

2025-2026 Annual Impact Report

DONORS FUEL SUCCESS

Montclair State University is a place of possibility—where students achieve excellence that reshapes their futures, and where innovation, ambition, and purpose unite to make a lasting difference.

Your support drives meaningful momentum across the University—opening doors for students, strengthening our communities, and advancing the impactful work at the heart of our shared mission.

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Investing in Success

Every day, thanks to donors like you, Montclair State University is making a meaningful difference—in the lives of our students and in the world they will shape. We remain steadfast in our mission to expand opportunity and serve as a catalyst for individuals to realize their fullest potential.

We are proud to provide a rigorous, high-quality education that prepares students to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. That commitment is reflected in our growing national recognition: Fortune ranks the Feliciano School of Business the #1 MBA program in New Jersey; Newsweek ranks Montclair #1 in

New Jersey for America's Top Online Colleges; and Washington Monthly ranks Montclair #29 in the Northeast and #100 in the nation—recognizing both Best Bang for Your Buck and Best Colleges for Your Tuition (and Tax) Dollars.

Montclair continues to deliver on what matters most—access, affordability, academic excellence, and real-world impact. By expanding opportunity, advancing research, and strengthening communities, we are shaping a better future. And with your support, our students are empowered to become the changemakers the world needs.

The Power of your Giving

The following reflects gifts and commitments received by the Montclair State University Foundation between July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

\$17.3 MILLION IN TOTAL GIVING
36% increase over last year



\$7.1 MILLION
secured in private grants investing in Montclair's faculty, research and work
108% increase over last year



\$8.1 MILLION
in major gifts - propelling Montclair's mission
11% increase over last year



\$200,000
in planned gifts established securing Montclair's future



\$1.9 MILLION
in annual giving – serving immediate needs and Montclair priorities
10% increase over last year

CREATING IMPACT FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Current Needs: Donor support of the Fund for Montclair State provides unrestricted giving to help the University meet current needs and best serve students today.

Future Opportunities: By investing in the future, donors who endow gifts create positive change year after year for generations to come. Earnings are invested, with a portion of the value of an endowed fund paid out to support the fund's purpose.



\$158 MILLION

The Montclair State University Foundation portfolio value as of June 30, 2025



4.25%

Annual spending rate distribution for fiscal year 2024

Spending rate management is guided by the Montclair State University Foundation on an annual basis with the objective of providing scholarships to current students while maintaining the long-term value of the endowment for future generations. The methodology is based on a 12-quarter rolling average.

Thank you for investing in Montclair's current and future success.

A Message of Gratitude



Your generosity continues to open doors of opportunity for our students and elevate the University's impact in meaningful ways. Every day, we celebrate remarkable accomplishments—driven by innovation, academic excellence, and a deep commitment to public service. Because of your philanthropy, we are expanding access, strengthening communities, and preparing graduates to lead with purpose.

Thank you for your partnership in advancing a mission that transforms lives.

Warmest regards,

Rita L. Walters
Vice President for
Development and Alumni
Engagement

The Impact You Make Possible



Goldwater Scholarship Winner, **Joseph Quinn-Vitabile**, pictured with his Montclair Physics professor and research mentor, Professor Shaon Ghosh.

Photo by University Photographer Mike Peters

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Universe

In just two years, Joseph David Quinn-Vitabile's ambitions expanded from computer science and a job in tech to using artificial intelligence to infer the internal composition of a neutron star as well as plans to earn a PhD in astrophysics. In 2025, Quinn-Vitabile earned the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, created by Congress to recognize "exceptional potential to become the next generation of research leaders in fields essential to national security and global competitiveness."

Quinn-Vitabile's ability to pursue this path was made possible by donors like you. Support enables the University to offer research opportunities, such as the College of Science and Mathematics Summer Research Program, encouraging curious and dedicated students to put their growing knowledge to the test. Montclair's ability to attract renowned academics like Professor Shaon Ghosh, a member of the global LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Quinn-Vitabile's mentor, ensures that our students are participating at the forefront of their disciplines.



Dani Mazariegos, a senior majoring in Journalism and Digital Media, accepts the Seymour Bricker Humanitarian Award on behalf of the *Arizona Stories* team at the 44th College Television Awards in Los Angeles.

Strong Voices, Powerful Storytelling

When the team behind *Arizona Stories: Border, Water and Politics* assembled at the podium to accept the Television Academy Foundation's College Television Award for News, it was easy to see that these students were ready for the red carpet. When they returned to the stage to receive the Academy's Seymour Bricker Humanitarian Award, their passion for telling important stories was even more apparent.

Philanthropy helps strengthen programs across the University. As a result, Montclair's College of Communication and Media is preparing students to take their place among the world's most impactful storytellers. As the Academy noted, their "exceptionally moving piece" showcased "a steady grit, a clear voice, and above all else, an unwavering commitment to the people at the bedrock of the subject matter."



From left: Jeff Strickland, executive director of the John Martinson Honors EDGE Program, John Martinson, University President Jonathan Koppell, and Montclair honors student Jacob Roby, gather at Montclair State University in recognition of Martinson's transformative gift.

Photo by University Photographer Mike Peters

HIGHLIGHT

Montclair State University's **Honors EDGE Program** entered a transformative new chapter thanks to a \$5 million gift from venture capitalist and philanthropist John Martinson. This investment will create a distinct and rigorous academic experience, expanding the program's reach, deepening its curriculum, and opening new opportunities for students — making Montclair a national model for honors education.

In recognition of this extraordinary support, the program was renamed the John Martinson Honors EDGE Program. With an emphasis on creativity, purposeful leadership development, meaningful community involvement, and interdisciplinary learning, the enhanced honors program aims to provide hands-on experiences that prepare students to become leaders, innovators and change-makers.

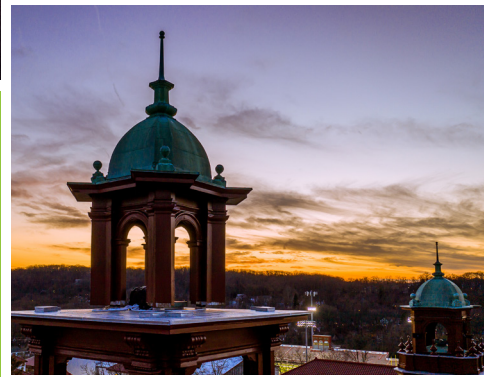
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New Jersey's Most Efficient and Effective University, with the lowest operating expenditures per graduate among all NJ public universities
State of New Jersey data, 2024



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