

## Alumni Connections - September

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## Alumni News

## Featured Events

### County Teachers of the Year

Union County



Kristen Hickman '02

Passaic County



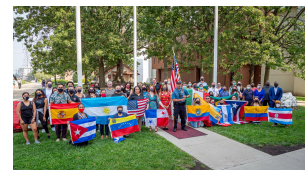
Amanda Rhodes '03

Somerset County



Corinne Laurie '06

### Hispanic Heritage Month Panel: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America



Join the Hispanic/Latinx/a/o Alumni Network and the Office of Hispanic Initiatives on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m. for a panel discussion in the Feliciano School of Business.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

### Three Montclair State University Alumnae Recognized as Star Educators

This August, the New Jersey Department of Education named 21 educators County Teacher of the Year. Three Montclair State University alumnae were among the honorees: Kristen Hickman '02 (Union County), Corrine Laurie '06 MA (Somerset) and Amanda Szuhany Rhodes '03 (Passaic). The honorees will serve as ambassadors for New Jersey's public schools throughout the school year and will also compete for State Teacher of the Year in the fall.

[\[View the full story\]](#)

## Upcoming Events

**September 26**

[Director JANE WAGNER](#)  
[Screening "Break the Game"](#)

**September 28**

[Launch your Analytics Career](#)



## Homecoming is Next Saturday!

The big day is almost here! Join us on Saturday, September 30, for Homecoming 2023. Come home to campus for a day filled with fun, food and football! Don't miss the alumni barbecue, student performances, the street fair and much more! Online registration closes Wednesday, September 27, so get your tickets today! [\[View the full story\]](#)

## University News



## Montclair State University Ranked 7th in Nation for Social Mobility in U.S. News & World Report College Rankings 2024

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Montclair State University No. 7 in the nation and No. 1 in New Jersey in social mobility, a measure of how well schools enroll and graduate low-income students and bring them closer to achieving the American Dream, among 435 national universities in its 2024 Best Colleges rankings. It is the first time the University has

**October 1**

[Concert Honoring NEA Jazz Master Billy Hart](#)

**October 5 - October 14**

[Seussical](#)

**October 18**

[Women's Entrepreneurship Week](#)

**October 19**

[Getting to Know MONTCLAIRconnect \(Virtual\)](#)

**October 22**

[Virtual Graduate Open House](#)

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

**PEAK Performances 23-24**

[Season Is Here!](#)



**Save the Date!**  
**RAN Fall Social**  
**October 26**



Did you graduate between 2013 and 2023? Mark your calendar and prepare to reconnect with fellow recent graduates at our Fall Social on Thursday, October 26. Stay tuned for additional event details.



been ranked in the Top 10 on this metric.

[\[View the full story\]](#)



## Greening It Forward

The 2023 PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (ISS) Green Teams Program brought together a diverse group of students from various universities to work on environmental projects. This year students across 32 universities rose to the challenge and addressed complex environmental issues. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## More University News...

[\*\*The Class of 2027 is Record-Breaking in Size, Diversity and Quality\*\*](#) Montclair State University welcomes largest incoming class, total enrollment and returning student population in its history.

[\*\*Montclair Researchers Training the Next Generation of Farmers for Looming National Food Crisis\*\*](#) National food quantity requirements are expected to double by 2050 and the agricultural workforce is changing, too.

[\*\*What it Means to be a Hispanic Serving Institution\*\*](#) Montclair State University explores its transformation in serving Latinx students, kicks off HSI Week and Hispanic Heritage Month.

## Giving News

## GIVE NOW: It's easy from a Donor Advised Fund

Realize the benefits of giving to Montclair State University through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Simply click the button below and enter your fund provider name to get started.

Our tool makes it easy, and your gift makes a big impact!

[Make a Gift](#)

## Career Corner



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

Effective networking in the job search involves building meaningful connections.

Begin by identifying your target network, including colleagues, alumni and industry professionals. Engage with them through social media, attend industry events and join relevant groups or associations.

Personalize your outreach, expressing genuine interest in their work. Always be a giver, offering assistance and insights when possible. Follow up and



## Support the Emergency Book Fund Double Your Impact

This academic year our classrooms are filled with eager students representing the next generation of scientists who will work to end climate change; artists who will enhance our cultural opportunities; nurses who will become our next-door heroes; and, teachers who will educate our children.

Now more than ever, our students need your help as they strive to realize their dreams. Please [support the Emergency Book Fund](#). Your gift provides assistance for students who would otherwise be unable to purchase needed textbooks due to financial hardship. Now you can double your impact! The Parents Fund will match donations dollar for dollar up to a total of \$5,000.

**Make a Gift**

Please note: If you would like to make a gift to The Bloomfield College Fund, please [click here](#).

## Athletics News

nurture relationships consistently.

Networking is not just about asking for favors; it's about cultivating relationships that can lead to valuable opportunities and career growth.

**Sign onto  
MONTCLAIRconnect!**



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

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.
- Access Handshake to post a job or search for a job with the click of a button!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital and in-person opportunities.

Check out our  
**MONTCLAIRconnect Group of the Month:**

**Hispanic and Latinx/a/o Alumni Network (HLAN)**

HLAN provides a forum to strengthen connections. We welcome your participation as we work together to ensure that the voices of the MSU Hispanic/Latinx constituency are heard and contribute to the betterment of the community.

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







Stream some of the Montclair School of Communication and Media's (SCM) best content on [Hawk+](#), a free digital streaming platform that curates video content from across the University.

Check out one of the featured episodes of [Cooking with Koppell](#)

[Stream Hawk+](#)

## No. 18 Women's Soccer Upends No. 9 Misericordia

In a remarkable display of offensive firepower, the No.18-ranked Montclair State University women's soccer team secured a resounding 4-1 victory against No. 9 Misericordia University. Head Coach Patrick Naughter effusively praised his team's offensive prowess, hailing their performance as nothing short of perfection. [\[View the full story\]](#)



## No. 6 Men's Soccer Clips Moravian, 1-0

In a gritty defensive showdown, the No. 6 Montclair State University men's soccer team secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Moravian University. Montclair's unwavering defense displayed remarkable resilience, limiting Moravian to one shot during the second half of regulation. The pivotal moment arrived in the 32nd minute when junior Owen Murphy skillfully found the back of the net, delivering the lone goal of the game and propelling Montclair to a well-deserved victory. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## Need Student Loan Repayment Help?

Introducing our new student loan repayment support Toll-Free Hotline and GradReady online financial literacy tool.

Montclair State University has partnered with Ascendium Education Solutions®, a leader in student loan repayment support to address any questions or concerns you may have about your federal student loans. This is a FREE service for Montclair alumni.

833-707-1220  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
[RepaymentSupport@ascendiumeducation.org](mailto:RepaymentSupport@ascendiumeducation.org)

[Click Here for Additional Resources](#)

## Dental Insurance

## Alumni Spotlights



The Montclair State University Foundation has partnered with AMBA and Ameritas to offer quality dental plans at affordable prices, so alumni can find the best dental insurance plan for you and your family.

The Ameritas Dental Network is one of the largest in the nation, making it easier for policy holders across the country to see the dentist of their choice. Plans also feature next-day coverage, no enrollment fees and preventive visits, such as dental exams and cleanings, which are covered up to 100%.

[Learn More](#)



### Huron Benson '00 Building Bridges for Montclair Students

When she isn't leading oversight and governance of BNY Mellon's technology disaster recovery program, Huron Benson '00 is building pathways to success for Montclair students through her involvement in the Black Alumni Advisory Council. [\[View full story\]](#)



### John Delucca '66 Trustee Emeritus and BCAA President Emeritus

Learning about the life and career of Bloomfield's John Delucca '66 conjures up images of the energizer bunny who never stops and just keeps going and going. With a gregarious personality and boundless love

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of people that together engender him to perpetually seek new endeavors, Delucca says his successes all tie back to the foundation he received at Bloomfield College. [\[View full story\]](#)

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