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**Monroe University Establishes the Honorable Alsion Roach Wilson  
Memorial Scholarship for International Students from Jamaica**

**Bronx, NY** -- In tribute to a dear friend, dedicated diplomat, and champion of Jamaican students, President Marc Jerome proudly announced today the creation of the Honorable Alsion Roach Wilson Memorial Scholarship, a new tuition assistance program that will help promising students from Jamaica pursue their educational dreams at Monroe.

Consul General Roach Wilson, who served as Jamaica's Consul General to New York beginning in July 2019, was a valued friend of Monroe University and a tireless advocate for Jamaican students studying both at Monroe and elsewhere. The University was honored to welcome her to its Commencement ceremony last June at Radio City Music Hall, where she beamed with pride as Jamaican graduates crossed the stage to receive their degrees -- a powerful reflection of her deep commitment to expanding educational opportunities for young people from her homeland.

"Consul General Roach Wilson was a powerful advocate for education and for the success of Jamaican students wherever they studied," said Marc Jerome, President of Monroe University. "By establishing this scholarship in her name, we hope to honor her life's work and ensure that her belief in the transformative power of education continues to open doors for deserving students."

Beginning with the upcoming Fall semester, the University will award the scholarship annually to one well-deserving, academically promising student from Jamaica who chooses to pursue a Bachelor's degree at one of the University's New York campuses in the Bronx or New Rochelle. The scholarship will cover tuition and fees for the duration of the student's undergraduate studies, provided the recipient maintains a minimum GPA of 2.5 and complies with all University regulations and rules.

The recipient will be selected by the University's Office of International Admissions, with welcomed input from Jamaica's Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information.

The University's relationship with Jamaica spans decades, helping shape the University's international community from the very beginning. Thirty years ago, Monroe welcomed its first eight international students -- all from Jamaica -- forging bonds that continue today through a vibrant community of Jamaican students, alumni, faculty, and staff with lasting ties to the island.

Consul General Roach Wilson passed away at her home in New York in November 2025. A respected diplomat and dedicated public servant, she was widely known for supporting the Jamaican diaspora, helping provide laptops to students in need, and strengthening ties between Jamaica and its overseas communities. In recognition of her service and impact, she was awarded Jamaica's Order of Distinction.

Through the Honorable Alston Roach Wilson Memorial Scholarship, Monroe University seeks to honor her legacy by continuing to expand access to higher education and empowering the next generation of Jamaican leaders.

## **ABOUT MONROE UNIVERSITY**

Founded in 1933, Monroe University is a recognized leader in urban and international education. The University is proud of its innovative programs to increase college access, affordability, and completion outcomes, especially among first-generation students, and for the national recognition it receives for its strong impact on graduates' social mobility.

Monroe educates 10,000 students each year, offering Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degree programs from New York campuses in the Bronx and New Rochelle, as well as in the Caribbean nation of Saint Lucia. Students may also pursue degree programs through Monroe Online. Programs are offered through Schools of Allied Health Professions, Business and Accounting, Criminal and Social Justice, Education, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Nursing, as well as through its King Graduate School. Liberal arts and continuing education programs are also available. For more information and admissions criteria, please visit <http://www.monroeu.edu>.