Monmouth Rises in U.S. News’ Annual Rankings

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University Mourns Beloved English Professor

Dr. Prescott Evarts, Jr., who has mentored generations of students over the span of his 50-year career at the University, passed away at the age of 79 on Aug. 28.

Evarts was a beloved faculty member, influential professor, and a core member of the University community. “Education was very much alive to him,” said Dr. Susan Goulding, Chair of the English Department, colleague, and friend of Evarts. “He really wanted students to learn,” she continued.

Evart’s passion for education began at an early age, when he attended New York City’s Buckley School and Saint Paul’s School in Concord, New Hampshire. He then went on to study Greek History and Literature at Harvard University.

After receiving his BA, Evarts continued on to Columbia University where he completed his Ph.D. in English Literature. Although literature was a large interest of Evarts’, he also stayed very active.

He played football at Harvard Law School, and ran track in high school.

He finished 17 marathons, including the Boston Marathon. Evarts even had some students accompany him on his runs. His last freshman year at Harvard, Evarts won a boxing championship. “There’s an aesthetic to sports he really appreciated; he talked about grace as an athlete,” Goulding said. She also noted that he really admired Joan Benoit, the first woman to be an Olympic marathon champion.

His athleticism and fighting heart often carried over into his lessons of literature, which were filled with passion and vitality. William Jones, a junior computer science and software engineering student, shares his experience being in Evarts’ class. He said, “He was very knowledgeable and even though literature is a required course, he understood this and was fair and made it fun for everyone.”

Evarts continued, “He brought a lot to the table, as far as experiences and standing of the subject matter. He had the ability to learn and succeed that you had that ability. That’s what I like most about him.”

COURTNEY BUELL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges ranked Monmouth University 28th in the Best Regional Universities North category for 2018, ten places higher from its original rank at 38th. The higher ranking has been attributed to the hard work and dedication of the University over the span of nearly ten years to increase the academic quality of its freshman class. The University can consider itself one of the fastest rising institutions within the last 15 years due to its ten-place jump.

Robert D. McCaig, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Monmouth University, said, “Rankings mean a lot and the Princeton Review. Last year we scored a 69.4 percent six-year graduation rate. We scored higher than the U.S. News’ algorithm used for predicting, which was 64 percent. We scored six points higher than they had predicted. This accounts for nearly 30 percent of the U.S. News methodology.”

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDITOR

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diversity, and acceptance across campus.” Youth Activists Advisor and University professor, Dickie Cox, shared his thoughts on what is to come from the students involved as, “Being active, mindful, present, and engaged [These] are virtues of strong citizenship within in community.”

Cox encouraged all students to “Be the change that you want to see in the world.”

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Dear Monmouth Hawks,

On behalf of the Office of Transformative Learning, I hope that your semester is off to a strong start. I would like to introduce to all of you the Transformation Fair (T10). This is a series of ten events designed to help you connect the major to prospective career options in preparation for life after Monmouth. This fall, we have invested in supporting activism to student insights and, in particular, a result of the College Student Inventory (CSI) that is completed during the New Student Orientation. We are keenly aware that many students are concerned with exploring majors and determining career opportunities. The T10 brings together current student life, “I hope this activist social is only the tip of the iceberg, and we will see a tremendous burst of energy.”

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Rankings system places importance on statistical measures that experts in education have researched and deemed to be indicators of academic excellence.

Indicators are scored given a specific weight of importance. From the original weighted scores, each school being ranked is given a score anywhere from zero to 100.

The closer a school is ranked to ten, the higher the score. The final rank is taken from the schools being ranked against each other in descending order.

U.S. News explained that they only choose the schools that score in the top 75 percent in their categories to be published.

While McCaig does not believe that rankings are deal closers, he does believe they help to get the University on the radar.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Laura Morriarty had similar views on the impact of ranking results. “Rankings are a snapshot of the university, based on certain criteria of the group doing the ranking. U.S. News & World Report, for instance, is strictly quantitative. A publication like the Princeton Review, for example, brings a more qualitative review of the campus and student life,” she said.

“Both of these rankings are important to us because they are the ones that resonate with students and families considering Monmouth,” she continued.

This year’s freshman class has over 1,000 students as of 2017, making it the largest freshman class at the University yet. With a steady flow of applications coming in, some first-year students can attest to University rankings being important to their application process.

“I wasn’t sure what school to apply to, but Monmouth stood out to me because I heard people say really great things about it and I heard it was up-and-coming,” said Lauren Gnoinski, a freshman undeclared student. “I definitely think rankings matter, especially when you don’t know that much about a school at first. It is very helpful to put things into perspective,” she continued.

Anthony Urmey, Director of Transfer Student Services and Undeclared Services, said that even though transfer students are not factored into the data and methodology behind the rankings, they are just as impacted by these rankings as potential new students. “All students look at these types of rankings,” he said.

Mackenzie Harmes, a sophomore transfer and health studies student, believes that rankings matter. “For someone transferring from a school in a different state, it helped her find schools closer to her home in New Jersey that were highly regarded. “I feel like there are always schools people know are in New Jersey, but I wanted to find one that really fit me and had a good reputation and that is how I came across Monmouth.”

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Hawks Remember Dr. Prescott Evarts, Jr.

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Evarts’ passionate teaching, and understanding demeanor has made him a memorable professor to students in any study area at Monmouth University.

Evarts taught classical texts alongside modern works and appreciated a wide variety of literature. “He was curious and engaged in these expressions of art and wanted to share them,” Goulding noted.

Evarts had a love for tradi-
tional and the contem-
porary poems of young writers. He has had poetry published in Beloit Poetry Journal, Cim-marron Review, Harvard Mag-
azine, Missouri Review, Was-
quas Quarterly, Nebraska Review.

Goulding described alumni who remembered specific com-
ments he had written on their papers or conversations in con-
ferences. “You don’t remember that unless it has an impact,” she said.

“People felt they were better at who they were, especially students,” he continued.

Michael Thomas, Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, said, “His own curios-
ity is what drove him to be such an impactful teacher.”

Evarts read for his own ple-
sure and enjoyed sharing lit-
erature with his friends and col-
leagues. Thomas said, “In the 12 years of Visiting Writers Series, he would create handouts of the writer’s work and drop it in every-
one’s mailbox just to intro-
duce them to the work.”

“He loved to spend time out in
the natural world which is a part
of his classical poetic make-up,”
Thomas continued.

Room 406 of Wilson Annex
is the backstage, through the
window which overlooks the
trees in front of Wilson Hall,
rests a desk covered in printouts,
books, and his own notes.

To the right of the window sits
a bookshelf filled to the ceiling
with Greek classics and tradi-
tional British literature. On the
top of the shelf was a book with
tacks of books from the authors
seen in the Visiting Writers
series and newer collections of
poetry.

Some novels or pages of po-
yry had sticky notes falling out
between the pages where Evarts
had written comments. His love
and admiration for the varied
forms of classical literature and
openness for poetry, he felt, is
represented in his humble of-
lice between his packed book-
selves.

“He always wanted to know
what was going on with you, and
what you were reading,” remem-
bered Thomas.

There were only two photos
in his office, both of his wife,”
Goulding said. Evarts and Ja-
queline (Guerrini) Evarts were mar-
ned 54 years and have two sons
and three grandchildren.

Brigitte T. is a senior English
student, who works as the office
assistant for the English De-
partment, said, “Dr. Evarts was
a really humorous guy; he was al-
ways cracking jokes in class.
He was really passionate in class
and would read aloud with such
vigor. He wanted students to share
that passion. Shakespeare and
Milton were his favorite. He
really loved British Literature.”

Cote comments on the absence
“You could really tell in the de-
partment; it was somber. In the
summer we had one of the only
professors that would show up
every single day.”

Evarts will remain a trea-
sured and influential member
of the University community. His
teachings, his literary work, and
most importantly, his memory,
will be cherished for years to
come.

The university is currently
planning a memorial in honor of
Evarts.

Donations to the Upper Val-
ley Land Trust in Hanover, NH,
were asked to be made in
memory of Evarts.

“Dingleton Hill, Transcen-
dental” by Prescott Evarts, Jr.

I have run it enough to know the
barcodes of trunk shadows
that mean the summit’s near
the fields then riding down
through the hidden river,
Vermont hills beyond

like hawk’s wings shaped
in lavenders and green
and flecked with mist and snow;

the road descending past
Saint-Gaudens’ studio
with its alleys of hedge,

joining the river road
for a level mile before the
wooden covered bridge

that smells of sanding salt
and remnants of golden rod
where I breathe all seasons in.

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Periodical History: 1982’
The use of electronics in class-rooms seems to be an ever-evolv-ing topic - whether laptops are helpful or distracting; whether students should write, type or try them. If a student is distracted on their computer, is it their choice as to whether they want to waste class time, or does it distract other students? Most professors seem to have banned phones easily enough, with almost all syllabi banning them from class use, but some times computers, laptops, and tablets are a more complicated matter, since they can be used both positively and negatively. People have different styles, and when every professor seems to have their own policy on the matter. “Most of my professors this semester have banned technology,” said one editor. “Four of them are communication professors, and I think that that’s a department that is a lot stricter with electronics lately.”

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Early Bird Gets the Worm

Choosing between morning and night classes is a dilemma that students face each semester.

KIERSTEN BECHT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Society has been known for its handup to cover some of the drawbacks and benefits of cursive. Constant media advertising, perfect models who are always2007-1715/07/£30.00 © 2007 Monmouth University Daily
Cursive used to serve as a way to select the best contemporary style. Although, many people feel that the skill of cursive is obsolete, I believe that it is definitely not. This is because cursive provides a more harmonious, beautiful, and safe way of writing.

Today’s Beauty Standards

MEGAN KUDISCH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

They were simple, they were beautiful. The letters that were written in cursive were graceful and elegant. The letters that were written in large print were bold and clear.

CAROLINE MATTHE ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

Cursive is the not writing style of choice for most college students. Most college students have learned it in grade school. I remember being very excited to learn this new style because I thought that it meant that I was now grown up and coming more like an adult. My class learned cursive by tracing the letters on a piece of paper that had already written on the blackboard. I tried my best to follow the scribes and curves. But, I never found comfort in the shape of the letter. I did not see the purpose or functionality of writing in such a formal manner.

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While we only wrote cursive for thirty minutes at school, at home, my mother wrote solely in handwriting. Whether it was a letter, note, or an essay that I was writing, she always required me to write cursive. I could read it perfectly, but I tried my best to follow the scribes and curves. But, I never found comfort in the shape of the letter. I did not see the purpose or functionality of writing in such a formal manner.

Many of my childhood memories involved writing thank you notes in my finest cursive fashion. My parents always taught me how to write cursive because it was a “necessary skill” that I would use later in life. I dreaded writing thank you notes simply because I had to write them in cursive. It was such a long and painful process. It was a nightmare.

After initially learning the cursive alphabet in second grade, it faded into the background. Grade after grade and year after year did not bring any change to the use of cursive. The last time that I used cursive handwriting in a school setting was when I had to copy the legible standard. I remember the beginning of the SATs. Thankfully, the appearance of my handwriting did not contribute to my overall grade.

After I had copied the state mistakes, I had to write my name, address, phone number, and a two pencil and took a breath course. Many times I looked around the room I realized that I was not the only person being stressed out in writing cursive. The young man to my left had just written his name, a phrase that is over twenty-five word statement. His hand shook as he tried to write the word. This boy’s mother clearly said, “You know I am in no way a night owl.” I love being on campus at night. It feels so peaceful about walking around at night. I do not have to listen to the noise to be heard and the buildings sort of hide in the shadows. I love being on campus at night. It feels so peaceful about walking around at night. I do not have to listen to the noise to be heard and the buildings sort of hide in the shadows. I love being on campus at night. It feels so peaceful about walking around at night. I do not have to listen to the noise to be heard and the buildings sort of hide in the shadows. I love being on campus at night. It feels so peaceful about walking around at night. I do not have to listen to the noise to be heard and the buildings sort of hide in the shadows. I love being on campus at night. It feels so peaceful about walking around at night. I do not have to listen to the noise to be heard and the buildings sort of hide in the shadows. I love being on campus at night. It feels so peaceful about walking around at night. I do not have to listen to the noise to be heard and the buildings sort of hide in the shadows.
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When walking around campus this fall, remember comfort is key.

Week’s (NYFW) designers diversified fall fashion with unique designs. Similar to Glamour, burgundy was a very popular color for NYFW because of its rich, regal look. Shirts and dresses with fringes are also making a comeback as a simple way to add a sense of playfulness to any outfit.

NYFW has also incorporated a lot of gold into this season’s attire. It is a nice alternative to yellow, and it is a color that transitions nicely from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend from NYFW is coziness and from the start of the fall months all the way to Christmas and the New Year. Regardless of color, fall is the last fashion trend...
A Magic Moment with John Stessel

John Stessel picked up his first pack of playing cards at age 11.

Do you believe in magic? John Stessel says he does. Sitting on the steps of Wilson Hall, John removed the deck of cards from his pocket and began to shuffle.

It was just last year that John was a student at Monmouth University. He double majored in Business Real Estate and Finance and manifested the spot to graduate first in his class in both majors; but that is not what John is remembered for.

He is known for exactly what he’s doing right now on the stairs of Wilson: Manipulating a deck of cards and mesmerizing whatever crowd happened to walk by.

He has since moved from those steps and climbed to new heights in the direction his dreams.

Nowadays, he can be found in New York City serving as the Real Estate Consultant for the renowned magician, Dan Head Magic Consultant for the Off-Broadway production called, “The Magician” at the Nomad Hotel.

John’s job is to oversee all operations of every show. “The Magician” transcends all statuses with audience members from Kanye West, Kim Kardashian-West, Neil Patrick Harris, and Ivanka Trump, just to name a few that have attended.

John Stessel, a Monmouth alumnus, has been working on an Off-Broadway production called “The Magician” at the Nomad Hotel.

John’s girlfriend, Alli Scarpapera, health studies student, describes a quality about John she admires the most.

“He is so unapologetically himself,” Alli said. “It doesn’t matter what people say about magic or who he was going up, he would never change to fit in and I find that so special.”

John recalled a professor that comments on his Monmouth experience and career path what it has become today. His name is Peter Reinhart, Director of Monmouth University’s Real Estate School.

“Professor Reinhart was equally interested in my magic career as my college career,” John explained. “He really was my mentor and helped other professors understand that when I had to miss class for magic, it was legitimate.”

At this point in John’s life, he was commuting from his internship at J.P. Morgan and Chase in Delaware to New York City serving as an Off-Broadway production called “The Magician” show, and working at West Long Branch’s Bagel Guys Deli to make some extra cash.

Christopher Brigandi, owner of Bagel Guys Deli and former boss of John, said that it took less than 10 minutes of him being on the job before he broke out his deck of cards.

“And he didn’t disappoint,” Brigandi stated. “It was really cool having a professional magician on staff to entertain kids, locals, and us when we were slow.”

While juggling a trio of three jobs and being a student, John decided to take a semester off of school to finally make a decision between the magician world and the real estate world.

It’s no secret which of the two won the battle.

Kevin Zielaznicki, senior finance student, is brothers with John by means of their fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi. “I have to say something nice about Stessel?” Kevin joked, but continued in sincerity. “I highly doubt there are people other than who have a more ambitious spirit than John. His personality, great attitude, and skills are all components of his success.”

John is a humble example of a successful Monmouth alum. “I went to M.U. not to find a career,” John said with a smile turning his head to the right. “I went to M.U. not to find a career.” John said with a smile turning his head to the right. “I went to M.U. not to find a career.”

The Outlook Entertainment September 20, 2017
Taylor Swift, usually known for her soft love songs and pop hits, decided to change her look and sound drastically recently; removing all of her social media, mysteriously and releasing her new single from her new album, ominously titled, Too Sexy.

While the album will not be completely released until Nov. 10 of this year, fans and critics agreed the world needs from tired pop hits about life, love, and power, but the messages are hard to see among the pandemonium.

Oh mother, this is a divisive film. It is one that people will either love or hate, with no between.

While bothersome, the string of maddening events, along with poor performances becomes much too overbearing for the viewer.

The film circles around religion, love, and power, but the messages are hard to see among the pandemonium. Beneath the chaos that ensues, there are, surprisingly, many allegories and messages to dissect.

People are throwing punches, or hate, with no between. Among all the craziness happening all at once that forms into screeching screams, which is well done to create the aura of a madhouse.

After the initial strange imagery, the story feels like a distant memory, destroying the house, chanting, and killing, all while Jennifer Lawrence is screaming at the top of her lungs.

"Every time it comes on the radio in my car I immediately change the channel," she said. "I dont understand why she keeps making singles. It’s not what she wants, it’s what she needs from tired pop hits about life, love, and power, but the messages are hard to see among the pandemonium. Beneath the chaos that ensues, there are, surprisingly, many allegories and messages to dissect. People are throwing punches, or hate, with no between. Among all the craziness happening all at once that forms into screeching screams, which is well done to create the aura of a madhouse. After the initial strange imagery, the story feels like a distant memory, destroying the house, chanting, and killing, all while Jennifer Lawrence is screaming at the top of her lungs."

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What is one academic goal that you hope to achieve this year?

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Student Activities Board Brings White Panda to Monmouth

NICOLETTE PEZZA

The Student Activities Board held its event, Monmouth Mania, in the Ocean First Bank Center on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event took place at 7:30 p.m. and ended at approximately 10:00 p.m. and was a successful start to the semester for the Student Activities Board.

Over 300 tickets were sold by the start of the concert while more students continued to purchase tickets at the door.

Students were charged $15 to attend the concert and were allowed to purchase one guest ticket for $25.

Starting Thursday, Sept. 14, ticket prices were reduced to $5 for students and $10 for guests in order to promote sales. Those who purchased tickets prior to the reduced prices were able to get a refund if desired.

The concert was headlined by White Panda who performed at popular music festival Firefly this past summer. Monmouth student David Krumrine, sophomore and brother of Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Kappa Psi, was featured as the opening act under the stage name DJ KRUM.

“Overall, it was a really cool experience to see what it’s really like to be on the other side of things and see how it all comes together,” said James Raffino, senior and Vice President of Membership and Marketing.

Monmouth, said, “White Panda always wears their panda masks because they don’t want anyone knowing what they actually look like. I think the whole concept behind them having an anonymous identity while also creating a signature look for themselves is really clever. It definitely added to the atmosphere of the event.”

Students were able to dance and listen to EDM music at the rave-like event.

Awareness Chair and junior at Monmouth, Kendall Lotosky, was highly involved in promoting and putting the event together.

“We started ticketing for the event almost immediately once everyone was back at school. What I love about the walk was that we had to pull our own weight and dedicate the free time they had to make sure we were promoting the event. I don’t think people really realize how much work goes into all of the events we host!”

Lotosky continued, “The day before and day of the concert was a lot of work but it was worth it. We had to put flooring tiles down to protect the actual flooring and set up the stage and lights to name a few things in an anonymous identity while also creating a signature look for themselves is really clever. It definitely added to the atmosphere of the event.”

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Michele Kaplan, Greek Life Advisor, said, “Nationally, Alpha Xi Delta partnered with Autism Speaks back in 2009, and has worked hard to raise awareness while raising money for such an important philanthropy. It is great to see the Iota Nu chapter volunteering at local walks, as this helps raise awareness and is a way for our Monmouth students to get involved in the community.”

PHOTO COURTESY OF Brianna Licciardello

Monmouth University students dance at Monmouth Mania.

Model UN

The Model UN is excited to announce they will be participating in a variety of competitions this year! The Model UN is a program designed to provide students with an array of important researching, speaking, and writing skills. If you are interested in participating this year, please e-mail klodley@monmouth.edu or stop by my office (Bey Hall 244).

We meet every Wed. 2:45-4 p.m. in JP 235.

Blue Hawk Records

Blue Hawk Records will be holding auditions today, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at Woods Theatre for their 11th Compilation Album. Students will have the opportunity to be recorded professionally. Please e-mail bluehawkrecorders@gmail.com with the word “AUDITIONS” in the subject line to reserve an audition spot.

Hawk TV News

Hawk TV News is looking for vibrant and interested students who want to be reporters, writers, anchors and much more. You do not need to be a communication major to be apart of this organization.

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Students are able to explore a wide variety of study abroad and experiential education opportunities.

**Monmouth Sends Silence Packing**

-On Sept. 18, Send Silence Packing, an event with a display of 1,100 backpacks representing the 1,100 college students who commit suicide every year, finally came to Monmouth on its traveling tour.

The rain did not deter the over 400 students that trickled through the Student Center Patio to read the mini-displays filled with stories of those affected by suicide.

Not only that, but students were able to understand warning signs, identify local support systems and were able to recognize campus support programs as well.

250 students, faculty, and staff roamed through Anacon Hall as they viewed the 1,100 student backpacks.

**Active Minds, a non-profit organization that raises awareness about mental health, has monumentalized those lives lost by placing these backpacks on campuses throughout the nation.**

The event, Send Silence Packing, has been implemented at other campuses such as, Farleigh Dickinson University, The Ohio State University, University of Michigan, and many others.

Christopher McKitrick, Psychological Counselor with Counseling and Psychological Services, said “While O’Kane said that she gained a renewed respect for different cultures and wants to continue traveling in her future.

I want to get my degree and travel now. I would love to work for a global company one day,” O’Kane said.

Monmouth University not only provides students with the opportunity to study long-term in a different country, but there are also more short-term programs that students can take part in if they want to travel. Kristin Inzana, a healthcare provider on the Global Experiences’ Alternative Break Trips, spoke highly of the programs Monmouth has to offer all students.

“Whether the student is traveling with study abroad or through Global Experiences and volunteering their time, they have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of different cultures and situations that other countries may face,” Inzana said.

Rianna Rea, a business administration graduate student and recent Spanish language graduate from Monmouth, took full advantage of the travel opportunities that Monmouth has to offer.

Rea studied abroad in Australia during Fall 2015 and has also been on alternative break trips. “The Alternative Break and study Abroad Program are two things that made my Monmouth experience so amazing,” Rea said.

But, of course, there’s more. Dr. Chris Hirschler, Department Chair and associate professor of the Health and Physical Education department, also offers a Public Health trip to Guatemala.

Kristin Inzana, a healthcare student, went on this trip during Spring break of 2015 and has since traveled with Corey Inzana, International Student Advisor, and the Global Experiences’ Alternative Break Program to Nicaragua and Haiti.

Canela says the trips have helped shaped her future career goals and couldn’t imagine not going abroad.

“I want to continue to travel to developing nations for the remainder of my career. Once I become a physician in the future, I want to work with the United Nations and organizations like Doctors Beyond Borders to deliver healthcare in impoverished areas,” Canela said.

Monmouth students and faculty work together to be able to provide opportunities to travel outside of the country in hopes of education and growth for Monmouth students.

Values like these are some of the core reasons that Dr. Sue Starke, associate professor of English, has seen develop over a trip to London that she lead along with associate professor Dr. Jeffrey Jackson in March 2016.

The two professors took a team of about 14 students to London for a literature based trip.

“Travel makes something you’ve studied in the abstract, like literature, much more concrete,” Starke commented.

“When you can see the places like the Globe Theatre or the Assembly Rooms at Bath, where the authors lived, or the streets the characters allegedly walked on, everything becomes more meaningful and memorable,” Starke said.

Any students interested in traveling during their time at Monmouth should keep their eyes open for opportunities around campus and in their student e-mail or apply to study abroad through the MU portal.

On the importance of traveling during college, Kristin Inzana said, “Upon graduation, a student who has had the opportunity to travel in college will have the ability to connect with people of other cultures at their new job or while they are furthering their education.”
Within Monmouth’s own creative and ambitious student body, there is a growing business. A senior fine art, art history and photography student, Matthew Hanratty, began his label company, Good Vibes Or Get Out two and a half years ago.

“I went on to think about ruling the world, like I’m better than Vans; then I went to the realizado of my dream when I get back to school,” Hanratty said. Hanratty had his dream and his drive equally push his company along.

“I used my own money, get supplies, and make everything by hand. I want it to be a personal company. When you buy a shirt you’re not a customer you’re a part of the movement of the label,” he said.

Dr. Stuart Rosenberg, associate professor of Management and Decision Sciences, said, “I think it’s possible for a mature student to be an entrepreneur if they have a dream and stability, they can succeed. If a student truly has a dream and stability, they can be an entrepreneur if they have it’s possible for a mature student.”

Buzza expressed the importance of how beautiful our campus is; it promotes businesses, we should declare to the world we are highly capable. “I am proud to be a Monmouth student, fly hawks!”

“Dedication, time management, passion, and lots of organization go into starting up a successful business.”

Tigers, Ducks, and Hawks Oh My!

PHOTO COURTESY of Matthew Hanratty

Douglas Bornhoet CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What’s better than being named a Top 10 college in New Jersey? Being named a Top 5 college! What’s better than that? Top 5! Wait, slow down everyone, we’re not there just yet. But 2018 is just around the corner and Monmouth is bound to continue to be recognized by both the state and national polls as a highly acclaimed university that excels in both academics and athletics.

In the 2017 rankings done by US News Monmouth University was ranked fourth in terms of overall status in various categories. This is obviously very exciting for the students, staff, and faculty members of the University.

Being recognized is a major achievement for the university. As we all know, Monmouth is persistent when it comes to keeping the campus updated and looking incredible, with new buildings being constructed such as Poyzick Hall, which was finished in 2016, and the new additions being done to both Edison Hall and the Guggenheim Library.

John Kessler Stadium.

This is truly something that both members of the campus can appreciate as well as visitors who come to view our school. Yet, Monmouth does not forget its rich history. Even with all the new advancements the current campus can still boast beautiful buildings such as Wilson Hall and the Guggenheim Library that are well preserved and full of character.

So, what does this mean for school morale, and the future of Monmouth? That would involve some running around campus and quick interviews with fellow students. For starters, it was important to figure out how this could potentially help our athletics teams in terms of team spirit in helping them with recruit-ment.

Ryan Byrd, a senior Psychology student and a fourth year outfielder for the baseball team, said, “I think it’s phenomenal for Monmouth to get the recognition for the Top 5 colleges in New Jersey. Obviously. Professor, staff here don’t work for the awards, but it is to recognize all the hard work and dedication everyone on campus puts in to help everyone excel. As always, I’m proud to be a Monmouth student, Fly hawks!”

“All athletes know that academic success is as important as athletic success, so it is helpful for us when potential recruits, and especially their parents, get to see that their child will not just be coming here to play sports because the University has so much more to offer,” Byrd said.

Half the battle of getting into college is getting your parents support with it, so our new Top 5 ranking will sure to please more hawks.

As for the general morale around campus, most students were equally surprised and excited to hear that Monmouth had earned such a prestigious ranking. A senior English student, said, “I thought it was going to be surprised, I was completely caught off guard.”

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, a professor for the Department of Political Science and Sociology, said, “I’m not only a professor, but a Monmouth graduate, I’ve been involved with the university for 40 years. The progression is tremendous for faculty and student alike.”

“It’s [our ranking] an accomplishment and will help our image and advancements academically and otherwise,” he said.

“Not many universities can declare to the world we are highly ranked. We are on a positive trajectory that reflects the school. It is not from the impact of the work of an individual, but the efforts of many, to advance the university forward,” Sarsar continued.

Something interesting that did come from the discussions had, was that students were not surprised because they felt Monmouth did not earn the ranking, more so because Monmouth was able to compete with colleg-es that have long been the main discussion of New Jersey, such as Princeton, Stevens, and TCNJ. That really does speak to the strides that this University has been taking to get its name in the discussion when it comes to this state’s most promising schools.

One student who was not surprised was Kara D’Antoni, a junior communication student, said, “Well, I think one of the biggest reasons our school is getting more recognition is because of how beautiful our campus is; every time I talk to someone about Monmouth, that’s the first thing they bring up.”

“Hopefully it gives more students a better appreciation for our school because I think we should be thankful we go to a prettier school,” she said.

“I am not only refreshing to hear from a student who was not as surprised to hear of Monmouth’s success, but it is also understandable to have some astonishment over such a high ranking. Thinking of just how many colleges are in New Jersey, being number 4 is really something. In the midst of all the accomplishments of both the students, faculty, and professors. Hopefully next year, in 2018, Monmouth will push their way out of top 5 and into top 3. So, watch our Tigers of Princeton and Stevens Ducks, because the Hawks have a taste for glory, and we want the top spot!”
Field Hockey Ranks #25 Nationally After Win

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The Monmouth University’s field hockey is now ranked nationally for the first time in its school history, coming in at #25 nationally in the Penn Monto/ National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Poll. This comes after they produced a 3-2 road win this past Sunday afternoon against rival Quinnipiac in Hamden, Connecticut. The hard-fought victory improves the Hawks to a 5-2 record and extends their winning streak to three.

“We always challenge ourselves by playing a really difficult non-conference schedule,” said Monmouth head coach Robert McCourt. Monmouth looked to bounce back from their overtime defeat to UMBC when they traveled to Columbia on Tuesday, Sept. 12. It was the home side who struck first in the 38th minute when senior forward Arthur Bosua flicked a header on to junior midfielder Francisco Agrest, who was able to convert the chance into a goal.

Midway through the second half, Columbia extended their lead to two. Bosua was involved once again, this time as the goal scorer after deflecting a pass from sophomore midfielder Matthew Swan into the back of the net.

In the 76th minute, Monmouth managed to cut the deficit in half when junior defender Zachary Pereira received the ball just within the edge of the eighteen-yard box and tucked a shot inside of the right post. The Hawks were unable to find an equalizer, though, and the final score ended 2-1 in favor of Columbia.

On Saturday night, Monmouth once again played on the road, this time at #25 UMBC. Thirty-five minutes into the match, the shot and senior defender Julie Lazo was credited with the assist.

The game broke for half time tied at two and Monmouth found themselves in a different position than their previous games. The Hawks outshot their opponents by an average of 21 last week and dominated the field throughout. This contest was different as the Bobcats had the lead in the shots department and were matching the Hawks step for step.

It took ten minutes before the next goal was scored. Sophomore defender Annie Deutsch scored the eventual game winner on a dazzling play where the split two defenders and blasted a shot into the net for her first goal of the season.

The Hawks defense continues to impress, Quinnipiac was held to ten shots this game and only two goals. Additionally, senior goalkeeper Christen Piersanti played her role in the win by making three crucial saves, her shutout streak was ended at 146 minutes and she earned her 41st career victory.

“It was a hard-fought battle and we were happy to come out with the win,” Figlio said after the game. The field hockey team added brought home two Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) awards this past week. These awards came after an impressive weekend that saw Monmouth’s offensive and defensive ability. Hoop was named as the offensive player of the week for her impressive 10 point outing last week. Laszlo secured the defensive player of the week for her part in last week’s back to back shutout wins. Laszlo was key piece in a defense that allowed a combined nine shots and only three of those were on goal.

Figlio celebrated her 100th win two weeks ago and was honored with the trophy to commemorate the occasion. Figlio is now in her 11th year at Monmouth and she has racked up a slew of awards, including the MAAC coach of the year in 2016. The team itself has improved every single year under her guidance this year should be no different.

“It means a lot to me, being here and staying with a program for 11 years now it is amazing to see how much we have grown. This goal means a lot to me and I get the reward from that,” Figlio said about winning her 100th match. “The icing on the being that I played there,” Figlio said on returning to New York. The Hawks are slated to return home next weekend for games against Drexel on Fri., Sept. 22 at 4:00 p.m. and UTC on Sat., Sept. 23 at 12:00 p.m. The game against Indiana will be broadcasted live on ESP3.

Field Hockey’s defense proved key in the 3-2 win against Quinnipiac on Sunday afternoon.

Men’s Soccer Loses Late Against #25 Ranked UMass Lowell

EVAN MCMURTRIE

Monmouth men’s soccer was defeated twice on the road this past week by Delaware and #25 ranked UMass Lowell, respectively, as the Hawks now see themselves winless in their last four matches.

“We always challenge ourselves by playing a really difficult non-conference schedule,” said Monmouth head coach Carli Figlio. “We are hoping that we have only begun to see our true potential as a field hockey team.”

On Saturday night, Monmouth once again played on the road, this time at #25 UMass Lowell. Thirty-five minutes into the match, the goalkeeper cheating when he swung a left-footed effort on of him last after a series of deflections. Laszlo was credited with the goal in the end as it came off of him last after a series of deflections.

“We didn’t get the result we wanted, but tonight was another amazing night for our program,” said McCourt. “UMass Lowell is a fantastic program, who is physically and mentally tough and extend with a lot of talent. We came back and at times really looked like we might get the win. We can take a lot from this experience and continue to build with this new group.”

With the two losses, the Hawks dropped to (2-4-1) overall on the season. The postponement due to inclement weather this past week.

Freshman forward Anes Mrkolic’s first career goal tied the game late against #25 ranked UMass Lowell.

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**Women’s Soccer Starts Conference Play 1-0**

**MARK D’AQUILA**  STAFF WRITER

The women’s soccer team started off conference play with a 2-0 shutout against Niagara on Saturday afternoon. The win makes it a five game unbeaten streak (4-0-1) for the Hawks.

Following an action-packed week of soccer where the Monmouth women went 2-0-1, they are currently tied with the hard-fought tie at Hofstra, the Hawks got a bit of rest before opening conference play at Niagara on Saturday.

The five-day break was well-needed as Monmouth played four games in the ten days previously, where they managed an impressive (3-0-1) record on short rest.

MU was anticipating the start of Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play, where they went unbeaten last year with an (9-0-1) record, earning them the number one seed in the 2016 MAAC tournament that they went on to win.

In 2016’s matchup versus Niagara, the Hawks dominated with a 5-0 victory behind sophomore forward Madie Gibson’s hat trick. Niagara struggled mightily last year finishing at the bottom of the MAAC with a (5-10-1) record.

After last year’s blowout, Niagara looked to offer a greater challenge, coming in with a much improved (4-2-1) record. The Monmouth defense held Albany to only six points scored in the mouth’s defense held Albany down just a couple of the MAAC conference with a much improved (4-2-1) record.

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In the fourth, junior defensive back Devell Jones rushing for a touch- down. The touchdown would be the fifth for the year for Jones; he would also lead with a team-high 46 rushing yards.

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The goal was Konstanitidis’ first point of the season as she continues to look for her first assist.

Meanwhile, the assist was Ross’ second of the year, and her fourth point, but she wasn’t done there.

Niagara responded with multiple offensive pushes in spots behind. The Saturday morning conference opener did not dis- appoint between two of the MAAC front runners battling at Niagara Field in New York.

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Monmouth went into halftime tied with a 0-0. After two pounds by Albany after an excellent defensive effort yet again and the early goal, the second half got off to a slow start with a couple of shots by the Purple Eagles that were well off the mark. Things would change in the 22nd minute when Gibson found a ball into the penalty area with her left foot. The ball would find Ross who headed the ball beneath the crossbar and over the goalie. The head would move to 2-0.

The goal was Ross’ second of the year and improved her team-leading point total to six. Knaub brushed off a couple of late efforts by Niagara, clos- ing out another game, never letting up and shutout of the season, and fourteenth of her career.

Head Coach KriSSY Turner was proud of the Hawk’s strong effort in the conference opener saying, “We did a great job today and created some excellent scoring chances.”

The win improved Monmouth’s record to 2-0-2, prop-elling them above Niagara in the MAAC standings, as the Purple Eagles dropped to 4-3.

Coach Turner added that “we are 1-0 in conference play, and it was a great starting point. The Hawks will look to bring this momentum into next weekend where they will continue MAAC play with a test at home against first place Canisius on Saturday, Sept. 23rd at 2 p.m. who comes in with a (5-2-1) record.

**Football Falls to Albany for First Loss of Season**

**ZACH COSENZA**  SPORTS EDITOR

Monmouth Football (2-1) lost its first game of the season, after a 28-14 loss to former conference rival Al- bany on Saturday afternoon.

“We didn’t get out to the start we needed to be competi- tive in a game like this,” said Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “We were playing a good team and we know we had to stay fast.”

After two touchdowns by Albany in the first quarter, the blue and white would answer with a sophomore quarterback Kenji Bahar passing touchdown to a fifth place finish. Freshman Kyra Velock finishes the season with a 19.31.21, good enough for third in school history for freshmen men.

The teams will have a week off as they prepare for the Paul Short Run at Lehigh University on Friday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING GAMES**

Wednesday, Sept. 20

W Tennis vs. Wagner
Monmouth Tennis Courts
West Long Branch, NJ 2:30 p.m.

W Tennis at Sacred Heart
Tuesday, Sept. 26

FH vs. Indiana
Johnson Center: D1 Rec Center
West Long Branch, NJ 4:00 p.m.

W Tennis vs. Wagner
Monmouth Tennis Courts
West Long Branch, NJ 4:00 p.m.

M Tennis
Joe Hunt Invitational
Annapolis, MD TBA

M Tennis at Princeton
Ivy Plus Invitational
Feb Park
Saturday, Sept. 23

W Tennis at Delaware State
Dover, DE 12:00 p.m.

FH at Hampton
Hampton, VA 2:00 p.m.

WSCC vs. Canisius*
Hess Field on The Great Lawn
West Long Branch, NJ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 24

FH vs. Indiana
So Sweet A Cat Field
West Long Branch, NJ 12:00 p.m.

Football at Hampton
Hampton, VA 2:00 p.m.

*conference games
For the first time in program history, the Monmouth University field hockey team is ranked 25th in the Penn Monto/National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Poll on Tuesday afternoon.