

Alumni Connections - December 2023

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Alumni News



Bloomfield Alumni, Faculty and Staff Gather for an Evening with President Koppell and Chancellor Evans

Bloomfield alumni, faculty and staff assembled in Westminster Hall to hear an update from President Jonathan Koppell and Chancellor Marcheta Evans about the mission and vision for Bloomfield College of Montclair State University.

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Upcoming Events

January 4

[Master of Social Work Virtual Information Session](#)

January 5

[Get to know MONTCLAIRconnect](#)

January 8

[Applied Mathematics & Statistics MS Virtual Information Session](#)

January 10

[Graduate Chemistry Programs Virtual Information Session](#)

January 15

[MLK Day of Service](#)

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

[PEAK Performances 23-24 Season Is Here!](#)



Celebrating Alumni Volunteers

On Tuesday, December 12, the Office of Alumni Engagement thanked the many hard-working alumni volunteers who support the office for their year-round service with a Holiday Social at The Shannon Rose in Clifton.

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University News



Montclair Journalism Students Thrive through NBCU Partnership

Launched in 2021 by NBCU, the initiative provides students from colleges and universities with accredited journalism programs with scholarships, education, on-campus training and online programming. Schools are invited to participate and students are able to work and learn from NBC News,



This Month's Featured Show

Ana en el Trópico
January 13 - January 14



As Cuban immigrants toil away in a Cigar factory in Florida, they have a "lector" read to them. In the play, the lector reads Anna Karenina, sparking the characters' lives and relationships to spin out of control.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

WIN Workshop
January 25



Ready to elevate your personal brand and leave a lasting impression?

Take the first step towards unlocking your true potential by joining us for our WIN Workshop.

Discover the secrets to effective personal branding and learn how to shape the narrative that

MSNBC, CNBC and Telemundo professionals.

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defines you.

[Register Today](#)

Continuing Education Survey

The Department of Writing Studies is developing a continuing education program for working professionals.

We are eager for your feedback regarding the professional writing skills necessary for success in your workplace. Please complete this brief [survey](#) to help us craft course offerings tailored to your needs.

[Complete the Survey](#)

Tackling the Teacher Shortage: Montclair Launches First NJ Apprenticeship Program Backed by Department of Labor

Montclair State University has launched the first Teacher Certification Apprenticeship Program in the state of New Jersey backed by the U.S. Department of Labor, directly addressing the national teacher shortage by creating an earn-while-you-learn pathway for current paraprofessionals to become classroom leaders.

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More University News...

Musical Numbers: Understanding How Math and Music Merge In building a thongophone for mathematical analysis of its pipes for pitch, Montclair students find the connection between music and math.

Empowering Futures: 2023 Women's Leadership Alliance Conference High school scholars and professionals gather at Montclair State University to network and elevate their leadership journeys.

Giving News



We are reaching out to all members of the Class of 1974 to ask for your help in spreading the word and to invite you to join your reunion planning committee.

If you are interested in serving on your 50th Reunion Committee or would like more information, please contact Rachel Vigilante at vigilanter@montclair.edu or 973-655-5465.



The Red Hawk Pantry

This season of gratitude is an opportunity to do great things and through generosity, help others.

Please consider a gift in support of the Montclair State University Red Hawk Pantry. There are students facing food insecurity and the pantry provides the food and health/personal care products they need. We are seeing more students visit the pantry this year than ever before and your support will make sure we can keep our shelves fully stocked for our students.

Gifts large and small will help students in need during this season of giving. Thank you.

[Make a Gift](#)

Athletics News



Communication Survey

Montclair State University is conducting a survey to understand how the university can enhance communication, and gather insight on how we connect with our alumni community.

As a valued graduate of the University, we need your input, which will help Montclair to best serve and support alumni.

All participants who qualify and complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of two Montclair hoodies.

Please note that if you do wish to enter the drawing, you will be asked to provide your contact information at the end of the survey.

[Complete the Survey](#)

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!

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Amer Lukovic Named 2023 National Player of the Year

Junior forward Amer Lukovic of the Montclair State University men's soccer team has been named the 2023 NCAA Division III National Player of the Year by the United Soccer Coaches organization.

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Curran, Rodman Named To CSC Academic All-District Team

Juniors Rachel Curran and Katie Rodman of the Montclair State University volleyball team were named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.

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Alumni Spotlights



Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, director, university college career and academic programming

Key Skills Expected to be Crucial for Job Seekers in 2024:

Digital Literacy

Proficiency in using digital tools, software and platforms.

Data Literacy

Basic understanding of data analysis and interpretation to inform decision-making.

Adaptability

The ability to quickly learn and adapt to new technologies and changing work environments.

Emotional Intelligence

Strong interpersonal skills, empathy, and the ability to collaborate effectively with diverse teams.

Resilience

The ability to bounce back from setbacks and cope with stress in a dynamic work environment.

Cultural Competence

Understanding and appreciating diverse perspectives and working well in multicultural settings.

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Taylor Trost '23 Selected for Prestigious Milken Educator Award

Taylor Trost '23 MA, a 2023 Milken Educator Award recipient, is making her mark at Grace Norton Rogers Elementary School. Her ingenuity and dedication are helping to transform education in New Jersey's East Windsor Regional School District.

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Aurelio Soto '23 TRIO Student Support Services Set the Path to Success

Presidential Scholar and 2-D Animation graduate Aurelio Soto '23 attributes much of his success to Bloomfield College's TRIO Student Support Services program, a federally funded initiative that played a pivotal role in shaping his career-ready skills.

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- 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.

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

Facebook Holiday Giveaway



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