

# WELCOME, COUNSELORS!

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**MONTCLAIR**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

# 2023 Year In Review

- Largest freshman class in the history of the University
- Includes 146 Early Birds - our first flock!
- **\$91.8M** in need and merit money offered to new students
- Major increase in applications for the following:
  - Journalism (45%)
  - Communication and Media (35%)
  - Jurisprudence, Law & Society (30%)
  - Sociology (25%)
  - Accounting (20%)
  - Biology (9%)
- Merged with Bloomfield College!

# Early Bird Junior Admission Program

- Thank you for your partnership!
- This year's cohort:
  - 1,940 Applications
  - 31 states & 13 countries
  - \$5.6M Scholarship Offered
  - Average GPA: 3.67
- Application opens in April 2024 for both locations



Robmine St. Philippe traveled to Montclair from San Diego, California, for the Early Bird Junior Admit welcome event.

# Class of 2027 Montclair

**45%**

of Class of 2027  
identify as Hispanic

**44%**

FIRST  
GENERATION

**3.3**

AVERAGE GPA  
of Class of 2027

**4,186**

NEW STUDENTS  
ENROLLED  
(first-year)

**6**

TOP SIX CHOICES  
OF MAJOR:

Business Administration,  
Biology, Psychology,  
Computer Science,  
Film and Television,  
Educational Foundations

**31**

REPRESENTED  
STATES,  
plus 12 countries  
and all 21 counties  
in New Jersey

# Class of 2027 Bloomfield

**2.9**  
AVERAGE GPA

**51.2%**  
FIRST  
GENERATION  
(total)

**182**  
NEW STUDENTS  
ENROLLED  
(first-year)

**TOP MAJOR  
CHOICES**  
Game Design  
Music Technology  
Criminology & Social Justice  
Psychology  
Business  
Nursing

**48%**  
BLACK OR  
AFRICAN  
AMERICAN

# Something to Brag About: A Confirmation of Our Value

## *U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best Colleges*

- **#1 in NJ and #7 in the Nation for Social Mobility**

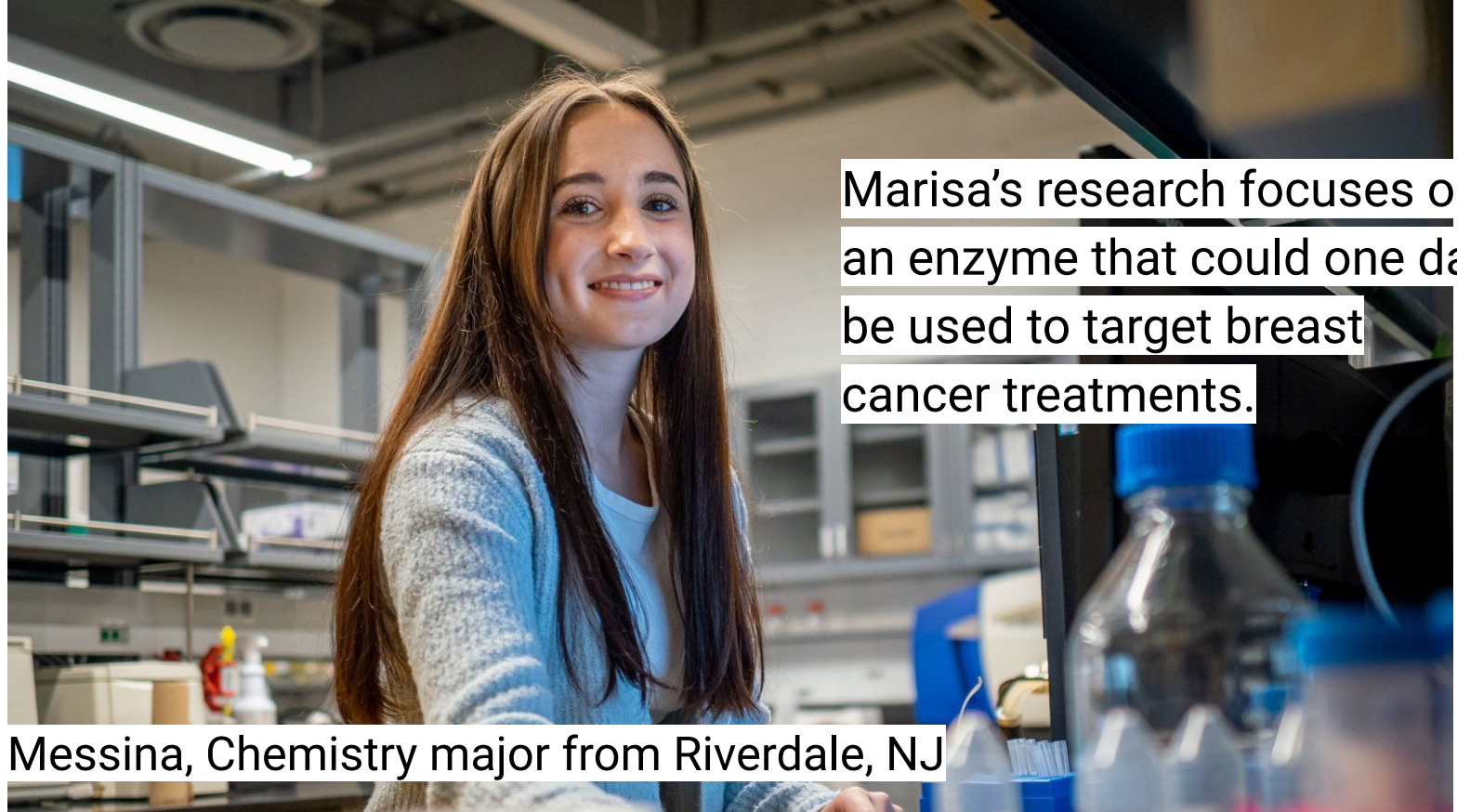
- A measure of how well schools enroll and graduate low-income students

- **#11 in the Nation for Graduation Rate Performance**

## *The Wall Street Journal 2024 Best Colleges in the U.S.*

- #4 in New Jersey (ahead of Rutgers University and Seton Hall University)
- #103 overall out of 400 institutions (ahead of New York University, Boston University and Northeastern University)
- #37 out of 204 public institutions (ahead of Penn State, The University of Texas at Austin and the University of Maryland)

# Something to Brag About: Our First Goldwater Scholar



Marisa's research focuses on an enzyme that could one day be used to target breast cancer treatments.

Marisa Messina, Chemistry major from Riverdale, NJ

# 6 Red Hawks Named American Heart Association HSI Scholars



Only 30 students selected nationwide to support Latino/Hispanic pipeline to public health and healthcare

Scientific Research Experience

Professional mentoring

\$7K Scholarship and all expenses paid trip to AHA's annual conference in Chicago





Yaire Hernandez, Public Health, presented a study on the shopping habits of minority shoppers when given the opportunity to shop at grocery stores that carry organic produce and other products versus their local grocers.



Kenneth Mosquera-Reinoso's research involved studying a cytochrome that metabolizes drugs, such as antibiotics, and other compounds that enter the body.

# Recent Campus News

- Men's Soccer: Perfect 9-0 record in NJAC, NJAC Champions
- Women's Soccer: NJAC Champions
- Montclair named a Fulbright HSI Leader - one of only 46 institutions in the US
- Joined the First Scholars Network, only 10% of institutions nationwide
- University Awarded \$850,000 Grant for Mental Health Support Services

Assistant Physics  
Professor Kent Leung was  
awarded \$616,289 CAREER  
Grant from the National  
Science Foundation to  
create a **new experimental  
nuclear physics research  
program.**



**Student research experiences in nuclear, particle and quantum physics**



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Our mission within the College for Community Health is to provide education, inspiration and empowerment to the next generation of health-care professionals while upholding a steadfast commitment to social justice.

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**Dean Rashid Ahmed,**

**College for Community Health**

# College for Education and Engaged Learning

## Welcome, Interim Dean Alfonso!

The mission of the College is grounded in developing academic programming that reflects the changing landscape of P-12 education, higher education and the needs of our community partners, as well as in modeling positive supports and inclusive practices of diverse individuals to normalize the tenets of anti-racism, social justice, equity, diversity and belonging.



# Introducing....

## Bloomfield College of Montclair State University

- Continued commitment to serving a largely first generation, predominantly Black Institution and Minority Serving Institution population
- One combined Admissions team with dedicated counselors for Bloomfield students
- Counselors attending your events represent both locations



# Applying to Montclair - Updates for 2024

1. Apply via Common App or [apply.montclair.edu/portal/admissions](https://apply.montclair.edu/portal/admissions)
2. Choose your location choice on the application.
  - a. Certain majors are only available at certain locations.
3. Provide high school transcript OR **Self Reported Academic Record (SRAR)**
  - a. *New for 2024!*
  - b. Students may upload unofficials for admissions decision
4. Recommendation letters: optional for most majors
5. Essay: considering allowing graded writing sample in lieu of essay for 2025

## To Summarize...



**The same hands-on support at Bloomfield that we all know and love**

1 unified admissions application

Certain majors are only available at one location

Can only apply to one location



# Application Process FAQ

1. How long until I receive a decision?
2. Can I be considered for both Montclair and Bloomfield?
3. I was admitted to Montclair/Bloomfield but now want to change to the other location.
4. What happens if I don't get into my restricted major?
5. Can I receive a fee waiver?
6. How about Nursing at Bloomfield?
7. When will I know if I was admitted to the Educational Opportunity Fund Program? (funny you should ask....)

**Raise your hand if the new  
FAFSA and delayed timeline  
is stressing you out**



# Realistically...

Colleges won't receive FAFSA data until the end of January

Factor in time for DOE-released software patches to be uploaded to our information systems

Financial Aid packages may not be available until March

This also impacts EOF applicants' financial review.

# Montclair's Tuition Free Program: Red Hawk Advantage Award

- Free tuition program for incoming freshmen and sophomores (transfers under 60 credits)
- New Jersey residents
- 3.0 + GPA
- \$65,000 AGI or less
- Bridge program for Garden State Guarantee to provide 4 years of tuition-free



**Montclair is a Garden State Guarantee School.**

# New Scholarships!

## Talent Based Scholarships

- Available for BFA and BMus Performing Arts programs
- Dance, Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre, Acting and Design & Technology Management
- Awarded by the faculty on the merit of the student's audition
- Varying amounts, no maximum

## PTK Scholarship

- Transfers only
- Phi Theta Kappa honor society students
- \$2,000 per year for two years
- Students indicate eligibility in the application

# Scholarship Universe

- Free tool for our students to match with internal and external scholarships
- Access to millions of dollars in well-vetted external scholarships
- New students can access Scholarship Universe as soon as they commit to Montclair

# We're Here To Help!



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# What's in store today

- Session Topics:
  - Introduction our new colleges:
    - College for Community Health
    - College of Education and Engaged Learning
  - Early College Programs
  - Student Panel
  - Student Success and Summer Programs
  - Study Abroad Programs
- Lunch at 12pm
- Optional Tour at 12:30 pm
- We love your feedback: check your email after today's event