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## **Montclair State University welcomes largest freshman class in school's 105-year history**

Montclair State's enrollment has been growing steadily for more than a decade, and this year, the university will welcome its largest freshman class in school history, a spokesman said.

More than 3,000 freshman students moved into their dorms today, bringing the university's overall enrollment to 19,000.

"People are seeing life and vitality in this institution and wanting to be a part of it," said Karen L. Pennington, vice president of student development and campus life.

A new musical theater major, a new business school and new science laboratories have attracted a broad base of students in recent years, Pennington said.

Unlike some colleges and universities that admit students almost exclusively based on SAT scores, Montclair State looks closely at the rigor of an applicant's high school course work. Tuition, room and board for New Jersey students is \$25,288 annually; \$34,106 for out-of-state students, according to the university's website.

"We want to see that students have done well in math, English and history," Pennington said. "We believe that is a better predictor of success than high SAT scores."

Sophomore, junior and senior students move into their dorms later this week.

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