



From the President

Dear **First Name**:

Being part of a community means enjoying the fellowship of those who share common interests and goals. As a member of the President's Club, you are part of the University's core of support, a community that understands that giving back to others is one of the best things you can do in life.

Together, we celebrated Soar, The Campaign for Montclair State University, at our Annual Scholarship Dinner on March 9 and raised more than \$550,000 in support of student scholarships. It is wonderful to gather so many big-hearted people in one room, all of whom share the common purpose of wanting to make the road smoother for students who are talented and ambitious and working hard to fulfill their potential. Our emphasis on providing funds for student scholarships underscores the vital importance of keeping Montclair State affordable and the necessity for philanthropic support in order to reach all those students who deserve access to the University's excellence.

The evening honored University Trustee and business leader Lawrence R. Inserra, Jr. and Inserra Supermarkets. Larry has done so much to make Montclair State a great experience for our students, and it was an honor to recognize the Inserras' mission to serve and the impact they have achieved in the community. Please take a moment to [view this tribute to Larry](#) and [enjoy highlights from the dinner](#). Thank you to all of you who were able to be part of this terrific evening.

Your investment in Montclair State is making a difference, which is evident in the growing list of accolades, such as the University's latest designation as a high research activity doctoral university, and in the

The President's Club

The President's Club recognizes alumni, parents and friends who demonstrate their strong commitment to Montclair State University and its mission of academic excellence by contributing \$1,000 or more annually to the University.

Events for **First Name** :

April

Martha Graham University Partners Showcase

April 6

The Joyce Theater, New York

Montclair State University dance majors are performing a dance of Doris Humphrey's *Partita V* from 1942 as a part of the biennial Martha Graham University Partner's Showcase. [Details](#)

Shanghai Quartet with Haochen Zhang, piano

April 6

Alexander Kasser Theater

Since his gold medal win at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2009, 27-year-old Chinese pianist Haochen Zhang has captivated audiences with his deep musical sensitivity, fearless imagination and spectacular virtuosity. [Details](#)

Carpe Diem Society Annual Luncheon

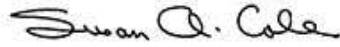
April 11

University Hall, Conference Center

appreciation our students have for the opportunity of a Montclair State education.

Thank you for helping our students succeed and achieve their goals in life. I look forward to seeing you on campus to share in our students' energy and the University's great work.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Cole

Donor Spotlight

Lawrence R. Inserra, Jr. and Inserra Supermarkets



As a family business, Inserra Supermarkets is committed to serving the community, and under the leadership of Lawrence R. Inserra, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, giving back is at the heart of all it does. In recognition of their family and community focus and their impact on Montclair State University, Lawrence R. Inserra, Jr., and Inserra Supermarkets were awarded the Rose and John J. Cali Award for Business Leadership and Community Engagement at the March 9 Annual Scholarship Dinner. [\[Read full story\]](#).

Updates

National Student Scholarship Attracting Talented Students from Coast to Coast



The annual luncheon honors alumni and friends who have established a planned gift for Montclair State University and will feature a performance by students from the John J. Cali School of Music. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. in the University Conference Center![Details](#)

May

MSU Symphony Orchestra

May 1

Alexander Kasser Theater

Performing Barber's Overture to *The School for Scandal*; Elgar's *Concerto for Cello* with 2018 concerto competition winner Kevin Maa; Schumann's *Concert Piece for 4 Horns and Orchestra* with members of the Cali School horn faculty Michelle Baker, Kyle Hoyt, Jeff Scott and a featured student; and Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* (1919 version). [Details](#)

Live Literature: Jayne Anne Phillips, Fictions

May 2

Student Center, Room 251

Phillips' fifth novel, *Quiet Dell*, based on a true story, concerns the infamous 1931 murders committed in a hamlet of the same name near her hometown in West Virginia. A mesmerizing retelling of a harrowing true crime, *Quiet Dell* is a triumph. [Details](#)

MSU Wind Symphony

May 3

Alexander Kasser Theater

The MSU Wind Symphony presents its final on-campus concert of the year with music from Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Karel Husa and many others. [Details](#)

MSU Singers and MSU Chorale

May 4

Alexander Kasser Theater

The MSU Singers will perform works from the classical and contemporary choral repertoire. The MSU Chorale

A National Student Scholarship will be offered at Montclair State University for high-achieving out-of-state students beginning in fall 2019. The awards guarantee that academically qualified college students pay in-state tuition. [\[Read full story\]](#).

CEO Advocates for Hispanics in C-suites



Latino CEO Cid Wilson, a champion of Hispanic inclusion, inspired aspiring Hispanic leaders to reach for the C-suite in a presentation at Montclair State University's Feliciano School of Business. [\[Read full story\]](#).

Student Spotlight

Talia Antonacci '19



Talia Antonacci initially was attracted to Montclair State University because of its esteemed Italian program – and now, looking back, she is proud of her choice and feels she has benefited immensely from all the University has to offer. Having graduated in January with a major in Italian and a minor in Business, she credits the program for its strong academics and how it helps students build their resumes and gain experience in various fields of study. [\[Read full story\]](#).

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will perform *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and celebrating the 200th birthday of America's great lyric poet Walt Whitman. *Dona Nobis Pacem* was composed in 1936 and intended as a warning against the rising drums of war heard across Europe in the mid-1930's. [Details](#)

MSU Jazz Ensemble: Music of Andrew Jones

May 5

Alexander Kasser Theater

The MSU Jazz Ensemble welcomes you to a performance of the music of Toronto-based composer and arranger Andrew Jones. A graduate of the University of Toronto, Jones is a member of the faculty of Cawthra Park Secondary School in Mississauga, and serves as director of the well-known Brampton Jazz Mechanics. [Details](#)

2019 Pitch Contest: BulbHead.com Inventors Day for Aspiring Entrepreneurs

May 8

University Hall, Conference Center

Montclair State University is gearing up to find the next big idea at its annual BulbHead.com Inventors Day for Aspiring Entrepreneurs. With \$80,000 in prize money designated for winning startups, Montclair State's competition is the largest collegiate pitch contest in New Jersey. [Details](#)

Peak Performances: *Democracy in America*

May 9 - 12

Alexander Kasser Theater

Romeo Castellucci is one of Europe's best-known directors, a firebrand known for productions that are as thought-provoking as they are visually stunning. He returns to Peak Performances with the American premiere of *Democracy in America*, freely inspired by the work of Alexis de Tocqueville. Castellucci conjures majorettes who stir the crowd's enthusiasm for democracy in America, colonial settlers who confound the native Americans and

a puritan couple who struggle to farm a barren land. He asks us to consider the empty promises of a political system steeped in Biblical egalitarianism rather than the concept of tragedy so essential to ancient Greek democracy, the dangers of majority rule, and the inherent violence that springs from religious puritanism and territorial conquests. His challenging, soul-stirring brand of theatrical magic transposes these painful, profound ideas into an enticing, vibrant, celebratory work of art. [Details](#)