Manhattanville’s ongoing commitment to academic excellence and institutional leadership continues as we welcome new and returning students, faculty and staff to the 2013-2014 academic year! It is truly an exciting time at the College as we begin the fall semester.

### Four New Majors at Manhattanville College

Manhattanville College, known internationally for its liberal arts curriculum, offers undergraduates additional ways to connect to exciting career opportunities. New degree programs at the College include majors in marketing, accounting, digital media production, and sport studies. Click here to find out more about these exciting new majors.

### Manhattanville Campus Renovation Update

Renovations and improvements have been underway at Manhattanville College over the past three years, transforming the Main and Mini-Quads, Library, Kennedy Gymnasium, Brownson, residential living, and introducing Heritage Hall during the process.

Over the summer progress with the physical landscape of the campus include the installation and renovation of the walkways around the Quad, mini Quad, and Kennedy Gym. In addition a new handicap access ramp to Reid Castle is being constructed as well as renovations to the Library that include an upper and lower terrace and window replacements throughout the structure.

The Kennedy Gym Lobby is brand new and honors alumni and students. The Valiant logo has been placed on the main lobby floor and four wall hangings have been chosen to define the motto, “To the Valiant of Heart, Nothing is Impossible.” They include: Manhattanville’s basketball team playing at Madison Square Garden, Dan Fiorito ’12, who signed a pro deal with the New York Yankees Neil Clark ’06, who played with the Detroit Red Wings, and Janine Fortunate, ’06, MS ’08, softball player who earned a World Series Ring working with the New York Yankees. Also a brand-new basketball and volleyball court and locker rooms (see “The Athletic Department Kicks Off Fall Season”).

On the lighter fare, dining on campus now includes Starbucks, a gluten-free option, Smoothie Station and a Latin cuisine station (see “Attention Foodies: Starbucks and More!”).

### Graduate and Professional Studies

**GPS Celebrates 20th Anniversary, Adds New Programs, and Welcomes New Faculty and Staff**

The 2013-2014 academic year marks the 20th Anniversary for the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) and there are a lot of exciting initiatives underway including a kick-off celebration in November to pay special tribute to its Human Resource Management degree, which was the first official GPS program launched back in 1993. Sister Ruth Dowd, who founded GPS, and Don Richards, who diligently guided it along for many years, are invited to join in the celebration with alumni, students, staff and regional business leaders.

Throughout the coming year, GPS will host a series of industry-focused events to strengthen the connection between the business community and Manhattanville College. Events include career fairs, mentoring matchmaking, panel discussions on “hot” business issues of today, and happy hours. A Sports Media Institute inaugural multi-day conference is being planned, led by David Torromeo, program director, MS in Sport Business Management, where students will learn from and network with the pros in the sports business world, and will have an opportunity to earn college credit.
School of Education News

The School of Education now offers programs where students can graduate with a bachelor’s degree, a combined bachelor’s/master’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctoral degree. This past May, Manhattanville College conferred four doctoral degrees at commencement. Drs. Emily C. Hersh, Steven C. Moskowitz, Monique S. Reilly, and Margaret Ruller, were the first students to earn doctoral degrees in educational leadership. A fifth doctoral student, Dr. Ronald Hattar, graduated in August.

In addition to a thriving doctoral program, the School of Education has been involved in grant activity, partnerships, and program development. Among 14 colleges and universities selected in the mid-Hudson region, The School of Education was chosen to become the facilitating institution for a grant given to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities to provide professional development to faculty for the new statewide testing requirements that will become effective in May 2014. The School formed a partnership to develop the Manhattanville Education Institute (MEI) as the professional development/continuing education arm of the School so that graduate students can take face-to-face or online courses for graduate credit. The School received approval for an early childhood and early childhood special education program at the undergraduate level. Finally, the signature community outreach initiative, the “Changing Suburbs Institute®” (CSI) received a grant from JPMorgan to evaluate ways in which the School’s Professional Development Schools are improving teacher preparation and published a book by Corwin Press entitled, Changing Suburbs, Changing Students: Helping School Leaders Face the Challenges.

MFA in Creative Writing Upcoming Events

The MFA in Creative Writing Program presents a unique event with legendary folk singer Pete Seeger on Friday, September 20 in the West Room, Reid Castle. MFA Director Mark Nowak will engage Seeger in a public conversation on writing and the “social imagination” – what it means to be a creative artist in times of social upheaval and social change.

Fall Writers Weekend will take place Sept 27-29 with authors Diane Glancy and Dina Nayeri. Diane Glancy one of the most celebrated Native American authors in the country, received her MFA from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop in 1988. She has published in multiple genres including novels: Pushing the Bear: After the Trail of Tears (University of Oklahoma Press, 2009) and The Reason for Crows: A Novel of Kateri Tekakwitha (SUNY Press, 2009); prose collections: The Dance Partner: Stories of the Ghost Dance (Michigan State University Press, 2005), The Dream of a Broken Field (University of Nebraska Press, 2011), and In-Between Places (University of Arizona Press, 2005); and poetry volumes: Asylum in the Grasslands (University of Arizona Press, 2007) and Primer of the Obsolete (University of Massachusetts Press, 2004).

Dina Nayeri was born during a revolution in Iran and moved to Oklahoma at the age of ten. Her debut novel, A Teaspoon of Earth and Sea, was released in 2013 by Riverhead Books (Penguin), translated into 13 foreign languages, and selected as a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers book. Her work is published or scheduled for publication in more than 20 countries and has appeared in Granta New Voices, The Southern Review, Alaska Quarterly Review, Salon, & Glamour, to name a few. She holds an MBA and a Masters of Education from Harvard, and a BA from Princeton. She has held positions in fashion, management consulting, university admissions, investment banking, and once as a grumpy lifeguard. Currently, Dina is at work on her second novel at the Iowa Writers Workshop where she is a Truman Capote Fellow and Teaching Writing Fellow.
and secure future internships. More details about 20th anniversary events will be announced later in the fall and posted online.

In conjunction with its four newly redesigned Master’s degree programs, GPS is launching Advanced Certificates in Finance, Marketing Communication Management, Human Resources Management & Organizational Effectiveness, and Business Leadership. These four-course programs will give business professionals enhanced knowledge, recent updates in fields of interest, and increased professional development. Along with the new programs, GPS has recruited many faculty members and program directors that bring real life experience, concepts, tools, and techniques into the classroom.

GPS has also finalized the development of a Dual-Degree program with the Department of Economics, Finance, and Management to allow bachelor’s students to apply up to 12 graduate credits to both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.

GPS was pleased to welcome 38 new Masters of Science students from the Dominican Republic at its Student Welcome Reception and Orientation on August 26. These students have the opportunity to complete their graduate degrees in various business disciplines as part of a newly-developed government sponsored program between GPS and the Dominican Republic following a four-hour visit by the Minister of Education to Manhattanville in June.

Also a relationship with The NY Metro Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) has been forged. This strategic partnership will enhance the College’s connection with the business community giving students and alumni the competitive advantage they require to meet career objectives.

GPS has three new members on its administrative staff: Dana Wilkie, associate dean, Julia Emrick, director of GPS marketing communication and events, and Elizabeth Brosseau, enrollment services coordinator. In addition, new and returning program directors for its Masters of Science programs include: Tina Bardsley, International Management, Bozidar Jovanovic, Finance, Annette McLaughlin, Human Resources Management & Organizational Effectiveness, Laura Persky, Marketing Communication Management, and Business Leadership, and Dave Torromeo, Sport Business Management.

New members of GPS faculty:
• Siraj Chowdhury, Managing Process Across Borders
• Tommy Dee, Sport Business and Technology in the Global Market
• Alfred Felius, Navigating the HR Legal and Regulatory Environment
• R. Fenimore Fisher, Business Strategies for a Globally Diverse Workforce
• Ray LaManna, Business Strategy
• Ray Murphy, Project Management
• Marta Vides, International Law & Ethics
• Scott Walsh, Strategic Talent Management
• Todd Van Hoosear, Social Media and the Business Imperative

To learn more about these accomplished professionals, visit GPS online.
Diversity in the Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 represents 26 states and 28 countries including Bulgaria, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Georgia, Honduras, Japan, Nepal, Turkmenistan, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.

The largest representative population comes from New York with a total of 331 incoming students. Manhattanville welcomes students from neighboring northeastern states: 48 from Connecticut, 27 from New Jersey, and 13 from Massachusetts.

The Admissions Department received and reviewed more than 4,200 applications for an entering enrollment of 542 students of whom 64% are female and 36% are male.

The Center for Career Development Prepares Students for the Workplace

The Center for Career Development (CCD) provides students with 24/7 access to our online resources. Information on our webpage regarding upcoming events, job and internship searches and our available resources is updated on a daily basis. This fall, CCD has advanced its technology, through the use of video, to assist students with the interviewing process. Recorded, mock interviews will provide the skills necessary to prepare students for upcoming interviews. In the near future, CCD will provide virtual counseling appointments as well. Continue to look for HOT NEWS every Wednesday, which lists current events and the latest internships and job opportunities posted to Experience. Students can also find great opportunities on Facebook, Twitter and our Linkedin.com group. Join CCD staff for fun, games, refreshments and prizes during welcome week at the fourth annual Careers at the Castle. Students who like CCD on Facebook will receive a free t-shirt!

Enterprise Rent-A-Car will sponsor CCD in conjunction with Athletics and the Graduate School of Professional Studies in support of Career Development programs. Funds will be applied to four programs including Backpack to Briefcase: Senior Fundraising Dinner on October 23rd, LinkedIn to Workin’ on November 4th, Mock Interviews for Athletes during the winter break and an Athlete Leadership Workshop that will be scheduled this February. In addition to providing career advice during these events, Enterprise will be on hand at the Spring Job and Internship Fair scheduled for Friday, March 21 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.
The Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice Delivers On the Mission

Manhattanville College’s Duchesne Center for Religion & Social Justice continues its presence at the United Nations as a non-governmental organization (NGO) status educational and academic institution. Alexis Moore ’14 and Daniel Conway ’14 are youth representatives who coordinate attendance at the weekly Department of Public Information (DPI). Alexis and Daniel have attended special conferences, with Prof. Binita Mehta and Fr. Wil Tyrrell throughout the year. Edom Tsegaye ’13 and Cristal Espejo ’13 both finished yearlong internships with the Virginia Gilder-Sleeve International Fund to the UN working on women’s issues.

The Duchesne Center enters into its third year of participation in the President’s White House Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, highlighting a new program, Dream-Catchers, which gives adults with developmental disabilities an on-campus college experience twice a week. A generous grant from the United Way of Westchester- Local Presence Grant to Dream-Catchers helps to extend its programming opportunities.

Welcome Week ’13 (Aug 24-Sept.1) was the ninth consecutive opening semester weeklong service-learning opportunity initiative for new incoming students provided by Duchesne Center students. New students volunteered for community service activities to become acquainted with the College’s mission: “to educate ethical and socially responsible leaders for a global community.”

Dean of Undergraduate Education and Associate Provost Robin Cautin

As Associate Provost for the past two years, Robin was instrumental in the successful completion of the College’s 2012 Middle States Monitoring Report, worked behind-the-scenes to develop the framework for the Strategic Plan, and in support of the Committee on the Assessment of Student Learning, helped to implement a systematic structure for the assessment of the College’s General Education curriculum. In addition, she supervised the development of the Center for Teaching and Learning and the hiring of its first Director.

Instructional Technologist Christopher McGilvery

As Instructional Technologist, Christopher McGilvery, provides a wealth of knowledge about digital tools to enhance learning for Manhattanville’s 21st Century students. Through his work in faculty development at Ross University School of Medicine and online instruction at Angelo State University, Chris has become an expert in training and support for faculty in the use of instructional technology. He has developed online education curriculum, conducted research, and published scholarly papers that focus on the integration of digital tools in teaching and learning. Chris earned his Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and two Masters Degrees in Education and Curriculum and Instruction from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

Chris will be responsible for consulting and collaborating with faculty about the use of technology in teaching and learning. He will develop and conduct instructional technology training sessions and work with IT to ensure the seamless performance of academic software programs, both web-based and installed within our computers and classrooms. He will serve on the Faculty Technology Committee, manage student technology assistants, and support faculty and staff as they explore possibilities for developing, implementing and maintaining online and blended curriculum and instruction.
The Athletic Department Kicks Off Fall Season

Five Valiants Named to MAC All-Century Teams
In honor of the Middle Atlantic Conference celebrating its 100th year, the MAC named All-Century teams for all its sports and five Valiants were honored with spots on their respective teams. Keston George ’12 (men’s soccer) was named during the fall season, while four Valiants — Michael Capozzi ’12 (men’s tennis), Dan Fiorito ’12 (baseball), Melissa Goncalves ’13 (women’s lacrosse) and Javier Vargas ’10 (men’s golf) earned the honors during the spring.

Kennedy Gym Receives A Major Facelift
Kennedy Gym, the operational home of the Manhattanville Athletic Department, received a major facelift this summer. The centerpiece of the renovations was a brand-new basketball and volleyball court, replacing the original surface that dated back to the 1950s. In addition, the main lobby was redone with new flooring and graphics representing some of Manhattanville’s top teams and student-athletes, while the locker rooms were completely renovated to provide our student-athletes with more comfortable and modern facilities to use throughout the school year.

Jaworski Named Head Men’s and Women’s Cross Country/Track and Field Coach
Courtney Jaworski was named the second head coach of the Valiant cross country and track & field programs in July, following a successful two-year stint as an assistant at Smith College. As an undergraduate, Courtney was an All-American runner at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 2006.

Valiants Begin 2013-14 Season
Manhattanville kicked off another busy fall season on the weekend of August 30-31, with the women’s volleyball team hosting four matches at Kennedy Gym. The season started against SUNY Purchase, followed by the Valiant Tri-Match against Bard and Rosemont. The field hockey, men’s soccer, women’s soccer and cross country teams were also in action on August 30, followed by the men’s golf team on Sept. 7 and the women’s golf team on Sept. 14.

As always, almost every home game this fall will be video streamed live online at GoValiants.TV. Visit http://www.govaliants.tv/schedule.html for a complete fall broadcasting schedule.

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
Monica Rascoe, J.D. has extensive experience in student affairs through a career history that includes vice presidencies at SUNY Erie Community College, San Jose State University, and SUNY Old Westbury.

As Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, Monica oversees a wide range of services and activities including residential life, athletics, health and counseling, student activities, international student programs, community service and religious life (through the Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice), disability services, Title IX, and new student orientation. Working in close collaboration with Manhattanville’s senior administration, faculty and students, Monica will continue to enhance and integrate student affairs while encouraging students to take advantage of the College’s academic programs and maximize personal health and growth outside of the classroom environment.

Fall Undergraduate Tour and Event Schedule
View the tour and event schedule, which features a number of new and exciting themed Saturday visitation options at Manhattanville College.

Click here to see the schedule.
Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
Fall Activities

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving is proud to announce the return of the successful New York City Lecture Series featuring discussions with alumni and led by faculty about current events in their fields of interest. This year’s series will focus on Manhattanville’s new undergraduate programs—Sport Studies, Digital Media Production, Accounting and Marketing -- showcasing the newly-added majors and their faculty members.

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving is also excited to take the Manhattanville experience On the Road again to areas that include: Boston, D.C., Philadelphia, California, and Florida. And Saturday, October 5 will mark the Seventh Annual Manhattanville College Wine Dinner with a return outing to Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich’s Tarry Market (the precursor to Eataly in NYC) for this year’s fall food festival. This event is all about the food (and wine!), with cooking demonstrations, and a chance to interact with experts in all things edible and Italian.

In addition to all of the exciting events on campus during Fall Fest’Ville weekend, a 100th Birthday celebration will be held for Mary T. Clark, R.S.C.J. ’39 on Sunday, October 27. All alumni and Manhattanville community members are invited to attend the Mass followed by a special luncheon. Please be sure to access e-portfolio where community members can view photos, documents, and articles and contribute personal birthday messages and greetings to Sr. Clark.

View the alumni section of the website for up-to-date information on events and other alumni happenings. Take a look at our Facebook page.

Library Events

The Library plaza, adjacent to the newly-renovated quad, is a welcome addition to all. The front of the Library exhibit commemorates the 50th anniversary of Manhattanville’s participation in the March on Washington. Upcoming exhibits include: the Gerard C. Thormann Collection, a donation of scholarly books from Professor Lawson Bowling; Sister Mary Clark’s 100th birthday including a special exhibit celebrating her remarkable work and life here at Manhattanville, and an alumni art exhibit.

A lecture commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Caldecott Award will feature presentations by Patricia Lee Gauch, children’s author and editor, Ed Young, author and illustrator, and Nanette Stevenson, art director. The ever-popular Faculty lecture and Midday Music series will continue.

Diversity and Multicultural Liaisons

Professor María José Luján, chair Spanish and Latin American Studies and J.J. Pryor, managing director — Office of Communications, have volunteered to be the 2013-2014 Manhattanville College Multicultural and Diversity Liaisons. They are valuable resources in providing a welcoming, confidential environment for multicultural and diversity issues to be discussed.
How Did You Spend Your Summer?

A number of Manhattanville College students spent the summer “connecting the liberal arts to life” through workplace internship programs. Here is a brief synopsis of several students and a graduate’s experiences:

**Patricia Alfonso’16**
“Day to day, I worked with brands like TRESemmé, Clean Hair and Scalp, Warner Bros. and Sprite, which are all products from very different markets,” Patricia Alfonso reported about her public relations internship. “Apart from this, I was the Social Media Coordinator at Steve Madden Puerto Rico. In this job, I was able to use everything I learned during my internship but focused more on what I love: fashion trends.”

Patricia stated that the knowledge she acquired about public relations and marketing while working as an intern will help her gain entry into the world of fashion. “The fashion industry is a tough one and breaking into it takes time,” she said. “I don’t plan to let opportunities pass me by. Let’s see what the future brings me!” She will be completing another internship at Refinery29, a fashion and style website in the United States, during the fall 2013 season.

**Gabriella C. Barnes’15**
During the summer, Gabriella Barnes interned at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in Menlo Park, Silicon Valley, California. “Throughout my internship, I rotated among the various departments and was exposed to many different career opportunities,” Gabriella said. “Between working with Client Service Managers, Risk Officers, Complex Service Managers, and Financial Advisors, I was able to walk away from this internship with an in-depth analysis of wealth management, and the goals of Morgan Stanley in the financial planning they give to their clients.”

Gabriella categorizes her internship as a highly educational experience that has increased her understanding of the financial industry. “I learned several compliance rules and practices of the firm, aided in uploading documents to Morgan Stanley’s database, sat in on client meetings as well as wholesales for new mutual funds, and listened to the top analyst’s reflection on markets during a special client event,” she said. “By the end of the internship, I had prepared and presented two LifeView Case Studies as well as Education Savings Plans and recommended several mutual funds that would re-allocate their investment assets and benefit a prospective client in today’s market.”

According to Gabriella, interning at Morgan Stanley provided insight into possible career opportunities in the field. “I packed my bags and moved to the other side of the country to prove to myself that I could make a life-changing decision for a job,” she said. “This experience has shown me that continuing a career in finance could lead to working anywhere in the world.”

**Elizabeth Borgatti’13**
Manhattanville graduate, Elizabeth Borgatti, recently completed an internship at Archie Comics, where she currently works as a part-time book designer. “At my internship, I worked directly with the editor and the assistant editor of Sonic and Mega Man,” she said. “Most of my job involved graphic design and production, which required putting pages of a book together by collecting images from digital files using a template. I also designed and put together covers, title pages, and tables of content using graphics from the interior pages of the book.”

Her performance as an intern resulted in a part-time position where she continues her work gathering and sorting graphic imagery. “The work I am doing is very similar to what I was doing as an intern, except now I handle the graphic novels solely.”

According to Elizabeth, interning at Archie Comics introduced her to an entirely new facet of the art world. “When I first got to Manhattanville, I was only interested in illustrations because I figured there would be more career options,” she said. “I thought I would be able to work in
books and magazines. I had never done computer graphics because I was so rooted in drawing and painting. I had to switch gears from being a fine artist and making work for myself to working for someone else and making commercial art. It was a great experience!”

Elizabeth C. Cavanaugh’14
Elizabeth Cavanaugh completed an internship at Old Westbury Gardens (OWG), a non-profit organization in Old Westbury, Long Island, committed to preserving and displaying the twentieth century American country estate.

Elizabeth, who worked at OWG as a curatorial intern, created new systems for documenting papers stored in archives. “I was hired to tackle their Archive Room and create a digital database of various documents stored there,” she said. “I honed my organizational skills and work with programs like PastPerfect, Adobe Acrobat Pro and Adobe InDesign that I know will help me in my career after Mville.”

Reflecting on her experience, she said, “I felt like an integral part of the OWG Team and adored my time at the Gardens.”

David C. Jones’14
Finance major David Jones, completed an internship at MasterCard Worldwide during the summer. “I worked in the Franchise Department, which is within the Law and Franchise Integrity Business unit at MasterCard,” he said. “In franchise, I was asked to review brand agreements, or contracts given to potential customers, and set up templates for future billing service. Finally, I worked on a project involving new customers coming to MasterCard, where I helped to prepare training documentation for internal use.”

For David, the most intriguing component of his work at MasterCard was the “Intern Business Challenge,” which involved coordinating with fellow interns to produce the layout for an interactive app directed at the current generation. “My group developed an app called “FUNds,” which was aimed at helping international students studying abroad or the casual traveler,” he explained. “It was filled with features including currency conversion, trip planning, emergency tips, deals, and more, which we then presented to HR and MC Labs managers, and fellow interns.”

According to David, interning at MasterCard provided him with an essential learning experience that enhanced his international awareness. “I made friends with students from all over the world while gaining a wealth of knowledge from the leaders in my department,” he said. “Everybody that I had the opportunity to work with was genuinely nice and always offered a helping hand. As a result of my internship at MasterCard, I grew both professionally and individually.”

Benjamin A. Smith’14
Benjamin Smith completed an internship at the Rye Historical Society, an organization dedicated to collecting objects and information about Rye’s historical heritage. “I help research military artifacts,” he said of his duties. “My first project was doing research on their Civil War artifacts, which were two cavalry sabers and an officer’s uniform.” After completing his initial project, he conducted additional research on relics from WWII and collected data on the 8th Air Corp from surviving veterans. “My role evolved into collecting stories as they told them to me,” Benjamin said. “The employees at the Rye Historical Society are mostly women and we all observed that the veterans still hold to the traditional chivalry principle where it is inappropriate to talk about violence around women. But once I was alone with them, they opened up.”

He cites his experience working at the Rye Historical Society as a wonderful way to familiarize oneself with past generations. “I feel like it is my duty to collect their stories because this is a generation of incredible people,” he explained. “One veteran served with John F. Kennedy in the war and another was a staff officer who had regular communication with Dwight D. Eisenhower.”

Benjamin will continue his work at the Rye Historical Society this fall and plans to use his research for academic purposes. “With the help of Professor Brian Snee in the Communications Department, I’m going to record interviews with these veterans and use them for my senior thesis,” he said. “My goal is to use it to create my own documentary.”
New Board of Trustee Members

**Wiley C. Harrison,**
President of The Business of Your Business, a firm he founded in 1994, provides accounting and tax return preparation services. Harrison is also the founder and President of Danjuma Inc, a real estate firm, and the Akanni Investment Club.

In July 2011, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, D-N.Y., appointed him to the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council. In February 2011, he received the Madame C.J. Walker Award for Economic Development from The Trailblazers Award Program, sponsored by the county executive, the African American Advisory Board, the Westchester Community College Black Student Union, and the county Board of Legislators. The award recognized Harrison’s professional accomplishments and the positive impact he has had on the community through various programs, scholarships and mentoring.

**James Ram,**
'87, President and Founder of Indusa Global, an information systems company located in Atlanta, Georgia with offices internationally. In 2002, Ram transitioned the firm, founded in 1999 as a custom software development company, to a company that specializes in data management solutions for Tourism. He and Indusa Global worked with Furman University and The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Technology to establish the Caribbean Institute of Technology (CIT) in Jamaica to provide an offshore source of trained software professionals for Indusa Global’s software development business.

Ram has been consulted for his extensive knowledge and expertise on Tourism and National Security Technology. In 2007, he accompanied Bill Gates to Cartagena, Colombia to meet with Colombian President Uribe and Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, and was Keynote Speaker at the United Nations World Tourism Organization Annual Conference in Kuala Lumpur. And in 2006, he accompanied Bill Gates and Bill Clinton to South Africa for Microsoft’s Government Leaders Forum where he spoke about Tourism. During that time, he was appointed to the World Economic Forum’s Committee on Tourism, Aviation and Travel Safety.

In 2011, Ram relocated to the Los Angeles area where Indusa has begun using data-mining, programming and social media expertise in partnership with major studios such as Disney and Relativity Media, to provide analytics on upcoming projects and targeted marketing. In 2009, he was instrumental in procuring Forrest Whitaker to speak at Manhattanville’s Commencement Ceremony. In 2008, he headed up a joint venture between FarCor Studios and Indusa Global to produce low-budget indie features. Later that year, FarCor hosted an event for Manhattanville in Los Angeles.

**Joseph Narus,**
'86, President of the Manhattanville College Alumni Association, is committed to reconnecting alumni from the 80’s to the College community. An RN and Board Certified Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurse, Narus has been a staff nurse in the Urology Department at Memorial Sloan-Kettering’s Sexual Health and Reproductive Medicine Program since 2005. He was a Nurse Practitioner and Director at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center from 1998 to 2005.

Narus is a Board Member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Urological Association, International Society for Sexual Medicine, Sexual Medicine Society of North America, and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Society.

**Interim Dean of Students Sharlise Smith-Rodriguez**
Sharlise Smith-Rodriguez was named Interim Dean of Students, assuming the responsibilities of providing administrative leadership and guidance for programs and activities that help support and promote student development and learning.

In her role as Interim Dean of Students, Sharlise has programmatic, budgetary, and personnel responsibilities for the Office of Campus Life which include: Student Activities, Orientation, Berman Center, Student Council and the Game Zone.

Sharlise joined the College nine years ago as a Resident Director in Residence Life. She was promoted to Assistant and then Associate Director while earning her MA in Teaching from Manhattanville. She moved from Director of HEOP through various positions in the Academic Affairs department to Coordinating Director of the Centers for Academic Success where her strong leadership abilities resulted in student success and retention.
Attention Foodies: Starbucks and More!

Great news for all the coffee lovers on campus! On September 18th, Chartwells will have a grand opening in the library to introduce the College community to the new Starbucks Café for Valiants who enjoy a tall, vente or grande Caramel Macchiato, Latte, Ice Chai Tea, Passion Fruit Lemonade, or the traditional, tried-and-true great cup of coffee. All other locations on campus will serve the popular Seattle’s Best Coffee.

“We heard you,” stated Jennifer Schirrmacher, senior director of Dining Services.

“Earlier in the spring, Chartwells conducted a survey and over 80 percent of students chose Starbucks brand as their coffee of choice.”

Starbucks is not the only change in the food and beverage category at Manhattanville. Gluten-free meals, snacks and desserts are now featured in the dining hall and the pub. Additionally, the pub has introduced a new Latin fare, “Sono” that features tacos, burritos, enchiladas, rice bowls, and tortillas. The smoothies, popular in the pub during the summer, will remain available throughout the fall.

Be sure to check the monthly event calendar located outside the dining hall for such features as Celebrity Chef Series, Game Show Night, Tweet for Treats, Hot Chocolate Bar, Milkshake Madness, and much more.

Four CCC Representatives Attended AAC&U General Education and Assessment Conference In Vermont

In spring 2013, the Core Curriculum Committee (CCC) applied for and was accepted to the competitive Association for American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Institute on General Education and Assessment in Burlington, VT. Four CCC representatives (Profs. Jim Bryan, Alison Carson, and Sherie McClam, as well as Michaela Rome, Asst. Provost) attended the Institute, June 1 – 5, which included 41 campus teams from across the country. The Institute provided participants with extensive opportunities to work as a group, with other teams, and with experienced faculty consultants to refine and enhance work on curriculum and assessment of the general education program.

Building on the previous work of the CCC and feedback from faculty, the intensive work performed by the Manhattanville team resulted in a meaningful, coherent framework for general education, which aligns with the College’s mission and traditions. The representatives who attended the Institute will work with the larger CCC to refine the framework for presentation to the academic community this fall.

Heritage Hall Update

Heritage Hall which connects Reid Castle to the Chapel, and honors the College’s rich history features exhibits that celebrate the early years at the campus leading up to today. Plans to extend Heritage Hall out into other facilities on campus via exhibits, podcasts, panels, and monitors are underway.
Manhattanville College® Implements College Servicemark

Manhattanville College was recently awarded the College servicemark by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Effective immediately, the ® symbol, which ensures the protection of the College’s brand identity against copyright infringement and improper usage, will follow “Manhattanville College”.

In order to retain servicemark ownership, the ® symbol must follow the first mention of ‘Manhattanville College’ in publications including advertising, marketing collateral, internal and external communications, products, and programs. The servicemark, while protecting Manhattanville’s primary brand identity, does not extend to other widely-used terminology for the College such as Mville, ’Ville, or Manhattanville. Standard Guidelines have been set forth executing the proper use of the servicemark when referring to the College.

I Am A Valiant

The “I am a Valiant” campaign features stories of Valiants, past and present. Conceived by Nikhil Kumar, vice president of Enrollment Management, the campaign consists of a series of black and white photographs, each featuring a different member of the Manhattanville community, accompanied by a quotation regarding what it means to be a Valiant.

“We asked participants to share a brief quote about how Manhattanville has helped shape their lives, and also how it has positively impacted various members of our community,” Kumar said. “This is truly a testament to the tremendous sense of pride we feel and the commitment we make to each other and to our mission as a whole.”

Kumar wanted to create a space where Valiants could be seen and heard. He assembled a team that included Professors Jim Frank and Brian Sneec, Vidamarie Vargas ’13, former senior class vice president, and Tun Aung, director of Brand Management and Creative Services. Together, the team created a campaign that captures the many faces and shares the many voices of Manhattanville.

The photos are both a record of and testament to Manhattanville’s tremendous diversity. More than 70 profiles are featured in the first phase of the campaign, with subsequent phases to include as many Valiants as possible including students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

“The campaign puts a face to the College, and humanizes Manhattanville as a whole,” Kumar said.

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