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**MONTCLAIR STATE
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IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS

Since joining Montclair last year, President Jonathan Koppell enjoys walking around campus, meeting with students.

**In-Person Counselor Workshop:
Friday, December 2, 2022**

**Virtual Counselor Mini-Workshop: Learn
About the Disability Resource Center
October 18, 2022**

**Virtual Counselor Mini-Workshop:
Student Panel: Life as a Red Hawk
November 17, 2022**

**Transfer Virtual Counselor Workshop:
For Community College Counselors
January 13, 2023**

Join the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and your colleagues at the annual Counselor Workshops.

Whether you join us at our in-person or virtual events, you will have the opportunity to hear from faculty, staff and current students about what's new at Montclair.

Have a question? Contact Neris Fleming at 973-655-4219, counselor@montclair.edu. For a full list of workshops and to register, visit montclair.edu/admissions/workshop.

All attendees of the in-person workshop will earn Professional Development hours.



ON THE COVER: Mekhi Rivers '22 of Newark flashes a bright smile at Montclair's Commencement at MetLife Stadium. Recalling the moment when his photograph was taken, Rivers said, "Being a first-generation student, a feeling of joy filled up inside of me." He graduated with a degree in Family Science and Human Development and plans to continue his studies to earn a master's in higher education leadership. "I have a big family, so now a bar has been set, now it's time for them to achieve excellence as well."



ABOVE ORDINARY



Dear Colleagues,

Last year, I wrote to you about Montclair's dedication to closing the access gap exacerbated by the pandemic. While that work continues, I'm proud to share news of our fall 2022 freshman class related to those efforts:

- We've enrolled a tremendously diverse group of nearly 4,000 first-year students from 39 states and 21 countries.
- 42% of our incoming freshmen are first-generation students, a 6% increase over 2021's cohort.
- 40.5% of our incoming class identify as Hispanic, up from 29% in 2021 – in line with our dedication to the Latinx population as we are a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution.
- These outcomes were achieved in part due to our targeted efforts to increase enrollment from areas hardest hit by COVID-19.

Enrolling students is important, but supporting, retaining and graduating them is the true goal. As we welcome **the largest and most diverse group of students in our history**, we're prepared to help them succeed. Here's some highlights of our efforts:

- **Mentorship** is proven to be effective at retaining students, but we take it a step further by starting mentorship during the admissions process. We offer mentorship to our students from the moment they are admitted to the University, and students who opt-in are paired with a current upperclassman. Once new Red Hawks enroll, they have a mentor as part of their first-year seminar class and most of our academic colleges have mentor programs by major, too. These relationships give new students a safe place to ask questions of a trained peer who can guide them and connect them to campus resources and support as needed.
- **First-generation** student support and opportunities have been developed over the last several years and are being expanded annually. Our efforts are focused on financial awareness, academic success, family/peer engagement and connection to resources. Students can participate in a first-generation, add-on experience at orientation, participate in mentorship with a first-generation staff or faculty member, attend a summer block party to meet other first-gen students, staff and

faculty, and can later join Tri-Alpha, the first-generation honor society. Newsletters from the University specific to first-generation students and their families go out regularly and are geared toward awareness of campus happenings, deadlines and navigating university life.

- **Retention** is everybody's responsibility at Montclair. This approach has allowed us to retain and graduate our students at higher rates than our peer institutions with comparable student body composition. New this year, our enrollment one-stop shop, Red Hawk Central, added retention to its repertoire. Red Hawk Central provides proactive interventions for continuing students to remove any friction from their enrollment related to finances or other non-academic reasons. Coupled with the support students already receive from faculty, academic advising units and student development staff, this holistic, wrap-around approach to retention is unique and gives our students another team of professionals dedicated to their success.

In exciting news, we also joined Common App's Direct Admission program last year and will continue to participate for fall 2023. This innovative program allows us to be matched by Common App with students who fulfill our admission criteria and offer them acceptance prior to applying.

Last but certainly not least, thank you for the tremendous support you displayed in helping get the word out about our Early Bird Junior Admit program. We let juniors apply this spring for fall 2023, to take some of the pressure off their college search by applying to a university before they start their senior year. We admitted over 600 highly qualified students through Early Bird for next fall and awarded over \$2 million in scholarship to this talented group. We welcomed them to a special campus event in August, and will have additional opportunities for them to connect with Montclair and each other throughout the year.

I hope to see you soon, either through a virtual or in-person Counselor Workshop later this year!

All the best,

Jordanna Maziarz

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Director, Undergraduate Admissions

FOR THE GREATER GOOD AND A BETTER WORLD

Montclair defines what it means to be a university with a public purpose – one that not only creates transformational opportunities for students, but also partners with communities to find solutions to pressing problems.

We believe that no issue is too tough for committed and creative people to solve. From unequal educational and health outcomes, to environmental and social justice, poverty, human trafficking and the catastrophic effects of climate change, our Red Hawks are advancing the well-being of the communities we serve – working with them as equal partners every step of the way.



Hard news in the Big Easy

Kaya Maciak '22, second from left, conducts an interview in New Orleans for a story on residents who unknowingly had their homes built on a landfill. She's among the Montclair student journalists tackling tough real-world issues, making a difference while learning from faculty members who are veterans of the news industry.

Student projects routinely win national and New York City regional awards, including a collegiate Emmy for a series on Puerto Rico's hurricane recovery efforts. Through a recent partnership, students now benefit from scholarships, training and enhanced course content as part of a comprehensive development program with **NBCU Academy**.

INSPIRING AUDIENCES

Montclair's location in one of the most dynamic metropolitan regions of the world provides extraordinary opportunities.

For Carolina Abreu '19 that moment came just two days after graduation when she reported as a production assistant on filmmaker Steven Spielberg's remake of *West Side Story*. Nearly two dozen Montclair graduates worked on the film as dancers, actors, singers or behind-the-scenes production assistants. "I'm still pinching myself," Abreu says.

Carnegie Hall, the Žofín Palace in Prague, the *Kelly Clarkson Show* and *Monday Night Football* have all featured Montclair students, and two national television news programs filmed our singers performing the "Hallelujah Chorus" in a campus parking deck repurposed as an outdoor rehearsal space during the pandemic.

Nursing students even rocked NBC's *The Today Show* when graduates of the four-year bachelor's in nursing program received their nursing pins live at Rockefeller Center.



West Side Story, photo courtesy of ©Disney



Anthony Ghandou '22 trains for the nursing profession.

Providing essential care

When the pandemic struck, Montclair students and faculty sprang into action, teaming up with surrounding communities to host vaccination clinics, offer health education, conduct research and share their expertise with the public and policymakers.

Students conducted video chats with isolated senior citizens, translated for Spanish-speaking families at a COVID-19 information event and helped administer vaccinations. Faculty developed predictive modeling to forecast the spread of the disease and provided education and guidance on infection

control and prevention for the campus and surrounding communities.

It was the type of work students, including Anthony Ghandou '22, say they found rewarding. "At Montclair, my time has been enhanced by our public purpose to do meaningful work in our communities," says Ghandou, who earned a bachelor's degree in Nursing. "Having the opportunity to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic is something that I will never forget."

SHAPING A NEW GENERATION

Blue's Clues & You! host Josh Dela Cruz '11 embraces his role on Nickelodeon as not just an entertainer – but as an educator. The children's show focuses on social-emotional issues, premath, prereading, science and preschool rituals in a fun way.

Critics say his performance represents both an opportunity for Asian American children

to feel seen and for all kids to have an Asian American role model.

"I don't know if I would be the performer I am today," he says, "and as accepting of my identity – which has led to my success – if it hadn't been for Montclair."



Josh Dela Cruz hosts the popular preschool show. (Photo courtesy of Nickelodeon)



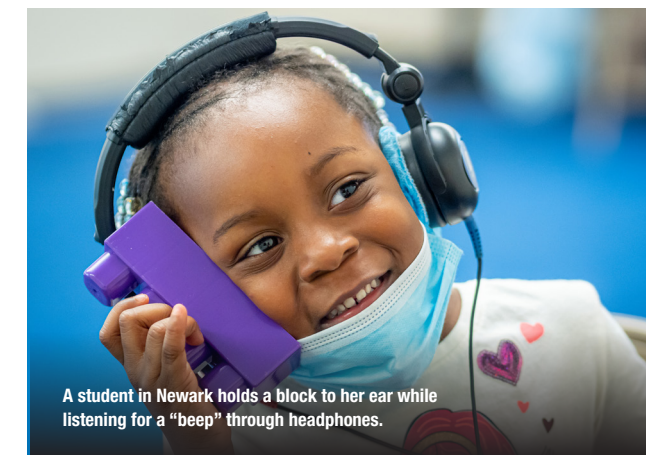
Montclair's children's center is a model for inclusive education.

Protecting the most vulnerable

Montclair received an \$8 million grant to partner with school districts to reduce the high rate of special-education students in separate classes and schools. The University's children's center is a model for inclusive education, demonstrating that children with and without disabilities can learn together in high-quality, developmentally appropriate classrooms.

LENDING A LISTENING EAR

Montclair partners with nonprofits to give audiology students opportunities to perform no-cost hearing screenings in community schools. "It's really rewarding to be able to do screenings for one's community. We're applying our knowledge for the better good," says Cindy Fernandez, a second-year audiology student.



A student in Newark holds a block to her ear while listening for a "beep" through headphones.



Angely Francisco, with phone, takes a selfie with friends.

OFFICE OF STUDENT BELONGING PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR FIRST-GEN STUDENTS

When Angely Francisco '22, a first-generation college graduate, entered MetLife Stadium for Montclair's Commencement, it meant a lot that her five-year-old cousins were there cheering alongside her parents and grandparents.

"I wanted to show them the reason why I'm not home is because I was here working hard,

earning my degree so that we can have a better life, so they can see that anything is possible," Francisco says.

With 42% of this year's freshman class the first in their immediate family to attend college, Montclair has launched a new **Office of Student Belonging** to promote educational and personal growth. The office provides

academic support and financial awareness resources, and a family newsletter to first-generation college students. Students will also have an option to join the first-gen honor society, Tri-Alpha.

Learn more at montclair.edu/office-of-student-belonging.

GARDEN STATE GUARANTEE PROVIDES AFFORDABLE PATH

Montclair is participating in the **Garden State Guarantee** (GSG), a financial aid program designed to help improve college affordability by reducing out-of-pocket costs for New Jersey students and families.

The program provides up to four semesters of free or reduced tuition and required fees. To be eligible, students must be New Jersey residents enrolled full time in their third or fourth years of study.

Students whose family's Adjusted Gross Income is \$0–\$65,000 annually may be eligible

for free tuition and required fees. Students whose family's Adjusted Gross Income is \$65,001–\$80,000 annually may be eligible to receive assistance such that their net cost for tuition and required fees is no more than \$7,500 per year.

Students are automatically considered for the GSG when they complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, if they qualify as a NJ Dreamer, the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application.

Learn more at montclair.edu/red-hawk-central/registrar/garden-state-guarantee-program.

NEXTGEN SERVICE CORPS

Montclair is partnering with the Volcker Alliance, joining the **Next Generation Service Corps** (NextGen Service), a national network of 11 higher education institutions committed to preparing undergraduate students for public service.

WHAT'S NEW AT MONTCLAIR?

55%

Montclair has expanded its commitment to affordability, providing a \$13.3 million increase to financial aid — a bump of 55% over the prior year.

With Early Bird Admit, Future Red Hawks Soar Sooner

For high school students who know they want to attend Montclair State University, the application process – and the dreaded waiting for that college acceptance notification – just got a little easier. With the kickoff of the University's new **Early Bird Junior Admit Program** students can apply in their junior year of high school.

"We know applying to college is a very stressful experience for students, and we also know there are thousands of students who have Montclair as their top choice before senior year," says Director of Undergraduate Admissions Jordanna Maziarz. "So, why not give them a chance to apply early and find out if they're admissible? Early Bird admissions gives qualified high school juniors a chance to know they're admitted to a high-quality university and takes a lot of stress out of the college equation before they start senior year."

Interested juniors must apply for pre-admission to Montclair's fall 2024 class through an abbreviated online application by June 15, 2023. The application will open in April 2023. Pre-admitted students are guaranteed admission for fall 2024 and will receive an application fee waiver when they apply as normal starting August 1, 2023, through Common App or the Montclair application.

As an added bonus, students do not have to pay a college application fee or resubmit transcripts when applying to their majors. There's also the added benefit of learning about scholarship monies early.

Once admitted through the Early Bird program, the students receive invitations to special events and virtual programming throughout the year to help them meet other students, learn about their academic program options, navigate the financial aid process and more.

The students are eligible to enroll in college-level courses through the University's pre-college and summer bridge programs, interact with faculty and interact with academic advisors during their senior year and familiarize themselves with the Montclair community.

Learn more at montclair.edu/admissions/junior-admission.



Montclair the first in NJ to launch direct admissions

Montclair State University is one of six schools in the nation – and the only in New Jersey – to be named a partner institution of The **Common App's Direct Admissions** program for 2022.

The program proactively guarantees college admission to Common App institutions for qualified students and is designed to further access, equity and integrity in the college admissions process. Already, for the fall 2022 semester, 3,000 New Jersey students were offered direct admission to Montclair as part of the program.

Students are eligible based on the state residency and GPA information they provided in their Common App account. Eligible students are then entered into a lottery for the direct admission seats available.



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A NJ UNIVERSITY IS CHANGING MY LIFE. MORE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT.

By Hunter Ayala



Growing up in Elizabeth, I had my own vision in my mind of the “American Dream” – and it always involved going away to college in another part of the country.

But I made a decision – to stay at home in New Jersey and attend Montclair State University – and it is not an understatement to say that choice is changing the entire trajectory of my life.

New Jersey has one of the highest rates in America of students leaving to go to college in another state, and people are even questioning the importance of obtaining a college degree altogether. But I am here as living proof that a New Jersey college experience is transformational – and this is a message that more and more people around the world need to hear.

Growing up Peruvian and Colombian, family was always the most important thing to me. Both my parents worked so hard for their son to be a first-generation college student, and when it came time to make my college choice, it was an obvious one.

Montclair provided an opportunity that was not only affordable (I was offered the Presidential Scholarship for high-achieving, first-year students), but one that gave me the chance to continue experiencing the type of diversity that had been such a big part of my life to that point.

More than 50% of Montclair's students identify as underrepresented minorities – we are one of New Jersey's two Hispanic-Serving Institutions, graduating more students of color than any other public institution in the state. I never had to hide being a first-generation college student, or hide being unsure about how to fill out a FAFSA. There has always been someone here to help me, always someone here who understands my journey because they were once in my shoes.

I'm involved with an on-campus organization, The Brotherhood/La Hermandad. We want to destroy the stereotype that we cannot succeed because of the color of our skin, but instead thrive and build a culture to be respected by all members of society.

I can honestly say I'm my happiest here at Montclair. The community and the connections that I have made will last me a lifetime. And that's why, when I was offered the chance to be part of Montclair's episode of *The College Tour*, I immediately said “yes.”

The show gives high school students, their parents and school counselors around the world access to virtual campus tours – run by real students like me. Every senior in high school experiences the fear of what's to come on the next level, and that is especially true for first-generation students who may not have someone at home who can prepare them for what they may

experience. This show gives students that window into a university without having to leave their home, for free.

It's the type of thing that can help more students in other parts of the country see what a New Jersey college experience can be like for them, and why they should come to school here. Because the students in our *College Tour* episode and I are proof that Montclair is a school that nobody should ever second-guess, that college is an experience that can truly change your life, and that New Jersey is a great place to go to school.

Hunter Ayala is a senior majoring in Business Administration at Montclair State University.

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TAKE THE COLLEGE TOUR



This hour-long streaming show explores every facet of life as a student at Montclair State University – from our commitment to public service to the research and professional opportunities we provide. Come see the many ways Montclair is an excellent place to live, to learn, and to make a positive impact on the world.

Watch the Montclair episode: montclair.edu/the-college-tour

Red Hawk Life

40+plus club and intramural sports teams

Roles in film, dance and theater projects

Professional performances at the Kasser Theater

Art exhibitions at the University Galleries

Volunteer opportunities for National Days of Service in nearby communities

Greek Life with 40+ organizations

Commuter Life

Student Recreation Center

Office for Social Justice and Diversity
- LGBTQ Center
- Multicultural Center
- Women's Center
- Faith and Spirituality Center

WATCH NOW!



Traditions enhance school spirit and enrich the student experience. And at Montclair, spirit starts with Rocky the Red Hawk. Sean Risch '22 says he's had the role of a lifetime playing the beloved mascot.



The Student Government Association is a \$1.4 million, nonprofit organization that oversees campus organizations, including groups for public service, culture, arts and hobbies. This year's executive board includes, from left, Kate Mora, vice president; Richard Steiner-Otoo, president; and Krisha Rana, secretary.



As a transfer student coming to Montclair from Washington, D.C., Ray Vincent De Jesus '22 says he found his voice when he became active in campus life, expanding his leadership skills and making new friends.

Montclair has more than 120 organizations, including the best student radio station in the country; student government; academic clubs; the student newspaper; Greek Life; and, artistic, spiritual, political, issues-oriented, and cultural and community service organizations.

“Montclair has shaped me to not only be a better student but also a better person,” says De Jesus, who graduated with a degree in Television and Digital Media.

GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Montclair Welcomes Largest Freshman Class

Montclair State University is growing.

Montclair - already the second-largest university in New Jersey - welcomed another record-breaking incoming class and the largest total enrollment in its history.

The 3,969 students who joined joined us for the fall 2022 semester as part of the Class of 2026 is the largest first-year class in Montclair's 114-year history, a feat

accomplished for the second consecutive year under President Jonathan Koppell. It also pushes the total University enrollment to 21,671 students, which is also the largest student body in school history.

Some 41% of the incoming class identifies as Hispanic, further bolstering Montclair's status as New Jersey's largest Hispanic-Serving Institution.

Taking Care of Each Other

From robust academic advising in every college, to centers that provide services for the disabled, tutoring, opportunities for leadership and engagement, and guidance to become a better writer, Montclair meets students where they are and empowers them to level up.

Montclair students enjoy a level of personal attention more often found in a small college. With a student to faculty ratio of 17 to 1, professors get to know their students individually. Students form lasting connections with staff members who serve as mentors and

guides. One example: during the pandemic lockdown, staff and faculty volunteers called all 21,000 students to check on their well-being and lift their spirits.

Support for physical and mental health is freely provided by Counseling and Psychological Services, the University Health Center, and the Office of Health Promotion, while our Student Recreation Center, recognized as one of the nation's best, gives students opportunities to make friends, have fun and release stress and tension.

SCHOLARS BRING DREAMS TO LIFE

Montclair scholars soar beyond the classroom to address injustices in the prison system, toxins in water and extremism in social media. And much more. They partner with students, community members, alumni and others to tackle many of today’s thorniest problems.

Students have opportunities to do research and fieldwork with professors who are respected leaders in their disciplines – winners of MacArthur and Carnegie fellowships, Fulbright and Emmy awards, National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities and National Institutes of Health grants, and many other distinctions.

Red Hawks Rising

Together with Newark Public Schools, Montclair launched the Red Hawks Rising Teacher Academy – named a national model for addressing the shortage of teachers of color by U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

In the program, Newark high school students take Montclair courses at no cost, receive stipends of \$3,700 from the American Federation of Teachers and secure guaranteed teaching jobs in the city after they graduate from Montclair.



Melissa De Almeida is among the first freshmen who came to Montclair through the Red Hawks Rising Teacher Academy.

SPEAKING UP FOR WHAT MATTERS



Justice Studies Associate Professor **Jason Williams** brings a nuanced understanding of the issues driving the Black Lives Matter movement. A New Jersey native, he is an often-turned-to voice to shine a light on critical policing, race, social control and criminal-justice policy in America.

A GREAT DISCOVERY



English professor and literary scholar **Jeffrey Miller** was named a MacArthur “Genius” Fellow for discovery of the King James Bible’s earliest known draft. Experts characterized Miller’s discovery as being “perhaps the most significant archival find relating to the King James Bible in decades.”

RECOGNIZABLE VOICE OF THE PANDEMIC



Public Health Professor **Stephanie Silvera**, an epidemiologist, is one of the New Jersey experts the state and its residents turn to for COVID-19 advice. Silvera has been quoted in the media more than 400 times.

RECRUITING TEACHERS OF COLOR



Mayida Zaal, associate professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning, has focused much of her scholarship on recruiting and preparing teachers of color. As she watches the gap continue to widen among marginalized groups, and schools operating in systemically unequal and racist ways, she says children from marginalized communities continue to be left behind.

GIVING PEOPLE A FIGHTING CHANCE



Justice Studies Associate Professor **Jessica S. Henry** served as a public defender in New York City for nearly a decade. Her research and teaching focuses on wrongful convictions, the death penalty, life without parole and hate crimes.

BUGS! THEY’RE WHAT’S FOR DINNER



For the past 15 years, Anthropology Assistant Professor **Cortni Borgerson** has split her time between the manicured campus of Montclair and the wilds of the Masoala Peninsula in northeastern Madagascar, where she researches how nutritious insects hold the key to food security and saving endangered lemurs.

ENGAGING UNDERGRADUATES IN RESEARCH



As a nationally recognized R2 research university, Montclair creates multiple opportunities for students to conduct research alongside faculty who are tops in their fields. For instance, Chemistry Professor **Glen O’Neil** works with students in his lab to create tools to measure how dopamine travels in the brain, which may help our understanding of addiction, schizophrenia and Parkinson’s disease.

PULSE ON MONEY MATTERS



“Supply chains,” “inflation” and other buzzwords populate countless news stories. Economics Professor **Luis Portes** is an expert on the economy. A segment on unemployment and the job market featuring him ran on news affiliates around the country.

ARTS DAYS

Prospective students can explore all of Montclair's arts and find dates for interviews, auditions and portfolio days for Art and Design, Communication and Media, Dance, Music and Theatre at montclair.edu/artsdays.



Keeping our water safe

From Greenwood Lake to the shores of Cape May to the rivers that run through the state, our teams of Montclair student and faculty researchers, along with state scientists and environmental advocates, are solving New Jersey's water issues. Our projects examine drinking water, flood prevention strategies, recreational water activities, fishing and crabbing (and even eating the catch!), and more.

Biology Professor **Meiyin Wu**, an aquatic ecologist who runs the only state-certified testing lab for cyanotoxins in New Jersey, leads teams throughout New Jersey's freshwater lakes to regularly monitor algal blooms that make swimming, boating, fishing – and drinking – unsafe.



Iconic jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis teaches a master class at the John J. Cali School of Music.

Learning from the masters

It would have been understandable if Gavin Ard '22 was nervous the day he played for legendary trumpeter and composer Wynton Marsalis. "Oh man, it's *the* guy," he recalls thinking during a master class taught by Marsalis. But he kept his cool, attuned to the way Marsalis was connecting with everyone around him.

"I immediately got the vibe that his focus was more about being with people through music than being with musicians. He was focused on the humanity aspect of everything," says Ard, who earned a degree in Music Performance.

The master class with Marsalis was just one of the high notes for students at the John J. Cali School of Music, where top artists-in-residence regularly visit to provide hands-on instruction.

"It's incredible that we get to work with the musicians and evolve with them," Ard says. "It reminds us why we're artists and why we're musicians, to see these people who are out there doing what we want to do at the very highest levels."



Taking the sting out of summer fun

One invasive species of tiny jellyfish is only the size of a quarter, but its venom is so potent that it can send victims to the hospital, writhing in pain. These tiny creatures are not only a health threat but a risk to the recreation-driven economy of the Jersey Shore. Biology Professor **Paul Bologna** and his student researchers have partnered with scientists to learn where these jellyfish like to hang out and the water temperature that kills them.

WHAT DID *YOU* DO **LAST SUMMER?**

At Montclair, incoming students get a jump-start on college experiences

Montclair provides a five-week **Summer Bridge Program** for incoming students that combines general-education coursework for credit with coaching, tutoring and discussion of college-success strategies, including time management.

It's been such a successful model that the strategies are now also built into an expanded orientation for all 3,969 first-year and transfer students. There's a focus on how to build relationships, make friends and advocate for yourself as part of acclimating to college.

"I think we often assume, especially at large universities, that well, they've just got to figure it out. You know what? This is a generation that's been through a lot and they can't just figure it out. We have to help them do that," Dawn Meza Soufleris, vice president for Student Development and Campus Life, told *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

For high school students, summer sessions preview college life



High school students attend a networking event at the Hispanic Student College Institute.

Montclair's early college programs help familiarize high school students with university life, transform their learning experience, and help them feel confident to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

Summer sessions include the non-credit **Hispanic Student College Institute**, supported by State Farm, and **Pre-College Access Institute**, sponsored by Walmart, as well as the for-credit programs **Italian Immersion Summer Program**, **Model United Nations Summer Academy** and **Early College Scholars**.

Among the students on campus last summer, Eva Cordero, a rising senior at Wood-Ridge High School, has her sights now set on attending Montclair because of her experience at the Hispanic Student College Institute, a three-day immersive program for high school rising juniors and seniors of Hispanic/Latinx descent. "I was a little nervous. I didn't know if I would like it. Was I going to make friends?" she says. "I gave it a chance. Now, I wish it were longer."

Both the Hispanic Student College Institute and the Pre-College Access Institute – for high school students from underserved and underrepresented communities – allow students to live on campus. The programs cover lots of ground, including sessions on financial aid literacy and college essay writing. They also receive mentoring from Montclair students, many of whom are previous participants in the programs, and opportunities to network with Montclair faculty and staff.

Learn more at montclair.edu/early-college-program.



Student interns explore the Kearny Marsh.

GREEN TEAMS PROTECT THE PLANET

In a collaborative partnership, Montclair and its **PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies** are helping move New Jersey toward its ambitious energy goals, accelerating education and solutions for clean energy and a greener, sustainable world.

In just one example of how students from the Institute's flagship "Green Teams" are making a difference, students working for the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition (shown in photo) toured the Kearny Marsh as part of their research – cultural, social and economic – for the proposed Essex Hudson Greenway, a long-awaited park and transportation corridor project taking shape in one of the nation's most densely populated regions.

The paid internships are supported by the PSEG Foundation, academic and corporate partners and a grant from the National Science Foundation, and offered in partnership with New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability.

Learn more at montclair.edu/pseg-sustainability-institute/green-teams.

ACCOLADES

Best Colleges for Your Money

2020 *Money* magazine

Top Business Schools

2020

Princeton Review

Top Producer Minority Degrees

2018 *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*

Top 500

U.S. College Rankings

2020 *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*

Top Performers on Social Mobility

U.S. News & World Report

7th in Nation Graduation Rate Performance

2022 *U.S. News & World Report*

Best College for Drama and Theatre Arts in NJ

College Factual

Top Public Schools

U.S. News & World Report

Top 25

LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges and Universities

Best Education Schools

2021 *U.S. News & World Report*

Best Bang for Your Buck

Washington Monthly College Guide



WITH 2+2, TRANSFERRING IS MADE EASY

Montclair State University partners with community colleges with a 2+2 Program that guarantees admission for students who complete an associate degree.

Students work with advisors from both schools to keep them on track to earn their AA/AS and bachelor's degrees.

Participating two-year colleges are Bergen Community College, Brookdale Community College, County College of Morris, Hudson County Community College, Middlesex County College, Ocean County College, Passaic County Community College, Union College and Westchester Community College.

Learn more at montclair.edu/admissions/montclair-state-two-plus-two.



Located just 12 miles from New York City, our beautiful campus offers some of the best views of the iconic Manhattan skyline.

GRAND TOUR

Visit opportunities provide campus experiences

CLASS OF 2026 STATS

3,969
NEW STUDENTS
ENROLLED
(first-year)

5
TOP FIVE CHOICES
OF MAJOR:
Business Administration,
Biology, Psychology,
Computer Science,
Film and Television

3.3
AVERAGE GPA
of Class of 2026

40.5%
Identify as Hispanic

42%
FIRST
GENERATION

39
REPRESENTED
STATES,
plus 13 countries
and all 21 counties
in New Jersey

A PERFECT UNION

In an effort to meet the community and labor market needs of Union County residents and provide students with convenient access to affordable, quality higher education, Montclair and Union College have partnered to offer degree programs at Union's University Center in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

The University Center programs will be open to students with an associate degree or equivalent and priority will be given to Union graduates who have obtained an associate degree. A total of three

bachelor completion programs are offered: Business, Computer Science and Education, as well as graduate degrees in Business and Educational Leadership.

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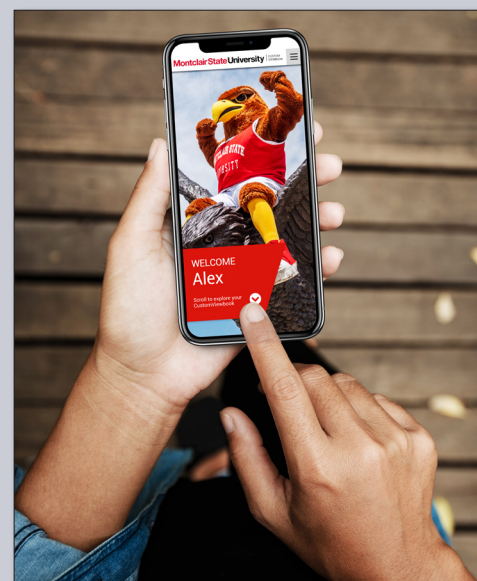
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Acting (concentration, Theatre)
Advertising (major)
African American Studies (minor)
American Sign Language (minor)
Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations (minor)
Animation and Illustration (major)
Anthropology (major, minor, combined BA/MS with Sustainability Science, combined BA/MAT)**
Applied Mathematics and Statistics (major, combined BS/MBA)
Applied Nutrition and Wellness (concentration, Nutrition and Food Science)
Arabic (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture)
Archaeology (minor)
Art Education (concentration, Visual Arts)
Asian Languages and Cultures (major)
Asian Languages (minor)
Asian Studies (minor)
American Sign Language/English Interpreting (concentration, Linguistics)
Astronomy (concentration, Physics)

B

Biochemistry (major)
Biology (major, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration – all concentrations)***
Business (minor, concentration, Chemistry)
Business Administration (major, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration – all concentrations)
Business Analytics (minor, concentration, Business Administration)

C

Chemistry (major, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MAT)***
Child Advocacy and Policy (major, minor)
Chinese (minor)
Classics (major, minor, combined BA/MBA)
Clinical and Pre-Professional Studies (concentration, Exercise Science)
Cognitive Science (minor)
Communication and Media Studies (major)
Community Development (concentration, Anthropology)
Community Health Education (concentration, Public Health)
Comparative Mythology and Literature (concentration, Humanities)
Computer Science (major, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MS with Cybersecurity, combined BS/MS with Data Science)
Creative Writing (minor, concentration, English)
Criminal Justice (minor)

D

Dance (major)***
Dance Education (concentration, Dance)
Data Sciences (major, minor)
Design, Technology and Management (concentration, Theatre)
Dietetics (concentration, BS/MS, Nutrition and Food Science)

E

Earth and Environmental Science (major, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MAT)***
Economics (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Social Research and Analysis, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)
Educational Foundations for Elementary Teachers (major)**
English (major, minor combined BA/MA, combined BA/MAT)**/**
English as a Second Language (Teacher Certification, Linguistics)
Entrepreneurship (minor, concentration, Business Administration)
Environmental Justice (minor)
Environmental Science (concentration, Biology)
Exercise Science (major, combined BS/MS in Athletic Training)

F

Family Science and Human Development (major, minor, combined BA/MAT)**/**
Families, Children and School Settings (concentration, Family Science and Human Development)
Family Services (concentration, Family Science and Human Development)
Fashion Design (minor)
Fashion Merchandising (minor)
Fashion Studies (major)
Film and Television (major)
Film (minor)
Film Studies (concentration, English)
Finance (concentration, Business Administration)
Food Science (concentration, Nutrition and Food Science)
Food Systems (concentration, Nutrition and Food Science)
French (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture, combined BA/MA in French, French Studies concentration, combined BA/MAT)***
French Civilization (concentration, French)
French Translation (concentration, French)

G

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies (minor)
Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, combined BA/MAT)**
Geographic Information Science (minor)
Geographic, Environmental and Urban Studies (major) [previously Geography]***
German (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture)
Gerontology (minor)
Global Security and Diplomacy (minor, Political Science)
Greek (minor)

H

Health Systems Administration and Policy (concentration, Public Health)
History (major, minor)**/**
Hospitality, Sports, Events and Tourism (major, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)
Humanities (major, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, combined BA/MAT)**

I

Information Technology (major, combined BS/MS with Cybersecurity, combined BS/MS with Data Science)
International Business (concentration, Business Administration)
International Justice (concentration, Justice Studies)
International Studies (minor)
Italian (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture)***

J

Japanese (minor)
Jazz Studies (concentration, Music)
Jewish American Studies (minor)
Journalism and Digital Media (major)
Journalism (minor)
Jurisprudence, Law and Society (major, combined BA/MA with Law and Governance)
Justice and Families (minor)
Justice Studies (major)
Justice Systems (concentration, Justice Studies)

L

Language, Business and Culture (major, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration – all concentrations except Spanish)
Language Engineering (concentration, Linguistics)
Latin American and Latino Studies (minor)
Latin (major, minor)***
Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement (minor)
Linguistics (major, minor, combined BA/MAT)***

M

Management (concentration, Business Administration)
Management of Information and Technology (concentration, Business Administration)
Marine Biology and Coastal Sciences (major, combined BS/MS)
Marketing (concentration, Business Administration)
Mathematics (major, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MA with Social Research and Analysis, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MS with Applied Mathematics, combined BS/MS with Statistics, combined BS/MAT)**/**
Medical Humanities (major)
Molecular Biology (major)
Music (major, minor, combined BMus/MAT)***
Music Education (concentration, Music)
Music/Performance (concentration, Music)
Music/School and Community Settings (concentration, Music)
Music Theory/Composition (concentration, Music)
Music Therapy (major)
Musical Theatre (major, minor)
Myth Studies (minor)

N

Nursing (BSN)
Nursing (RN to BSN)
Nutrition and Food Science (major, minor, combined BS/MS)

P

Paralegal Studies (minor, concentration, Justice Studies)
Philosophy (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)
Physical Activity in Educational Settings (concentration, Physical Education)
Physical Education (major, combined BS/MAT)***
Physics (major, minor, combined BS/MS with Applied Mathematics, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MAT)***
Policy Studies (major, minor)
Political Science (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Law and Governance)
Portuguese Studies (minor)
Pre-Law Studies (minor)
Pre-Medical
Pre-Pharmacy
Product Design (major)
Psychology (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Psychological Sciences, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration combined BA/MAT)**/**
Public Administration (minor)
Public and Digital History (minor)
Public and Professional Writing (major, minor)
Public Health (major, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MPH)

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Real Estate (concentration, Business Administration)
Recording Arts and Production (major) NEW
Religious Studies (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, combined BA/MAT)**
Retail Merchandising and Management (concentration, Business Administration)
Russian (minor)

S

Social Media and Public Relations (major)
Social Work (minor)
Sociology (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Social Research and Analysis, combined BA/MAT)**/**
Spanish and International Business (minor)
Spanish (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture, combined BA/MA, combined BA/MAT)**/**
Spanish Translation (concentration, Spanish)
Sports Coaching (minor)
Sports Communication (major)
Sports Conditioning (concentration, Exercise Science)
Sports Journalism (major)
Studio Teaching (concentration, Dance)
Sustainability Science (major, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration)

T

Teaching English Language Learners in Early Childhood and Elementary Settings (minor)
Theatre (major, minor)
Theatre Education (concentration, Theatre Studies)***
Theatre Studies (major, combined BA/MA)

U

Urban Humanities (minor)
Urban Studies (minor, concentration, Geography) NEW

V

Visual Arts (major, combined BA/MAT)***
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