Manhattanville To Establish the Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy
On Friday, Oct. 25, a joyful luncheon was held to celebrate alumna and former Trustee, Sandra Priest Rose ’73, for her donation of $1.2 million over three years to establish the Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy at Manhattanville’s School of Education. With the establishment of the Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy, the School of Education, as part of its literacy and Special Education Master’s and Certification Program, will offer courses in the phonics-based methodology endorsed by the Reading Reform Foundation of New York, the organization founded by Rose. The Rose Institute for Learning and Literacy is the outcome of a successful pilot program in which the Reading Reform Foundation of New York’s methodology was implemented in one of the School of Education’s Professional Development Schools, the Thomas A. Edison School in Port Chester, NY. Along with staff and Trustees from her literacy organization, Rose was joined by several of her family members, as well as President Jon Strauss and First Lady Jean Strauss, Manhattanville Board and President’s Advisory Council members, Dean Shelley Wepner, School of Education faculty and staff, and guests from the Edison Elementary School.

Alumni Return to Manhattanville For Sister Mary Clark’s 100th Birthday
Alumni Relations organized several events to bring former Manhattanville students together over the past month, none bigger than the 100th birthday celebration of Sister Mary T. Clark R.S.C.J. ’39. More than 150 members of the Manhattanville community attended the Mass and luncheon held at the College on Oct. 27. There is still time to wish her a “Happy Birthday,” or make a gift in her honor on the e-portfolio. Click here for more information about donations and click here to read more about the celebration.

Other October events included the 7th Annual Wine Dinner, taking part in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, the Great Jack O’Lantern Pumpkin Blaze, and Fall Fest’ville. Click here to keep up-to-date with all alumni happenings.

Manhattanville Students Take Part in “Backpack to Briefcase,” and Job Fairs
October proved to be a busy month for the Center for Career Development (CCD). The CCD partnered with the Dance and Theatre Department and the Music Department on the successful “Careers in Dance & Theatre Panel.” The CCD was also a part of the second annual “Recruit Westchester Job & Internship Fair,” a collaborative fair along with 14 other Westchester County colleges and universities, held on Oct. 18 that hosted more than 137 employers. The month ended with the seventh annual “Backpack to Briefcase Senior Fundraising Dinner” on Oct. 23 where keynote speakers and alumni Katie Cariello ’11 and Quirico Perez ’10 provided students with important advice about life after college. Jess Morales, Talent Acquisition Specialist from Enterprise (the Backpack to Briefcase corporate sponsor), advised students about what she looks for in a job candidate. Also alumna Nona Footz ’05 of RSR Partners closed out the evening with career fashion advice and a presentation with help from Manhattanville student models.
School of Education to Start Learning to Learn® Pilot Program
The JPMorgan Chase Foundation has funded a second grant to the School of Education ($21,170) to conduct a pilot program of Learning to Learn®, a research-based system of learning strategies created by Dr. Marcia Heiman. This pilot will take place with ninth graders at Thornton High School in Mount Vernon, New York. Mikki Shaw, director of Jump Start, will be the facilitator for the grant. The Early Childhood Department held its fourth annual conference Oct. 5 focused on “Healthy Children, Healthy Futures: Physical Fitness, Health, and Safety in Early Childhood.” The School of Education (SOE) had its Fall Distinguished Lecturer Oct. 1 with Dr. Susan Neuman, Professor of Childhood and Literacy Education at New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, and previously the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Manhattanville Volleyball Caps Successful Fall Season
The Valiant women’s volleyball team completed a successful season, with 17 wins, the most by the program since 2000. As a team, Manhattanville captured the championship of the Sarah Lawrence Invitational with four wins in two days, the first multi-day invitational title in program history. And individually, freshman Alissa Primavera set a new program record for kills in a season while senior Susy Camaj also became the school’s all-time leader in career kills.

CTL Held Several Programs to Bring Faculty Together
The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) offered a wide variety of programs which brought faculty together to engage in discussions about goals, strategies, and achieving objectives. More than 20 faculty and staff members from across the campus participated in programs that included short starter sessions on the use of innovative instructional tools including, “Teaching and Learning Circles,” ePortfolio basics, the use of ePortfolio for tenure and promotion, and Blackboard for managing course materials. Also “Food for Thought” sessions were held on professional collaboration, tips and tricks on the use of the Learning Management System, and the ever popular “Morning Tea.”

To meet the needs of the College’s teaching and learning community, CTL increased the hours for its eTern team and streamlined its reservation system for the ePortfolio Lab and requests for support. The eTerns are ready and willing to support all faculty and staff with professionalism and a smile.

Family and Friends Enjoy Fall Fest’ville at Manhattanville College
The annual Fall Fest’ville took place on Saturday, Oct. 26 and featured interactive activities, student performances, and athletic events for all 250 family members and friends to enjoy with students. The activities included “tubs of fun”, a rockwall, an inflatable obstacle course, a giant slide held on the Quad, and carnival games along Athletics Road. The day ended with a bonfire and s’mores on the Quad and the Battle of the Bands winners’ performance. Overall it was a great day for families to come together and celebrate the day.
Duchesne Center Gave Back To Superstorm Sandy Victims and At-Risk Youths
The Duchesne Center for Religion & Social Justice made three trips to Queens and Staten Island to help rebuild houses, schools, and parks damaged by Superstorm Sandy last year. The first trip took place during Welcome Weekend with a group of freshmen. It was followed by two other trips open to all students. Craig Donnelly, community services coordinator for the Duchesne Center, organized the volunteer opportunities.

Donnelly also wrote and directed “The Seduction,” a one act play based off of the movie “The Graduate,” which raised funds to bring kids from the Coachman Family Center to “The Lion King” on Broadway.

Editor, Illustrator, and Art Director Show What It Takes To Make Picture Book
A magical evening was enjoyed by all on Oct. 9 when the library hosted special guests Editor and alumna Patricia Lee Gauch MAT ’69, Artist Ed Young, and Art Director Nanette Stevenson, who shared their collective experiences in the presentation “The Magic of Making a Caldecott-winning Picture Book.” Attendees not only became aware of the intricate details involved in the process of creating an illustrated book, but also were treated to an animated version of Ed Young’s classic work, “Lon Po Po,” a sneak peek at a manuscript in development, and a lively question and answer session. More than 60 fascinated students, faculty members and visitors were in attendance.

International Students Get Introduction To Internships and Jobs
The Office of International Student Services (OISS) held several events to help students learn more about internships and possible career paths. In early October the OISS partnered with the Center for Career Development to take students on a field trip to the Manhattan headquarters of Ruder Finn, a global public relations agency. There were also two employment/internship focused workshops open to all international students held during the month. The process for international students to undertake internships and get jobs after graduation in the U.S. is more complicated than for domestic students, but with careful planning and help from the OISS many are able to realize their goals.

The OISS assisted 15 students who were interested in applying to the U.S. Diversity (“Green Card”) lottery by supplying information and taking photos as needed.
MEDIA MENTIONS

• $1.2 Million Gift Establishes Manhattanville College The Rose Institute for Learning & Literacy
  Wall Street Journal, Newsday, Houston Chronicle
• Sister Clark’s 100th Birthday Celebration
• School of Education The Changing Suburbs Institute®
• Manhattanville Host Caldecott Medal Winners
• Dean Davidson to Judge Family-Owned Business Awards
• New York Times Columnist Kicks Off Speaker Series
• Connie Hogarth Supports Higher Wages for Fast Food Employees
• Governor Cuomo Announces Tax Reform Commission at Manhattanville
• Manhattanville Alumna Named to Local Woman of Distinction Hall of Fame
• Dean Davidson Featured in WAG Magazine

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Neumann, Saturday, November 9
• Careers In Human Services, Tuesday, November 12
• Race and Space: Imagining Equality with Langston Hughes, Wednesday, November 13
• Purchase College Graduate School Expo, Wednesday, November 13
• Washington, D.C. Regional Alumni Reception, Thursday, November 14
• Midday Music at the Library Café, Friday, November 15
• Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Utica, Friday, November 15
• Alumni 80’s Mixer, Friday, November 15
• Human Rights Awareness Day, Saturday, November 16
• Men’s Ice Hockey, Saturday, November 16
• MVL’s ’90s Party, Saturday, November 16
• Men’s Basketball vs. Mount St. Mary, Tuesday, November 19
• Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast, Thursday, November 21
• New York City Lecture Series, Thursday, November 21
• Annual Sports Business Career Fair, Friday, November 22
• Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Plymouth State, Friday, November 22
• AJ Buchanan Classic, Friday, November 22– Saturday, November 23
• Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Southern Maine, Saturday, November 23
• Women’s Basketball vs. Drew, Saturday, November 23
• Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Neumann, Saturday, November 23
• Thanksgiving Break, Wednesday, November 27– Friday, November 29