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Monroe College Honors Three NYPD Police Officers for Commitment to Public Service and Dedication to Helping Build a Stronger Bronx

NYPD Leadership in Attendance as Officers Lauded for Efforts to Resolve Local Quality of Life Issues

BRONX, NY, September 6, 2023 – [Monroe College](#), a national leader in educating first generation and international students, proudly welcomed members of the New York Police Department (NYPD) to its Bronx campus today for a special tribute to three local police officers making a positive impact in the community.

The three police officers – Michael Misilewich, Brandon Piehler, and Gary Scott – were celebrated at the college-wide staff and faculty meeting held at the start of each semester. The College’s Fall semester starts this Friday. Marc Jerome, president of the College, led the event.

The three officers were recognized for their great work to begin resolving a number of quality of life issues that became especially problematic in the area around Fordham Road and Jerome Avenue earlier this summer. From a preponderance of illegal car washes, to abandoned or unregistered vehicles, and overgrown city parks in need of landscaping “TLC”, among other issues, the neighborhood was not shining as brightly as it once did. People reported they felt uncomfortable or unsafe.

With the support of NYC Deputy Mayor Philip Banks III and Police Commissioner Edward Caban, the 52nd Precinct, which covers this area of the Bronx, connected with the NYPD’s new Community Link team within the Office of Patrol to examine the challenges and determine how best to resolve them. The Community Link initiative focuses on bringing together the right resources to tackle quality of life issues that otherwise span multiple City agencies.

The three police officers honored by the College today have been instrumental in the efforts to address the problems in the Fordham Road and Jerome Avenue community. Police Officer Michael Misilewich is with the NYPD Office of Patrol; Police Officers Brandon Piehler and Gary Scott are part of the 52nd Precinct.

“Today, we recognize the wonderful work of these three police officers for their professionalism, dedication to public service, and compassion for those in the community,” said President Jerome. “They have had an undeniable impact, which is helping build a stronger Bronx for everyone.”

More than one dozen members of the NYPD were on hand at the College to celebrate their colleagues’ recognition and hear first-hand how grateful the College’s students, faculty, and staff are for their service to the community.

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Monroe educates close to 8,000 students each year, offering Certificate, Associate, Bachelor’s, and Master’s degree programs from campuses in the Bronx, New Rochelle, and St. Lucia. Students may also take courses online.

Programs are offered through seven academic schools, including the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Business and Accounting, Criminal and Social Justice, Education, Hospitality Management and the Culinary Institute of New York (CINY), Information Technology, and Nursing, as well as through King Graduate School. Liberal arts and continuing education programs are also available. For more information and admissions criteria, please visit <http://www.monroecollege.edu>.

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