

## **OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **SHIVAUN GAINES** Government Relations

MS. GAINES joins Montclair State University after many years of experience as chief of staff for a state legislator in the New Jersey General Assembly. She is a well-respected political strategist and organizer who has concentrated on grassroots activities, government relations, and fund-raising. Prior to coming to Montclair State, Ms. Gaines was manager of the County of Essex Alternative to Detention Programs, where she was instrumental in designing creative alternative options for detained Essex County youths while reducing the number of youths housed in detention. She worked closely with Superior Court judges and administrative court staff to develop and implement strategic and operational goals within the court.

### **MARIA CRISTIANO ANDERSON** Assistant University Council University Counsel's Office B.A. Rutgers University J.D. Seton Hall University School of Law

MS. ANDERSON comes to her position as Assistant University Counsel after working in house for K. Hovnanian Companies and being engaged in the private practice of law for approximately 15 years where she gained considerable experience in the areas of real estate development, local and state government law, insurance law, and commercial and employment litigation. Ms. Anderson has served as an elected member of the Kenilworth Board of Education, and is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Community Health Law Project. She has also obtained numerous published Court decisions in education and real estate development.