

August 30, 2011

Dear Manhattanville College community,

Welcome back to what I know will be a wonderful academic year here at Manhattanville. And, despite the threat of Hurricane Irene, we are off to a great start with yesterday's \$5 million gift announcement, a number of facility updates and renovations around campus, and great enrollment numbers for new and returning students.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend well-deserved kudos to the following members of our community who went beyond the "call of duty" to help prepare the College for Hurricane Irene and to see us through the inclement weather safely:

- The Physical Plant for their preparations and help during the storm and rapid cleanup
- Residence Life for managing move-in under trying conditions and changes in scheduling
- Safety and Security for their support during the emergency
- Chartwells for responding with food for students and staff under less than ideal conditions
- IT/Dynamic Campus for keeping our communications infrastructure open
- Faculty and staff for being here as needed during move-in, and then making a special effort to commence classes today, while many are still dealing with flooding and no electricity in their homes
- New and returning students for their patience and good cheer as we readjusted our move-in and class scheduling due to the hurricane

With classes resuming today on a normal Tuesday schedule, we will make up Monday's lost instructional day later in the semester. Also Drop/Add has been extended until Friday, September 9. In addition, some students will not be able to join us until later in the week due to canceled flights. We will make accommodations for them upon their arrival on campus.

I hope you will join me in making this one of our most successful semesters ever. Go Valiants!

Sincerely,

Jon C. Strauss
Interim President