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(50 miles south of NY City on the Jersey Shore)
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Enrollment: 5,369 (3,419 undergraduate)
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Monmouth County
“The Best Place To Live In The Northeast”

How could Dutch explorer Hendrick Hudson know that his “discovery” could result in one of the wealthiest, most beautiful and diverse counties in what would become New Jersey. On September 2, 1609 after gazing upon the land that is today called Monmouth County, Hudson wrote in his log “...this is a very good land to fall in love with and a pleasant land to see.” From beautiful beaches to farmland to outstanding shopping to dining for the discriminating palate, Monmouth County’s got it all. Located in the eastern portion of central New Jersey, Monmouth’s 665-square miles offers so much variety to the discerning resident, visitor and business. Monmouth’s residential neighborhoods and business climate continue to rank high in Money Magazine’s annual poll. Also notable is the County’s strategic placement near New York City and Philadelphia. Boasting an economic engine which is part of New Jersey’s “Wealth Belt,” it’s no wonder people move to beautiful Monmouth County.

LANDSCAPE

The sixth largest county in New Jersey, Monmouth includes white sandy beaches, rich farmlands, rolling wooded hills, wetlands rich in wildlife, and lakes and streams of every size. This extraordinary patchwork of natural environments has been successfully integrated with economic growth and development under the direction of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The County government provides planning and guidance for both current and future needs.

LIFESTYLE

Life in Monmouth County is limited only by one’s failure to live it to the fullest. Whether one’s choice of “home” is apartment in the City of Long Branch, a condo high above the ocean in Atlantic Highlands, a townhouse outside of rural Freehold, or a multi-acre estate in Colts Neck, there is something in Monmouth County for every taste and lifestyle. There is so much to do. It’s been said that it would take an entire summer to experience the activity centers and attractions which the County alone provides. Add to that the private sector offerings in recreation and entertainment, and one can be kept busy for a long time to come.

Civic-minded individuals have ample opportunity to spend their time in rewarding activities. Volunteer fire departments and rescue squads offer unique and valuable learning experiences. Local drama groups look for thespians of all ages to put their various talents to work.

Outdoor art exhibits and craft shows draw artists and artisans to present and sell their creations. Ethnic folk festivals at the Garden State Arts Center help to preserve the music and dance of many nationalities. The musically inclined can join local and regional bands and orchestras to perform at civic centers and outdoor concerts. The equestrians among us can even relive the exhilaration of “The Hunt” in Middletown.

Shopping, too, can be an experience in Monmouth County. Stopping at a roadside farmer’s stand can provide you with fresh-picked vegetables and delicious fruits or fragrant flowers. Farmers’ markets sell local garden delicacies. For the thrifty budget conscious, there are numerous factory outlets and entire shopping centers devoted to discount stores. The Englishtown Auction is one of the nation’s largest outdoor flea markets. Should you prefer to shop in air-conditioned comfort, you can visit one of our many spacious malls. If you’ll only settle for the best, downtown Red Bank, too, offers the ultimate in quality retail stores.

It’s been said that the finest seafood restaurants in New Jersey can be found in Monmouth County. Here, too, the range varies from modest to opulent and everything in between. Not to overlook the landlubber’s fare, the County also offers fine beef, pork, chicken and vegetarian dining, from quaint country inns to elegant hotels at the shore. Dining guides have consistently awarded many of Monmouth County’s restaurants four and five chef’s hats for outstanding cuisine.

CULTURAL LIFE

Monmouth County may be in the midst of its greatest period of growth and expansion, but it has not lost sight of the finer things in life, namely, its cultural heritage. The performing arts as well as the visual arts are alive and flourishing throughout the County. The most diverse activity takes place at the PNC Arts Center, formerly the Garden State Arts Center, in Holmdel. This contemporary open-sided structure was designed by Edward Durrell Stone, and seats more than 5,000 inside with room for 4,000 more on the surrounding lawns. The center’s spring-to-fall schedule includes ethnic festivals, popular rock music performances, classical music, stage plays, TV stars and comedians.

Established primarily to coordinate area cultural activities, the Monmouth County Arts Council sponsors an exciting schedule of performing arts events. The series includes ballet, modern dance, jazz, plays and symphony concerts all featuring world-renowned artists. Most events take place at the 1,500-seat Count Basie Theater in Red Bank.

The New Jersey State Council of the Arts, sponsor
of the Battleground Arts Center in Manalapan, also provides a variety of cultural programs. The Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove is the hub for a plethora of major activities. The 6,500-seat facility features top-flight entertainers and concert artists on Saturday and noted classical artists during the week.

RECREATION

Leisure and recreational opportunities throughout Monmouth County are almost limitless. Picturesque County Parks, combined with State and National Parks, offer unmatched recreational, cultural and leisure activities for all ages. The 27 miles of white, sandy beaches provide residents with terrific swimming, surfing and fishing opportunities. Numerous bays, lagoons and inland waterways provide space for sail and powerboat enthusiasts.

Two of the 75 top-rated public golf courses in the United States can be found at Hominy Hill and Howell Park. Other County-run golf courses include Pine Brook, Charleton Springs and Shark River. From a modest start of 24 acres, Monmouth County's Park System has grown to more than 5,000 acres of park lands, golf courses and conservation areas dedicated to recreational facilities for County residents.

Perhaps the longest lasting and most famous of Monmouth County's claims to fame are its shore communities which have been drawing tourists for over a century. Ulysses S. Grant, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were among the notables to vacation at the County's shores. When the fish are biting, thousands of “inlanders” rush to the many shore towns which offer party boats for bountiful off-shore and deep-sea ocean fishing.

The oldest harness racing track in the country is located at Freehold. Thoroughbred racing can be enjoyed at the newly-refurbished Monmouth Park in Oceanport, rated as one of the 10-best places in the U.S. to watch horse racing.

Sports fans will be delighted with all that the area has to offer. In addition to a full slate of athletics events hosted by Monmouth University, the area is also within striking distance of many professional athletics venues.

It's just a 40 minute drive to the Meadowlands Sports Complex which is home to Jersey's own New Jersey Devils hockey team and New Jersey Nets basketball team in addition to the MetroStars in Major League Soccer, the National Football League's New York Jets and New York Giants and Arena Football's New Jersey Red Dogs. If one goes a bit farther and heads over one of the bridges or through one of the tunnels leading into New York City than can catch the New York Mets or New York Yankees in baseball action, as well as the New York Islanders and New York Rangers in hockey and the New York Knicks and New York Liberty.

Philadelphia which is just an hour away also offers a full compliment of professional sports teams including the Philadelphia Eagles (football), Philadelphia Flyers (hockey), Philadelphia 76ers (basketball) and the Philadelphia Phillies (baseball).

The state of New Jersey also fields minor league teams in baseball, basketball and hockey.

TRANSPORTATION

Whether you drive or use public transportation, you'll find getting around in Monmouth County a real pleasure. U.S. and State highways traverse the county in all directions and make travel to New York City, Philadelphia and Atlantic City a breeze. The highways are supplemented by an excellent County road system.

Four private bus companies plus the New Jersey Transit offer express bus service to midtown and downtown Manhattan, Newark and Jersey City. A total of ten local bus routes, operated by the Monmouth Bus Lines, serve local employers and recreational and shopping centers in the County.

HEALTH

Monmouth County can easily boast medical care at its very best. Among the six hospitals in the County, every conceivable service is available to the residents.

When something happens to our families, we want the best in medical services to help them. Monmouth County provides the best a continuum of care options in treatment, prevention and self-help programs. First-class hospitals are found and support services from radiology to blood work are strategically located near the hospital systems. Free and low-cost lectures are also available from area practitioners and non-profits who help counsel on nutrition, health maintenance, self-improvement and alternative approaches to health. Knowledgeable staffs, accessible care and a diverse choice of practitioners are all available in Monmouth County.

HISTORY

During the Revolution, the sun came up one morning to find two British warships, one in flames and the other sinking fast. The “whaleboat raiders” of Raritan Bay had struck again. Under cover of darkness these brave residents of the bayshore area would silently row out to the British fleet, spy on their firepower and manpower and, when possible cripple or set a ship on fire. This is just one example of the many fascinating events which make up Monmouth County's rich historical heritage.

Numerous museums and other historic buildings through the County house artifacts and accounts of the many facets of the Revolutionary history and beyond. The story of Molly Pitcher, the Battle of Monmouth and Washington's March on Trenton are just a few of the historical highlights of the area that can be studied and relived with a brief visit.

Henry Hudson came to Monmouth’s Sandy Hook Bay in September of 1609. Dutch settlers came from New Amsterdam prior to 1660 and English settlers from Long Island bought the Highlands from the Native American inhabitants in 1664. English Baptists arrived in Middletown, and English Quakers came to Shrewsbury thereafter.

WEST LONG BRANCH

Officially formed in 1908, West Long Branch's roots date back well into the 1800s. Following a humble beginning as a small farming community, the borough soon attracted a more affluent crowd. Found here were the sprawling estates like Shadow Lawn and one belonging to the Guggenheim family. Even President Wilson was fond of the area, with West Long Branch being one of his favorite places to vacation. Today the borough continues to be a beloved resort, neighboring the Jersey Shore.
Located less than a mile from the ocean on the scenic Jersey Shore, Monmouth University is a private, comprehensive institution of higher learning committed to service in the public interest and to the enhancement of the quality of life. The University aims to provide a learning process and environment which enables men and women to pursue their educational goals, realize their full potential, contribute actively to their community and determine the direction of their lives.

Approximately 5,300 students, including 1,900 graduate students, are currently enrolled. They represent 19 states and 30 nations. Nearly 1,600 students live on campus in 11 residence halls and two garden apartment complexes.

Founded in 1933 as Monmouth Junior College, the University acquired its core campus, the former Shadow Lawn estate, in 1956, and in the following year initiated its baccalaureate curricula. The University’s 149-acre campus, considered to be one of the most beautiful in New Jersey, includes 49 buildings which blend old and contemporary architectural styles. Among these buildings are Woodrow Wilson Hall (the centerpiece building) and the Murry and Leonie Guggenheim Memorial Library, which were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, connecting Monmouth University with New Jersey’s historic past.

Monmouth University offers 42 undergraduate and graduate degree programs and concentrations in six distinct schools - the School of Business Administration, the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Edward G. Schlaefer School, the School of Education, the School of Nursing and the School of Graduate Studies.

To ensure undergraduate success for students of all skill levels, Monmouth offers integrated advising services through the Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC). The center provides a single, convenient location for comprehensive counseling in academic, career and personal matters. Monmouth places a high value on student retention and in 1990 its programs received nationwide recognition at the National Conference on Student Retention.

Because the need for support is greatest during the freshman year, Monmouth provides a number of services to meet the special needs of new college students. Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from high school to college. This elective course covers decision-making, academic and social opportunities and critical skills such as test-taking strategies, time management and study skills.

The Monmouth Early Warning System is a college-wide tracking system which monitors the progress of every new student at Monmouth. Selected faculty members act as first-year advisors to groups of no more than 20 freshmen, providing a critical link between the student and the University’s academic, personal and career matters.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Monmouth boasts 196 regular, full-time faculty members. The school also employs 262 part-time faculty members. The faculty-to-student ratio is 19.4 to 1. The average class size is 22.2

LIBRARY

The Guggenheim Library houses 248,000 volumes and 1,300 current periodical subscriptions. The architectural treasure, formerly the summer home of philanthropists Murry and Leonie Guggenheim contains the University’s extensive library holdings and houses many pieces of its impressive art collection.

THE CAMPUS

Steeped in grandeur and tradition of the age of opulence, Monmouth’s campus is one of the most magnificent in the country. It is set upon the 149-acre site of the former Shadow Lawn estate. The stately campus is located in a quiet, residential, suburban community and includes among its 49 buildings a harmonious blend of both period and contemporary architectural styles. Monmouth’s dedication to success as a comprehensive teaching university is illustrated by its commitment to improving existing facilities and creating new ones. In the last ten years alone, the university has constructed two new garden-style apartment residence halls, a new School of Business Administration building, and a new fitness center. The University has made extensive renovations to the Residence Dining Hall and the Information Sciences and Technology building (which has recently undergone a $3.75 million renovation); Kessler Field (the football stadium) was built seven years ago; and two new residence halls. In addition, the University completed a $2.5 million renovation of Edison Science Hall, and opened a new new academic last spring.

A National Historic Landmark, Woodrow Wilson Hall serves as the main building on campus. It was designed in a neo-classical French tradition. The mansion, entered in the National Register of Historic Places, now serves as the University’s administrative center. An impressive structure, the 130-room mansion has been described in newspapers throughout the world, is featured in many books on architecture and art and has been used as the backdrop for innumerable print ads and television commercials. In 1981, Wilson Hall served as the setting for the film version of “Annie”.

The Lauren K. Woods Theater, a former carriage house which retains many of its original picturesque features, is among the other gracious older buildings which lend distinctive balance to the modern additions to the campus.

CAMPUS LIFE

There are over 70 organizations at Monmouth, including special-interest clubs, honor societies, community-service groups, fraternities and sororities, student government, campus radio and television stations, yearbook, and an award-winning student newspaper.

The Student Activities Board schedules frequent screenings of classic and recent feature films; live rock concerts, campus speakers and special Comedy Nights with both established headliners and up-and-coming comedians. In addition the University offers a full performing arts schedule featuring national and international music, theater and dance groups.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The staff of Academic Support Services program in the Monmouth University Athletics Department is designed to evaluate, guide and track the student-athletes’ academic progress during their educational voyage.

The main goal of the program is to assist and counsel student-athletes in an effort to make continual and satisfactory progress while pursuing their degree of choice. The staff promotes and encourages academic and athletics excellence and is committed to the overall development and growth of the individuals. Upon graduation, student-athletes will be prepared to enter society as a valuable contributor, and bring with them a sense of integrity, responsibility, commitment and self-discipline from their experience at Monmouth University.

LIFE SKILLS

To better prepare student-athletes for the challenges of life beyond the playing field, the NCAA has developed the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The Life Skills Program at Monmouth was designed not only to bridge the gap from college life to life after graduation, but will also assist student-athletes with meeting daily challenges in their college years and beyond. Because athletics involvement often prohibits student-athletes from accessing campus services, Life Skills supplements current programming by way of required classes for freshmen and upperclassmen.

Life Skills is a systematic program emphasizing five critical areas of personal growth and development. These five areas encompass academic excellence, athletics excellence, personal development, community service and career development. A committee representative of faculty, staff, coaches and student-athletes worked diligently to tailor-fit the Life Skills Program to the specific needs of Monmouth University’s student-athletes.

Two classes for credit are offered each semester through Academic Support Services, involving NCAA Life Skills curriculum. “Freshman Seminar” and “Career Search” are the two, one-credit courses that freshmen and upper class student-athletes are encouraged to take. Classes are predominately taught by athletics department staff members, and taught exclusively to student-athletes. The topics discussed in the Freshman Seminar include study strategies, time management, manners and etiquette, values, media relations, sexual responsibility, diversity and leadership training. In the Career Search course, student-athletes will be trained in job strategies, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing techniques, financial planning and life after sports.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

The Office of Academic Support Services also provides the following services to all student-athletes during their careers at Monmouth: monitoring of academic progress, general counseling, study tables, academic meetings, tutorial support and class scheduling and registration.

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

It is the role of the Monmouth University Athletics Department to provide student-athletes with the opportunity to develop their full potential while safeguarding their physical welfare in an environment that promotes both high academic standards and good sportsmanship and development of leadership capabilities. These objectives are best achieved through a broad-based program, which provides equal opportunity for all its student-athletes regardless of race, color, age, sex, disability, religion, ethnic or national origin, or sexual orientation and which is administered in accordance with the highest principles of intercollegiate athletics competition.

A RISING TIDE

Monmouth University has evolved into an institution of distinction in recent years, combining state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant environment of a large institution with the individual attention of a small, liberal arts college.

This is due in part to Dr. Rebecca Stafford who begins her eighth year as president of Monmouth this fall. Under her leadership, Monmouth has grown from a college into a university, experiencing positive changes in both its size and the quality of the educational experience that it provides for its undergraduate and graduate students.

In an era of declining enrollment among higher education institutions, Monmouth University’s has increased. In fact, it has closed its freshman class on May 1 every year since 1993. The University’s increased enrollment has led to numerous construction projects, which include three new residence halls and the addition of approximately 50 new faculty members. Monmouth has also established new academic programs in nursing, software engineering, experiential education and social work and its business school has achieved accreditation and its social work program has received reaccreditation.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Set enrollment record for sixth consecutive year with number of incoming freshmen (Only institution in New Jersey to close the freshman class on May 1).
• Achieved record growth in graduate enrollment.
• Hired 25 faculty new to Monmouth to maintain a learning environment for personal attention in the classroom.
• Provide instructional and academic support resources to 937 freshmen and 362 transfers.
• Began to implement recommendations of Task Force on Monmouth University Vision for Information Age (e.g., freshman laptop pilot program, additional on-line courses)
• Introduced more than 125 web-enhanced and 14 on-line courses and substantially enhanced technology support for faculty, students and staff.
• Secured AACSB accreditation for Business School and BSW re-accreditation.
• Secured faculty passage of an undergraduate degree in Software Engineering, Information Technology certificate and minor.
• Installed new automated library system.
• Upgraded numerous classrooms to laptop environment.
• Constructed new academic building opened in spring 2000 which houses Social Work and Criminal Justice departments and Education and Nursing schools.
• Soccer, baseball, softball and football fields all finished in the top four in the nation in their respective categories for overall playing fields of 1998 in an annual competition held by the Sports Turf Managers Association.
• Monmouth athletics added its 19th Division I sport last fall (women’s golf).
• The men’s athletics teams have won the Northeast Conference Commissioner’s Cup, recognizing the top overall athletic program in the conference, three of the last five years.
• Monmouth Football has won the Northeast Conference title two of the last four years.
• Monmouth alumna Christie Pearce won a gold medal as a member of the Women’s World Cup championship team in 1999.
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## THE COACHING STAFF

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### Kathleen Kelly

**Assistant Coach**

Kathleen Kelly enters her third season as assistant coach for the Hawks. Kelly is responsible for mentoring Monmouth’s defenders and goalkeepers.

Kelly arrived at Monmouth after enjoying an illustrious playing career at Princeton University. A four-year starter for the Tigers, Kelly earned first-team All-Ivy league honors as a sophomore, junior and senior. During her senior season, she earned second-team All-America honors and captained the Tigers to an NCAA Final Four appearance. In 1996, Kelly led Princeton to the NCAA championship game and earned first-team regional All-America honors. Kelly earned third-team All-America honors as a sophomore. She led the Tigers to NCAA Tournament appearances in both her freshman and sophomore season. Kelly, a three-time Academic All-Ivy and Academic All-America honoree, graduated with a psychology degree in 1998.

In 1997, Kelly was selected to the United States Under-21 national squad. A native of West Long Branch and a former all-state player at Shore Regional High School, Kelly has been active coaching on the camp level as the director of the Monmouth Beach Program since 1994 and as a coach in the U.S. Olympic Futures Program.

### Personal

**Birthdate:** January 9, 1976  
**Birthplace:** Neptune, N.J.  
**Hometown:** Monmouth Beach, N.J.

### Education

**High School:** Shore Regional (1994)  
**College:** Princeton (1998)

### Playing Experience

1994-97 Princeton  
1997 United States Under-21 National Team

### Coaching Experience

1998- Monmouth (assistant coach)
The 2000 campaign looks very promising for the Monmouth Hawks field hockey team as it is poised to produce its first-ever winning season. The team is also tabbed as one of the favorites to win the Northeast Conference title.

This is a season that members of the field hockey squad have been looking forward to playing. Most notable among the eager Hawks are the nine seniors and head coach Monica Morgan Levy. They have seen the program mature since the inaugural season in 1997.

"The upperclassmen have established a solid foundation for this program," Morgan Levy said. "The team is ready now to take the next step."

Coach Morgan Levy has nurtured the squad since its establishment and has led a steady rise in the program. In 1997 the Hawks opened their first season with a roster which included 30 freshmen and won four games. The following year, with a significantly tougher schedule that included well-established teams such as Lafayette and Bucknell, Monmouth again won four games and came within a goal of capturing six others contests.

Last season, the Hawks made a giant stride toward becoming a recognized power in the Northeast Conference and on the East Coast. The squad came within one goal of winning the Northeast Conference crown, losing 1-0 to Quinnipiac.

Expectations are raised this season as 19 letterwinners return from a 1999 Hawks' squad that equaled their win total from the previous two seasons and posted an 8-11 overall record and a 6-2 ledger in NEC play.

"The team has again set high goals for themselves in 2000," Morgan Levy said. "We are very excited to start playing."

The Hawks return all 11 starters, including three All-Northeast Conference performers from the 1999 campaign and Morgan Levy's troops lose just three letterwinners from last season.

**GOALKEEPERS**

The Hawks will have a three-year starter returning in the cage. Senior Jamie Urbanowicz has been a stalwart in goal for Monmouth. She has been in goal 3,447 of the 3,549 minutes the Hawks have played the last three seasons. Urbanowicz has 10 career shutouts, including four last season.

"Every team needs that one person who is the gel and the stability," Morgan Levy said. "Jamie is that person for us."

Depth could be a concern between the pipes as the graduation of Gina Ricciardi leaves untested freshman Lauren Strina as the lone backup to Urbanowicz.

"Lauren is excited," Morgan Levy said. "She is ready to work hard and play an important role on our team this year."

**DEFENDERS**

The catalyst behind Monmouth's move towards the top of the Northeast Conference was the solid defense it displayed, especially in the second half of the season. The Hawks' defense held NEC opponents to one goal or less in six of eight contests in 1999.

The leader on defense is two-time All-Northeast Conference performer Maggie Bomenblit. Bomenblit, who started her career as a two-sport athlete, has dropped lacrosse and is concentrating on field hockey this season. In addition to her quality of play, Bomenblit adds stability to the defensive unit as she has started all 50 games the last three seasons.

"Maggie's leadership, consistency and strong work ethic have made her so valuable to our team," Morgan Levy said.

Junior Kelly Monahan was one of Monmouth's most improved players in 1999 and started 18 games. Monahan showed signs of brilliance in her freshman campaign in 1998, holding the NEC's leading scorer without a goal in a 2-1 victory over Quinnipiac. Last season she lived up to expectations.

"Kelly has proven herself to be one of the best defenders on the team," Morgan Levy said. "We will rely on her athleticism and game sense."

With sophomores Aleks Degenhardt and Tara Hartman, Monmouth has a pair of talented, young defenders who possess a bright future in the Blue and White. Degenhardt and Hartman both made an impact early on and earned starting spots as freshmen. Degenhardt started all 19 games last season while Hartman earned 17 starts.

"These sophomores already have a wealth of experience," Morgan Levy said. "They will be the backbone of our defense."

Seniors Courtney Fritts and Kelli Isaksen add veteran depth in the backfield. Fritts possesses good speed and excellent footwork, making her an exceptional marking back off the bench. Fritts has 30 career games under her belt, including six starts. Isaksen started six games last season and has 23 career starts.

"Courtney had a terrific spring season," Morgan Levy said. "She is stronger than ever going into her senior year. Kelli is another valuable player who possesses important game experience."

Freshmen Patty Debow and Kristen Hulmes will have an opportunity to develop behind the four established veterans.

"Both newcomers have had outstanding high school careers," Morgan Levy. "I will be looking to them early on."
**2000 OUTLOOK**

**MIDFIELDERS**

The midfield is a deep position for the Hawks and the group will be spearheaded by two-time All-NEC performer **MARIE UZZO**. Uzzo tallied five goals on the season and was second on the team in scoring with 10 points. Four of Uzzo’s five goals came in conference action and she earned the league’s player of the week accolades on two occasions. Uzzo was a clutch performer in 1999, scoring game-winning tallies in one-goal Northeast Conference victories over Sacred Heart, Rider and Siena.

“Marie had such a great season in 1999, Morgan Levy said. “She is only getting better. She will have no limits in 2000.”

Junior **JANET GALLOW** and sophomore **DEANA DEGREGORIO** also return as starters in the midfield. DeGregorio ranked third on the team in scoring in her freshman campaign with seven points as she notched three goals and one assist. Gallo brings experience to the midfield with 32 career games played and 22 career starts.

“Janet and Deana both possess excellent stick work and present a real scoring threat,” Morgan Levy said.

Senior **BETH WATTS** and sophomore **Megan Kenney** give Coach Morgan Levy a wealth of depth at the position. Watts was an All-NEC selection as a sophomore in 1998 and scored a pair of goals in 1999, including the game-winning tally vs. Ursinus. Kenney made an impact in her freshman campaign and scored the decisive goal in Monmouth’s first victory over Siena.

“Beth came on strong after a bout with mono last season,” Morgan Levy said. “It will make a huge difference to have her back at full strength from the start. Megan will have a tremendous opportunity to continue her development this season.”

Newcomers **RAECHEL FINKELSTEIN**, **ANNA HALAS** and **COREY MARTINEZ** are expected to make it a lively competition for playing time at the midfield position.

**FORWARDS**

The Hawks’ offense, which needs to increase goal production for Monmouth to make its push towards the conference crown, should be explosive with **KELLI NURKO**, **JENNIFER MARIANNE** and **KRISTIN HARBERTH** all returning.

Nurko exceed all expectations as a freshman last season. She ranked fourth in the conference and led the team in scoring with 18 points. Her outstanding play earned her All-NEC recognition.

**Two-time All-NEC performer Marie Uzzo leads the Hawks in the midfield.**

and conference rookie of the year laurels. She was awarded NEC Rookie of the Week honors on three occasions and was tabbed the league’s player of the week once. Nurko provided a boost in conference play as she scored a game-winning, overtime goal vs. Rider and the game-winning tally in a 2-1 victory over Sacred Heart.

“After coming on strong last year, we are looking for Kellie to maintain her scoring,” Morgan Levy said.

Mariani and Haberthur each scored five points for the Hawks last season and they each peppered the goal with 19 shot attempts. Marianni will be looking to add to her four career goals and 13 career points in her senior season. Haberthur started all 19 games as a sophomore last season and has played in all 36 games the last two years.

“This one-two punch will immediately make their presence known,” Morgan Levy said. “I know they will keep defenses back on their heels.”

The Hawks are very deep at the forward position where seniors **LEANNE WRIGHT**, **JULIE DUTTON** and **JAIME BUTCHER** join sophomore **GINA CHICO** to provide a formidable bench which will contribute greatly in 2000. Dutton and Butcher each have two career goals and two career assists. Dutton has 41 career games and 31 career starts to her credit. Chico appeared in 18 games last season and ranked sixth on the squad with four points.

“It is a treat for a coach to have an arsenal like this to work with,” Morgan Levy said. “They are eager to score and fun to watch.”

Freshmen **MICHELE CONKLIN**, **KATIE NIEMCZYK** and **COURTNEY RICHARDSON** will be looking to make an impact at what is currently a very deep position.

**SCHEDULE**

The schedule this season features 10 home games, including non-conference contests vs. Albany, Ursinus, Lehigh, Villanova and Fairfield. The Hawks road travels will take them to Bucknell, Columbia, Lafayette and LaSalle in addition to the five conference ventures.

The highlights of the schedule should be Monmouth’s two clashes with reigning NEC champion Quinnipiac in Hamden on September 23 and in West Long Branch on October 8, and the Hawks’ contest at Patriot League champion and NCAA tournament participant Lafayette on September 27.

“The team has set its goal to improve on our non-conference record,” Morgan Levy. “Of course, we also want to win the NEC.”

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE**

The Northeast Conference field hockey contingent increases by one as UMBC will showcase its first-ever squad this season.

Quinnipiac and Monmouth are the favorites to capture the crown this season. Rider has high expectations in 2000 as they handed Quinnipiac its only conference loss last season and lost its three other games vs. the Braves and Monmouth by a total of three goals. Sacred Heart will be looking to bounce back from a disappointing effort last season. The Pioneers were tabbed to finish second in the NEC but could only manage one league win and finished in the cellar. Siena needs to cure its anemic offense which managed only five goals in 13 games. The Saints did manage a pair of wins over Sacred Heart to stay out of the NEC basement.

“As the reigning champions, Quinnipiac is the favorite,” Morgan Levy said. “With all 11 starters returning, we know we can compete with them and I don’t think Rider can be overlooked either.”
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**Head Coach:** Monica Morgan Levy (Lafayette, ’93)

**Assistant Coach:** Kathleen Kelly (Princeton, ’98)
**Toms River, N.J.**

**Maggie Bomenblit**

**Senior • Defender**

Former dual-sport athlete... Member of the Monmouth lacrosse team in 1998 and 1999... Has started all 50 games the last three seasons... Two-time all-conference selection.

**1999 (Junior):** Tabbed All-NEC for the second consecutive season... Started all 19 games as a junior.

**1998 (Sophomore):** Earned All-NEC honors as a defender... Started all 17 games as a sophomore.

**1997 (Freshman):** Started all 14 games as freshman... Talled one assist on the season.

**Personal:** Four-time letterwinner at Toms River (N.J.) North High School... Team MVP as a senior... First-team All-Ocean County and third-team All-Shore as a senior... Named first-team All-"A" South... Also lettered in soccer... Majoring in business.

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**Palermo, N.J.**

**Jaime Butcher**

**Senior • Forward**

Provides experience with 38 career games played for the Hawks.

**1999 (Junior):** Played in 18 games as a junior, including four starts... Took four shots on goal.

**1998 (Sophomore):** Played 14 games as sophomore... Talled one goal and two assists... Ranked fifth on the team with four points... Scored a goal in 2-0 victory vs. Siena... Selected to NEC Fall Academic Honor Roll in 1998.

**1997 (Freshman):** Played in six games as a freshman... Scored a goal in MU’s loss at Ursinus.

**Personal:** Three-time letterwinner at Ocean City... Named All-Cape Atlantic League as a junior and senior... Majoring in elementary education.

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**Medford, N.J.**

**Julie Dutton**

**Senior • Forward**

Expected to provide scoring punch this season... Provides great experience with 41 career games played and 31 career starts.

**1999 (Junior):** Played 11 games as a junior, including one start.

**1998 (Sophomore):** Started all 17 games as sophomore... Registered two goals and one assist... Ranked third on the team with five points... Scored game-winning goal in win vs. Quinnipiac... Notched MU’s lone goal in earlier 2-1 loss to Quinnipiac.

**1997 (Freshman):** Started 13 games as a freshman... Tallied one assist on the season.

**Personal:** Four-year letterwinner at Shawnee High School... Part of the SHS’s 1995 state title squad and 1996 South Jersey Group IV championship team... Interdisciplinary studies major.

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