



From the President

Dear First Name:

As strong supporters of the University, you are at the core of making another year the best it can be for Montclair State students.

Montclair State has always differentiated itself as an institution intent on successfully providing a comprehensive and rigorous higher education to a population of students that is, in every way, truly reflective of the diversity of the society we serve. The University received [new accolades from national media](#) for affordability, diversity, strong student outcomes and a commitment to social mobility. Montclair State has always been known for stellar teacher education, but through the years has grown to offer more than 300 doctoral, master's and baccalaureate programs. With our current stature as a New Jersey Public Research University and our national designation as an [R2 doctoral and research university](#), much has changed. But we have always cared about student success, we have always cared about creating a supportive environment for teaching and learning, and we remain committed to ensuring that we provide access to educational opportunity and excellence for our 21,000 students.

With the commitment of many, we have worked to raise the resources to achieve this important mission. [Soar, The Campaign for Montclair State University](#) has surpassed the \$75 million goal, a historic milestone for the University. There is much more we need to do to keep the promise of an excellent education alive for all students who are willing to work for it. Our priority going forward is to raise funds for

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.

Featured Event

'By Chance': Milton, the King James Bible, and Discovery in the Humanities

December 4

Alexander Kasser Theater

A special event celebrating the remarkable achievements of Dr. Jeffrey Alan Miller, Associate Professor of English at Montclair State University. We invite you to meet Miller, our very own MacArthur Fellow who's writing a new chapter in the history of the King James Bible.

[Details](#)

Featured Series

The Cali Signature Series

The John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University is introducing a "quartet" of new student-centered performances this fall – The Cali Signature Series – a selection of symphonic, chamber and vocal music concerts, showcasing the exquisite venues and talents of Montclair State.

Beatrice Crawford Memorial Concert *Considering Matthew Shepard*

December 8

Alexander Kasser Theater

scholarships. You can read about the power of scholarships in the profiles below, highlighting the amazing support of proud alumna, Rose Cali, and one of the talented students in the John J. Cali School of Music who has benefited from the Cali family's generosity.

Thank you for your continued support to keep the University thriving. It is an exciting time at Montclair State, and all of us at the University thank you for helping us achieve great work.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Cole

Donor Spotlight

Rose Cali '80, Montclair State University Board of Trustee Member



A little kindness goes a long way, and when you consider Rose Cali, a lot of kindness goes beyond measure. Rose experienced the importance of kindness as a child when her family turned to The Salvation Army for assistance, and it's a practice she has generously shared to help others ever since. [\[Read full story\]](#).

Updates

English Professor Jeffrey Alan Miller Wins MacArthur Genius Grant

The concert features the Montclair State University Chorale and the Montclair State University Singers under the direction of Professor Heather Buchanan, accompanied by pianist Steven W. Ryan, presenting the profound and gripping work, *Considering Matthew Shepard*, by composer Craig Hella Johnson.

[Details](#)

Events for **First Name** :

December

Confluence: Tradition in Contemporary Art

Ongoing - December 7

George Segal Gallery

This exhibition features work by more than 30 artists and designers who broadly and boldly respond to tradition while creating new and unique expressions. The artists and designers in the exhibit were selected from the faculty and staff of the Sichuan Fine Arts Institute in China and the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design at the University of Dundee in Scotland.

[Details](#)

A Performance by the Montclair State Electronic Music Ensemble

December 5

George Segal Gallery

The Montclair State Electronic Music Ensemble will premiere a collection of student-written pieces, as well as a new work by ensemble director Nate May. Come for this groundbreaking musical performance, played amidst groundbreaking artwork from China and Scotland.

[Details](#)

Department of Theatre and Dance: Fall Dance 2019

December 5

Memorial Auditorium

This concert presents world premieres by innovative choreographers Maxine Steinman (junior class), Fredrick Earl Mosley (sophomore class) and Jessica DiMauro Marks (freshman class).



On Wednesday, December 4, the University will celebrate Jeffrey Alan Miller, Associate Professor of English at Montclair State University, as a 2019 MacArthur Fellow. Awarded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, this prestigious award commonly (but unofficially) known as the “Genius Grant” is a highly selective award given to “extraordinarily talented and creative individuals as an investment in their potential.” [\[Read full story\].](#)

Montclair State Wins Two Major Federal Grants



Montclair State University has been awarded two major federal grants: a \$165,000 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Minority University Research and Education Project fellowship, and a \$2.2-plus million U.S. Department of Education “Strengthening Institutions” grant to help the University better serve low-income students. [\[Read full story\].](#)

Student Spotlight

Steven Ridge
John J. Cali Music Scholarship

Our senior class performs Martha Graham's classic work *Acts of Light*.

[Details](#)

The School of Communication and Media PR Speaker Series presents: Global Brand PepsiCo Storytelling Strategies Focus on Growth, Innovation, Culture and Community

December 12

School of Communication and Media

Susan Novak, Vice President, PepsiCo Brand and Key Capabilities Communications, will discuss her role in leading communications for PepsiCo's innovation capabilities including Design, e-Commerce, Insights and Research & Development.

[Details](#)

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Members To perform Handel's *Messiah* With Montclair State University Singers

December 22

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges returns to New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) stages for Handel's masterwork-a Christmastime tradition in concert halls and churches across the world. Conductor Roderick Cox, soprano Sarah Shafer, tenor Frederick Ballentine and bass-baritone Douglass Williams make their NJSO debuts.

[Details](#)

Gandini Juggling and Alexander Whitley American Premiere: *Spring*

December 12 - December 15

Alexander Kasser Theatre

The avant-garde virtuosos of Gandini Juggling create breathtaking productions that mesmerize audiences of all ages. Back by popular demand following the success of last year's *Smashed*, the company collaborates with British choreographer Alexander Whitley in *Spring*.

[Details](#)



Steven Ridge has been passionate about teaching music dating back to his early middle school days. Now working on his master's degree, he is majoring in Music with a concentration in Violin Performance. [\[Read full story\]](#).

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