has also served as an adjunct professor in both graduate and undergraduate classes at Monmouth University.

## NEW YORK FC GRABS ALLEN



NYCFC HEAD COACH JASON KREIS AND RJ ALLEN

**R**J. Allen '11, whose fast transition from youth soccer coach for Staten Island United to a first team regular starter with New York City FC, a professional soccer team competing in Major League Soccer (MLS), caught the attention of the *New York Post* in May.

"This is an extremely big step in my career," Allen told Kyle Schnitzer who chronicled Allen's "rise from youth coach to NYCFC underdog hero." "I'm really looking forward to the opportunity that this staff has given me, and building relationships with my new teammates," Allen said in the interview.

Allen built a solid career at Monmouth, earning NSCAA All-American second team honors in 2011, NSCAA All-American third team accolades in 2010, was selected to the All-Northeast Conference first team from 2009 through 2011, and drafted fifth overall by Chivas USA in the 2012 MLS Supplemental Draft, but opted not to sign. Instead, he spent a year in Denmark where he played 18 matches for Skive IK.

The article notes "When injuries and inconsistent play struck NYCFC

in its debut months, Allen received an invitation from head coach Jason Kreis to join the MLS expansion team for a training stint. After a few days, he was officially signed May 1.

It didn't take long for Allen to find the field after stepping in. On May 3, two days after being added to the roster, he appeared as a substitute in the 70th minute in a 3-1 loss to Seattle Sounders."

His on-field performances have moved him to the first team, and help earned his first honor in Major League Soccer, being named to the MLS Team of the Week in June for his performance in the Club's 2-0 win over Toronto FC on June 20 at BMO Field.

"I always wanted to be a part of this club in New York from the day I heard about the expansion. It's obviously everyone's dream to play close to home," Allen told Jamie Martin in a June interview with the Fansided-owned outlet *Skyscraper Blues*. "I would love to finish out my career in NY. I am just so blessed for the opportunity this staff has given me and I want to repay them with good performances week in and week out."

## NFL MINICAMP FOR O'HARA

**P**atrick O'Hara '14 '15M, a former defensive end on the football team, was invited to participate in a Philadelphia Eagles rookie camp in May. O'Hara compiled a solid career at Monmouth, transitioning from a preferred walk-on, to a scholarship player, starter, and later a team captain during his last two years.

In a March 4 interview with Dan Arkans in *The Reporter*, O'Hara said, "I am speechless. It's a surreal moment. It's the team I've always wanted to play for. I'm going to do what I can to make it past this camp."

The interview also noted that O'Hara didn't put any odds on his chances of making the team. His lifelong dream has already been realized.

"I always told my parents I just wanted the opportunity," O'Hara told Arkans. "I just want the opportunity to prove myself. Now, that I've made it this far, I want to make it to next step. This is the first goal."

In an earlier NFL prospect interview with Draft Diamonds, O'Hara said he selected Monmouth University because "it felt like a family with both the players and coaches. Plus it was an opportunity to come to a program and play at the Division 1 Level and help the program grow and continue being successful. Overall, Monmouth just felt like the right place for me both in school and athletics."



# ATHLETICS

## MACDONALD TOP ASSISTANT COACH



**A**ssistant Men's Soccer Coach Hugh MacDonald '08 was tabbed as one of 15 in the nation's top assistant coaches by College Soccer News in April. Each year, College Soccer News recognizes assistant coaches who are excelling in their field, compiling a "who's who" of assistant coaches who have gone on to head coaching positions.

"The very best are effective teachers, communicators, motivators, and recruiters. They relate well to the players they coach while maintaining their respect. Successful head coaches will be the first to emphasize the role that their assistants play in the level of success that a program achieves," noted the release from College Soccer News.

In their profile of MacDonald, College Soccer News noted, "MacDonald, who

had a stellar career as a defender at Monmouth, will begin his ninth season as an assistant coach and second as the associate head coach under [head coach Robert] McCourt's direction in 2015. He is actively involved in all aspects of the program including practice and conditioning, recruiting, game operations and community service projects."

MacDonald, who spent two years at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he helped the team to the Colonial Athletic Association championship in 2003 and 2004, before transferring to Monmouth, where he won the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 and 2006, and led Monmouth to its first ever NCAA Men's Soccer Championship appearance.

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## STADIUM FUNDING AT HALFWAY MARK

A significant funding milestone for construction of a new state-of-the-art Monmouth Stadium was announced in July with just over 50 percent of external funding secured to complete the project.

The facility, a much-needed upgrade to the athletic home to more than half of all student-athletes, will provide a 4,000 seat stadium able to comfortably accommodate students, alumni, and fans in a family-friendly facility.

Plans for the new with are being reviewed by the local zoning board in the borough of West Long Branch.

Dr. Marilyn McNeil, vice president & director of Athletics, said, "I want to thank the generous donors who have already pledged support to the Stadium"

"This project will continue Monmouth's ability to compete on a national level and add value to our community as a partner able to host athletic events in a venue to match the Multipurpose Activity Center," McNeil said.

Plans for the new stadium on Kessler Field include more than 800 chair back seats, reception areas, a multimedia center, an updated press box, new concession areas, an expanded ticket office and permanent restroom facilities.

"The Monmouth Stadium will cement Monmouth's growing stature within NCAA Division I schools," said President Paul R. Brown.

"Our alumni continue to compete at the highest levels of professional play, including the NFL, Major League Soccer, and Major League Baseball. Our student-athletes have proven they have the right stuff to shine at the national level, and this facility will be a showcase for all that we hope to accomplish in the future," Brown said.

To make a donation to the Monmouth Stadium project or learn more information, contact Senior Associate Athletics Director Jon Roos at 732-263-5189 or jroos@monmouth.edu.

## STERLING DRAFTED BY JAGUARS



Neal Sterling '15, Monmouth's all-time leader in receptions, was selected as the third pick of the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 2015 NFL Draft in May.

Sterling, a First Team All-Big South selection as a senior, wrapped up his career as the most decorated Monmouth wide receiver since Miles Austin, finishing in the top three in every Monmouth receiving record. He led the Big South in yards per catch with 16.9, while finishing second in total yardage (905), receptions per game and receiving touchdowns.

He became the school's all-time leader in receptions in Monmouth's second to last game of the year against top-ranked Coastal Carolina, where he earned his fourth 100-yard receiving performance of the season.

"I'm excited; I'm ready to show what I can do at the next level," said

Sterling. "I've done everything I've had to do at this point to get here. I'm just going to go down to Jacksonville and show the team what I have."

"We are very happy for Neal and his family," said Head Coach Kevin Callahan. "He has worked very hard to put himself in this position, and I wish him continued success at the next level."

Sterling joins former tight end Jon Nalbone '08, drafted in the fifth round by the Miami Dolphins in 2009, as the only two Monmouth players to be drafted into the NFL. Monmouth currently has three other players on NFL rosters: All-Pro wideout Miles Austin of the Philadelphia Eagles, wide receiver Chris Hogan of the Buffalo Bills and cornerback Teverin Brandon '14 of the Denver Broncos.

# ATHLETICS

## MAAC HONOR ROLL FOR GIRALDO & HOOK CHANDLER



JOHN GIRALDO '96

Monmouth Hall of Famers John Giraldo '96 and Cindy Hook Chandler '83 are the latest inductees in the MAAC Honor Roll, where outstanding basketball players are enshrined in "The MAAC Experience" exhibit at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Each member institution of the MAAC honors one male and one female from its basketball family, including players and coaches, each year. A dinner on October 17, 2015, at the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Court of Dreams will recognize the 2015-16 Honor Roll inductees.

John Giraldo '96, a two-time First-Team All-Northeast Conference

Selection, is tied for first on Monmouth's Division I all-time scoring list with 1,749 career points, and also ranks first in steals with 260, and second with 492 career assists. He ended his four-year career with the Hawks by leading Monmouth to its first ever NEC Tournament Championship, and NCAA Tournament appearance in 1996.

Following his collegiate career, Giraldo played overseas from 1996 to 2005. The guard played in Colombia (Piratas of Bogota and Paisas of Medellin) where he was a three-time MVP, Venezuela (Trotamundos of Valencia), Portugal (Ginasio of Figuera de Foz), Germany (Poco Izerlohn) and Argentina (Obras Sanitaria). Giraldo was inducted into the Monmouth University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010.

Cindy Hook Chandler '83 finished her career with 1,473 points and 1,051 rebounds - the second women's player to reach the 1,000 point/1,000 rebound plateau in Monmouth history. She was named the 1983 Monmouth Female Athlete of the Year and won the Kelsey Award, which is given to the senior



CINDY HOOK CHANDLER '83

student-athlete with the highest GPA. She was also a 1983 CoSIDA Academic All-American, and was a member of the New Jersey Collegiate Coaches Association All Star Team, as well as the Cosmopolitan Conference Most Valuable Player. Hook Chandler graduated cum laude in 1983 with a degree in business administration, and was inducted into the Monmouth University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010.

Giraldo and Hook Chandler join Ron Kornegay '69, former coach Joan Martin, Walter Mischler '62 and Dorothy McCrea '73 as Monmouth inductees into the MAAC Honor Roll.

## LAX HONORS FOR PIERCE & VANGELI

Two women's lacrosse juniors Marial Pierce and Kristina Vangeli were awarded All-America honors by Mid-MajorLacrosse.com in July.

Vangeli, a First Team All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference defender, was named Third Team All-American by the website, which exclusively covers mid-major lacrosse programs. Pierce, also a First Team All-MAAC selection, was named Honorable Mention All-American at attack.

Vangeli earned her first All-America and all-league award after a dominating junior year that had found her named MAAC Defensive Player of the Week three times. She started all 18 games for



the Hawks, anchoring the conference's second best defensive unit. During the season she became Monmouth's all-time leader in draw controls with a 160+ in three years.

Pierce earned honorable mention All-American honors after leading the Hawks with a career high 50 points,

including 31 goals and 19 assists as a junior. She was fourth in the league in assists per game and eighth in points per game while finishing seventh among all league players in ground balls and fifth in draw controls. Starting in all 18 games, Pierce registered at least one point in the final 17 contests of the season.

Teams were chosen based on all-conference teams, conference player of the year awards and NCAA statistical leaders. The award represents all 10 Mid-Major lacrosse conferences nationwide and 35 different Mid-Major lacrosse programs.



## NUNNALLY IS SWIMMING COACH



**M**att Nunnally, who has coached at the Division I level for 20 years, will now lead the reintroduced men's and women's swimming programs starting this fall.

A native of Avon, Nunnally comes to Monmouth after spending 15 seasons as the head coach of the men's and women's swim teams at his alma mater, La Salle University. After a distinguished career as a student-athlete at La Salle, Nunnally returned to his alma mater in 1999 after serving five years as an assistant coach at Seton Hall University.

Nunnally, a 27-year veteran lifeguard at Bradley Beach, captured his third National Lifeguarding Championship high point award in Cape May. His previous titles were captured in San Diego (2000) and Cape May (1999). As a standout lifeguard, Nunnally has been selected to the U.S. National Team and has competed in the Lifeguarding World Championships in Germany (1992), South Africa (1996) and Sydney, Australia (2000). In 2008, he was again

a member of the U.S. National Team and competed at the World Lifeguarding Championships in Italy.

The Hawks will join current full MAAC members Canisius, Fairfield, Iona, Manhattan, Marist, Niagara, Rider and Saint Peter's in offering both men's and women's swimming. Full MAAC member Siena also has a women's team, while Bryant is an associate member of the MAAC on the men's side.

Monmouth has a storied tradition of swimming excellence, featuring gold medal winners at several levels, including the Olympics. Six members of its Athletics Hall of Fame were members of the swimming program, including Coach Richard Steadman, for whom Monmouth's natatorium is named. The 1974 Monmouth men's and women's swimming teams were recently honored as teams of distinction by the Monmouth Athletics Hall of Fame for their unprecedented level of team and individual success. The men's and women's team each won NAIA & AIAW National Championships and earned seventh place finishes at the NCAA national meet.

The squad featured 16 combined All-Americans and 22 qualifiers for the National Championships. A combined 30 Monmouth swimming records were set during the 1974 season and the team would feature four future National Champions and one future Olympic Champion in 1976 gold medalist Wendy Boglioli.

## KURT SELECTED FOR WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES



**R**ising junior point guard Helena Kurt was selected to represent her native Sweden in the 2015 World University Games from July 3-14 in Gwangju, South Korea. The "Universiade," as it is globally known, is an international sporting event organized by FISU (International University Sports Federation).

"I am so happy for Helena," said Head Coach Jenny Palmateer. I know how much it means to her to represent her country, and she's been excited about the possibility ever since she was invited to try out months ago. This is a great opportunity for her to not only represent her country, but also to grow as a basketball player on the world stage. We wish her the best and share in her excitement."

The Universiade is held every other year on odd-number years. As a multi-sport event with international participation from university students, it is the largest sporting event after the Olympics. The event is divided into the Summer Universiade and the Winter Universiade with each being held in different cities.

## FOOTBALL ON ESPN3

Monmouth University's football team will have a record seven games broadcast on ESPN3 this season, including every home contest.

The 2015 opener against Holy Cross on September 5, along with home games against Bryant, Liberty and Presbyterian will air on ESPN3. As part of the Big South Conference television package, Monmouth's

games on October 24 against Coastal Carolina and October 31 at Kennesaw State will be aired on the Big South Network as well as ESPN3.

Additionally, Monmouth's first game against an FBS opponent will air on the ESPN3 platform when the Hawks travel to Mount Pleasant, Michigan to face Central Michigan.

### 2015 MONMOUTH FOOTBALL TV SCHEDULE



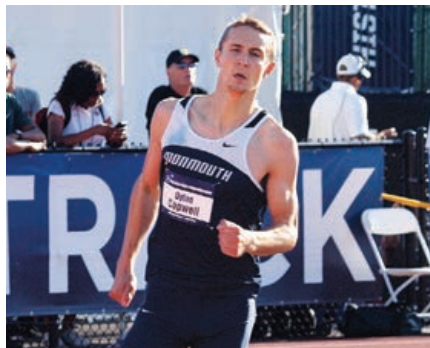
# ATHLETICS

## CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON FOR CAPWELL

Sophomore Dylan Capwell, in his first appearance at the USA Track and Field Championships in June, finished fourth in his heat in the 800 in the first round narrowly missing an opportunity to advance to the semifinals.

“This was a great experience race for Dylan,” said Head Coach Joe Compagni. “We of course wanted to advance, but getting to race against the pros at the same venue where the Olympic Trials will be next summer was very valuable. I am sure he and Coach Tarello will be back next year even stronger.”

Capwell concluded a strong sophomore campaign in which he was both an indoor and outdoor All-American, the indoor NCAA runner-up in the 800, and the MAAC Most Outstanding Track Performer in both



indoor and outdoor. Capwell joins Jon Kalnas '02 as the only three-time All-Americans in program history.

Earlier in June, Capwell finished third in his heat and 12th overall in the 800 in 1:48.14 at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at the University of Oregon, earning Second Team All-America honors for his finish.

In addition to his First Team All-America honor indoors and honorable mention honors last year in outdoor, he becomes a three-time All-American.

“Dylan ran tough and took the lead between 400 and 600 meters,” said Compagni. “The pace was a bit slow through 400, and he made a nice move to get into the lead. He just got caught down the stretch and was literally one step from making the finals.”

“I know Dylan is disappointed, but he absolutely has represented Monmouth very well here and all season,” added Compagni.

Alumnus Ford Palmer '13 also competed at the USA Track and Field Championships, advancing to the finals in the 1500.

## FIELD HOCKEY STILL EXCELLING



The field hockey team was represented by 11 student-athletes on the 2014 Gladiator by SGI / National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Team, the organization announced in March. Seniors Trish O'Dwyer, Amanda Schoenfeld and Amanda Westerweller each earned their fourth academic honor

of their careers, while the Hawks' total climbed to 85 honorees during Head Coach Carli Figlio's eight years at the helm of the program.

Joining O'Dwyer, Schoenfeld and Westerweller on the academic team were Cori Allen, Brianna Dunlap, Lauren Fried, Casey Hanna, Lauren Horner, Tanja Kloock, Rachel Konowal,

and Mallory Kusakavitch. 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 2014-15 academic year.

“I am extremely happy for our team and our student-athletes to be honored nationally for their success in the classroom,” said Figlio, who was named the 2014 MAAC Coach of the Year. “Having excelled both with our studies and on the field this year is a true testament to the work ethic of our student-athletes.”

Monmouth, which compiled a team GPA of 3.37 to be added as a NFHCA National Academic Team Award, completed one of the best seasons in its history claiming the MAAC Regular Season and Tournament Championship and earning the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament.

## TRACK & FIELD CLAIM MAAC TITLES

The women's and men's Track and Field teams captured their second-straight league titles at the 2015 MAAC Outdoor Track & Field Championship in May. The women's team won the meet with a score of 260.2 points. Quinnipiac University finished second with 127 points, followed closely by Rider who was third with 122 points. The men's Track and Field team won the meet with a score of 266 points. Manhattan College finished second with 181 points. In third place was Rider with 127 points.

For the men's team, Taylor Bernstein was named the Most Outstanding Performer for Field Events. He won the shot put competition with a throw of 17.85m. He also won the men's discus with a throw of 54.65m. For the women's team, Taylor Johnson was named the Most Outstanding Performer for Field Events. She broke the MAAC Championship record for women's discus throw with 51.57m, and also came in second in both the women's hammer throw (53.18m) and the women's shot put (13.22m).

Dylan Capwell earned Most Outstanding Performer for Track Events. He broke the MAAC Championship record in 800m run with a time of 1:47.24 and also broke the 4x400m relay with teammates Malcolm Chavis, John Malespina and Ben Boyd with a time of 3:12.73. Capwell was also on the winning 4x800m relay with a time of 7:39.07.

Hawks also set new MAAC records during the final day of competition including the 4x100 meter relay with Jalen Walker, Eric Kahana, Bryan Sosoo and Ahmier Dupree (41.06), and Ben Boyd in the 400m dash (47.76).

Head Coach Joe Compagni was named the 2015 Men's Coach of the Year and 2015 Women's Coach of the Year.



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◀ **BIG SOCIAL MOBILE: HOW DIGITAL INITIATIVES CAN RESHAPE THE ENTERPRISE AND DRIVE BUSINESS RESULTS**

David F. Giannetto III '90  
(2014, Palgrave Macmillan, \$30.00)

*Big Social Mobile* explains how big data, social media, and mobile technology can be integrated into each other and into the enterprise itself, these digital initiatives can deliver tangible value, drive the achievement of strategic objectives and even create competitive advantage.

Outlining straightforward methods that connect the digital world to the people, process, technology, and information within an organization, Giannetto uses case studies and personal experience to demonstrate how to create a Big Social Mobile enterprise that operates, communicates, and interacts seamlessly across both the physical and digital landscape today's consumers inhabit.

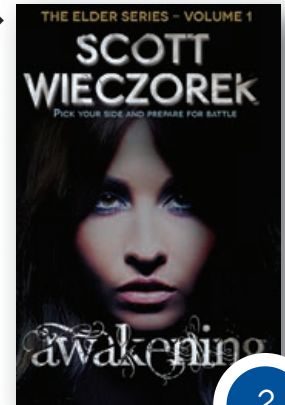
Giannetto has written for numerous national magazines, is a former columnist for USBusiness Review and is a frequent keynote speaker. His first book, *The Performance Power Grid* twice won the Business Finance Vision Award. His second book, *The Decoy Artist* was nominated for NJCH Book of the Year 2011. *Big Social Mobile*, is the first enterprise-level methodology connecting digital initiatives to the enterprise. He is a former MBA professor of Rutgers University and US Army officer. For additional information visit [www.davidgiannetto.com](http://www.davidgiannetto.com).

**AWAKENING: THE EDLER CHRONICLES, VOL. 1** ▶

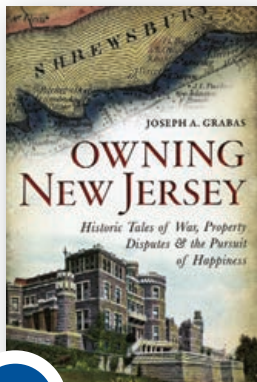
Scott Wiczorek '99 '02M  
(2014, Lycaon Press, \$13.99)

*Awakening* tells the story of Elena Michaels, a microbiologist student who thinks she is human, but in reality, she's far from it. Thrust into the center of an epic battle between angels and demons, Elena's side has been chosen for her. She must fight not only for her life, but for humankind. Strange things begin to awaken within her, and there is only one with the answers—the Elder.

Scott Wiczorek, who received a bachelor's in anthropology and a master's in history in 2002, is also the author of *Witness Through Time and Byron: A Zombie Tale*. His wife, Catherine, graduated from Monmouth in 2000.



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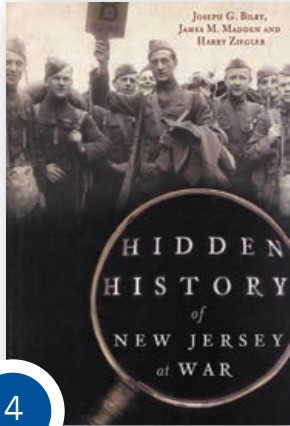
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◀ **OWNING NEW JERSEY**

Joseph Grabas '98  
(2014, The History Press, \$19.99)

*Owning New Jersey* offers readers a detailed story of the founding of the Garden State 350 years ago. The state's boundaries were drawn in such documents centuries ago, even if the authors never stepped foot in North America. The archives hide heroes, like the freed African Americans who fought for their right to own their piece of the state. And of course, there are the bizarre and mysterious tales, like the silk baron's castle and the assault against a 16-year-old maiden during the American Revolution.

Joe Grabas, who received a bachelor's in history in 1998, is a nationally-certified land title professional who has researched real property records in New Jersey for 30 years. He is the state's leading land title educator and former president of the New Jersey Land Title Association. He founded the Grabas Institute for Continuing Education to bring historically based research to the title, legal, real estate and insurance professions. He serves on the Monmouth County Historical Commission, the New Jersey Tidelands Resource Council and lectures widely.



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◀ **HIDDEN HISTORY OF NEW JERSEY AT WAR**

Harry Ziegler '80, Joseph G. Bilby and James M. Madden  
(2014, The History Press, \$19.99)

*Hidden History of New Jersey at War* reveals the many contributions the state made to our nation's military history, on both battlefield and homefront. Perhaps the most crucial one-day battle of the Revolution was fought in Monmouth County, and New Jersey officers engineered the conquest of California in the Mexican War. During the Civil War, a New Jersey unit was instrumental in saving Washington, D.C., from Confederate capture. In World War II, New Jersey women flocked to war production factories and served in the armed forces, and a West Orange girl helped ferry Spitfire fighters in England. War came home to the coast in 1942 with the sinking of the SS Resor by a German submarine, but the state's citizens reacted by contributing everything they could to the war effort.

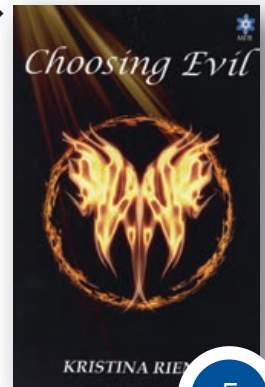
Harry Ziegler, who graduated in 1980 with a degree in English, is a former editor for *The Asbury Park Press*. He was a recipient of the 1998 Gannett Newspaper Newsroom Supervisor Recognition Award. He is also the co-author of *Asbury Park, NJ: A Brief History*.

**CHOOSING EVIL** ▶

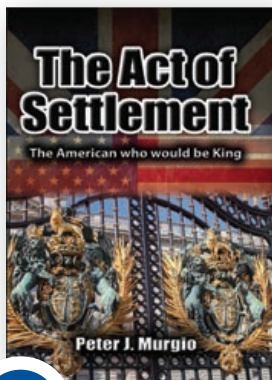
Kristina Rienzi '00M  
(2015, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, \$15.99)

*Choosing Evil* is a paranormal suspense novel about Serafina Murano, a grieving daughter who learns her life and her identity have been a lie. Along the way she meets demons, the most important one being Damon Serpe who may be someone who can explain the uncertainty in her life. On the eve of her 30th birthday, she must select her path and make a difficult choice—one which will change her, and perhaps the world, forever.

Kristina Rienzi, who received a master's in psychological counseling in 2000, is the human resources director at the National Exchange Carrier Association. She is also the founder of "Embrace the Unknown," an inspirational online blog about writing and life.



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◀ **THE ACT OF SETTLEMENT**

Peter Murgio '65  
(2015, Dragon Tree Books, \$22.95)

*The Act of Settlement* chronicles the story of William Carnegie who was born to wealthy, powerful parents and raised as the son of an ambassador. The twist is that when his meteoric rise to the pinnacle of power, the US Presidency, is derailed by a secret from his past, William has to make a decision that affects the futures of both the United States and Great Britain.

Murgio, who received a bachelor's in business administration in 1965, is a real estate investor, retired entrepreneur and lifelong Anglophile. Following graduation, he served in the military, where he was stationed in Seoul, Korea, and was awarded the Army Accommodation Medal for Meritorious Service. After leaving the military, he worked at the American Stock Exchange and General Electric before purchasing a small office furniture dealership in Connecticut. Over the next 30 years, his company grew from 25 employees to more than 2,000 and gained an international presence. The company was sold in 2011.

# CLASSNOTES

## CLASS OF 1958



NANCY (SCHLAEFER) BRUCH (Engl.) returned to campus in April for the Scholarship Reception Lunch. Before the event she met with President Paul R. Brown. The eldest daughter of Edward G. Schlaefler, Monmouth's founding dean and later president, Bruch remarked on, "the small and curious fact that I may be the only person who has met all the Presidents [of Monmouth] so far."

## CLASS OF 1962

THOMAS P. GALLAGHER (Poli. Sci.), the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, sang as a member of the New York City Gay Mens Chorus on March 15 at the Berkeley-Cartaret Hotel in Asbury Park. Singing songs from Hollywood, the 266 voices were then heard at three concerts at the Skirball Center at NYU with full costumes on March 20, 21 and 22.

## CLASS OF 1964



JACK M. VANARSDALE (Elec. Eng.), a U.S. Navy veteran, retired this year from Monmouth after teaching for 50 years. He first joined Monmouth as an instructor of electronic engineering in 1965, became assistant professor in 1968 and associate professor in 1982.

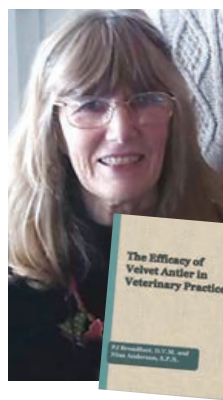
## CLASS OF 1965

DONN M. GORDON (Chem.), who retired in 2006, has been elected deputy chief of the Hunterdon (NJ) County Hazmat Response Team. He has been a member of the unit for the last 10 years and has also served in the past as its president.



ALBERT NOLAN (Bus. Adm) (M.B.A. '82) and his wife, Georgene, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year with a trip to England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. Georgene was a graduate of the 1964 Monmouth Medical School of Nursing. This year also marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Monmouth's first showing at a national golf tournament. Albert was a member of the 1965 Championship golf team that competed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament in Rockford, IL. They live in Ocala, FL.

## CLASS OF 1967



NINA ANDERSON (Art) has co-authored a new book, *The Efficacy of Velvet Antler in Veterinary Practice*, with PJ Broadfoot. The book offers clinical evidence of treatments for many dog and cat illnesses including alopecia, anemia

and cancer. She is also the author of 2012 *Airborne Prophecy*.

## CLASS OF 1969



FRANCA MANCINI (Psych.) retired from Monmouth University earlier this year after 30 years. She was the director of Counseling and Psychological Services. She was also a member of the Human Relations Advisory Council.

## CLASS OF 1970



JAMES R. AKERS (Elem. Ed.), who picked up photography following a long career with Texaco, Inc., continued to add to his growing list of awards after submitting five printed photos to the Santa Clarita Valley Photographers Association 2015 Sprint Print Competition, Masters Division. He won Best of Show for his "They Told Me to Smile" as well as one Judges' Choice, two first places (Nature & Macro/Close-Up categories), one second place, one third place and five merits (those earning 80 points or more). In addition to his awards, he earned the highest overall score of the competition at 86.

RICHARD CARMICHAEL (Bus. Adm.) has released a new book, *Economics for Everyone 2015 Edition*, which is available

in paperback from Amazon and Barnes and Noble for \$10.95. He is a business professor in the Degree Completion Program at Gardner-Webb University.

## CLASS OF 1971



RICHARD P. D'AMBRISI (A.A. Bio.) was recently appointed the director of the Pharmacy Technician training program at the Community College of Baltimore

County in Maryland. For the past three years he has been an instructional specialist teaching Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, Pharmacology and Medication Administration. To prepare for this new responsibility, he completed an online certificate on the advanced roles of a Pharmacy Technician at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. D'Ambrisi is a member of several professional pharmacy associations and mentors students who are preparing for the national Pharmacy Technician examination. He has also earned a certificate for a 30-credit course of study in Music Production and Audio Recording and serves as the historian and umpire for the Capital Conference Vintage Baseball Club.

## CLASS OF 1972

MARJORIE KOHARSKI (M.S. Ed.) was featured in the May 7 issue of *The Coaster*. The article, "Flute, Classical Guitar Concert," highlighted her concerts along with local guitarist, Dr. Keith Calmes, on May 16 at Colts Neck Library, June 6 at Howell Library and July 29 at Westfield Memorial Library. For more information, visit [www.fluteandfriends.com](http://www.fluteandfriends.com). She is also a flutist and principal piccoloist with the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra.

PAT VITUCCI (Bus. Adm.), an independent financial advisor who owns Vitucci & Associates in northern California, recently received two

honors—one for being one of the top 10 producers within the national broker/dealer National Planning Corp. for 2015 and the second for being the #1 fee-based advisory representative. He is also expanding his hour-long radio show called "Your Financial Life" to KGO 810AM in San Francisco.

## CLASS OF 1973



JAMES FISHER (Sp./Comm./Theat.) has published a new book, *The Historical Dictionary of American Theater: Beginnings*, which covers the history of theater as well as the literature of America from

1538 to 1880. He is professor of theatre at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he led for seven years. In all, he has published a dozen books and directed and/or acted in 150 theatre productions. He is the 2007 recipient of the Betty Jean Jones Award for Excellence in the Teaching of American Theatre from the American Theatre and Drama Society, and in 2010 he was elected to membership in the National Theatre Conference.

## CLASS OF 1975

JUDITH L. FRAGALE (Psych.) retired as human resources manager at the Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center where she also received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Fragale, who has an MPA from Fairleigh Dickinson University, started her federal career at Ft. Monmouth, NJ. She and her husband, Don, live in Ojai, CA.

## CLASS OF 1976



DEBRA M. HIGGINS (Music) had her recent short, "The Bench" featured in both the Brighton Shorts Film Festival Jersey City and the Hang Onto Your Shorts Festival in

Asbury Park. Her film was also recently accepted into the Hoboken Film Festival. In addition, her script, "Agrarian," placed in the top one percent in three major screenplay competitions. Higgins, who lives in Allenhurst, is also the producer of "Demon Hunters—Fear the Silence" and "Snake Hill, Buried But Not Forgotten."

MARGARET S. MELVIN (Elem. Ed.) retired in June following a 25-year career as a teacher at Milton Avenue School in Chatham. For the past 22 years, she has been a kindergarten teacher.

## CLASS OF 1978



MITCHELL S. DELMAR (Psych.), a former graphic designer, was one of the speakers at the TedXNavesink conference held at Monmouth University on April 11. His topic,

"Sanctioned Addiction," addressed the epidemic of narcotic addiction and how it is fueled by pharmaceutical companies. You can follow him on Twitter @ MitchellDelmar.

## CLASS OF 1980



PHOTO: SUSAN ALLEN/ STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

DIANNE GOVE (M.A.T.) in April visited Stockton University for a two-day workshop as part of her role as its William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Legislator-in-Residence. She met with student veterans, members of the student senate as well as faculty and staff. She has been a NJ assemblywoman in the ninth district since 2009 and sits on its Higher Education and Military and Veterans Affairs committee. In January she was honored as the Legislator of the Year by the NJ VFW.

# CLASSNOTES

## CLASS OF 1981

HOWARD D. WISHNIA (Bus. Mgmt.) was recently named director of global inventory for the William Carter Company, one of the oldest and largest branded marketers of premium infants and childrens apparel in the world. He lives in Kennesaw, GA.

## CLASS OF 1983



CARL GUZZO (Hist.) (M.B.A. '87), a practicing attorney and health policy expert, was recently elected as chair of the board of trustees for Brookdale

Community College. He has been a board member since 2012.



KRISH RAMAKRISHNAN (M.S. Comp. Sci.) was named "Geek of the Week" on April 24 by Cloud Wedge, a comprehensive online resource on cloud service reviews and updates, in recognition of his company's partnership with Arkadin to provide one click video conferencing services. He is co-founder and CEO of BlueJeans, a video and web conferencing service. He has previously been an Entrepreneur-In-Residence at Accel Partners and the general manager at Cisco Systems.

## CLASS OF 1984

SANDY J. MASSELLI (Poli. Sci.) was appointed to the board of directors at Vancouver, BC-based Carlyle Entertainment Ltd. From May 2008 until December 2014, he was founder, CEO and chairman of the board for Carlyle Gaming and Entertainment Ltd.

Masselli has also been the director of Intercapital Asset Management Company since 1992.

## CLASS OF 1985



NANCY A. NORMAN (Socio.) was honored in February for marking 10 years with Lakeland Bank. She began her career with the bank in 2004 as the assistant branch

manager for the Morristown Office. She transferred to the Sparta Office in 2009 and transitioned to her current role as personal banking consultant II in the Sparta Town Center Office when the two Sparta office locations merged. Prior to Lakeland Bank, Norman worked for First Jersey Bank and United Jersey Bank.

## CLASS OF 1986

RICHARD RICCIARDI (M.B.A.) Richard Ricciardi '86M, chair of the Monmouth University Leon Hess Business Council, in June was inducted into the Long Branch High School Academic Hall of Fame. He retired in 2007 from a 30-year career at 3M Pharmaceuticals where he earned the 2010 3M Volunteer Award and rose through the management ranks, serving as a district sales manager for New York and Connecticut, national account manager in the managed markets group and then government affairs manager.

## CLASS OF 1987

STACIA (MANZO) MCDONOUGH (Engl.), the CEO of the award-winning doll company, Neva Dolls, has published a new book, *The Sad Little Princess*. Complimenting her book, which is available at [www.paperstudiopress.com](http://www.paperstudiopress.com), are drawings of paper doll renditions from the late Tom Tierney. In addition to her doll company, Stacia every year is involved with New Jersey's "Hope for Veterans" program, which provides homeless veterans with shelter, food and other necessities. She became involved with the organization to honor

her late husband, John McDonough, who was a highly decorated Vietnam veteran. For more information, see [www.communityhope-nj.org](http://www.communityhope-nj.org), or email her at [info@nevadolls.com](mailto:info@nevadolls.com).



VAUNE A. PECK (Art) (M.L.A. '10), director of the Center for the Arts, was named a Community Champion of the Arts in May as part of the Monmouth County Arts Council's Arts Education Awards.

## CLASS OF 1990



MICHAEL V. BENEDETTO (Bus. Mgmt.) was featured in the May/June issue of *Industry* magazine. The article, "Law of the Land," highlights his career as an attorney in New Jersey. He is managing partner and president of the firm, Ansell Grimm & Aaron, PC, in Ocean Township. He also serves as chairman of its Commercial Real Estate Department and Commercial, Finance, and Banking Department.





JASON GUARI AND SCOTT MURRAY

JASON J. GUARI (Bus. Mgmt.), along with his partner, Scott Murray, celebrated their law firm's 10th anniversary. Headquartered in West Palm Beach, FL, Murray & Guari Trial Attorneys PL limits its practice to personal injury and wrongful death matters. Guari is also chairman of the board of directors of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Palm Beach Area Chapter, serves on the finance committee of the Rosarian Academy and volunteers for the Justice Teaching program, which was designed by the justices of the Florida Supreme Court to educate middle school students with civic lessons.

JOSEPH P. RAPOLLA (M.B.A.), chair of Monmouth's music and theatre arts department and founder of the student-run label, Blue Hawk Records, in June was named to Leadership Music's 27th class composed of 48 industry leaders from across the country. In March, he performed in Woods Theatre along with Joe D'Urso, Willie Nile, and Anthony D'Amato as part of the Songwriters by the Sea series, which was sponsored by the Leon Hess Business School. Rapolla also participates in the Light of Day benefit concert every year and is involved in the Holiday Express organization.

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## CLASS OF 1991



CHRISTINE L. BENOL (Crim. J.) (M.S.Ed. '97) received Monmouth University's 2015 Stafford Presidential Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2003 to recognize outstanding members of the University staff or administration for his or her tireless efforts, dedication, creativity and commitment to supporting and enhancing Monmouth University. She was promoted in June to the position of vice provost for planning and decision support. She was previously assistant vice president of enrollment management, and recently served as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

LORI A. PRYMAK (Bus. Mgmt.), a multi-regional training manager for McDonald's Corp., in March received the 2014 President's Award, which recognizes the accomplishments of the top one percent of global employees for the McDonald's Corporation Worldwide and the work they have done to elevate and strengthen the brand. Prior to this, she was also the recipient of the National Innovation Award in 2014 and the Brand Ambassadorship Award in 2013, both from McDonald's. Prymak is also a board member for the Great Meadows Regional School District in Warren County.

## CLASS OF 1992



FRANK RIZZUTO (Hist.) was promoted in April to captain for the Long Branch Police Department. He was appointed to the Patrol Division as its patrol commander. Rizzuto has been with the department since 1996.

## CLASS OF 1993



TIMOTHY K. BIESIADECKI (M.B.A.) was appointed president of the Board of the Mercer County (NJ) Estate Planning Council for the 2015-2016 Council year. He has served on the executive board in various senior roles for the past five years and has been a member of the Council for more than 15 years. He is a senior vice president with U.S. Trust in Princeton. Also, on June 4, he carried the "Flame of Hope" as part of the New Jersey Unified Relay Across America team. He was selected to be a torchbearer for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, held in Los Angeles, CA in August. His leg of the relay took him through the Princeton - Trenton corridor of New Jersey. The relay progressed from Athens, Greece, through all 50 of the United States, and lit the caldron that burns during the Games. He lives in Lawrenceville with his wife, Kathleen, daughter, Laura, and son, John.

# CLASSNOTES

MICHELE E. JANESKO (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '00) recently published her first book, *You'll Have to Laugh or You'll Cry—A Self Laugh Guide*, under the pen name Shell McCusker. Addressing life's challenges, Janesko said, "You can fret about life-ups or try to find the humor in them."



ERIC L. TAYLOR (Comm.) is the general manager of Penn Quakers Sports Properties at Learfield Sports, which is the local entity dedicated to fostering the brand of the University of Pennsylvania's athletics. He is also the author of *101 Great Ways to Improve your Life*.

## CLASS OF 1994



TARA A. PETERS (Comm.) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm. '99) returned to Monmouth University in February to the newly created position of associate vice president for Marketing & Communications within the division of External Affairs. She was previously senior vice president of marketing & communications at the American Cancer Society.

## CLASS OF 1995

LESLIE CASTLE (M.A.T.), a math teacher at Thompson Junior High School in Middletown, was named Teacher of the Year for the 2014-15 academic year.

DANIEL J. WEEKS (M.A. Hist.), an assistant research professor at the Thomas A. Edison Papers at Rutgers, was among the 20 poets at the inaugural Pier Village Poetry Festival on July 4 in Long Branch. The event was organized by Emanuel di Pasquale, poet laureate of Long Branch. Weeks is the author of *Les Symbolistes* (Blast Press 2013), translations of French 19th century poetry and prose.

## CLASS OF 1996

NANCY E. ERICKSON (M.B.A.) was recently promoted to senior director for National Retail Services at the commercial real estate services firm, Cushman & Wakefield. She has been with the New Jersey firm since 2004.



JOHN F. GIRALDO (Comm.) is the new boys basketball coach of the Matawan Huskies. The high school team went 15 and 12 last season. Giraldo was inducted into the Monmouth University Hall of Fame in 2010.

TODD C. PALLADINO (Comm.), an Emmy Award winning camera operator who has shot many boxing title fights for HBO, worked on the new Jake Gyllenhaal film, "Southpaw". In a July 16 interview with *The New York Times*, Palladino said the director, Antoine Fuqua, wanted to capture the realistic details of a fight, including "camera placement, lighting, what the credentials should look like, you name it." Palladino is a founding member of Hawk TV.

## CLASS OF 1997

TIMOTHY A. CANAVAN (Bio.) (M.B.A. '03) was among those featured in a February 10, 2015, issue of *NJ Advance Media* for NJ.com. The article, "N.J.'s best bars: A former speakeasy, a college hangout, and the Wonder Bar," named Jack's Goal Line Stand in Long Branch of which Canavan is co-owner along with Nick Petitti.

MICHAEL C. FUNK (Bus. Adm.) was recently promoted to assistant vice president of collections & reporting at CIT, a financial holding company based in Livingston.



KIMBERLY M. MANDOLA (Poli. Sci.) is now vice president, member services, for MIT Federal Credit Union in Cambridge, MA. She was previously district executive II, vice president for Santander Bank.

ROBERT ONOFRIETTI (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '06) was elected last November to the Toms River Regional School Board. He owns Toms River-based Shore Home Loans, a mortgage company that specializes in residential lending.

## CLASS OF 1998

DEBORAH E. CORTALE (M.A.T.), a fifth-grade teacher at Harmony Elementary School in Middletown, was named Teacher of the Year for the 2014-15 academic year.



EDMUND F. FITTERER (Crim. J.), who received a Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University in 2001, is now a partner with the law firm of Widman, Cooney, Wilson, McGann & Fitterer in Oakhurst.

# CLASSNOTES



VONETTA D. KALIETA (Psych.) (M.S. Psych. Couns. '00), who has a Ph.D. in counseling psychology, is a faculty member at Monmouth. She also has a private practice in Marlboro where she regularly works with athletes on mental training and mental challenges associated with sports.



PHOTO: FILMFREEWAY.COM  
LEFT TO RIGHT: CHRIS CULLEN '03M, ACTOR/PRODUCER BRIAN O'HALLORAN, BRIAN KOPACK, RICH LELLO '98.

RICHARD A. LELLO (Comm.), along with CHRISTOPHER J. CULLEN (M.A.T.) and Brian Kopack, organized the second annual Hang Onto Your Shorts Film Festival in Asbury Park on April 19. The event featured 115 short films, which were shown at the Showroom Cinema and Asbury Park Where Music Lives. Cullen and Lello formerly owned Rumson Video.

DANIELLE T. MURPHY (M.A. Psych. Couns.) participated at the 16th Annual New Jersey Writing Alliance Conference at Georgian Court University in Lakewood on May 28. She, along with fellow alumnae, NEVA LOZADA '03 '05M '09M '10M and VERONICA GUEVARA-LOVGREN '08 '11M, were part of the breakout session, "Empowering Developmental Writing

Students through a Non-Traditional Approach to Academic Assistance: An Inter-Institutional Collaborative."



DANIEL W. SABELLA (Bus. Adm.) is engaged to marry Jamie Sandor in the spring of 2016. He teaches business and coaches varsity football at Paramus High School, and she works for the City of Hackensack.

## CLASS OF 1999



VIVIAN TAORMINA (Comm.), a licensed massage therapist, was featured in the May 4, 2015, issue of the *Asbury Park Press*. The article, "Stress steps away," highlighted her Ashiatsu Oriental Bar Therapy that she offers at Tao, her massage spa in Asbury Park.

## CLASS OF 2000



PHOTO: KEVIN MINNICK/COURIER-POST

SEAN J. COLLINS (Poli. Sci./Ed.) was recently named South Jersey Coach of the Year by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He is the head coach of the Paulsboro High School boys basketball team.

PETRA ROSE-SMITH (M.A.T.) was named Teacher of the Year at Spring Lake Heights Elementary School for the 2014-15 academic year. She has been a second-grade teacher at the school in Spring Lake Heights for nine years.



LISA RUSSO (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) is owner and director of Inspire Communication LLC, a college admissions counseling firm in Little Silver that assists high school

students through every step of the college application process. She is also an adjunct professor at Monmouth.

## CLASS OF 2001

JOYEL R. FURGES (M.A.T.) (M.S. Ed. '06) is the culture and climate coach at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Asbury Park. She also coaches the girls' basketball team at Asbury Park High School. In the summer of 2014 she escorted a group of female student-athletes from Asbury Park to Zimbabwe and Madagascar as part of a program sponsored by the non-profit, Three Female Ballers. Furges helped the girls coach 40 hours of basketball instruction with African teenage girls and receive 20 hours of professional development focused on leadership skills, cultural communication and HIV/AIDS awareness.

# CLASSNOTES



**MICHAEL T. KANE** (Bus. Mrkt.) was recently promoted to deputy director for the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Eastern Pennsylvania District

office. He will help manage delivery of SBA programs and services to small businesses throughout the eastern 40 counties of Pennsylvania. He has been with the SBA since 2007.



**PETER J. KOPACK** (M.S.Ed.) is now the superintendent of the Long Beach Island Consolidated School District, as well as principal of the LBI School, in Ship Bottom. The

educator with 19 years of experience lives in Point Pleasant with his wife and two children.



**SEAN A. MCHUGH** (Hist.) (M.A. Hist. '09) is a GIS specialist at Richard Grubb & Associates in Cranbury. He is also an adjunct professor with the Monmouth University Field School in Archaeology. The 2015 archaeological field school was held at Turkey Swamp, in Freehold. Previous excavations at the site unearthed artifacts covering the entire span of prehistoric occupation in the eastern United States from the Paleo-Indian through the Contact Period.



**JOHN S. WERNER** (Crim. J.) was one of two officers promoted on June 1 to the rank of lieutenant for the Middletown Township Police Department. He has been with the force since 2004. His wife, Kristi, graduated from Monmouth in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in special education.

## CLASS OF 2002

**ERIC A. BURASZESKI** (Crim. J.) (M.A.T. '05) was promoted to sergeant for the South Brunswick Police Department in September. He lives in Parsippany with his wife, ERIN (BAYLEY) BURASZESKI '03 and their two daughters, Brenna, 6, and Cara, 2.



**DONNA CARDILLO** (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) was recently appointed to the National Nurses in Business Association Business Advisory Board. She is an RN, motivational speaker,

author and columnist and has been named one of the 50 Best Women in Business by *NJBIZ*. She is the author of the 2008 book, *The Ultimate Career Guide for Nurses*.

**ERICA D. MCDONALD** (Comm.) has rejoined the Horn Group as vice president. With more than a decade of experience in the technology and digital media sectors, McDonald will manage digital media and advertising technology clients as well as other agency initiatives. McDonald originally joined Horn Group in 2011 after several years as senior media relations manager overseeing PR for former The New York Times business unit About Group.

**KYLE A. PORCELLI** (Comm.) is now vice president, relationship banker at Peapack-Gladstone Bank in New Jersey. He was previously a private client banker for Chase Bank. He lives in Verona.

**NICOLE (BUEB) ROWAN** (Bus. Econ.) (M.B.A. '05) and her husband, William, welcomed daughter, Charlotte Susan, on June 13, 2014. She joins big sister, Abigail who was born on August 5, 2011.



**MICHAEL A. TICEHURST** (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '08) is now a partner at Rosenberg & Fecci, a law firm in Fair Haven. He has been with the group since 2005 when he began as a junior field examiner. His wife, JENNIFER (YOUNG) TICEHURST graduated from Monmouth in 2003 with a bachelor's in psychology and again in 2010 with an M.A.T.



**GEORGINA S. WEST** (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) retired in January from her role as director of gift planning at Monmouth. She started with the University in 1997 as senior development officer.

## CLASS OF 2003



STEPHANIE M. COUGHLIN (Bus. Mgmt.) (M.B.A. '05) married Rich Tolas on August 23, 2014. Alumni in attendance included Maid of Honor, VALERIE CENTANNI '04 and bride's cousin BRIAN BOLAND '07 and his wife KRYSTAL (MUSTARDO) BOLAND '07. She is the director of stewardship and donor relations in Monmouth's external affairs department. They live in Tinton Falls.



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Program called "The Wellness Revolution - Planting Seeds of Wellness and Growing Healthy Communities" at the National Association of School Nurses Conference in San Antonio, TX.



LIA KUSCH (Art/Bus. Mrkt.), who is an art director at the *Thoroughbred Daily News* in Red Bank, graduated in January with a master of science degree in Integrated Marketing Communications at West Virginia University.

NEVA PONTORIERO (Engl.) (M.A.T. '05) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm. '09) (M.A. Engl. '10), who is Monmouth's assistant director of writing services & supplemental instruction, participated at the 16th Annual New Jersey Writing Alliance Conference at Georgian Court University in Lakewood on May 28. She, along with fellow alumnae, VERONICA GUEVARA-LOVGREN '08 '11M and DANIELLE MURPHY '98M, were part of the breakout session, "Empowering Developmental Writing Students through a Non-Traditional Approach to Academic Assistance: An Inter-Institutional Collaborative."

## CLASS OF 2004



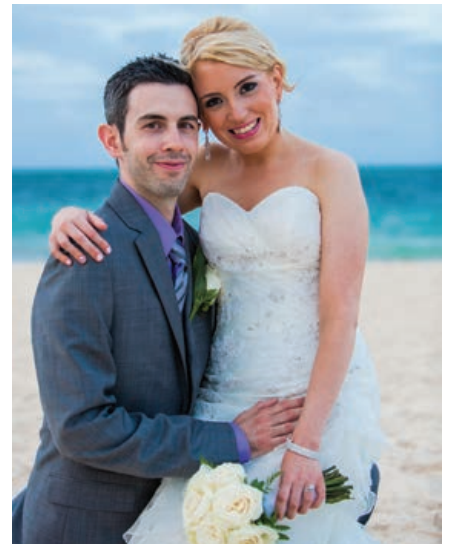
JENNIFER L. FASOLINO (Bus.Mgmt.) has joined the law firm of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP as an associate in the firm's Insurance Litigation Group. She received her J.D. degree from Seton Hall University School

of Law in 2012, where she was the Associate Editor of the *Seton Hall Circuit Review*. Prior to joining Riker Danzig, Jennifer, who is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey, was an associate at Sclar Adler LLP, in New York.

GREG S. HANNAH (Hist./Ed.), assistant director of the Office of Disability Services at Villanova University, in February returned to Manasquan High School, along with Eric LeGrand, to speak to students at the annual Life is Good Day. In 2010, Hannah was a major contributor to "Coming off the DL", an award-winning documentary profiling the lives of two students with cerebral palsy, Frank Kineavy and Nick Gaynor. He and his wife, DIANA '04, live with their children, Natalie and Gregory, in Marlton.



FASIL MALIK (Bus. Acct.) is an admissions advisor for the Northeast U.S. at American University of the Caribbean, School of Medicine.



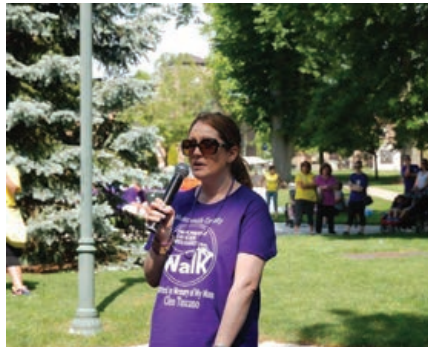
ADAM M. NADLER (Bus. Mrkt.) married Robyn Ackerman on May 17, 2015, in Punta Canta. Nadler, who works in account management, lives with his wife in Washington Township.

# CLASSNOTES

SUE E. POLITO (M.S.N.) was featured in the June 13 issue of the *Clinical Advisor*, a website for nurse practitioners and physician assistants, offers the latest information on diagnosing, treating, managing, and preventing medical conditions typically seen in the office-based primary-care setting. In the article, “Novel learning can benefit cognitive function in older adults,” Polito is cited for her recent poster session at the American Association of Nurse Practitioners 2015 meeting in New Orleans where she stressed the paramount need for older adults to remain active, both mentally and physically. She is an adult and gerontology nurse practitioner and a specialist professor at Monmouth.



NICOLE D. SURKO (Psych.) married Nicholas Notaroberto on September 13, 2014. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaid, TASHA SCOTT '04 and JESSICA MORRISY PARKER '03, who provided the beautiful photos. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. After graduating from Monmouth, she earned a master's degree in International Service while studying in Kingston, Jamaica and London, England.



NICOLE M. TUSCANO (Comm.), who lost her mother to pancreatic cancer in 2008, again hosted a memorial pancreatic cancer research walk at Monmouth University on May 31 along with the Lustgarten Foundation, which is the largest private, non-profit supporter in the United States. More details can be found at [lustgarten.org](http://lustgarten.org).



MELISSA ZIOBRO (Hist./Poli. Sci.) (M.A. Hist. '07) edited the inaugural issue of the journal, *New Jersey Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. The journal is published by

The New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) and Rutgers University Libraries, in partnership with Monmouth University, and prints the most recent scholarship and educational materials about New Jersey's history and other subjects. She is a specialist professor of public history in Monmouth's Department of History and Anthropology.

## CLASS OF 2005

JENNIFER AVIADO-LANGER (M.S.N.) (D.N.P. '14) published an article based on her DNP capstone change project, “Measuring Preoperative Anxiety in Patients with Breast Cancer Using the Visual Analog Scale,” in the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*. She is a nurse practitioner at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

PATRICK M. D'ALESSANDRO (Hist./Ed.) (M.A. Hist. '09) was featured in the May 1, 2015, edition of the *Windsor-*

*Hights Herald*. The article, “HHS teacher D'Alessandro finally conquers Boston Marathon,” highlighted his progression toward completing the prestigious marathon in two hours, 51 minutes and 59 seconds. This competitive time automatically qualified him for next year's race.

STEVEN M. DALEY (Psych.) is assistant vice president/human resources manager for Chubb Insurance. He has been with the company since 2007.

SHANE R. NOWOSACKI (Comm.) is now a financial advisor at VALIC-AIG in Howell. He was previously an advisor at AXA.

ALYSIA A. PRICE (M.S.W.) is the director of social services and assisted living at Seashore Gardens Living Center in Galloway. She works with social workers, residents and their families on issues from depression and anxiety to adjusting to life at the Center.

CHRISSEY L. SKUDERA (Comm.) recently joined the Independent Electrical Contractors, the association for merit shop electrical and systems contractors, as the director of curriculum writing. In this role, she is responsible for developing and maintaining the association's apprenticeship and training curriculum. She has worked in the electrical industry for nearly five years and lives in Washington, D.C.

## CLASS OF 2006



DANIEL JOHNSEN (Crim. J.) was promoted to director in the East Rutherford office of Cushman & Wakefield, a commercial real estate services firm.

He has been with the company since 2007 and is pursuing a U.S. Green Building Council LEED AP certification. Johnsen is also a longtime advocate for the N.J. Special Olympics.

JESSICA KAHL-WINTER (Bus. Fin.) is now the risk assurance-process assurance director for PwC (PriceWaterhouseCoopers). She has worked for the company since 2006. She married MICHAEL CONTE (Comm. '07) on June 13, 2014, in Budd Lake, NY. He is a self-employed portfolio manager.



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EDWARD P. OCCHIPINTI (Comm.) (M.A. Pub. Pol. '09), assistant athletics director for marketing, was featured in June on NJBiz.com, New Jersey's only weekly business journal covering the entire state. The article, "Training from the top: Monmouth University students benefit from school's association with ESPN," also featured Greg Viscomi, associate athletic director for new media and communications. It highlighted the school's connection to ESPN since joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference last year and how the increased exposure has fostered growth in students and provided them with more opportunities.

KEVIN A. PHELPS (Music) is the assistant box office manager at Raritan Valley Community College. He is also a member of the J.J. Lynch Band, playing the bass and banjo.

MICHAEL G. POLLARO (Psych.) presented "On the Path from Monmouth to Medical School" in November 2014 to psychology students as part of the department's "Alumni Focus" series, which is co-sponsored by the School of Science. He is a pediatric resident at Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown.

JOSEPH G. REAGOR (Bus. Econ./Math.) is a research analyst with ROTH Capital Partners, providing equity research coverage of the natural resources sector. He previously worked in equity research at Global Hunter Securities.

DANIELLE N. SOSNOWSKI (Psych.), a licensed marriage and family therapist, is a specialized outpatient clinician at Family Connections in New Jersey where she provides psychotherapy to adults, children, families and couples.

## CLASS OF 2007



DORCAS A. ADEKUNLE (Bus. Adm.), who earned her juris doctor degree from Drexel University, was one of only 11 women selected in May by Emerge New Jersey

to be part of a premier political training program for Democratic women. The training course runs for six months and includes sessions ranging in topic from public speaking to campaign strategy and fundraising. She was previously a policy director for Bonnie Watson for Congress 2014.



CRAIG R. D'AMICO (Comm.) was named teacher of the year at Brookside Place School in Cranford after only teaching full-time for two years. The fourth-grade teacher, who was a substitute teacher for nine years, has also been a broadcaster on the collegiate level for the Northeast Conference since 2008.

LAUREN M. KORCZ (Psych.) is a master resilience trainer and performance expert at the Fort Drum Army Base in New York where she helps soldiers and their families with their fitness.



MEGHAN M. MORATELLI (Math, Elem. Ed) married Christopher S. Greenfield on July 12, 2014, at Sacred Heart Church in Vineland followed by a reception at Eastlyn Golf Course. Monmouth friends in attendance included roommate of the bride, Lindsey Scheidewig '07, along with her boyfriend, Raymond Brown '09, as well as Christian Traum '09 and Robert Danhardt '08. The couple lives in Vineland. Meghan works for the Vineland School District as a middle school math teacher, and Chris is an IT systems administrator at TD Bank.



CRAIG A. SEGAL (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) was the first New Jersey finisher and 71st overall in this year's Boston Marathon with an impressive time of 2:28:23. He is the owner of Runner's High, a retail running store in West Freehold.

# CLASSNOTES



RYAN T. STRUCK (Hist.), a Manhattan-based photographer, had one of his images appear on May's cover of the World Travel Issue from *Eastern Surf Magazine*, which highlighted his surfing trip to Panama. Struck has done work for many companies including ESPN, The Weather Channel, *Surfer Magazine*, Red Bull, Interscope Records and many more. Additional information can be found at <http://RyanStruck.com>.



ASHLEY L. STUBBINGTON (Hist./Ed.) recently received the Dedication to Education Award from Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in

Education. The English-as-a-Second-Language teacher at Long Branch Middle School was honored at an event held at Monmouth University. She is also pursuing a master's degree in English as a Second Language.

## CLASS OF 2008



BRETT T. CONNER (Comm.) married Nicole Gomes on July 4, 2015, in Waterbury, CT. He has been a coach for the Quinnipiac University baseball team since 2013.

ALYSON M. DAPRILE (Bus. Mrkt.) and ADAM KAZANSKY (Bus. Fin.) were married on May 2, 2015, in Jersey City. She is an account manager at Merkle, a global data-driven, technology-enabled performance marketing agency. He is a sales executive with Marathon Data Systems.

VERONICA GUEVARA-LOVGREN (Engl.) (M.A. Engl. '11) participated at the 16th Annual New Jersey Writing Alliance Conference at Georgian Court University in Lakewood on May 28. She, along with fellow alumnae, NEVA LOZADA '03 '05M '09M '10M and DANIELLE MURPHY '98M, were part of the breakout session, "Empowering Developmental Writing Students through a Non-Traditional Approach to Academic Assistance: An Inter-Institutional Collaborative."



DANIELLE L. HERING (Math./Elem. Ed.) is engaged to marry Nick Camerato in May 2016. She attained a master's degree in Educational Technology from Ramapo College in May. Her fiancé works at New York Life in Manhattan.



JAMESON S. JACKSON (Bus. Adm.) is now a RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) AmeriCorps participant. He is working on

developing a regional food council on the south coast of Oregon, marketing and branding local cranberries and supporting food hub developments

through a recently awarded WealthWorks grant to the South Coast Development Council. After graduating from Monmouth, Jackson earned certificates in financial planning and environmental stewardship and became a Certified Emergency Medical Technician before joining the Peace Corps and working as an economic development facilitator in Costa Rica.



NICOLE C. KAVANAUGH (Music) married Nathaniel Foster on March 31, 2015, in De Leon Springs, FL. Nicole, who earned an MBA in 2011, will be graduating from Palmer College of Chiropractic in early 2016 with a doctor of chiropractic degree. Nathaniel served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Eisenhower and is now an industrial mechanic. The couple have a two-year old daughter and live in Florida.



FRANCIS A. LAMONICA, JR (Crim. J.) married Jenna Mahadee on September 27, 2014. He is a textile artist at Express in New York City and is the owner of LouMonica Photography. She is a merchandise manager at Children's Place Retail Stores in Secaucus. They live in West Caldwell.



MICHAEL C. LIZZA (Bus. Adm.) is the director of sales at PCG Digital Marketing, an award-winning digital marketing agency in Eatontown that specializes in search, social and lead generation for businesses.



JENNIFER A. MANCINO (Bus. Mrkt.) and DANIEL HAYDU (Crim. J. '09) were married on April 24, 2015, in Merchantville. Twenty Monmouth alumna were in attendance, including the maid of honor, ALLISON HOBLITZELL '08 and best man, JOHN FEERY '08. Daniel, a former member of the Monmouth Soccer team, works in the cloud computing industry in NYC. Jennifer works in the securities division at Goldman Sachs. They live in downtown Jersey City.

LINDSAY E. TOPOLEWSKI (Hist./Sp. Ed.), a third-grade teacher at the Ocean Avenue School in Middletown, was named Teacher of the Year.



NICOLE (REED) WALSH (Comm.) is now strategic partner manager at Google. She was previously a manager of strategic

partnerships for KAYAK, a travel search engine. She is also owner and chief marketing officer at Judge Roy Bean Public House, gastropub in midtown Manhattan. Nicole married Derek Walsh on September 26, 2014, at Dromoland Castle, Ireland. They live in Astoria, NY.



DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI (Hist./Poli. Sci.) married Kimbreelee Stringfellow on February 21, 2015, in Gettysburg, PA, amid a snowstorm. He is assistant county attorney for Stafford County, VA. His fiancée graduated from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, AL, and was recently hired by Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC, a law firm in Woodbridge, VA, which represents local governments throughout Virginia. They have a golden-doodle puppy named Harry, and have moved into their first home in the Fredericksburg area in June.

## CLASS OF 2009

BERNADETTE DEAN (M.S.N. '09), along with EILEEN M. GAVIN (B.S.N. '03) (M.S.N. '10), gave a podium presentation last year on a program that they have implemented in the Middletown Schools. It was sponsored by the Johnson and Johnson School Health Leadership Program called "The Wellness Revolution - Planting Seeds of Wellness and Growing Healthy Communities" at the National Association of School Nurses Conference in San Antonio, TX.

NICHOLAS JUPINKA (M.A.T.), a music teacher at the Leonardo School in Middletown, was named teacher of the year for the 2014-15 academic year. He is also an adjunct professor at Monmouth.

SHANNON (CONNELL) KELLEY (Psych.) is a sixth year Psy.D. student at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. She is currently completing a predoctoral internship at Franciscan Hospital for Children in Boston, MA, where she conducts individual and group therapy on an inpatient and outpatient basis. Following this internship, she will be a clinical neuropsychology postdoctoral fellow at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania where she will primarily be conducting neuropsychological assessments. She married Jim Kelley in May 2014.

LAURYN M. KINSELLA (Comm.) married Christopher Beardslee on February 28, 2015, at Maratime Parc in Jersey City. She is a post production supervisor at Jane Street Entertainment in New York City.

LIANA M. NOBILE (Hist.) is a new associate at Keefe Bartels, a law firm based in Red Bank. She will concentrate her practice in class action and personal injury litigation. She completed a juris doctorate degree in 2013 at Seton Hall University School of Law.



ERICA C. OSTERLO (Bus. Adm.) hopped on Carnival Cruise Lines for her dream job following graduation. She is traveling the world as one of Carnival's professional disc jockeys. She can be contacted at ericasoc333@aol.com or (732) 299-9591.

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BENJAMIN E. ROSS (M.S. Psych. Couns.) is engaged to marry Anne Stameshkin this October in Brooklyn, NY, where the couples lives. He is an academic adviser for Scholar Programs at Hunter College, CUNY. His fiance is a senior development editor at Pearson and the founding editor of Fiction Writers Review.



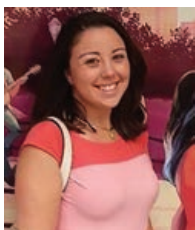
ELIZABETH E. SPELLMAN (Theat.) is a member of Philly Improv Theater's (PHIT) house team, Mayor Karen, and a former member of PHIT house

team, Hey Rube. She is also a music accompanist to the children's improv show, StoryUP. Spellman has performed in various shows around the city. Some credits include Awesome Alliteration the Magical Musical (Betamale Productions), Shepard/Beckett (InVersion Theatre Company), and Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge (New City Stage Company).

## CLASS OF 2010

BRYCE P. JACOBS (Hist./Poli. Sci.) (M.A. Pub. Pol. '11) is now a security officer at Action Facilities Management. Concurrently, he maintains his duties as a firefighter for the North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue and a sergeant/field radio operator for the U.S. Marine Corps.

FALON (LIMBERES) ALO (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. '11) is the executive director of Hearts & Hands Disaster Recovery in Red Bank. She has been instrumental in helping victims of superstorm Sandy through her organization and the American Red Cross.



JOY E. MARCUS (Poli. Sci.) (M.A.T. '12) is now a tenure track social studies teacher at Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies. She was

previously a social studies teacher in Piscataway.



MAIRIN McPARTLAND (Comm.) married TIMOTHY McENDY '10 on November 8, 2014. She leads the Marketing/Client Relations Team at Skae Power Solutions in Palisades, NY. He is pursuing an MBA at Fordham University School of Business and is an associate at in Oil Logistics at Goldman Sachs in Manhattan. They live in Hoboken.

BREE L. MEDUNA (M.S.W.) is now an International Adoption Social Worker with Children's Home Society of Minnesota and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. She lives in Cottage Grove, MN.



ANDREW MEYERS (Comm. '08) and MEGAN BRENNAN (Comm. '10) were married on June 27, 2015, in King of Prussia, PA. There were more than 20 alumni present, including members

of the baseball and women's lacrosse teams, and members of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority. Andrew is the co-founder of a technology company, and Megan is a family and property manager. They live in New York City.

NICOLE E. MONTECALVO (Bus. Mgmt.) and MICHAEL OPPELT (Bus. Fin.) are engaged to be married on May 21, 2016, in Colts Neck. Nicole is the director of Public Relations at Bayshore Recycling and owns NE Occasion, an event planning company. Michael recently joined Bayshore Recycling and is in charge of Class-A Recycling Operations. They live in Little Silver.

JENNIFER J. NOONAN (Psych.), who received an M.S. in Experimental Psychology from Seton Hall University in 2012, is now working for the Long Branch Police Department. She plans to attain a Ph.D. in Social Psychology.



MALLORY C. RAPISARDA (Comm.) and JARRED WEISS (Comm. '09) (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm. '11) are engaged to be married in June 2016. She is an executive director of marketing and public relations in Brooklyn, NY, and he is an administrator in Monmouth's athletic department.

JENNIFER L. TRIMARCHI (Psych.) (M.S. Psych. Couns. '14) is a substance abuse coordinator for Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls. She is also one of the co-founders of the Counseling Alumni Connection, the Department of Psychological Counseling's alumni group established in 2014.

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## CLASS OF 2011

JESSICA V. ACEVEDO (Bio.) is a medical laboratory scientist at Newton Medical Center, which is part of the Atlantic Health System in New Jersey. She was previously an associate microbiologist at Catalent Pharma Solutions in Somerset.



MICHELE L. CORINO (Psych.) is engaged to marry Michael Volpe on November 28, 2015. She is a kindergarten teacher with the Belleville Board of Education, and he is a self-employed music producer.

SEAN M. FORAN (M.S.W.) is now the director at New Mexico Public Interest Research Group in Albuquerque, NM. He has been with the group since September 2013 after serving as a program director for CALPIRG Energy Service Corps in Los Angeles. While a master's student at Monmouth, Foran launched the Monmouth University Community Garden in September 2009.

CLAUDIO INNOCENTI (Bus. Adm.) is the marketing director at Montessori Academy of New Jersey in Neptune. He is also a marketing consultant/graphic designer.

KENSLIE E. KERESTES (Engl./Ed.) and SEAN J. MULHERN (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '12) are engaged to be married on August 22, 2015, at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, PA. She is a speech-language pathologist at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Tinton Falls and at Monmouth Medical Center. He is a team leader of revenue recognition at CommVault Systems.



JASON KRAUSMAN (M.B.A.) is engaged to marry Christine Trontell in the spring of 2016. He is a senior financial analyst with Revlon in New York, NY. His fiancée is a media director with Ikon3, also in New York City.



POOJA K. MEVAWALA (Bus. Adm.), a former honors school student and scholarship recipient, is now an asset & wealth management associate for JP

Morgan Chase in New York City. She was previously a business specialist at Global Business Transformation.

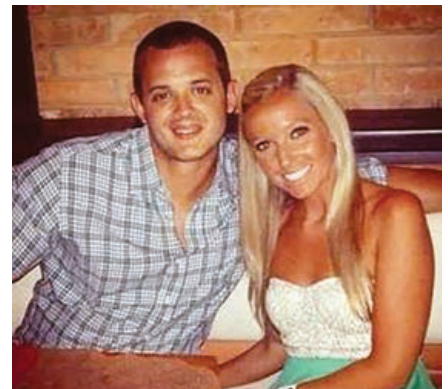


MOLLY S. O'BRIEN (Comm.) is the new women's lacrosse head coach at Hood College in Frederick, MD. She previously served as a volunteer assistant women's lacrosse coach under Monmouth Coach Denise Wescott. As a Hawk, O'Brien was a prolific midfielder, starting in 58 career contests. She scored 75 goals and assisted on 32 others for 107 points, including a junior campaign in which she registered at least a point in every game.



JONATHAN T. PHILPOT (Bio.) is an associate for Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough LLP in West Virginia. He received his law degree

in 2014 from George Washington University.



LAUREN A. RUTLEDGE (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) is engaged to marry Travis Bottger in the spring of 2016. She is executive assistant to the president and CEO, MTV Music Group in New York City. Her fiancée is an inspection technician for Philadelphia-based Mistras.

ANDREW G. STERN (Bus. Mrkt.) (M.B.A. '12) is founder and owner of COREiculum, a fitness company designed to make the "freshman 15 an elective." He is also the founder and event director for WiffleMania in Monroe Township, a one-day charity wiffle ball tournament that has raised more than \$15,000 for the Wobbly Feet Foundation in six years. He is also a certified group fitness instructor and an NPC (National Physique Committee) Men's Physique Champion.



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TANIA TORRES (Bus. Acct.) and her fiancé, GEORGE NWOSU '08, welcomed son, Caleba Chima, on May 7, 2015. Tania is an auditor for The State of New Jersey in the Division of Taxation, and George is a senior accountant at N.J. Housing Mortgage Finance Agency. The couple, who is planning to marry in 2016, lives in Ewing.

## CLASS OF 2012

STEPHANIE M. ACURIA (Span./Intl. Bus./Bus. Acct.) (M.B.A. '13) is a senior staff accountant at JP Financial Solutions in Hackettstown.

WILLIAM T. CHRISTIE (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A.) is a financial analyst at JPMorgan Chase in Delaware. He is pursuing his CPA license.

MARK A. COSENTINO (Poli. Sci.) is a public safety telecommunicator for the Borough of Belmar. He was previously a special police officer for the town. While studying at Monmouth, he was a team member on the alternative spring break trip to Guatemala.

NATHAN A. ERNST (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '14) is president at Sky Scape Industries, a media company in Toms River that offers high-definition photography and video. He was previously a systems analyst at Barnabus Health in Oceanport.



ARIELLE GIORDANO (Hist./Poli. Sci.) in May graduated cum laude from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law with a Juris

Doctor. She received pro-bono highest honors for dedicating 152 hours to pro-bono service while studying for her degree. In addition, her law journal article, "Protecting the Free Flow of Information: Federal Shield Laws," was published in the *Digital Age*. She lives in Silver Spring, MD.

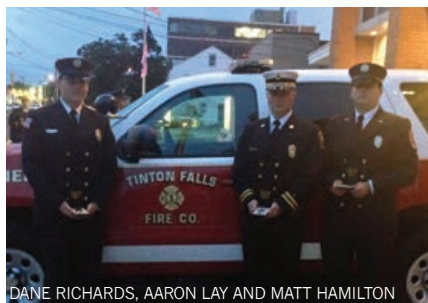


CAITLIN GONG (Comm.), who as a student was the recipient of two Monmouth County Freeholders scholarships, is now a freelance writer, working for several different clients since October 2014. She lives in Hazlet.

BRANDON R. KARKOVICE (Poli. Sci.) is now program development manager for Alliance for Consumer Education in Washington, DC. He was previously a program assistant for the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, also in Washington, DC. While at Monmouth, Karkovice was a member of the Debate Hawks.



SAMANTHA M. LAROCCA (Comm.), who recently received a certificate in broadcast meteorology from Mississippi State University, is now with WETM and 18 News in Elmira, NY. While studying at Monmouth, LaRocca was an intern at FOX 29 in Philadelphia.



AARON F. LAY (M.A. Crim. J.), who is the Tinton Falls Fire Co No. 1 assistant chief, in May received a gallantry award From Eatontown Fire Department for his heroic acts at the Garrison Apartments fire on April 10, 2015. Dane Richards Jr., a

criminal justice student, received a valor award. Also receiving awards that day were Eatontown Assistant Chief Kenny Sneath, 2nd Assistant Chief Tanner Shea, Ex-Chief Jeff Myskowski, Ex-chief Anthony Gaetano, Shrewsbury Asst Chief Bruce MacDonald Jr, 2nd Lieutenant Nick Craig, firefighter Rory Green, probationary firefighter Matt Hamilton, Eatontown Police Department Sergeant Dave Brown and police officers Ryan Braswell and Mike Sullivan.



JOHN J. MCDONALD (Crim. J.) is engaged to marry Jennifer Little on October 17, 2015, according to his sister, Ashley McDonald.



KIMBERLY ROSENBERG (Elem. Ed./ Engl.) is engaged to marry TERENCE BODAK '12 (Hist.) in July 2016. She is a special education teacher in Marlboro, and he is an associate director at Monmouth University.

JOSHUA B. VALLEJOS (Poli. Sci.) was promoted in July to program associate at Reading Partners, a non-profit literacy organization in Washington, DC. He was previously a senior site coordinator. While at Monmouth, he was a member of the football team.

KATHERINE M. YOUNGWORTH (Med. Tech.) in May began a new job as a microbiology technologist at WellSpan Health in York, PA.



SAMANTHA J. ZAUN (M.A.T.), who was named an Outstanding Student by Monmouth's School of Education, is engaged to marry Mark Bahna, Jr in August 2016. She is an English language arts teacher for Cartaret Public Schools. Her fiancé is an automotive business owner and salesman.

## CLASS OF 2013

PATRICK A. AMOS (Crim. J.) is an asset protection investigator at Saks Fifth Avenue in Paramus. He was previously a loss prevention specialist at JCPenney in Wayne.



ANALIESE N. ARICO (Bus. Acct.) and RYAN RECKHOW (Crim. J.) were married on January 17, 2015, in Princeton. Analiese is an accountant for a telecommunications company in Princeton, and Ryan is a legal assistant at a law firm in Woodbridge. They live in Plainsboro.

MATTHEW M. AVELLINO (Bio.), a three-time scholarship recipient, now a District Manager and small business consultant with ADP. He was previously a quality control technician at Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Mount Holly where he analyzed infectious pathogens through utilization of Real-Time polymerase chain reaction.

MIRIAM S. AYOUB (Psych.) is working toward a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA.

KERSTIN E. BOTHNER (Psych.) has been a program associate at Bancroft Brain Injury Services residential facility in Brick since September 2014.



KELLY A. BRENNAN (M.A. Pub. Pol.), who earned a 3.77 GPA as a graduate student, is the annual giving coordinator at Richard Stockton College in Toms River.



TIRIQ R. CALLAWAY's (M.S.W.) recently self-published his book, *A Diamond in God's Dirt*. The memoir chronicles his life from growing up in disadvantaged Atlantic City neighborhoods to struggling at Seton Hall University as an undergraduate student, and how he overcame those obstacles.

KATELYN T. CRITCHLEY (B.S.W.) is a first-year graduate student working toward a master's degree in Occupational Therapy at New York University's Steinhardt School. She is expected to attain a degree in 2017.

ANTHONY D'ELIA (Poli. Sci.) is now a summer associate for the law firm, Connell Foley LLP in Roseland. He is studying toward his J.D. at Seton Hall School of Law with an expected graduation date in 2016. While at Monmouth, D'Elia was a stellar student who carried a cumulative GPA of 3.94 and received several awards including the Leadership Pillar Award, the Political Science Academic Award and was named the Outstanding Honors Student-Athlete, all in 2013.

HOLLY L. DEPTULA (Psych.) is a therapist at Applied Behavior Center for Autism in Orlando, FL. She was previously a clinical associate at Bancroft in Haddonfield, NJ.

VICTORIA E. DRAKE (Psych.) was accepted into a master's program at New York University. She is an analyst of Digital Ad Sales Research at Nickolodeon Networks.

ALEXANDRIA K. FITZGERALD (Comm.) is a project coordinator for NBC Universal in New York City. She is also a youth representative of the United Nations Department of Public Information/ NGO Relations, acting as a UN Youth Assembly keynote panelist in 2013.

JENNIFER L. HAYES (Psych.) is human resources coordinator at MonoSol Rx in Warren. She is also pursuing a master's in Human Resources Management at Rutgers University. Hayes was previously a human resources assistant at Waters and Sims Employment Services in Red Bank.



JENNA M. INTERSIMONE (Comm.), an Honors School graduate and star cross country runner for the Hawks, was featured in the April 2015 issue of *Luxe Beat Magazine*. The article, "Travels of Wayward Wanderer Jenna Intersimone," highlighted her growth as a writer and regular contributor to the magazine.

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DANIEL S. JAMES (Comm.) is now a manager, VIP/Guest Relations at The Apartment, an upscale restaurant in Shanghai City.

NICHOLAS W. JOBES (Bus. Adm.), a two-time scholarship recipient, is an accountant and financial sales assistant at Brendan Pierson, certified public accountants and certified financial planners in Wall Township. He has certifications in Series 7, Series 66 and life and health insurance.

NICHOLAS R. LUBSEN (Bus. Adm.) is now an associate programmatic strategist for Sizmek, a leading open ad management platform company for multiscreen campaigns. He was previously a manager at *Parade Magazine*.

ERIC C. MEZZO (Bus. Adm.) is now a percussionist at Partners In Sound Productions in Matawan. He continues to be a freelance writer, having had one of his articles published in the August 2014 issue of *Modern Drummer* magazine.

SHARON A. MURRAY (M.S. Ment. Health Couns.) is a case work supervisor and executive director at Family Options Adoption and Counseling Center in Red Bank.

JOSEPH P. NATELLI (Bus. Adm.) is now part of the sales team at Keller Williams Valley Realty in Woodcliff Lake, which is part of Bergen County. He previously worked for Northwestern Mutual.

KATELYN E. NAWOYSKI (Comm./Poli. Sci.) is now a junior videographer

and editor for the Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, CO. She was previously a technical director for the Techniarts bureau of the U.S. Department of State. She also has an Etsy shop called KBInspired.

VICTOR M. NAZARIO III (Hist./Poli. Sci.) is currently attending Florida Coastal School of Law and was recently accepted to the research and writing editor for the Florida Coastal Law Review Board for the 2015-2016 term. He is interning at the law firm, Pajcic & Pajcic in Jacksonville, FL.



FORD PALMER (Crim. J.), who broke a four-minute mile last August at the Sir Walter Miler Invitational at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., has signed an endorsement deal with the shoe company, HOKA One One. His contract will run through the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro with an option for 2017. He now runs for the NJ\*NY Track Club, a successful club founded in 2009 and directed by famed track coach, Frank "Gag" Gagliano.



MIRIAM PEGUERO-MEDRANO (Poli. Sci.) will be starting Northwestern University

School of Law in Chicago this fall. She has been an analyst for The World Bank in Washington, DC, since 2013. While at Monmouth, Peguero was a member of the Debate Hawks and the Greek Senate.

BRITTNEY PENSON (Hist./Ed.) is now an ESL teacher at Keyport Central School. She was previously a teacher in New Brunswick.

MARIA V. SCIANDRA (Psych.) is working toward a master's in occupational therapy at Kean University. She is expected to receive her degree in 2016.

NICOLE A. SIDARI (Art) is a graphic designer for Prestige Management Services in Ramsey. She was previously a graphic designer and assistant at Emery Chiropractic Group in Ridgewood.



RICHARD F. STONE (Crim. J.), a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army, is stationed in Fort Campbell, KY, as an ordinance officer assigned to the 52nd Ordinance Group, 184th Battalion. He was recently featured in the *Suburban* community newspaper, highlighting how his service with the Boy Scouts helped to shape his career.

JACKLYN R. SWEET (B.S.W.), who received the Monmouth Hawks Fly Together Student Leader award in 2011, is a recruiter for Aerotek, a leading staffing agency based in Los Angeles, CA.

STEFANIA M. TATTOLI (Health Stud.) is a lead program manager at Best Buddies International, a Miami, FL-

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based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



JENNIFER E. TOMAINO (B.S.W.) is engaged to marry Joseph Hall in April 2016. She is a therapeutic visitation counselor for Catholic Charities in New Brunswick. Her fiancé is a foreign exchange trading assistant with PNB Paribas in New York City.

LAURA L. TRACHTENBERG (Psych.) is currently pursuing a master's degree in Art Therapy at Drexel University in Philadelphia. As a graduate student, she has worked in an adult inpatient psychiatric facility, using her skills in art therapy to help patients better express themselves. She also recently visited campus to present to Monmouth's Psychology Club.

## CLASS OF 2014



AMANDA M. BRANICK (Psych.), a former scholarship recipient, is the research protocol and data management coordinator at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. While studying at Monmouth, she served as a lab director.

CHRISTOPHER J. BRUNO (Bus. Adm.), a three-time scholarship recipient, is an operations analyst at JPMorganChase in Brooklyn, NY, where he interned in 2013-2014. As a student, Bruno acted as treasurer for his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. He was also the co-founder of Monmouth's club baseball team.



JAMES E. CARNEY (Crim. J.), a two-time scholarship recipient, attended the Morris County Safety Training Academy and graduated 84<sup>th</sup> Basic Police Class on June 4, 2014. He attended rigorous physical, academic, and safety training and has accepted a position as a police officer in Morris County Township.



KELLY J. CRAIG (Poli. Sci.), who recently received a master's degree from Savannah College of Art and Design Graduate School, held an art show and auction on May 8 in Woods Theatre to benefit the non-profit, Women & Girls Education (WAGE)-International. She is also the founder of karma&kismet, a company that specializes in art and handmade specialty items, some of which are sold on Etsy.

LAMAR K. DAVENPORT (Crim. J.) was featured in the February 5, 2015, issue of the *Asbury Park Press* in the article, "Monmouth grad seeks to help Asbury Park youth." In the article, Davenport said he hopes to pursue a career as a parole officer and a high school football coach in Asbury Park.



JOSEPH T. DELLERA (Poli. Sci.), former class president and debate team captain, is now a judicial intern for the Honorable Anthony J. Mellaci Jr in Monmouth County and a summer law clerk for the firm, Ansell Grimm & Aaron. Dellera is also studying at Seton Hall University School of Law where he plans to attain a Juris Doctorate in 2017.



LAINA DIMENTO (LEFT) WITH JORDAN LEVINSON '15, WHO ALSO PLANS TO JOIN CITY YEAR

LAINA F. DIMENTO (Psych.), a three-time scholarship recipient, is a Corps Member with City Year Philadelphia, an organization that places enthusiastic and dedicated young adults in inner city schools throughout the country to act as mentors and tutors to the students.

RACHEL F. FISHER (Comm.) is a social media manager at Fisher Canvas Products in Burlington. She is also a new member of the Philadelphia Public Relations Association.

CAITLYN D. FITZPATRICK (Comm.), a three-time scholarship recipient, is now an editorial contributor at PopSugar, which features breaking news, photos, videos and event recaps on the day's most popular stars. She is also assistant editor for *MD Magazine*, published by HCPLive, a Plainsboro-based medical news and conference coverage firm for physicians.

FRANK H. FOREMAN (Comm.), a former football player for the Hawks, is a government account representative for Carahsoft Technology Corp. in Reston, VA. He was previously a DC Metro race manager.

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ALYSSA D. GRAY (Comm.), a three-time scholarship recipient and former managing editor of *The Outlook*, is a designer/page editor at Gannett in Neptune. She is also a freelance painter, specializing in oils. As a student, she was also a peer learning assistant team leader.

DANIEL C. GUNDERMAN (Comm.), who is studying for his MFA at Fairfield University, is now a film critic for StageBuddy in New York City. He continues to be a craft editor for *Mason's Road* literary journal as well as an editorial assistant for the North Jersey Media Group and a film critic for Examiner.com. As a student, he served as editor of Monmouth's online magazine, *The Verge*, and earned a 3.97 GPA.

ALEXANDER H. JOHANNESSEN (Bus. Adm.) is a hedge funds operations associate at U.S. Bank.

JACKLYN J. KOUFATI (Comm.), former *Outlook* editor-in-chief, is now an editorial assistant at Wainscot Media in Montvale. She has also been a contributing writer for the online *Elite Daily* since Feb 2014.

TAYLOR J. KRENZKE (Math.) started working in March at Morgan Stanley in Balmtimore, MD, as part of the prime brokerage trading group. He was previously a demand planning intern for PepsiCo. As a student, he carried a 3.92 GPA.

AMANDA L. KRZYNSKI (B.S.W.), who recently graduated from Columbia University with a master's in social work, is now a youth development facilitator with the Peace Corps in the Philippines.

DALLAS LEWIS-BRYANT (Comm.) is a news editor at WPMT-FOX43 in the York, PA, area. As a Hawk, he was a radio DJ for WMCX, hosting the shows, "Dirty Talk" and "Turn it Up Thursdays."

TERESA C. MATHEWS (Psych.) will complete a master's in Psychological Counseling and Human Services at Lehigh University in 2017. She is also a field hockey graduate assistant at Lehigh.

DYLAN S. MAYNARD (Hist./Poli. Sci.) is now studying toward a master's in history at New York University. In November 2014 his paper, "A Give and Take: An Historical Trajectory of India's Unique Corruption," was published in the *Journal of Undergraduate International Studies*.

LUCIA MONTEFUSCO (Psych.) is enrolled in the NYC Teaching Fellows program with the intent of becoming a special education teacher in New York City. She is also a soccer coach for the Police Athletic League and a trainer at Storm Academy in West Hempstead, NY.

KRISTINA A. MURDOCK (Psych.) is now a technical recruiter at Synerfac Technical Staffing in Somerset. She was previously a sourcing specialist. While studying at Monmouth, she was an intern at Making Daughters Safe Again, a non-profit organization that offers online and in-person support services for survivors of mother daughter sexual abuse.



ASHLEY N. PACIFICO (Comm.) appeared on Good Day New York on February 20, representing GBK Productions with its 2015 Oscar swag bag. She is a freelance entertainment correspondent and producer.

JESSICA E. ROBERTS (Comm./Poli. Sci.) is a graduate student at Rutgers University where she is expected to attain a master's in political science and government in 2016. She also continues to be a debate coach for Monmouth, helping Asbury Park High School students, and volunteers for the non-profit, WAGE-International. As an undergraduate student, she was the co-political editor of *The Outlook*.

JENNIFER L. RUGGIERO (Psych.) is now a graduate coordinator for first-year experience at Rutgers University. She is expected to receive a master's in College Student Affairs from Rutgers in 2017. As a student, she participated in the Alternative Break trip to Guatemala.

MELISSA R. SMITH (Comm.) is now an office coordinator at Option Care. She was recently digital marketing coordinator at Barrymor Enterprises in Allenwood. As a student, she was a member of the Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society as well as a tutor.

STEPHANIE L. VELARDI (Psych.) is assistant supervisor at Before and After School Care Programs for the Navesink School Systems.



CANDIDA V. WILTSHIRE (M.S.W.) is a homeless case manager at Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare in Lyndhurst. She was previously a counselor intern at the Integrity House, based in Newark, as well as a claims business tech analyst at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. As a graduate student, Wiltshire was the executive producer of the documentary, "A Place of Their Own."

JESSICA L. WOOLLEY (Bus. Adm.), a three-time scholarship recipient, in June began working as a tax consultant at Deloitte, one of the largest professional services firms. She worked for the firm in 2014 in Parsippany as a business tax services intern.



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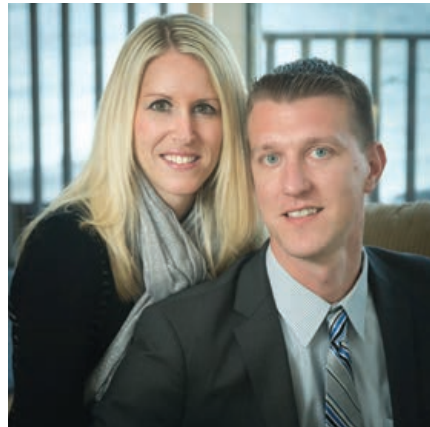
BRETT M. BRACH (Hist./ Ed.) retired in June from professional baseball following a recent stint pitching for the Somerset Patriots. He

previously signed with the Washington Nationals one year ago. Before his time in Somerset, the Freehold native had time in the Cleveland Indians organization, reaching the Triple-A level in three seasons.

STEPHANIE J. EICHMEYER (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) is a marketing assistant for the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy. She also writes for inBLOOM Communications in Red Bank.

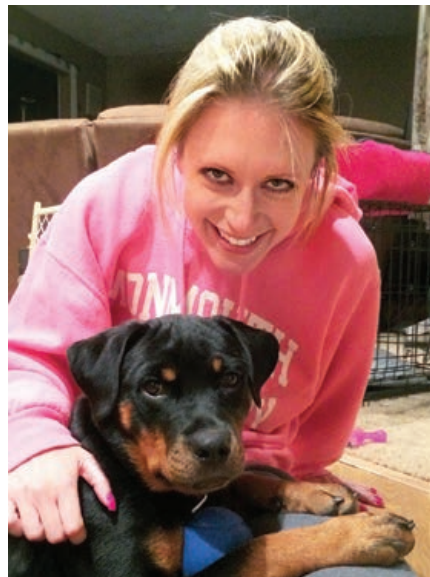


NICOLE R. FAMULARO (Chem.), who had a 3.99 cumulative GPA when she graduated this past May, is working on attaining a Ph.D. in materials chemistry at Penn State University. She is expected to complete her degree in 2020.



MELISSA S. HARTWELL (M.S. Ed.) is engaged to marry Nick Dzioba in July 2016. She is a first-grade teacher for Elizabeth Public Schools. Her fiancé is a finance manager at Prodigious in New York City.

BRANDON R. JOHNSON (Poli. Sci.), former politics editor for *The Outlook* and debate team member, is an intern at the Coalition for Peace Action in Princeton. He is also on the circulation staff at the Plainsboro Free Public Library and continues to be a basketball camp counselor for the Princeton Recreation Department.



JAMIE A. LANDSMAN (M.S.W.) has published a new book, *A Dog's Tale: Alice's Hindsight of Alcohol Abuse in Her Family*. The book, which explores

the impact parental alcohol abuse can have on a family, is narrated by Alice the rottweiler.

MATTHEW J. LANG (Psych.) was accepted to Georgetown School of Law following his graduation in May. While studying at Monmouth, he was part of both the pre-law and sociology clubs as well as a research assistant at the Social Development Lab.



SARAH N. MUSTAFA (Poli. Sci.) is a public outreach and fundraiser in New York City at DialogueDirect, a fundraising organization that provides quality

sustainable donors to ensure charity partners can fulfill their missions.

ANDREW C. NICHOLAS (B.S.W.) was featured on Ydr.com in the article, "Eastern grad Andrew Nicholas draws inspiration from his grandmother." He will pursue an M.S.W. this fall with the intention of counseling cancer patients and opening his own licensed clinical social work practice, the article noted. He also works for Findaballer, a youth and community service company co-founded by alumni, BLAKE HAMILTON '05 and DWAYNE BYFIELD '05 that provides customized services and programs, including basketball training and video, to the surrounding community.

LAUREN N. POLLARA (Comm.), who graduated in May, is now a project coordinator at Jack Morton Worldwide in Robbinsville. The company is a global brand experience agency best known for event and promotional marketing.

ADAM M. YUNGINGER (Bus. Adm.) is a pitcher for the East Prospect Pistons, a baseball team that is part of the semipro Susquehanna League in Pennsylvania. His pitching prowess was featured in the June 30, 2015, issue of the *York Dispatch*.

# INMEMORIAM

## ALUMNI

- 1939** JACK COHEN (A.A. Lib. Stud.)  
FEBRUARY 10, 2015
- 1941** ARTHUR L. HOWARD (A.A. Lib. Stud.)  
MARCH 13, 2015
- 1946** THURLOW CLARK HAUNTON JR  
(A.A. Lib. Stud. '46)  
MARCH 16, 2015
- 1949** RICHARD E. HUBBS (A.A. Elec. Eng.)  
JULY 5, 2015
- 1955** BETTY A. MCKNIGHT (Elem. Ed.)  
MAY 5, 2015
- 1961** THOMAS J. DONAHUE (Ed.)  
MAY 2, 2015
- 1962** DORIS (KRUMEL) PRESTON (A.A. Lib. Stud.)  
FEBRUARY 21, 2015
- 1964** BARRY M. KAPLAN (Bus. Adm.)  
MAY 5, 2015
- 1965** ELAINE (NADLER) COSTELLO (Elem. Ed.)  
MARCH 11, 2015
- 1966** JOHN B. GIGLIO (Ed./Math.)  
APRIL 20, 2015
- 1967** FRANCIS E. MCCULLION JR (Bus. Adm.)  
FEBRUARY 7, 2015  
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