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Monroe University Students, Staff, and Faculty Donate Funds to Support Educational Community in Jamaica as Hurricane Melissa Recovery Efforts Continue

Bronx, NY – [Monroe University](#) proudly announced today that its students, faculty, and staff came together to raise funds in support of Jamaica’s Westwood High School and Moneague College, helping these schools rebuild their campuses and continue providing a vibrant learning environment for their students in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa last fall.

A financial donation of J\$1 million (approx. US\$6,750) will be made to each school by representatives from Monroe. The check presentations will take place on March 23rd, beginning with Westwood High School at 8:30 am, followed by Moneague College at 11:00 am.

Members of Monroe’s Admissions team and Alumni Relations office will be on the island next week to speak with students interested in studying at Monroe’s campuses in New York, Saint Lucia, or online. They will also be hosting an alumni reunion on Monday, March 23rd in Montego Bay. The information sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 (Montego Bay), and Wednesday, March 25 (Kingston).

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

“Many in our Monroe community have family and friends in Jamaica, and the impact of Hurricane Melissa was felt incredibly close to home and to hearts,” said Marc Jerome, president of Monroe University. “By supporting Westwood High School and Moneague College, we hope to help these schools rebuild and continue nurturing the students who are the heart of their communities.”

Next week’s donations to the two schools reflect Monroe’s ongoing commitment to supporting its global community and advancing educational opportunities in Jamaica. In addition to providing direct support to Westwood High School and Moneague College, Monroe announced earlier this week that it had [established a new scholarship](#) to honor the legacy of the late Consul General Alston Roach Wilson to help promising Jamaican students pursue their dreams at Monroe.

Members of Monroe's admissions team will be on the island next week to present the donations and meet with prospective students at Open Houses in Montego Bay and Kingston, strengthening the University's long-standing ties with Jamaica and investing in the next generation of learners.

These efforts underscore Monroe's enduring relationship with Jamaica, reflecting a continued commitment to supporting its communities and investing in the next generation of learners. Through initiatives like these, the University continues to strengthen meaningful connections that extend beyond the classroom and create lasting impact.

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>.