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## Alumni Connections - December 2022

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# Alumni Connections

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## Alumni News



### A Treat for the Senses

To enjoy an evening of arts and excellence, the University invited members of its President's Club to a reception on December 3 as a special thank you for their support of Montclair State University.

Held in the George Segal Gallery, the reception featured the Montclair State University Galleries' exhibition *Nothing Under Heaven*. President Jonathan Koppell welcomed guests and thanked President's Club members for their support, emphasizing that as donors, they make a direct impact in the lives of students and a strong investment in their future.

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## Upcoming Events

**January 9**

[Webinar: Social Work \(MSW\)](#)

**January 11**

[Webinar: PhD Family Science and Human Development](#)

**January 18**

[Sacher Lecture with Ashley Kahn "How to Succeed in Music and Other Punchlines"](#)

**January 19**

[Leadership Development: Negotiation in the Workplace - Strategies for the Career Advancement of Women](#)

View the [full calendar](#) of events and check out some [online resources](#).

[PEAK Performances 2022-23 Season Is Here!](#)



## MLK Day of Service



## Launching the Women's Initiative Network (WIN)

The **Women's Initiative Network (WIN)** is launching to engage over 93,000 Montclair State University alumnae in the intellectual, cultural and educational life of the University. Individuals interested in joining WIN are encouraged to attend the event to be held on Thursday, January 19, featuring career and executive coach Tara Chiari presenting a Leadership Development Workshop: Negotiation in the Workplace – Strategies for the Career Advancement of Women.

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## University News



## University Announces \$5 Million Gift to Partner in Paterson Revitalization Efforts

Montclair State University announced at a press conference it will receive a \$5 million gift that it will use to become an educational partner in the creation and operation of a museum and learning center at historic Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, New Jersey. President Jonathan Koppell



Start the year off by doing something good with fellow Red Hawks at one of the many service projects available on and off campus. On **Monday, January 16, 2023**, alumni, students, faculty and staff will come together to lend a helping hand in the extended Montclair community.

Transportation will be provided to all off-campus sites. Upon completion of service activities, all off-campus volunteers will be provided with transportation back to campus.

There will be a small service fair from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for volunteers to meet other community partners in the Student Center Lobby.

To [register](#) please visit the website.

## Calling All 1973 Alumni!

In celebration of the **50th anniversary** of your graduation from Montclair State, please join us on campus for a reunion with fellow alumni and friends. An in-person reunion will be planned for May 2023. More information to follow.

Visit the [reunion webpage](#) for details. Interested in joining the committee? Contact Linda Kavan at [kavanl@montclair.edu](mailto:kavanl@montclair.edu) or 973-655-3323.

## Join the Recent Alumni Network Today

announced that Montclair State University alumnus and Paterson native Chuck Muth '77 and his wife, Laura, are making the transformational gift.  
[\[View the full story\]](#)



## Three Words to Describe Montclair

A new film, *Red Chair Stories*, puts students front and center and conveys Montclair's academic excellence, value and a sense of belonging. It also provides a look at what's on the minds of students invited to sit in red chairs and tell their stories, joined by mentors, professors and friends who support them. [\[View the full story\]](#)

**The Recent Alumni Network (RAN)** works to meet the needs and interests of alumni from the past ten graduating classes. Working with Alumni Engagement, the **RAN Committee**, representing the Classes of 2013 – 2023, will lead the charge in developing, planning, promoting, and delivering quality programs designed to engage recent graduates in the Montclair State University community.

If you are interested in joining the network or serving on the planning committee, please complete this brief [survey](#) to tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests, and your thoughts on developing future activities.

To [learn more about RAN](#) please visit our website.

## More University News

[\*\*Singing Montclair's Praises\*\*](#) National Broadway performer leaves the bright lights of the stage to pursue a master's degree

[\*\*Season of Giving\*\*](#) Donations of career-ready attire turn Rocky's Closet green

## Attorney Alumni Network (AAN)



The Office of Alumni Engagement, in conjunction with the new Pre-Law Program, is relaunching the **Attorney Alumni Network (AAN)**

As a member of the AAN, you may attend networking gatherings, serve as a guest speaker for a Pre-Law Society event, and help students learn about the trial process as a



## Students Reach out to University Donors with a Special Message

On the evening of Thursday, December 1, students from the **Future Alumni Network (FAN)** gathered in the Montclair State University Office of Annual Giving for a phone-a-thon to thank loyal donors. The group made calls to over 300 individuals, expressing their gratitude as beneficiaries of the academics, services and programs made possible with donor support. [\[View the Full Story\]](#)

## Athletics News

**AFCA**  
AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION



**Mike RAMOS**



- ◀ SECOND TEAM AFCA ALL-AMERICAN
- ◀ FIRST AFCA ALL-AMERICAN SINCE 2014
- ◀ RECORDED 81 TACKLES IN 2022

### Ramos Named Second Team All-American By AFCA

Mock Trial coach. Members may also serve as mentors and/or provide internship opportunities to current pre-law students.

If you are interested in joining the Network or serving on the AAN planning committee, please complete this [brief survey](#) to tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests, and your thoughts on developing future activities for alumni in the field of law.

## Career Corner



Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director, University College Career and Academic Programming

Defined as your willingness and ability to quickly adapt to change, agility in the workplace is an asset in any economy. Its worth today, however, is priceless considering the lightspeed evolution of work over this past year. Whether mental or physical labor, by 2024 it's expected 50% of structured, repeatable tasks will be automated. While this isn't much of a surprise, how do we remain agile in the face of all this change? Episode 36 of [Montclair's Career Services podcast](#) highlights the [8 characteristics that make you more agile](#) at work.

**Sign onto MONTCLAIRconnect!**

[Create your profile](#) to start making connections today!

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates

Senior safety Mike Ramos of the Montclair football team was named a Second Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association Tuesday. Ramos is the first Red Hawk to earn AFCA All-America honors since C.J. Conway in 2014 and is the 13th different student-athlete and 15th overall selection to the AFCA All-America list. He closes out his five-year career with 165 tackles, including 10 for loss.

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## Women's Basketball Cruises Past Hunter

The Montclair State women's basketball team cruised past Hunter College 76-44 in non-conference action Tuesday. Nickie Carter paced the Red Hawks (5-4) with 18 points. [\[View the Full Story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



- Access Hire a Red Hawk with the click of a button!

- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

Get started by [creating your account today!](#)

## Working Advantage

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Alumni have exclusive access to the [Working Advantage discount network](#) which allows you to save up to 60% on ticketed events and online shopping. To access these discounts, visit [workingadvantage.com/montclair](#) and get started today. Signing up is free!

Through Working Advantage you can save on:

- Movie Tickets
- Theme Parks
- Ski Tickets
- Broadway Shows
- Sporting Events
- Hotels and Travel
- Health and Fitness
- Museums and City Passes
- Merchant Gift Certificates
- Online Shopping

& much more!

**40% off Christmas Spectacular  
Starring the Radio City  
Rockettes**



Experience the magic of the holidays

## **Albaner C. Eugene, Jr. '18**

### ***Empowered to Serve***

In his days as a recent high school graduate and film school hopeful, Albaner C. Eugene, Jr. '18 hadn't yet learned that he was destined to serve others, or that he would become a force for shifting culture to one of personal accountability and growth. With nearly 290,000 Instagram followers and more than 25,000 YouTube subscribers, Albaner C. Eugene, Jr. is on the rise as an influencer with a mission to help youth move forward in every aspect of their lives. [\[View full story\]](#)



## **Wamwari Waichungo '90**

### ***Living Her Legacy***

Wamwari Waichungo '90 is living more than her best life; she is living her legacy. With a deep belief in the power of education, she is creating opportunities for the next generation of food science leaders through her ongoing support of the Wamwari Waichungo Food Science Scholarship and a recent seven-figure gift commitment to Montclair State University.

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at the grand Radio City Music Hall for a special night out. The Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes.

Tickets are starting from \$48.50! Sign on to [Working Advantage](#) for an exclusive discount on the Radio City Rockettes and performances.

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