Manhattanville Celebrates President and First Lady Strauss

To celebrate President Jon C. Strauss’ five-year tenure (2011-2016), the Manhattanville community hosted a series of events on April 21, #StraussDay. The day started with President and First Lady Strauss leading the Strauss Day 5K Run/Walk on their bicycles. Joining the Strausses making their way around campus were students, staff, faculty, alumni, and even some dogs with their owners. At the culmination of the run/walk the celebration continued on the quad with food carts, games, and music. The community then proceeded to the Welcome Wall donned in the Manhattanville Valiant caps regularly worn by President Strauss to dedicate the roundabout entrance to the campus Strauss Circle. #StraussDay concluded with an evening reception in the West Room with many staff, faculty, and alumni honoring both President Jon C. Strauss and First Lady Jean A. Strauss.

Food Trucks and Musical Performances Highlight Quad Jam 2016

The College’s annual Quad Jam featured student music and dance performances and guest headliners Darien Dean, Safeliving, Hit the Lights, Justin Love, Dream Junkies, and main act Ace Hood. This year kudos went to the food trucks thanks to the Campus Activities Board setting up a rolling schedule including different cuisines. Even though temperatures dropped during the evening, the College community huddled together in front of the stage to enjoy Ace Hood’s closing performance.

School of Education Students Show Off their Work at 7th Annual Student Research Day

Master’s and doctoral degree candidates in the School of Education presented their research through posters and presentations at the 7th Annual Student Research Day on April 20. Ellis Barowsky, associate professor of the special education department, and Courtney Kelly, associate professor in the literacy department, co-chaired the event which had representatives from several different School of Education programs including, childhood, educational leadership, literacy, and special education.
Students Earn Prizes for Financial Planning Knowledge

The Center for Student Success held the very first Mville Cash Cart as part of its Financial Literacy series. Students were picked up on the quad by Yonathan Ledesma ’16, who is a part of the Manhattanville Advancement Program, and driven to their destination while being quizzed on money and financial planning. For every right answer they received a prize. The Mville Cash Cart proved to be a fun way to teach students the importance of financial literacy, and already has many students hoping to see it return next spring.

The Class of 2016 Hear From Recent Grads at Backpack to Briefcase

The Center for Career Development invited members of the Class of 2016 to attend the ninth annual Backpack to Briefcase Senior Fundraising Dinner. The annual event is designed to prepare seniors to successful transition from college to the workforce or graduate school. Featured guest speakers included Alana Nolan ’06 and Toni O’Dell ’11, who shared stories about their career paths and experiences as well as their time at Manhattanville. Jessica Casanova from Enterprise was also on hand to provide tips on dressing for success during a career themed fashion show with students Gary Chou ’16, Caroline Serrano ’16, Edward Silber ’16, and Christie Freer ’16 serving as the models. Students had the opportunity to network with alumni during a mocktail hour and a formal dinner. The evening concluded with a raffle drawing where both students and alumni won fabulous themed baskets. Funds from the raffle went directly to the Class of 2016 gift.

School of Business Serves Up Breakfast Panel on Critical Talent Management

The Manhattanville School of Business, along with the Business Council of Westchester and Jackson Lewis co-hosted a standing room only breakfast panel on critical talent management. The highly interactive morning included Joseph DiCarlo of WestMed, Mathew Alfieri, vice president of human resources for Shiseido, and Susan Corcoran, a principal at Jackson Lewis. Marsha Gordon, president and CEO of the Business Council of Westchester, served as the moderator, and Anthony Davidson, dean of the School of Business, provided opening remarks.
Steve Wozniak Comes to Manhattanville for Castle Conversations

Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple, visited Manhattanville College as part of the Castle Conversations series to speak about his career and the current state of the technology industry. The event was hosted by Manoush Zomorodi, host and managing editor of the WNYC show “Note to Self.” MasterCard is the presenting sponsor for the series.

Editor-In-Chief of “International Philosophy Quarterly” Speaks at Sister Mary Clark Annual Lecture

The 2016 Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy Lecture took place on April 4 and featured Joseph Koterski S.J., professor of philosophy at Fordham University and editor-in-chief of “International Philosophy Quarterly.” His talk was titled “Lying and Loyalties.” Prior to the start of the lecture, Manhattanville students were inducted into Phi Sigma Tau, the International Honor Society in Philosophy. This lecture is hosted annually by Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy, in memory of Mary T. Clark, R.S.C.J. ’39.

MasterCard and Manhattanville Partner on Inaugural Diversity Summit

Spear-headed by Roselande Louis ’16, Manhattanville College and MasterCard sponsored the Diversity Summit on April 13 to equip students with tips and advice on entering and navigating the workplace as a diverse member of society. Donna Johnson M.S. ’12, chief diversity officer for MasterCard, served as the summit’s keynote speaker, and Genna Farley, assistant director of reunion and volunteers for the Office of Institutional Advancement, moderated a panel discussion that touched on a broad range of identities, perspectives, and experiences represented in the Manhattanville community. The panel was made up of Anh La ’15, accounting operating analyst at PepsiCo, Justyn Richardson ’13, policy analyst for the New York Police Department, Maria Imperial, CEO of the YWCA White Plains and Central Westchester, and Olivia Ecker ’12, human resource manager at Arch Capital. There were also breakout sessions for attendees to discuss their opinions on different issues.
Berman Center Theater to Receive Upgrades Thanks to Grant from George I. Alden Trust

Manhattanville College was awarded a $100,000 grant from the George I. Alden Trust to undertake renovations and upgrades to the Berman Center Theater, which was originally designed as a black box theater. The funds will support updates to the theater’s projection system, lighting, seating, as well as the addition of blackout curtains and a green screen, making the theater one of the most versatile spaces on campus. The enhanced theater will provide the ideal space for new interdisciplinary majors and will support a number of areas across campus including academic programs, admissions, and student affairs. The College plans to restore the theater to full use in time for the fall semester.

Manhattanville Men’s Golf Captures MAC Freedom Championship

The Manhattanville men’s golf team overcame a 13-stroke deficit after day one to capture the 2016 MAC Freedom Championship, the program’s eighth conference title in its 17-year history. Three Valiants earned All-Conference recognition, including MAC Freedom Rookie of the Year and All-Conference first-team honoree Bryan Platt ’19 as well as All-Conference second-team honorees John Maiolo ’16 and Joseph Mullarkey ’18. With the victory, Manhattanville qualified for the NCAA Div. III Championships for the fourth time in school history and will head to Rochester, N.Y. for the event May 10 through 13.

Admitted Students, Prospective Students, and Guidance Counselors Visit Manhattanville

April was a banner month for admitted student events for the Undergraduate Admissions Department as nearly 200 admitted students attended a trio of events. The month started with Presidential Scholars Weekend, which added the new twist of mock class offerings on the first day students arrived. This two-day event was followed by Open House/Accepted Students Day on Saturday, April 9, where admissions welcomed admitted students and also 100 high school juniors and their families who followed their own uniquely tailored schedule for the day. The Undergraduate Admissions Department finished the month of April in grand style by hosting The 54th College Clinic, a Westchester Putnam Rockland Counseling Association event in which 200 high school and independent counselors heard New York Times bestselling author Frank Bruni speak about the college search process. In wrapping up the admissions spring 2016 event schedule, a new record of visitors was set this year with nearly 600 admitted students and their families attending the customized events. The Undergraduate Admissions Department offers a sincere appreciation to the College community for its support and participation during all of these events.
Athletics Honors 10 at Annual Awards Banquet

The Athletics Department celebrated the achievements of all of its student-athletes and recognized 10 individuals for their contribution to the success of athletics at Manhattanville. The honorees were: Shannon Roberts ’16, Female Athlete of the Year; Robbie Lynch ’17, Male Athlete of the Year; Megan Quinabo ’17, Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Willie Silber ’16, Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Desiree Buboi ’19, Female Rookie of the Year; Luke Scroggins ’19 and Cory Anderson ’19, Male Co-Rookies of the Year; Dolores Diemicke ‘17 received the Sports Medicine Award; Debbie Rivera ’16 received the Athletic Director’s Award; and President Jon C. Strauss received the Valiant Plaque.

Dean Anthony Davidson
Shared his Mother’s
Holocaust Survival Story

Holocaust Remembrance Day was commemorated at Manhattanville College with a personal reflection by Anthony Davidson, dean of the School of Business, on May 2 to an overflow audience of students, faculty, staff, administration, 2nd guests. The presentation, “From Munkatch to Manchester through the Gates of Auschwitz: A Son Recounts His Mother’s Personal Story of Courage, Heroism, and Survival During the Holocaust,” recounted Davidson’s mother’s story of surviving the Holocaust. Davidson’s mother’s memoirs and story are held in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and the presentation was recorded and is available in the Manhattanville Library. The event was hosted by the Duchesne Center for Religious and Social Justice, College Chaplains, Catholic and Hillel Student Associations, International Studies, Genocide & Holocaust Studies, and the School of Business.

Biology Students Present at Conferences

Students Charlene Caoili ’16, Mariah Bigaud ’16 and Fon Rummaneethorn ’16 presented papers in Asheville, North Carolina for the National Council on Undergraduate Research at its annual conference. The conference provided the students with the opportunity to share and collaborate with other students as well as take in the scenery and culture of Asheville. Later in the month Arneta Balai ’16, Andrea Conde ’16, Caoili and Bigaud presented their work at the Fifth Annual Westchester Undergraduate Research Conference sponsored by Manhattanville and Mercy Colleges. The symposium which was held at Mercy this year provided the students with the opportunity to share their scholarly explorations with the local community.
The Library Celebrates Financial Literacy Month

The Manhattanville College Library hosted several special programs in April for Money Smart Week, an annual event started by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002. One of the highlights of the week at Manhattanville was an interdisciplinary panel, “Money and Meaning: In Career and Life,” featuring faculty members Katherine Bao of the psychology department, Nimish Adhia of economics, and Paul Kucharski of philosophy moderated by Jim Bryan of economics. In addition to the lecture, the library held several on-site and Facebook webinars, gave out financial worksheets, and had a “Design Your Own Dollar Bill” contest.

Students Carve out their Future with Vision Boards

The Leadership Rocks! series concluded in April with adjunct faculty member Laura Katen, who is also the president of Katen Consulting, led students in the creation of vision boards. Students were able to show off their creativity while focusing on goal setting and achievement with their own vision boards. Other Leadership Rocks! Workshops during the spring semester included Mayor Richard Thomas of Mount Vernon, New York speaking about his experience in politics and moderating a group discussion, and Katen also leading “First Impressions and Communication program.” This was the first semester of Leadership Rocks! and was part of the Office of Student Activities continued efforts to provide leadership development for Manhattanville students.
MEDIA MENTIONS

• Manhattanville’s Mark Nowak Showcased on The Rumpus
• NASA Research Conducted at Manhattanville Featured in Forbes
• Manhattanville Hosts Steve Wozniak for Castle Conversations
• Purchase Elementary School Students Experience Nature in Manhattanville’s Organic Community Garden
• Manhattanville Alumna Releases Murder Mystery Books
• Manhattanville’s Summer Curriculum Featured on Armonk Daily Voice
• Doctoral Student at Manhattanville Featured on CNN
• Manhattanville College Presents Managing Risk in Nonprofits
• Tom Hamilton/Aerosmith Day at Manhattanville College
• Westchester Community, Manhattanville Colleges Sign Transfer Agreement
• Rose Institute Featured on silive.com
• Rose Institute Featured on The Warner Cable News
• School of Education Leadership Symposium Featured on the Daily Voice
• School of Educations Students Succeeding in Bronxville Teacher Residency Program
• Fatin Abbas and Jeffrey Rotter Mentioned in Electric Literature Article

MAY EVENTS

• May 10 – Educational Leadership Reception
• May 12 – School of Education Graduate Awards & Recognition Ceremony
• May 12 – Doctoral & Graduate Commencement
• May 13 – Baccalaureate Ceremony
• May 13 – Dr. Theresa Kelleher ’71 Retirement Celebration
• May 14 – Undergraduate Commencement
• May 18 – School of Education Faculty Retreat
• May 19 – School of Education Open House

JUNE EVENTS

• June 10-12 – Reunion 2016