

# MONARCH notes

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## King's again named to Presidential honor roll for service

The Corporation for National and Community Service has named King's to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the sixth consecutive year based on exemplary service efforts during the 2010-11 academic year.

King's College is the only Wyoming Valley institution of higher learning to be named to the Honor Roll each year since its 2006 launch.

"The entire King's College Community is proud of this external validation of our commitment to helping others, a hallmark of a King's education since its founding in 1946," said Father Ryan, president. "During the 2010-2011 academic year, King's

students combined for more than 174,000 service hours. The student service hours do not include the efforts of many King's faculty, administrators, and staff members who participated alongside students in service activities and academic service learning."

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

Honorees were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service,

and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

Approximately 80 percent of King's students participated in service efforts last year and the average student dedicated more than 82 hours to public service.

King's has also been recognized on a national level for its public service commitment by *Washington Monthly* magazine for the past two years.

In its September/October 2011 issue, King's ranked second nationally among 553 institutions in the master's degree category for community service participation and hours served.

## Guarino: A profile of a student volunteer

Senior Christine Guarino of Jefferson, N.J., runs on a pretty hectic academic schedule but still manages to devote time every week to helping others.

In addition to participating in several SERVE trips, Guarino volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the CEO foodbank. She has also volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, Charles T.



Christine Guarino

Adams Senior Center, Ruth's Place, and the McGlynn Learning Center through the Scholars in Service program.

Guarino began volunteering her freshman year after attending the volunteer fair and found a connection with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She said working there has been a very rewarding experience because she has been able to watch her Little Sister develop and come out of her shell

over the almost four years they have been working together.

"My 'Little' has changed and grown so much!" Guarino said. "She is now more out-going, confident, and involved at school."

SERVE trips have been a highlight of her community service experiences at King's. Guarino said that these trips give students the opportunity to go somewhere new and be immersed in what is going on in that community.

"I'm very glad I came to King's because of the great service opportunities that have been made available to me," she said. From the beginning, King's appealed to her because the College gave her opportunities other schools could not, like the double major she wanted in education and mathematics.

Guarino is a member of King's Aquinas Society, Delta Epsilon Sigma, the Math Club, and King's ultimate Frisbee team. She is a member of the Honors Program Advisory Board and a Representative of the Class of 2012. She is currently student teaching at Wyoming Valley West Middle School in Kingston.

After graduation, Guarino hopes to either teach abroad or do some volunteer service for a few years.

– Article by Public Relations intern Tara Mlodzienski '12

# Noted CEO to speak at Global Landscapes Conference

Nilofer Merchant, a former CEO, Fortune 500 leader, published author, marketing “whiz kid” and business strategist will be the keynote speaker at the 2012 King’s College Global Landscapes Conference.



Nilofer Merchant

Merchant’s presentation will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Burke Auditorium. The presentation will highlight the two-day Global Landscapes Conference, titled *Challenges and Opportunities for Growth within the Global Landscape*.

The conference will assemble scholars, educators, students, and community members who are interested in the connections among business, ethics, and sustainability. Conference participants will discuss the

challenges and opportunities related to growth within a global landscape across academic curricula and business practice.

Merchant’s presentation, “Why Being Big Isn’t Big Enough,

Any more,” will discuss how the world has changed but organizationally people have not.

Merchant is the author of *The New How*, a critically acclaimed book on collaborative work and direction setting that helps organizations “act flat and get fast.” She is a *Harvard Business Review* writer on the topics of culture, innovation, and strategy where she transfers lessons from both her successes and failures. She’s been profiled by *The Wall Street Journal*, and published by *Business Week*, *Forbes*, and *AdAge*. She is a contributing author to three books; two on social media marketing and another on wisdom leadership.

“This is an excellent opportunity for members of our community – students, educators, business executives and anyone interested in global and social issues – to learn of the impact our local efforts have in the bigger picture,” said Bindu Vyas, Ph.D., conference chair.

This year’s conference is supported in part by a U.S. Department of Education Business and International Education Program grant to King’s College and the McGowan School of Business, and the McGowan Ethics Center.

Registration information for the two-day conference may be obtained by visiting <http://www.kings.edu/GLC> or contacting Dr. Bindu Vyas at ext. 5787 or email [binduvyas@kings.edu](mailto:binduvyas@kings.edu).

## Nominate distinguished alumni for annual awards

The Alumni Office is seeking nominations for four annual alumni awards of graduates who have distinguished themselves with outstanding accomplishments. The awards are: Outstanding Professional Achievement, Outstanding Service to Alma Mater, Service to Society, and the Leo Award.

The awards were established in conjunction with King’s Golden Jubilee, 1996-97. Recipients are chosen by the president of the college with the assistance of faculty and staff. The awards will be presented during Reunion Weekend (Sept. 21-23).

The Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement is awarded to a graduate who has attained exceptional professional success. The Robert J. Ell Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater is awarded to a graduate or a current faculty or staff member who has shown outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to King’s College. This award is in honor of Robert J. Ell ’50, the college’s first director of Alumni Affairs.

The award for Service to Society recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated selfless and compassionate dedication to benefit others. The Leo Award is given to an alum within 15 years of their graduation who has displayed exceptional success in their professional or community activities.

Nominations can be submitted to [awardnominations@kings.edu](mailto:awardnominations@kings.edu). Provide the nominee’s name, address, business, and business address. For more information, please call the Alumni Office at ext. 5879.

## People at King’s

**Dr. William Irwin**, professor of philosophy, has been named Outstanding Philosophy Alumnus by the Philosophy Department at the University at Buffalo. He will be recognized for his achievements at the university’s spring reception for graduating philosophy majors on May 11, where he will also give a presentation on philosophy and popular culture.

**Dr. Jean P. O’Brien**, professor of psychology, was recently appointed to the Board of Councilors for the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). She will represent the community and general public on the council. CEPH accredits public health programs both nationally and internationally.

**Michelle Schmude**, chair, department of Mass Communications, has been appointed to the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Mass Communications and Journalism*. She also has been accepted as a reviewer for the Visual Communications track for the National Communication Association’s Conference.

## Share your News with the King’s Community

If you would like to include an event in the next issue of Monarch Notes, please send the information by April 2.

Questions? Please contact Assistant Director of Public Relations Joseph Giomboni at ext. 5957.