



Alumni News



Montclair State's 2020 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Speaker Award Recipients

Congratulations to our newest class of distinguished alumni and friends for 2020. Join us as we celebrate these distinguished honorees who have been selected based on personal accomplishments, professional achievements, community service involvement and support of the mission of Montclair State University. We invite you to learn more about our honorees. [\[View full story\]](#)

Featured Digital Event

May 20

[Virtual Wine Tasting](#)

This Live event will be taking place **tonight at 7:00 PM**. A recording of the event will also be available.

Digital Events

May 20

[Virtual Choral Concert: American Voices](#)

May 20

[Emotional Intelligence by Dr. Sandra Lewis](#)

May 21

[Dealing with Stress with Dr. Robert Gilbert](#)

May 27

[Homeschooling 101: Tips for Parents](#)

May 27

[Masterful Musings - Mr. R. Douglas Sheldon](#)

May 28

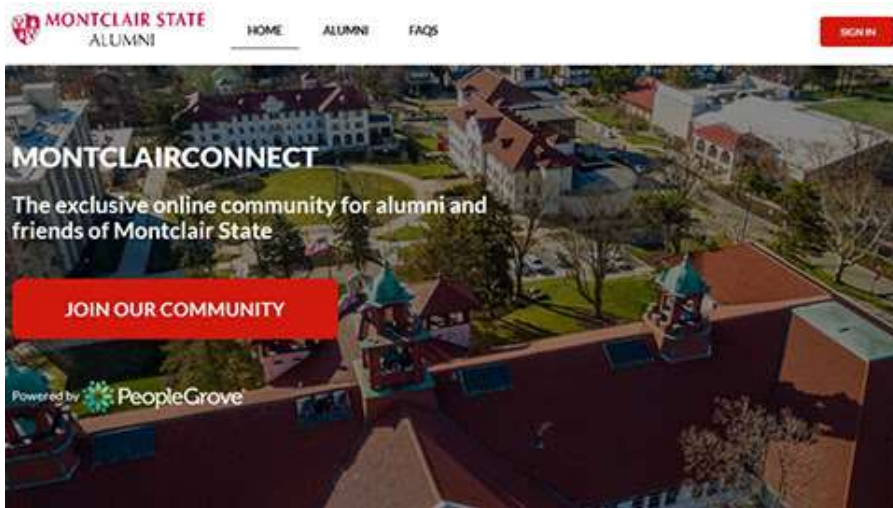
[Webinar: Social Research and Analysis \(MA\) and Data Collection & Management \(Certificate\)](#)

May 29

[Webinar: Public and Organizational Relations \(MA\)](#)

To find out more about online events and resources, visit our [website](#).

Career Corner



Announcing the new MONTCLAIRconnect!

We are excited to launch a newly designed online experience for MONTCLAIRconnect, the alumni online community, and we want your feedback! The new platform allows for online mentorship and volunteer opportunities. It offers new and improved ways to connect with fellow alumni and with the University. Through the online community you can network, mentor, learn and stay up to date with the latest events. [\[View full story\]](#)



Acing the Test

Julia Dondero '14 has been working behind-the-scenes to bring a new at-home self-collection kit for LabCorp's COVID-19 diagnostic test into the hands of the health-care workers and first responders who need it the most. Dondero leads the molecular diagnostics department at LabCorp's Raritan, New Jersey, lab, where she was able to rapidly scale up and validate an at-home collection kit that was the first authorized for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development
[The Center for Career Services](#)

While much has come to a standstill, this pandemic presents a unique time for both personal and professional development. Precious pockets of time exist—this is the nature of quarantine. What to do? Online educational opportunities are simply phenomenal. Take Yale's free and wildly popular [The Science of Well-Being](#) course—2.3 million already enrolled. Check-out [Coursera](#)'s other offerings—courses, certificates and degrees from world-class universities and companies. Staying busy during quarantine is critical, for all the reasons we can imagine, including a future job interview question—what did you do during quarantine? Prepare now for your answer.

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Spotlight of the Week





University Names Kimberly Killmer Hollister Dean of the Feliciano School of Business

A professor of Information and Operations Management, Hollister has served as the business school’s vice dean since 2015. She joined the faculty in 1999 and has previously served as acting dean from 2014 to 2015 and associate dean from 2008 to 2014. She will succeed Dean Greg Cant, who is leaving at the end of May to become president of Wilkes University in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. [\[View full story\]](#)



Winning Teams

Montclair State University administrative and educational leaders have secured \$2.6 million in National Science Foundation (NSF) grants for innovative internship programs designed to connect students and their families to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – or STEM. The key to the projects is the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS) Green Teams program. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News

Do you want to be featured in our social media alumni spotlight? Please email us at classnames@montclair.edu with “Alumni Spotlight” in the subject line. Please include:

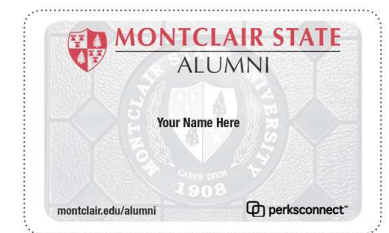
1. Your full name
2. Graduation year(s)
3. Job Title/Company
4. Quote
5. Photo (selfies will not be considered)

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#GivingTuesdayNow: Community Comes Together for Global Day of Giving

On Tuesday, May 5, Montclair State University participated in #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of giving and unity, in support of our students. The campaign was an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. We are grateful for all who have supported Montclair State students by helping us raise nearly \$20,000 in much-needed funds for two important initiatives – the Montclair State University Student Emergency Fund and the Feliciano School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation’s MIX Lab PPE project. [\[View full story\]](#)

Athletics News



Cucci, Powers Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team

Senior Valentina Cucci and junior Amber Powers of the Montclair State softball team were named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District Team Thursday. Both Cucci and Powers were chosen to the District 2 First Team and are now added to the Academic All-America ballot, which will be released in June. [\[View full story\]](#)

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Wilson’s Family Saved \$2,998 in Vet Bills!



Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a tennis ball. Luckily Wilson’s parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson’s vet bills.

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Alumni Spotlights



Glenn Tynan '80

Glenn Tynan '80 planned to be a music teacher, but decided to shift to business as the economic downturn of the late 1970s led to cuts in arts education. "I wanted to ensure I'd have a job after college, so I decided to treat music more as a hobby," he recalls. Tynan, who played all of the brass instruments, loved music but was surprised to find his interest sparked in accounting after an introductory course taught by Professor Frank Aquilino. [\[View full story\]](#)



Anca D. Basturescu '04

As an undergraduate student at Montclair State, Anca D. Basturescu '04 hoped to one day work for a company in the financial services industry. Today, she serves as a partner for Yorktown Partners LLC, an asset management firm that specializes in private equity investments operating in energy sector. In her role, she oversees the accounting, tax and some operations of Yorktown. [\[View fullstory\]](#)



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