



Fall Open House Attracts Hundreds to Manhattanville

Undergraduate Admissions held its most successful and highest attended Fall Open House to date on Saturday, November 16. The admissions team welcomed families from throughout the northeast and expansive areas such as Florida, Texas, California, and the Dominican Republic!

The official welcome by President Jon C. Strauss and Vice President of Enrollment Management Nikhil Kumar was greeted enthusiastically by our visitors' who filled the O'Byrne Chapel. Our guests interacted with members of the Manhattanville community as we showcased: Reid Castle, the Chapel, Berman Student Center and Benziger Hall. Popular highlights of the day included: information sessions, and the faculty/staff/student session in the East Room. Also the perfect weather was enjoyed by all touring the campus. Thank you to all who helped welcome prospective new Valiants to our campus. The event would not have been successful without your efforts.



The School of Graduate and Professional Studies Bring New York Times Columnist and Sports Career Fair to Manhattanville

New York Times "Corner Office" columnist and best-selling author Adam Bryant kicked off Manhattanville College's School of Graduate and Professional Studies' (GPS) 20th Anniversary "Insights into Leadership" speaker series on November 18. Sharing his "Lessons from the Corner Office," gleaned from hundreds of CEO interviews, Bryant spoke to a captivated crowd of more than 150 Manhattanville alumni, graduate students, and faculty, as well as members of the Westchester and Fairfield business communities, and County officials. He shared memorable stories and eye-opening insights from chief executives such as Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn, Susan Lyne of AOL Brand Group, and Ursula Burns of Xerox, to help anyone who seeks to be a more effective leader and employee in business, education, or nonprofit management.

On November 22, The School of Graduate and Professional Studies hosted its annual Sport Business Career Fair, welcoming nearly 200 attendees and 25 exhibitors. The keynote speaker was Jerry Cifarelli, founder and president of ANC Sports, the industry leader in team and venue services that provides integrated signage, design, and marketing solutions for sports and commercial facilities, such as the Dallas Cowboys massive video board. Hiring managers from major sports organizations, including the U.S. Tennis Association, ESPN, WFAN, Major League Soccer, several professional teams and numerous boutique companies in the industry were also present.

Check out photo galleries of both events on GPS [Facebook page](#).



More Than 300 Attend the Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast at Manhattanville

Manhattanville College's Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice hosted and co-sponsored the annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 21. More than 300 people attended the event, which has become an annual happening in the area after the attacks of September 11 to celebrate the religious diversity in the country. This year's honorees were Geoffrey Anderson, who helps prevent housing discrimination through his organization [Westchester Residential Opportunities](#), Sister Beth Dowd, who started [Songcatchers](#) an organization that provides affordable music lessons, and [Rabbi Amiel Wohl](#), who started organizations in support of diverse communities. Read more about the event [here](#).



DeChent Named All-American for Second Straight Year

After a record-setting All-American season as a junior, senior Amanda DeChent of the Manhattanville field hockey team repeated the feat in her final season, as she was named to the NFHCA All-America second team on December 2. She became only the fifth Valiant ever to earn multiple All-America honors. The senior replicated her program-record totals from last year in 2013, scoring 30 goals with 13 assists for 73 points, and led all of Division III in goals per game and points per game this year. DeChent, who previously was named an NFHCA All-South Region first team pick and the Freedom Conference Player of the Year for the second straight season, finished her three-year career at Manhattanville first all-time in goals (73), assists (36), points (182) and game-winning goals (15).



The School of Education's Changing Suburbs Institute Hosts Annual Parent Leadership Conference

The Changing Suburbs Institute® 7th Annual Parent Leadership Conference took place on November 1. The keynote speaker was Carola Bracco, executive director of Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco, N.Y. Four workshops were offered on advocacy and access to early childhood programs, access to a college education, healthy nutrition for the home, and creating opportunities with legislators. Approximately 150 parents and community representatives attended.

The newly formed Doctoral Alumni Association held its first Doctoral Retreat on October 29 to provide doctoral students with an opportunity to come together to share experiences, perspectives, and support. One of the major topics was the use of different research methods for dissertation research. Two doctoral students (the sixth and seventh), James Fillipelli Sr. and Timothy Conway, successfully completed their doctoral dissertation defenses. Two faculty members, Kristin Rainville and Lenora Boehlert, have created online modules on topics related to edTPA that are being distributed statewide for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (clcu) grant.



Two Student Groups Celebrated the '90s

On November 16, MVL Radio and Students of Caribbean Ancestry (SOCA) collaborated to hold a '90s party in the East Room. Students dressed in attire and danced to songs from the decade. The event was well attended and everyone had a good time. The Office of Student Activities had 350 students reply to a survey about Greek Life on campus. Students suggested nine organizations to bring on to campus and will be taking the lead in contacting local and national organizations for further information about bringing the groups to campus. Contact LaToya Blount, programming coordinator for Student Activities, for more information.



The Center for Career Development Offered Events for Students

The Center for Career Development hosted several events during November. Thirty-five Manhattanville undergraduate students, graduate students and staff were in attendance at the second annual "From LinkedIn to Workin" workshop. During the event LinkedIn.com expert Kevin Grubb presented techniques designed to help build and expand professional social media networks. The Careers in Human Services panel held on November 12 featured five panelists from various nonprofit organizations, who shared their experiences and discussed career paths within the Human Services Industry. Finally, the Graduate School Expo held at Purchase College featured more than 100 graduate schools representing a variety of programs. This was the first year that Manhattanville College students were invited to attend.



Alumni Get Together for '80s Mixer and Other Events

The Office of Alumni Relations held two regional wine and chocolate tasting events in November. The first regional event was held in the Boston area on November 7, hosted in the home of Alumni Association Board Vice President, Sheila Falvey Finnerty '87. Then on November 14, Irena Karpinski '72 hosted alumni at her home in Washington, DC. Both of these events were a great opportunity for alumni in the area to network while experiencing the best flavors of fall.

On November 15, more than 50 alumni from the '80s and '90s came together for the second annual '80s mixer at McFadden's Saloon, in New York City. They also had an opportunity to chat with two of their former professors, Van Hartmann and Lawson Bowling. Finally, on November 21, more than 30 alumni came together for the New York City Lecture series hosted at the home of Trustee, Elizabeth McCormack '44. This special discussion was led by Professor Deborah Saleeby-Mulligan focusing on the emergence of New York City as the center of the contemporary art world.



Center for Teaching and Learning Prepares Blackboard Upgrade

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the Academic Technology Committee and the Informational Technology department teamed up to generate enthusiasm and prepare users for the upcoming upgrade of Blackboard 9.1 to Service Pack 13. The planning and preparation going into this rollout will ensure that all faculty, staff, and students are ready for the new look and feel of Blackboard. The CTL hosted the first ever Blackboard Boot Camp to kick off implementation process. Many faculty and staff took advantage of this opportunity to learn all of the features of Blackboard and the implications of the upgrade. CTL will be co-hosting a number of additional opportunities to prepare for this new version of Blackboard in January.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Manhattanville Alumna to be Inducted in [Westchester County Hall of Fame](#)
- Manhattanville Alumna Named America's Strongest Woman featured in [Westfair](#)
- [Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast](#) Held at Manhattanville
- NYT Columnist Adam Bryant Speaks at Manhattanville: [Harrison Review](#), [Westfair](#), [Harrison Patch](#)
- Mooney's Hat Trick Propels Manhattanville to [Rutland Herald Invite Title](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Study Day, Monday, December 9
- Finals Week Tuesday, December 10 – Friday, December 13
- Residence Halls Close, Saturday, December 14
- Final Grades Due, Tuesday, December 17
- Women's Basketball vs. Wheaton, Tuesday, December 17
- Men's Basketball vs. Wells, Friday, December 20
- Holiday Break Tuesday, December 24 – Thursday, January 2