

### **Alumni Association Changes**

In Fall 2008, the University commissioned the consulting firm, Phoenix Philanthropy Group, to assess all aspects of alumni programming. This included an evaluation of the Office of Alumni Relations as well as the Alumni Association. Following the assessment, new strategic plans were developed that will build strong, robust and industry-leading alumni programs. Key priorities during the transition include the institution of a clear mission and vision statement; increasing alumni engagement through marketing and communications, services and programs; encouraging fundraising opportunities; developing student-alumni interaction; and more. In addition, the role of the Alumni Association will be to advise the University on goals and strategies to engage alumni, and to become key advocates between alumni, the University and legislative organizations.

### **Membership Changes**

Reflected in the organizational restructuring of the MSUAA is the change from a paid to a non-paid membership program. Thus, by virtue of earning a degree from Montclair State, all graduates will be considered members of the Alumni Association. The MSUAA would like to thank those alumni whose annual and lifetime membership helped support the organization's commitment to providing meaningful and relevant programming and services to Montclair State alumni and are pleased to announce that following this spring's annual meeting, all fees will be hereafter waived. All alumni will be entitled to an alumni I.D. card.

To formalize the transformation to a non-paid membership organization, the following changes must be made to the bylaws of the MSUAA. A vote on the proposed changes will take place at the MSUAA annual meeting, Sat. May 16. All members of the MSUAA are encouraged to attend and cast your vote. Only those sections with proposed changes are included in this version.

### **Bylaws**

## **BY-LAWS OF THE MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **CURRENT:**

### **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1 All alumni of Montclair State University shall be eligible for membership in the Montclair State University Alumni Association. In addition, all alumni of Montclair State College, the New Jersey State Teachers College at Montclair, the New Jersey Normal School at Montclair, and Panzer College of Physical Education and Hygiene (including the Newark Normal School of Physical Education and Hygiene) shall be eligible for membership. Individuals who attended any of these institutions and who successfully completed courses without completing a degree program shall be considered alumni for the purposes of membership.

SECTION 2 Categories of Membership shall be as follows:

- A. Annual Member – An annual member of the Alumni Association shall be any alumna or alumnus who donates to the Montclair State University Alumni Association at a level as determined by the Executive Board. The duration of an annual membership is 12 months as of the date of the donation.

- B. Life Member – A life member of the Alumni Association shall be any alumna or alumnus who donates to the Montclair State University Alumni Association at a level as determined by the Executive Board on a one-time basis.
- C. Honorary membership shall convey all the rights, duties and privileges of membership within the Montclair State University Alumni Association except as noted herein.

**PROPOSED:**

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1:** *All graduates of Montclair State University and the schools that preceded it, including Montclair State College, the New Jersey State Teachers College at Montclair, the New Jersey Normal School at Montclair and Panzer College of Physical Education and Hygiene (including the Newark Normal School of Physical Education and Hygiene) shall be considered alumni and therefore are considered members of the Montclair State University Alumni Association.*

**SECTION 2** *By adoption of these bylaws, the previous paid membership structure outlined in the bylaws preceding this document shall be abolished.*

**SECTION 3** *Alumni holding MSUAA Life Memberships will be recognized as contributors to the Association's "Life Scholarship" and shall be included in any documentation or programming regarding said scholarship.*