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AlumniConnections

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of **Montclair State University**

Alumni News



Get Digital this Summer!

There many ways of staying connected to your alma mater this summer! Montclair State University continues to offer digital events to alumni and friends. From career workshops to a virtual performance to the MBA Executive Speaker Series, there are many digital opportunities available to you. [\[View full story\]](#)

Digital Events

June 17

[Webinar: Social Research and Analysis \(MA\)](#)

June 17

[Webinar: Graduate School Overview](#)

June 17

[Webinar: COVID-19: Maintaining Balance in Uncertain Times](#)

June 18

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

June 18

[Webinar: Sustainability Science \(MS\) Online](#)

June 22

[Virtual Premiere: *Gratias Tibi*](#)

June 23

[COVID-19 Financial Fraud Teleconference](#)

June 23

[Webinar: Job Searching - We've Got You Covered!](#)

July 1

[Webinar: How to Ace Phone and Video Interviews](#)

July 13

[Webinar: Prepare for the Virtual Career Fair](#)

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



Spring/Summer 2020 *Montclair* magazine

The Spring/Summer 2020 edition of *Montclair* magazine, is now available exclusively online at montclair.edu/magazine. It not only includes the stories you've come to know and love about our students, faculty and alumni but also features a special section of our COVID-19 coverage. Make sure to check out the [Class Notes](#) section to see what your fellow alumni are up to! [\[Read the online issue\]](#)

University News



Growing New Leaders in Higher Ed

This fall, Montclair State will launch the Master of Arts in Higher Education. The program changes an existing concentration within Educational Leadership to full degree status. Graduates of the concentration have gone on to careers throughout higher ed, from the Ivy League to community colleges. And while they hold a wide range of positions, including roles in student affairs, academic affairs and general university administration, they also carry with them a focus on social justice, which is among the hallmarks of the Montclair State program. [\[View full story\]](#)



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

Phone and video interviews, while already industry standard, have unfortunately become industry mandatory. These mediums present both challenges and strategic opportunities not afforded by face-to-face interviews. Regarding phone interviews—and I know this seems elementary—let the phone ring twice, then answer using your name. It's simple and sets a professional tone at the onset. In terms of video interviews, looking at the camera (not the screen) is the single most powerful technique for establishing a meaningful connection. These tips and much more are outlined in our archived webinar, [How to Ace Phone and Video Interviews](#).

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GEICO

Did you know? GEICO is providing a 15% credit to policyholders through October.



Green Teams Launch for Summer 2020

Surveying Jersey City's tree canopy and quantifying carbon sequestered in them. Mapping emissions for the entire City of Newark. Integrating technology to better manage urban farms. Analyzing municipal food waste. Developing internal corporate energy efficiencies. Thirty students from 17 institutions of higher learning will be working on all this – and more – as part of the Green Teams program of the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS) this summer. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News



The Red Hawk Pantry Relief Campaign

Did you know? The Red Hawk Pantry was established in April 2016 to address food insecurity at Montclair State. Since then, the pantry has grown to offer more than just canned goods. By supporting the Red Hawk Pantry, you will help to ensure that our students in need have access to food and supplies during this challenging time. The pantry remains open to serve all of our students who may be facing food insecurity. [\[View full story\]](#)

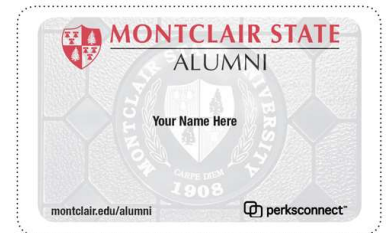
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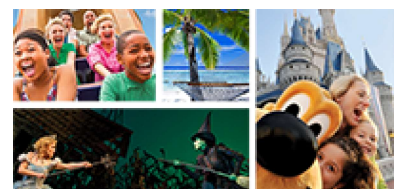
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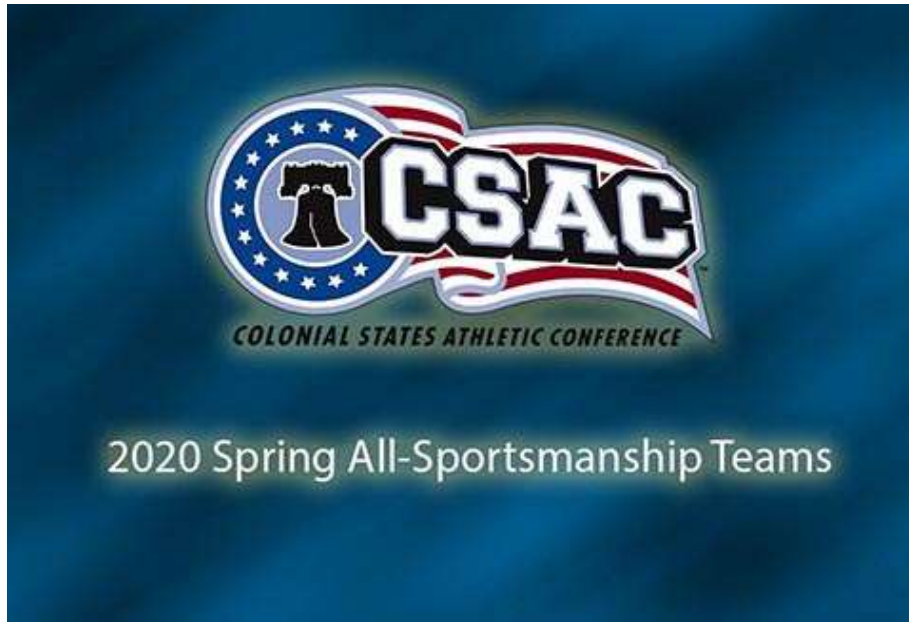
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Working Advantage



As alumni, you have exclusive access to the Working Advantage discount network which allows you to save up to 60% on

Athletics News



Six Red Hawks Named to CSAC Sportsmanship Team

The Colonial States Athletic Conference, with unanimous support from the directors of athletics at its member institutions, has announced that all 176 senior student-athletes who participated in the conference's nine spring sports shall be named to the 2020 CSAC All-Sportsmanship Team. Named to the CSAC All-Sportsmanship Team from Montclair State were the following players: Kyle Birkner, Skyler Francisco, Jon Kaye, Aaron Loschiavo, Tim Kirn and Steve Prince. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Amanda Frazao '11, '19 MA

When Governor Phil Murphy canceled in person teaching for the rest of the school year, Amanda Frazao '11, '19 MA, a fourth grade teacher at Roosevelt School in

ticketed events and online shopping. Access these discounts and get started today! [\[Learn more\]](#)

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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North Arlington, found a creative way to connect with her students. In an attempt to brighten her students' day, she came up with a plan to drive by each of their homes and surprise them. [\[View full story\]](#)



Nelson J. Pérez '84

Just a few weeks after Nelson J. Pérez '84 was installed as the 10th archbishop (and 14th bishop) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, overseeing the spiritual life of 1.3 million Roman Catholics, the global COVID-19 pandemic sent his flock into lockdown. "I stand and I preach to an empty cathedral that holds 1,200 people. There's no one there and at the same time, there are a lot of people there," Pérez explains. "In the last few months my presence has been virtual, which has been odd." [\[View full story\]](#)

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