



State Approves New Master of Education Program

The School of Education announced a series of new programming and funding to help the College remain one of the premiere education schools in the state by continuing to serve as the leader for the Mid-Hudson region for faculty professional development related to edTPA and three new or revised statewide standardized tests.

An agreement with Orange Ulster-BOCES was reached to provide coursework for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages program to assist teachers from surrounding school districts. Four courses will be offered beginning this spring for a tuition discount. In addition, approval was received from the New York State Department for Funding of their Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities grant application for the Spring 2015 semester. The \$15,000 allocation allows the College to pursue its own professional development related to statewide testing, and addresses ways to recruit teacher candidates from diverse backgrounds in addition to mentoring African-American teacher candidates. The New York State Education Department also approved the newest Master of Education degree in Education Entrepreneurship. This interdisciplinary program combines the expertise of the School of Education and the School of Business to provide graduate students with skills needed to take advantage of untapped business opportunities in the field of education. Also an agreement was finalized with Putnam Westchester Industry and Science Teacher Alliance to give graduate credit for graduate-level courses offered in the areas of teaching science, math, foreign languages, the arts, and other areas formerly covered by the Westchester partnership.



School of Business Launches Nonprofit Management Initiative

Nonprofit leaders throughout Westchester County were invited to Manhattanville to learn about the School of Business's new Nonprofit Management Certificate Program. Director Rhonna Goodman and Dean of the School of Business Anthony Davidson introduced the unique program designed to address the issues of today's nonprofits. The Nonprofit Management Certificate, which will begin its first module in March, will be delivered in a hybrid format using face-to-face and videoconference sessions. Those who complete all five modules will receive the certificate and are eligible to receive advanced standing in the M.S. in Business Leadership degree.



CCD Teaches Students How to Brand Themselves

The Center for Career Development (CCD) introduced a variety of programming aimed at student life post-graduation. Festivities kicked off with the first installment of Life after Mville Career Success Series, "Creating Your Own Personal Brand," which featured Richard Lewis, author, "Why Hire Jennifer." Other initiatives in the series included an "Employer Spotlight with MasterCard," campus interviews for internship positions, and the annual Education Job Fair, which brought over 30 employers from various sectors in education to Reid Castle. Other events for the month of February were: the third annual "Learn How to Network to Get Work" event; Enterprise Talent Acquisition Specialist Andrea Mele's, networking strategies where the three top student networkers Shan Du, Qihan Li, and Frances Richburg received Amazon Gift Cards; "Volunteer New York: Job Readiness Through Volunteering;" and a Pepsi R&D tour of its Valhalla campus.



Student Activities Holds Graduation Fair and Music Events

A fair for soon to be graduating seniors was held as a one-stop-shop for students to take care of all their graduation needs was attended by approximately 140 students. Also the Office of Student Activities and the Campus Activity Board (CAB) hosted “A Night of Jazz and Spoken Word” featuring Galen from Flute Juice Productions. Throughout the performance, students won prizes for correctly answering questions about famous African Americans in honor of Black History Month. The jazz performance was followed by an open mic that included both students and staff. CAB also presented the annual Battle of the Bands, where student’s auditioned for a time slot at the College’s annual Quad Jam in April.



Alumni Relations Hosts Senior Champagne Toast and Metropolitan Museum of Art Event

More than 150 members of the Class of 2015 attended the annual Senior Champagne Toast to mark the official kickoff of the Senior Class Gift campaign where Senior Class President Andrea Collazo ‘15 announced funds raised would be donated to residence hall renovations. President Jon Strauss and First Lady Jean Strauss challenged the Class of 2015 to go beyond their goal of \$1,500 by pledging to donate \$2 for every dollar raised between \$1,500 and \$1,750 and \$3 for every dollar raised between \$1,750 and \$2,000. Seniors will have the opportunity to contribute to the gift online as well as at various events for the rest of the fiscal year.

Professors Gillian Hannum and Randy Williams were featured at a special Metropolitan Museum of Art New York City alumni event where they led discussions on four different paintings.



Valiants Earn 14 All-Conference Honors During Busy Winter Season

Manhattanville student-athletes earned 14 All-Conference honors from the Middle Atlantic Conference and the ECAC during the winter season, highlighting another good season on the court, ice, and track. Leading the way were the indoor track teams on February 28, when the teams combined to register six All-Middle Atlantic Conference performances at the MAC Indoor Championships. Junior Shannon Roberts earned three All-MAC honors thanks to individual efforts in the 60- and 200-meter dashes and a part in the program-record 4x200-meter relay team, while senior Alexis Lanzillotti was also a multiple All-MAC honoree in the 200 and the 4x200 relay. On the courts, senior Alyson Caiazzo and juniors Juan Camacho and Anthony Maestre earned All-Freedom Conference second-team honors for the basketball programs. And on the ice, senior Rachael Morrison (All-ECAC East first team) and Alla Traun (All-ECAC East second team) led the Valiant women’s hockey team while freshman Stephen Gaul (ECAC West All-Rookie team) was honored from the men’s side.



Duchesne Center and Local MLK, Jr. Group Connect for Annual Conference

The Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice, and the Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence partnered to host the annual “Ending Violence, Building Hope” conference, which aims to educate and engage community members and students on the social justice that Dr. King represented. This year’s conference “Changing the World Together- Questions that Matter,” featured breakout workshops for participants to address issues through dialogue and role-playing. There were four Manhattanville College students that participated in the conference, including Billie Jefferson '18, who gave the opening remarks for the event along with Rev. Wil Tyrrell, director of the Duchesne Center and Catholic Chaplain. Jefferson also received a surprise visit from her mother, Connecticut State Senator Beth Bye.

The Duchesne Center continued another annual tradition by sending student representatives to the Hatton W. Sumners Student Leadership Conference at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at University of Texas-Austin. This year’s keynote speaker was Betsy Myers, who spoke on “Cross-Cultural Connections,” “How to be an effective leader,” and “Proper networking 101.” Approximately 50 colleges and universities in the USA and Mexico attended the conference this year.



UG Admissions Hosts Student Events, Sessions, and Tours

Nearly 700 students and their families attended the “Westchester Educational Forum” event, co-sponsored by Scholar Search Associates. “The Valiant Admitted Student Saturdays” continues to provide admitted students with various academic, campus-based and student-centric information sessions preceding the Saturday tours. Also as winter gives way to spring, selected Saturday and Sunday campus tours will become more frequent. Undergraduate Admission extends a very special thank you to faculty and staff who are an integral part of these events.



Library Hosts Panel Discussion on Paris Attacks

An interdisciplinary panel discussed the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris, which featured extraordinary accounts of the events and repercussions from personal, historical, religious, political, psychological, and sociological perspectives. Presentations elicited many thoughtful responses from the packed audience.

The presenters included: Binita Mehta, French/WLL – Moderator; Elizabeth Cherry, Sociology/Anthropology; Van Hartmann, English; Peter Gardella, World Religions; Jimmy Jones, World Religions; Warda Khan '12; Mohamed Mbodj, History; Christopher Pappas, Biology - reporting from Paris; Christopher Sarver, Political Science; and Irene Whelan, History.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Manhattanville Professor to Moderate Art History [Symposium](#)
- Student Writes About Trip to New Orleans with Duchesne Center for [Huffington Post](#)
- Manhattanville President Writes [Opinion Piece](#) for The Journal News
- Women's Leadership Institute Featured in [914INC](#)
- Manhattanville Professor Discusses Islam on [Radio Show](#)
- Manhattanville Professor Explains [How Civil Rights Movement Shaped his Art](#)

MARCH EVENTS

- March 9-13, Spring Break
- March 16, School of Business Information Session
- March 18, Faculty Lecture Series – Christine Dehne
- March 20-21, The Board of Trustees Weekend
- March 23, International Film Festival, “Wadjda”
- March 24, Faculty Lecture Series – Paul Levitz
- March 24, The Economic Freedom Institute Spring Lecture
- March 24, Westchester County Association's Young Professional Happy Hour
- March 25, Castle Conversations featuring Arianna Huffington
- March 25, International Film Festival, “Halfouine: Boy of the Terraces”
- March 26, School of Education Distinguished Lecturer Series and Reception
- March 26, Faculty Lecture Series – Gregory Swedberg
- March 26-29, Much Ado About Nothing
- March 28, The Presidential Scholars Event
- March 31, International Film Festival, “The Scent of the Green Papaya”