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Annual Founder's Day Convocation Commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The annual Founder's Day Convocation was held in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visit to Monmouth College in 1966. The ceremony was located in the OceanFirst Bank Center on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

On the day of the ceremony, nearly 300 faculty and administrators flocked toward the Center in a rainbow of academic regalia, along with students and other members of the University community.

Created in 1983 on the University's 50th anniversary from a junior college to an established institution of higher education, Founder's Day is an annual celebration of the University's founding in 1933.

Three decades after Monmouth College opened its doors, King was invited to speak by the Black Student Union in their annual lecture series. Just 18 months before he was assassinated, King stood in front of a packed audience in Boylan Gymnasium on Oct. 6, 1966. To the audience he said, "It seems to me that if a nation can spend that much money on a war in Vietnam and it can spend \$20 billion to put a man on the moon, it can spend billions of dollars to place God's children on their own two feet here on earth."

This year's convocation

address was delivered by Reverend Gilbert Caldwell, who marched alongside King and was an activist in the Civil Rights Movement.

Caldwell's Founder's Day address came after a number of speeches and opened with a harmonious rendition of "God Bless America" by the University's Chamber and Concert Choruses under the direction of David Tripold, a professor of music and theater arts.

University President Paul R. Brown, Ph.D. officiated the start of the convocation with a welcome speech. Before beginning, he called for a moment of silence to recognize the recent loss of Jules L. Plangere, a long stand-
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benefactor and friend of the University.

Brown went on to address the sea of faculty members in attendance. "As we gather today it is important to reaffirm our strong commitment to personalized education, and personal development. We celebrate the scholarship of our faculty, and their essential role in the success of our educational mission," said Brown.

"Just as in 1933 the passion and dedication of all faculty remains the first and foremost ingredient to providing an education that will open new pathways for intellectual development, and new doors to post-graduate success. Our faculty are at the core of this enterprise," Brown added.

Henry Mercer III,
Chair of the
Board of
Trustees,
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ceded Brown and gave a speech that painted the historical context behind King's visit. "Many momentous and important milestones happened during the past 83 years, so it is the theme of today's celebration which takes us back to the year 1966 when one of Monmouth's most historical events took place right here. The student union in its annual culture lecture series chose as its first speaker that year, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Mercer.

"The social climate in our country was divisive. Not only in the struggle for equality and civil rights but also in the unrest of an increasingly unpopular Vietnam War. It was in this climate that a 37 year old Dr. King, having just two years before been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, came to speak to an almost entirely all white audience, not all of whom were receptive to his ideals," Mercer

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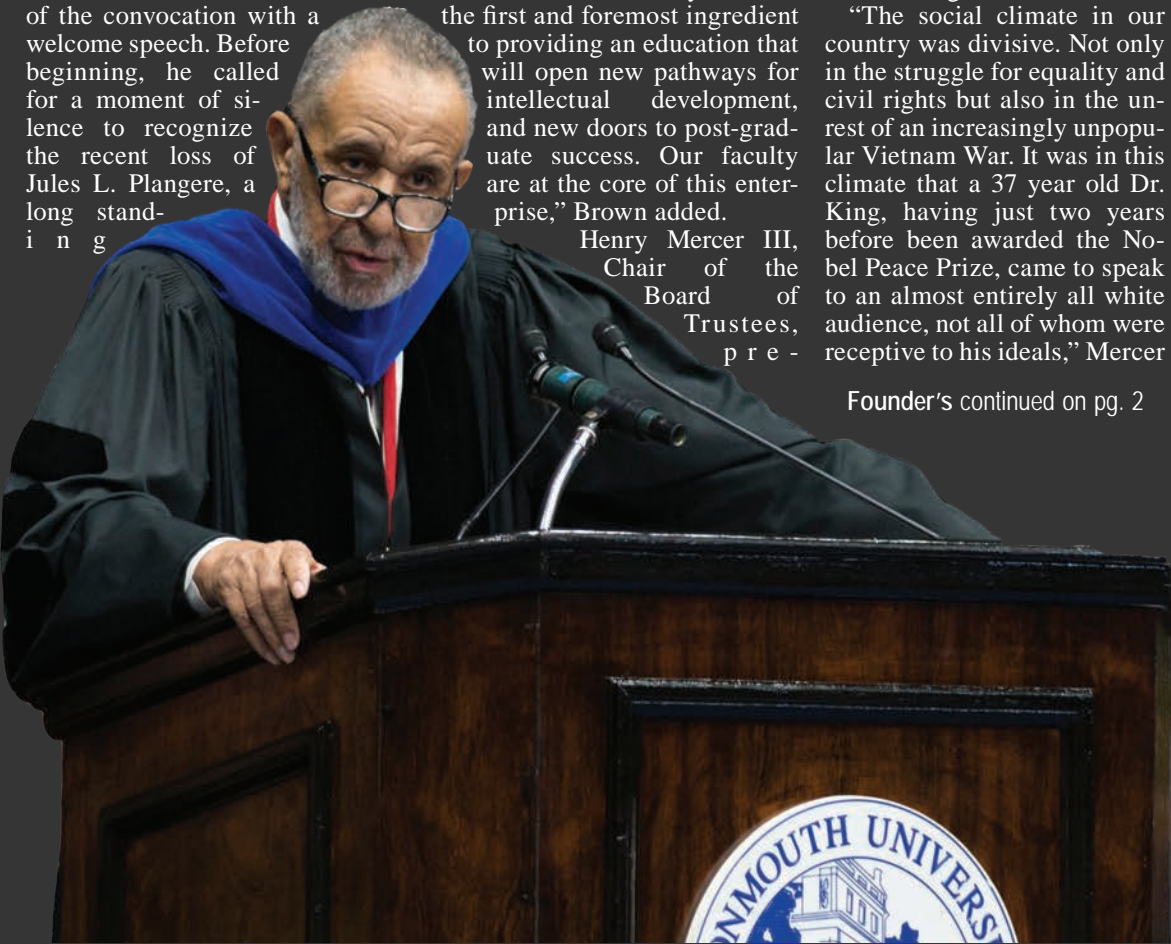


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Reverend Gilbert Caldwell (above) marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the past and spoke at the most recent Founder's Day.

Nobel Peace Prize Winner Speaks at MU

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The 7th Annual School of Science Dean's Seminar featured Plymouth University professor and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Camille Parmesan, who spoke about the responses of wild plants and animals to man-made climate change on Oct. 7. Held in Wilson auditorium, the seminar welcomed

students, faculty, and community members to engage in the presentation.

Dr. Steven Bachrach, Dean of the School of Science, was excited to invite Parmesan to be the keynote speaker of the evening. He said, "Dr. Parmesan is widely recognized as one of the world's leading experts on the biological impacts of climate change. She

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Nobel Peace Prize Winner Dr. Camille Parmesan was invited to speak at the this year's School of Science Dean's Seminar.

A Wing and a Prayer Celebrates 25 Years

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In celebration of the 25th anniversary of his novel, *A Wing and a Prayer*, John Morano, a professor of journalism, released the sixth edition on Monday, Oct. 3. As the first book of the Eco-Adventure Series, new illustrations by Sarah Anderson and an Introduction by Mark Tercek, President and CEO of The Nature Conservancy, are now featured.

"I was dying to fix [*A Wing and a Prayer*] up, dying to put a new coat of paint on it... It now reads the way I have always wanted it to read," commented Morano.

Published by Grey Gecko Press, an eco-friendly publishing house, the novel follows Lupe, the last living Guadalupe Petrel, as he battles human captivity and desperately yearns for a mate to save his species.

Jason Aydelotte, the "Chief Gecko" of Grey Gecko Press, stands strongly behind Morano's work. "One of the most power-

ful messages in Morano's books is the idea of ecological stewardship - of being a responsible member of not only the human race, but the dominant race on the planet. It's on our shoulders as humans to work harder to maintain a balance with the world's ecosystems, and one that we at Grey Gecko take quite seriously. He shows us a world that we affect, in many ways harmfully, yet still manages to give us hope that we can be... well, better," said the publisher.

According to Morano, the idea for *A Wing and a Prayer* was based on the real-life extinction of the Guadalupe species in 1911 by humans. Lupe's story represents one of many cases in which humans have unknowingly wiped out a species. By telling Lupe's story, Morano conveys the fragility of life.

Aaron Ferguson, Chair of the Department of Communication, found Morano's novel to

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MU Polling Institute Named in Fake Memo

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An apparent fake, leaked polling memo that was intended to spin polling results in favor of Democratic Presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton, surfaced in the media late last month from the Monmouth Polling Institute—and left the polling institute members answering angry social media users.

On Sept. 21, a website called *Real True News* published a story claiming that a leaked Monmouth polling memo surfaced that urged the poll to change the narrative of the election. The website claimed that the accomplished pollster from *fivethirtyeight.com*, Nate Silver, had sent the memo. However, the name on the memo was blacked out.

The story came out shortly after the polling institute released its latest numbers, showing Clinton regaining momentum in Florida and criticizing them because they had published two polls that favored Donald Trump the week before.

The mysterious memo was in email form and read to Patrick Murray, Director of the Polling Institute, and had the subject titled, "Change the Narrative." The memo instructed the polling institute to poll populations that would be more favorable to Clinton. It said, "we prefer polling areas of high unemployment for minority response and 'more are available to take calls during working hours and far, far fewer of them support Republican candidates.'" "We also need to greatly oversample women." At one point the email emphasized, "this week the news cycle MUST show Hillary regaining the lead in Florida."

These are just samples of the statements made in the leaked document that can be found at Scribd.com, a digital library subscription service. The memo was met with scrutiny. Monmouth University graduate and Assistant Campaign Manager for the Pennsylvania Republican Party, Tyler Vandegrift, said, "If it's true then it's a disgrace and there needs to be action. He is potentially sacrificing the academic reputation of my Alma Mater in favor of partisan

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