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minor Sports Coaching

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# COUNSELOR MINI-WORKSHOP WEBINARS

Join the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at our lunch-and-learn webinars. You'll have the opportunity to receive an overview and update on Montclair State University, hear from our admission counselors, and learn more on special topics from campus partners, including the Office of Social Justice and Diversity, MSU Cares, our colleges and schools, and more.

Join Us

**October 6**  
**October 27**  
**November 17**  
**December 8**

For more information and to register, visit [montclair.edu/admissions/workshops](https://montclair.edu/admissions/workshops).

## MEETING THE MOMENT



### Dear Colleagues:

I am loath to start a letter with the overwrought phrase “*in these unprecedented times*,” but ... In these unprecedented times, I am proud to say that Montclair State University is putting students first, providing a physical and academic refuge for those whose college plans may have been drastically altered by the pandemic, and has adapted the delivery of its curricula and services to meet the demands and constraints of this moment. Indeed, this year's freshman class is larger than the one before and larger than even we had planned – influenced, no doubt, by our students' desire to receive a high-quality education close to home.

The first half of 2020 taught us in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions that we could quickly create a meaningful, thoughtful and nuanced virtual experience for admitted students as they navigated the college decision process. We held successful online Accepted Student Days, met “face-to-face” with students and families in thousands of individualized telecounseling appointments via Zoom and other platforms, and created a Virtual Campus Experience that approximates the real thing.

In the second half of 2020, we'll put what we've learned to the test. We are developing a full complement of virtual recruitment events to help prospective students learn more about Montclair State. Here's what you can expect:

- Freshman Information Sessions, led by our admissions counselors
- Virtual Campus Experience sessions, hosted by student ambassadors
- Meet A Red Hawk, an “ask me anything” style event
- Information sessions led by key departments across campus, including staff from Residence Life, Commuter Life, Financial Aid, Educational Opportunity Fund, Disability Resource Center, Center for Student Involvement, Office for Social Justice and Diversity, Honors Program, and Teacher Education Certification
- Transfer Information Sessions
- Webinars about the college search process for students of all grade levels (and parents), including how to navigate virtual college visits and what to know about associate degrees for families planning on community college prior to applying to Montclair State

We haven't forgotten about you, our closest colleagues in this process. We will be hosting a series of Virtual Counselor Workshops. You can learn more about them by visiting the website we've designed especially for you: [montclair.edu/admissions/counselors](https://montclair.edu/admissions/counselors).

As we all work to help students make sense of an uncertain time in our history, I am heartened to have you as colleagues. Our joint mission of supporting students and starting them on their best footing after graduation is what drives everything we do, and I am grateful for the myriad ways you make that work easier, more fulfilling and endlessly gratifying.

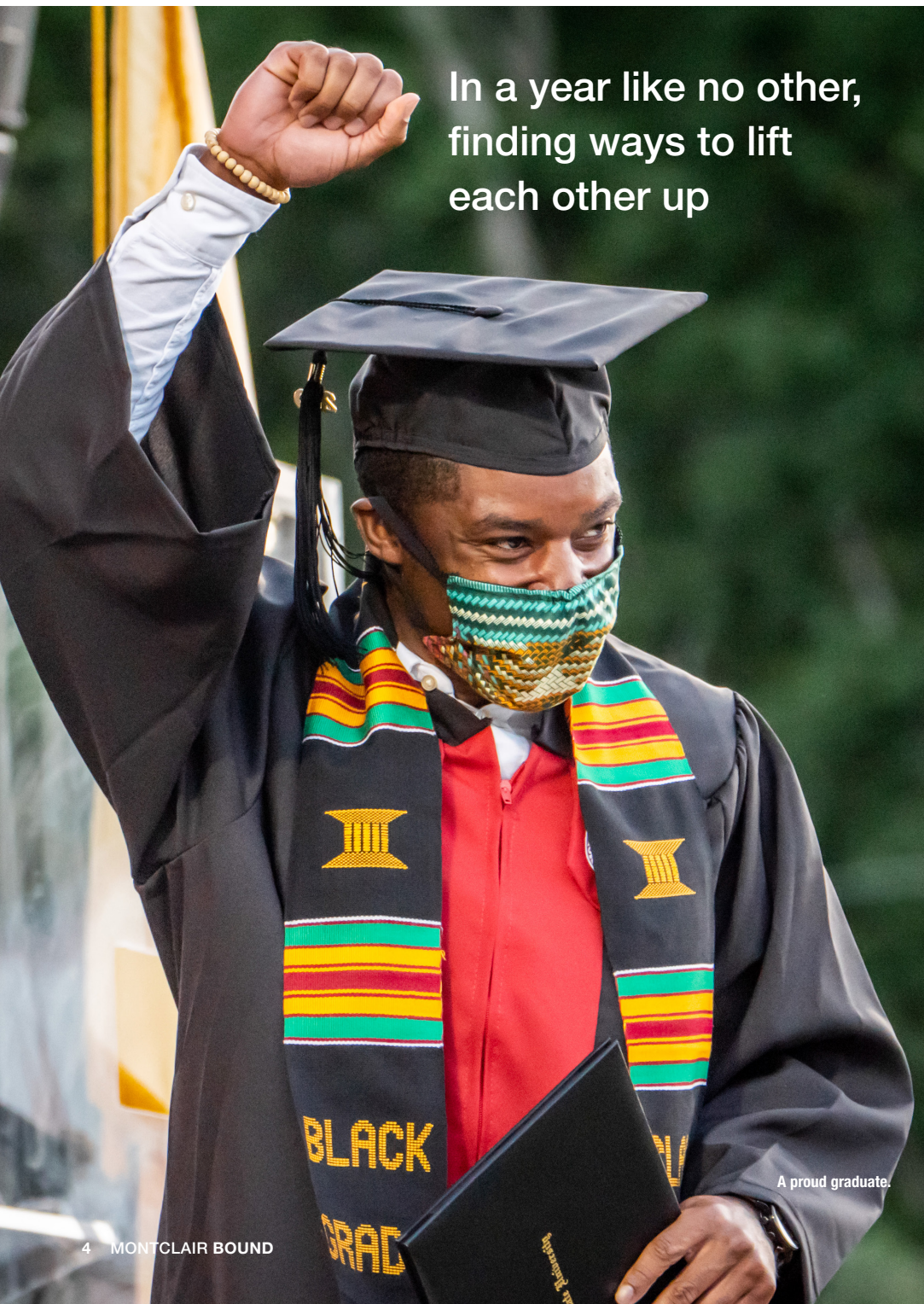
Here's to better days ahead.

Sincerely,

Jeff Gant  
Director, Undergraduate Admissions



# LIFE LESSONS



In a year like no other,  
finding ways to lift  
each other up

A proud graduate.

From making sure the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 were recognized with 21 small, separate, in-person Commencement ceremonies, to preparing over the summer for the Class of 2024, Montclair State has adapted in unusual times to provide a sure and steady path for students no matter where they are in the college journey.

“We are committed to making every effort to provide you with the tools to foster your talents, creativity and innovation. The world needs your talents now, more than ever,” said Karen Pennington, vice president for Student Development and Campus Life, in welcoming new students to the start of the fall semester.

New Jersey’s restart plan for higher education allowed us to provide classes we carefully planned over the summer. By instituting what we call HAWKFlex, the academic year was able to begin with instruction delivered in different, complementary ways: on-campus, face-to-face and fully online.

Our full complement of student services are available on-campus, as well as remotely. Residence Life has provided housing for students who require, or desire, to live in our halls.

Safety protocols, as described in the University’s Restart Plan, include social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, and daily online self-screening by all students and employees. Signs and other visual COVID-19 safety reminders benefit the entire community.

After the Thanksgiving break, all instructional activities will move to 100% online for the remainder of the term that ends on December 14. Faculty have prepared for their tech-enabled classrooms, adding podcasts and video streaming software for lectures and discussion, creating safe spaces in a large parking deck for socially distant music rehearsals, and even creating virtual space for mindfulness and self care.

“We’re resilient,” reflected Joseph Lopez ’20 of Clifton, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Justice Studies. “No matter what, we’re going to keep on pushing through it. Pandemic or no pandemic.”

## IN TIME OF NEED, STUDENTS COME HOME

New Jersey Scholar Corps  
brings NJ students home for  
studies and service



Gihani Dugganna Walawwe Pahalawela

**Union City resident Gihani Dugganna Walawwe Pahalawela was planning to study in New York this fall.** But then she heard about the New Jersey Scholar Corps, a higher education partnership formed in response to the economic impacts and public health toll of the COVID-19 crisis.

“As a New Jersey scholar, I will be able to participate in volunteer service activities to serve my local communities while gaining valuable experience,” says Dugganna Walawwe Pahalawela. “Not only that, I can also get real learning experience applying the work I am doing in my degree program.”

The partnership, also called “NJ Come Home,” invites students attending school out-of-state to come home to continue their studies, with the added incentive of participating in service programs modeled after the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps.

Dugganna Walawwe Pahalawela was personally affected by COVID-19, falling ill and then diagnosed with the disease. Like her own recovery, she recognizes that New Jersey’s road back will not be an easy one, and she is grateful for the chance Montclair State offers to play both a role serving communities in need while working on a degree in the vital STEM field of Applied Mathematics.

The New Jersey Scholar Corps is leading the country in developing ways to engage students in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. At Montclair

State, “participants will have the opportunity to be part of something bigger, be part of the solution, without compromising their education and career goals,” says Katia Paz Goldfarb, assistant vice president for Hispanic Serving Initiatives.

By offering a college education at a reasonable price, the program appeals to the financial realities of families who have suffered a reduced income due to job losses or illness. “We lose about 43% of our college-going population to other states,” says Blanca E. Vega, assistant professor of Higher Education at Montclair State. “This is a good time to really demonstrate to those students that we’re not going to put them in debt.”

The New Jersey Scholar Corps program is open to all New Jersey students currently studying at an accredited four-year, out-of-state university or college. It provides an easy transfer process, promising to accept all credits with a C grade or better.

“It’s important for the University to be a leader in the process of rebuilding the state and the economy because of the vital role that we play, not only as a major employer for the area, but as a huge generator of successful alumni,” says Jeff Gant, director of Undergraduate Admissions. “We owe it to that group and to the larger, state and regional economies to be an active participant and not be a passive observer.”

Learn more at [montclair.edu/admissions/nj-come-home](https://montclair.edu/admissions/nj-come-home).





Fatimata Diabate '20, who earned her degree in Public Health, addresses graduates of the College of Education and Human Services.

# SIGHTS SET HIGH

## EOF scholars determined to make the most of college

When Fatimata Diabate '20 delivered an inspirational speech on resilience during Commencement ceremonies, she represented the hopes and dreams of hundreds of Montclair State students, many of whom are first-generation scholars like Diabate.

“My academic preparation was poor,” she said in a voice full of emotion. “I had a lot of catching up to do, but I had a mission to succeed in life. Something powerful inside of me that always kept me moving forward.”

That determination is at the heart of the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), the program that guided Diabate to earn a bachelor’s degree in Public Health. Captured on video, her remarks were used to close the 2020 EOF Summer Academy, a five-week

institute providing new EOF scholars with academic and social transitional support.

“It’s a powerful speech,” says EOF Associate Director Rahjaun Gordon. “Not only does it express all that Fatimata has been able to accomplish, but it shows our new scholars what they can achieve in their time here.”

EOF provides college access and opportunity to highly motivated students, “most from low-income communities, who want more, who are motivated or first-gen, and who with the proper support and guidance can ultimately reach their personal and professional goals,” says Assistant Provost for Special Programs Daniel Jean.

The Summer Academy is the “heart and soul” of the program, providing classes in writing, mentoring, tutoring and advising.

Diabate, in an interview a few days after Commencement, recalled her experience as a new EOF scholar. “My first year I was scared, but EOF became my home. It was made up of people I was able to relate to. Whether you were Haitian or African or Hispanic, we all had similar backgrounds.”

Born in the United States, Diabate lived as a child with family in Ivory Coast as her parents juggled multiple jobs, returning when she was 8. “Imagine at that age, entering school not knowing your times tables or how to spell. You’re always trying to catch up. I’ve always felt that way.”

Diabate paused to reflect on her story. “And I made it,” she says. “I made it.”

Learn more at [montclair.edu/educational-opportunity-fund](https://montclair.edu/educational-opportunity-fund).

# ABOVE NYC’S BACKYARD

Out-of-state students pursue their passions with National Student Scholarships



Montclair State University awards National Student Scholarships to high-achieving, out-of-state students. The awards guarantee that academically qualified college students pay in-state tuition.

The financial support made all the difference for Amina Kolenc, a Dance major from Jacksonville, Florida. “I don’t think coming to Montclair State would have been possible without the in-state tuition,” she says.

The big draw for students? Montclair State internships and all the career and cultural options New York City has to offer.

“When it was time to pick a college, I was very confident in my choice,” says Rabakah Rodriguez, a Nutrition and Food Science major born and raised in the Bronx, New York. “What

attracted me to Montclair State was the diversity of people, multiple opportunities and that there’s always something going on campus.”

A strong sense of community and diversity has helped the out-of-state students get used to living in New Jersey.

“It was really scary to move a thousand miles away from where I had lived my entire life, but I couldn’t be happier that I did,” says Kelley Israel, a pre-major student from Austin, Texas. Israel is exploring her academic options and is considering a teaching career in Secondary Education.

“I’ve met so many kind, empathetic and positive people who make this campus and New Jersey feel like home already,” she says.



Griffin Shoemaker, originally from Texas, studies in the prestigious BFA in Musical Theatre program. He chose Montclair State after receiving a National Student Scholarship. “I am so lucky to have ended up exactly where I belong.”

## JOIN US

OCTOBER 18  
NOVEMBER 8

## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Hear from our Deans and current Red Hawks about all the unique opportunities available to you, learn more about your academic interests and join us for a virtual campus tour to see why Montclair State is the right school for you!

Learn more at [montclair.edu/admissions/open-house](https://montclair.edu/admissions/open-house).



# WORLD CLASS

Future teachers inspired to lead change

As Deliris Diaz moves around the classroom, the first-year physics teacher checks calculations on the gravitational forces in space, encouraging students to trust their instincts. It's a life lesson, as well as one for the law of physics. At East Side High School in Newark, New Jersey, Diaz has a special understanding of how her students' world works and what it means when someone inspires you to shoot for the moon.

Diaz was a standout in science and valedictorian at East Side, taught by graduates of the Newark-Montclair Urban Teacher Residency. Today, that same program guides her teaching, with the residency among the grant-funded partnerships Montclair State University has forged to recruit and prepare teachers of color, and provide crucial support in the early years of teaching.

"We want to combat the social inequalities that we are seeing every day in our society," says Jennifer Robinson, executive director of the Center of Pedagogy. "So, we have a broader mission beyond just teaching students about subject matter. We want to make sure our students see themselves as moral agents who are going to provide their students with access to knowledge, opening doors and windows and opportunities."

Growing up, there weren't a lot of teachers who looked like me," Diaz says. "So I would say that was the motivation for me to ask, 'What can I do to be invited in, to include my voice into this space?'"

Diaz is seen as one of the best and brightest, winning a prestigious Knowles Teaching Fellowship, which supports early-career, high school mathematics and science teachers.

"Although my students see me as a very young teacher, they often see me as a very relatable teacher, someone who understands and someone who's always pushing them to be the very best. That's what I was asking them in today's lesson – 'Are we okay? Are we going to do it? Can we do it?' – just to show them that physics is not so intimidating, that if you just give it a chance, you are more capable than what you let yourself be," Diaz says.

Deliris Diaz teaches Physics in her East Side High School classroom.

## ASPIRING HISPANIC STUDENTS

Now in its fourth year, the Hispanic Student College Institute, created by Montclair State University to help Hispanic high school students strengthen their path to college, took on a new look this past summer by moving online and providing evening bilingual sessions for parents.

"We take care of the whole family," says Katia Paz Goldfarb, assistant vice president for Hispanic Serving Initiatives. "We are Latinos and we know how important the family is. The family is going to decide."

During the sessions, the Hispanic/Latinx rising juniors and seniors received information that is critical when they apply to college. This included navigating the academic experience and the process of applying to college: financial aid, transitioning to college, choosing a major and living on campus.

Brielle Rojas, a junior studying Nutrition and Food Science with a minor in Public Health, helped mentor the students. "I understand the challenges throughout the high school-college transition. I was a part of this program when I was in high school and my peer mentor assured my decision to attend Montclair State due to the positive outlook on diversity on campus."

Learn more at [montclair.edu/provost/division-of-academic-affairs/hispanic-serving-initiatives](https://montclair.edu/provost/division-of-academic-affairs/hispanic-serving-initiatives).

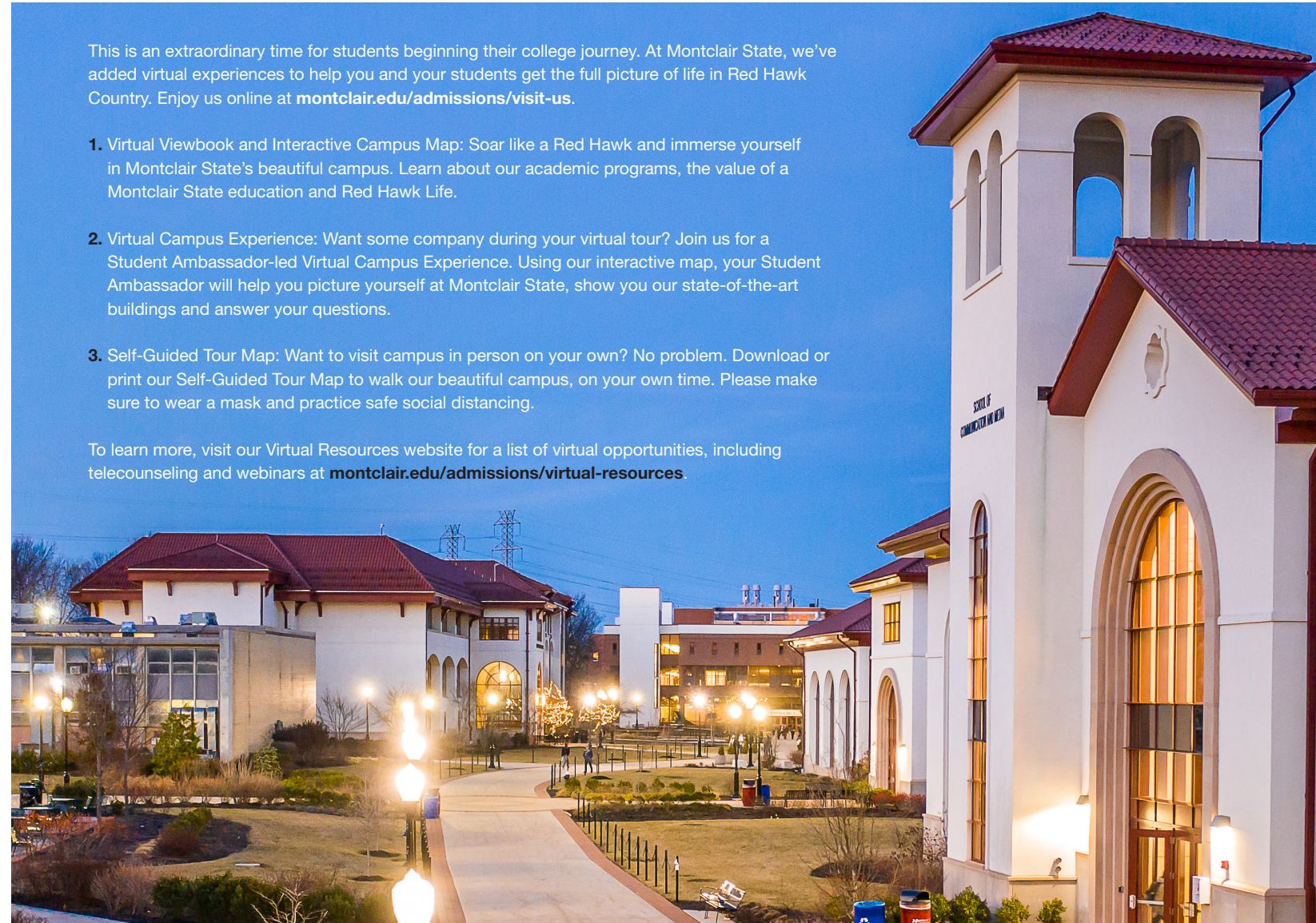
# GRAND TOUR

New visit opportunities provide online campus experiences.

This is an extraordinary time for students beginning their college journey. At Montclair State, we've added virtual experiences to help you and your students get the full picture of life in Red Hawk Country. Enjoy us online at [montclair.edu/admissions/visit-us](https://montclair.edu/admissions/visit-us).

1. Virtual Viewbook and Interactive Campus Map: Soar like a Red Hawk and immerse yourself in Montclair State's beautiful campus. Learn about our academic programs, the value of a Montclair State education and Red Hawk Life.
2. Virtual Campus Experience: Want some company during your virtual tour? Join us for a Student Ambassador-led Virtual Campus Experience. Using our interactive map, your Student Ambassador will help you picture yourself at Montclair State, show you our state-of-the-art buildings and answer your questions.
3. Self-Guided Tour Map: Want to visit campus in person on your own? No problem. Download or print our Self-Guided Tour Map to walk our beautiful campus, on your own time. Please make sure to wear a mask and practice safe social distancing.

To learn more, visit our Virtual Resources website for a list of virtual opportunities, including telecounseling and webinars at [montclair.edu/admissions/virtual-resources](https://montclair.edu/admissions/virtual-resources).



## ARTS DAYS

Montclair State University's Arts Days – all virtual for 2020-2021 – provide opportunities for prospective students to learn about the College of the Arts programs and careers in the arts: Dance, Theatre, Art and Design, School of Music, Communication and Media.

Learn more at [montclair.edu/arts/student-services/campus-visits-for-prospective-students](https://montclair.edu/arts/student-services/campus-visits-for-prospective-students).

Isaiah Bridges-Green '20, a Voice Performance major from Brooklyn, New York, performs in *Considering Matthew Shepard*.





# WITH 2+2, TRANSFERRING MADE EASY

Montclair State University partners with community colleges with a 2+2 Program that guarantees admission for students who complete an associate degree.

Students work with advisors from both schools to keep them on track to earn their AA/AS and bachelor's degrees.

Participating two-year colleges are Bergen Community College, Brookdale Community College, County College of Morris, Hudson County Community College, Passaic County Community College and Union County College.

Learn more at [montclair.edu/admissions/montclair-state-two-plus-two](https://montclair.edu/admissions/montclair-state-two-plus-two).

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

### FRESHMAN APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2021

Applications opened online on August 15, 2020.

Students who complete their application for admission by the Priority Deadline of December 1, 2020, will be notified of their official admission decision by December 23, 2020.

Students interested in the School of Nursing will be notified of their official admission decision by Friday, January 29, 2021.

Students seeking merit-based scholarships are encouraged to complete their application by January 15, 2021, for full consideration.

financial aid notification within one month. Students filing after the February 1 deadline will receive notification on a rolling basis, after priority applicants have been reviewed.

The FAFSA will become available after October 1, 2020, and can be submitted using the family's 2019 tax returns. Students submitting the FAFSA early can expect notification before the priority review period.

### FRESHMAN STUDENTS DEPOSIT DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2021

Students seeking housing should also submit the non-refundable housing deposit by this date to guarantee their place in a residence hall.

### TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall and spring applications opened online in mid-September.

Spring Admission (January start) Deadline: **November 15, 2020**

Fall Admission (September start) Deadline: **April 15, 2021**

### FAFSA FILING DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

This is the date by which students should submit a completed FAFSA. If students submit their FAFSA by this date, they will receive

### TRANSFER STUDENTS DEPOSIT DEADLINES:

Spring Term: **December 15, 2020**  
Fall Term: **June 1, 2021**

Accepted transfer students who have decided to attend Montclair State University must submit their non-refundable enrollment deposit by the dates listed above. Students seeking housing should also submit their non-refundable housing deposit by these dates to guarantee their place in a residence hall.

# JUMP-START

High school students can  
earn college credits



“Learn and grow as much as possible,” says Ben Kusik '20, a transfer student from Millington, New Jersey, who earned a BA in Visual Arts. Kusik worked on campus for the Office of Summer and Winter Sessions, where he created digital art to promote programming. “I definitely put out some rough work the first year but the position helped me stay both career and academically minded. I believe I am who I am today because of all their help, support and advice.”

The Early College Program at Montclair State gives academically ambitious high school students the opportunity to complement their study – and earn transferable college credits.

“This program creates an early path to collegiate success,” says Gregory Nasser, assistant director for Early College Programs. “The college process is challenging. We want to give high school students the freedom to pursue and explore their academic interests while providing them with guidance and advice.”

Students enrolling in the fall, spring or summer can choose from the University's catalog of undergraduate 100- and 200-level courses, ranging from Psychology and Biology to Journalism and Jazz – and more.

During the summer, high school students can earn three college credits while taking their intermediate Italian language skills to the next level during the three-week Italian Immersion Summer Program. Students can take advantage of a residential option that allows them to experience campus life at its fullest.

The Model United Nations Summer Academy is an intensive, weeklong summer in-residence program offering students the opportunity to earn three fully transferable college credits while acquiring public speaking, research and negotiating skills, and exploring topics such as international security and human rights.

Learn more about the Early College Program: [montclair.edu/admissions/early-college-program](https://montclair.edu/admissions/early-college-program).



The Presidential Scholars program attracts high-achieving students, and among the Class of 2024, NJ quintuplets

TAKE

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For many college-bound seniors, worries about paying tuition can temper the joy of being accepted. For the Povolo quintuplets of Totowa, New Jersey, those concerns were multiplied by five.

But that anxiety lifted when they accepted Montclair State University's offer of five Presidential Scholarships for high-achieving students – one for each sibling, Victoria, Masha, Ashley, Michael and Marcus.

The University's Presidential Scholars Program rewards accomplished New Jersey students with a \$5,000-a-year scholarship and additional academic, research-driven and career-focused activities, as long as they maintain the required GPAs.

The program offers meaningful academic experiences, including access to alumni mentors and internships, spring break community service, lectures and research opportunities.

"The Povolos are exactly the type of students we had in mind when the University began offering this generous financial support to New Jersey's most ambitious and determined students," says Jeff Gant, director of Undergraduate Admissions.

"Thank you, Montclair State, for allowing us this amazing opportunity and this special blessing," said Victoria, the oldest quintuplet and the one who explored financial aid for all five with the University. In addition to the Presidential scholarships, Montclair State is providing grants and smaller merit scholarships that amount to a tuition-free four years for the family.

Victoria's siblings and parents learned of the admissions offer at Passaic Valley High School in early February 2020, when they thought they were meeting with guidance counselors to discuss financial aid but were instead met with a surprise by Montclair State's mascot, Rocky, and a team from University Admissions.

"Your world can change in a moment," mused their mother, Silvia Povolo, wiping away tears after the offer sunk in at the reveal.

Paying for college has been a concern since their children were born on the Fourth of July, 2002. "We worried about that a lot," recalls their father, Paolo Povolo. "We wondered, will we have to refinance the house? The last several months while they were applying to college have been so stressful."

Montclair State offers a variety of programs that fit the quints' needs. Victoria wants to be a forensic pathologist. Masha will study political science and plans to be a lawyer. Ashley dreams of teaching. Michael plans to study nutrition and food science. Marcus wants to be an accountant.

"We're eager to start up and get the ball rolling on this new chapter," Victoria says.

Learn more at [www.montclair.edu/presidential-scholars](http://www.montclair.edu/presidential-scholars).

# ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

## University College provides a path for 'major' decisions

For Primo Davis, the list of things to explore was long when he came to Montclair State. He sings and performs. He makes clothes. He enjoys student government.

At University College, being a pre-major student gave Davis the time and space to discover his path. He met with an academic advisor for guidance on the programs, classes, organizations and clubs that fit his varied interests.

"I now know that some things are off the table. Some things are still possible. Some

things will take a lot of work. Some things I can just jump into. But having that clarity and understanding of what I can do is liberating," he says.

University College is the first program of its kind in New Jersey that allows students to explore academic and career options as "pre-major" students. It provides space for students to take their time and make sure that the major they're selecting is the right fit, mindful that a mismatched choice could lead to added semesters and tuition.

Learn more at [montclair.edu/university-college](http://montclair.edu/university-college).

Primo Davis, a junior from Voorhees Township, New Jersey, was accepted into Production Design, with a concentration in Costume Construction, after exploring his options in University College.

## CLASS OF 2024 STATS

**13,700**  
APPLICANTS  
RECEIVED  
(first-year)

**6**  
TOP SIX CHOICES  
OF MAJOR:  
Psychology, Business  
Administration, Biology,  
Educational Foundations,  
Computer Science,  
Exercise Science

**3.27**  
AVERAGE GPA  
of Class of 2024

**35%**  
Identify as Hispanic  
and  
**19%**  
as African American

**3,100+**  
NEW STUDENTS  
ENROLLED  
(first-year)

**22**  
REPRESENTED  
STATES,  
plus Puerto Rico,  
Virgin Islands and  
all 21 counties in  
New Jersey



# common app MONTCLAIR STATE JOINS THE COMMON APP, EASING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

**Students can now apply to Montclair State University through the Common Application.**

The Common App, which serves over one million applicants each year, reduces barriers during the college application process and provides additional resources to assist with scholarships and financial aid, according to university officials.

“We joined Common App to help simplify the college application experience for students and

counselors,” says Vice President for Enrollment Management Wendy Lin-Cook. “Our new partnership will help us educate more students about the value, attainability and affordability of a Montclair State University degree.”

By becoming a Common App member, Montclair State is also helping to make additional tools and services available to students and those who support them, including financial aid

and scholarship information, virtual mentors, online portfolios, and a vast library of counselor resources available in English and Spanish. In addition to its other resources, it helps reduce barriers to the college application process, including making the fee waiver process more efficient for students in need.

Learn more at [montclair.edu/admissions/apply-and-check-status](http://montclair.edu/admissions/apply-and-check-status).

## COLLEGE HALL SNEAK PEEK



After more than three years of construction, College Hall – Montclair State’s iconic, original home – will reopen this fall after a loving and thorough renovation, expansion and modernization. The building will host Red Hawk Central, the University’s one-stop student services center for all current and prospective students and alumni.

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**Have an urgent question?**

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or email  
[counselor@montclair.edu](mailto:counselor@montclair.edu)

A dedicated representative is waiting to help you.

# RAISING ROLE MODELS

Josh Dela Cruz credits Montclair State with helping him embrace his identity.

When Nickelodeon’s breakout hit children’s show *Blue’s Clues* returned as the rebooted *Blue’s Clues & You!* last fall, some wondered whether this sweet and occasionally silent show from the pre-smartphone era could succeed amidst the noise of the “digital age.”

The answer – with the dynamic Josh Dela Cruz ’11 as the human sidekick to cartoon puppy Blue – is a resounding, “Yes!”

After graduating from Montclair State with a degree in Musical Theatre, Dela Cruz found success in the New York/Broadway theater scene, with roles in *The King and I*, *Here Lies Love* and *Merrily We Roll Along*, and working as an ensemble cast member and understudy for the lead in the Disney hit *Aladdin*.

But, as a Filipino American, Dela Cruz says he initially didn’t envision himself on television. “I never experienced seeing somebody like me on TV growing up. That definitely does play a part in why maybe I never even saw myself on television – or even mainstream media.”

He credits Montclair State with helping him embrace his identity.

Josh Dela Cruz, host of *Blue’s Clues & You!* Courtesy of Nickelodeon.



“The Theatre and Dance department took me in and put me in plays which I had never done,” Dela Cruz says, noting that he was cast in roles typically reserved for white actors. “It didn’t matter what I looked like. I don’t know if I would be the performer I am today and as accepting of my identity – which has led to my success – if it hadn’t been for Montclair State.”

Critics have lauded Dela Cruz’s performance on *Blue’s Clues & You!* and have noted that he represents both an opportunity for Asian American children to feel seen and for children in general to have an Asian American role model.

Dela Cruz says the University made it all possible for an immigrant kid to realize his dreams.

“We lived a modest middle class life. I remember looking up schools for musical theatre, and tuition per year was what my dad made,” he says. “I’m so thankful that I don’t have student debt. Having an affordable place to study is something I treasure and so appreciate as well as having a good quality education.”



**Best  
Colleges for  
Your Money**

2020 *Money* magazine

**Top  
Public  
Schools**

*U.S. News &  
World Report*

# OUR STATS STACK UP

**Top Producer  
Minority  
Degrees**

2018 *Diverse: Issues in  
Higher Education*

**252**-acre  
suburban  
campus

**12**  
miles to  
NYC

**Voter-  
Friendly  
Campus**

*Washington  
Monthly*

**Top 25**

LGBTQ-Friendly  
Colleges and  
Universities

**300+**

academic  
programs

**Best Colleges  
for Student  
Voting**

*Washington Monthly*

**200+**

study-abroad  
programs in  
more than  
60 countries

**Top  
Performers  
on Social  
Mobility**

*U.S. News &  
World Report*

**Best Bang  
for Your  
Buck**

*Washington Monthly  
College Guide*

**Best College  
for Drama  
and Theatre  
Arts in NJ**

*College Factual*

**21,000**  
students

**Top  
Business  
Schools**

2020  
*Princeton Review*

**Best  
Education  
Schools**

2021 *U.S. News &  
World Report*

**Top 500**

U.S. College  
Rankings  
2020 *Wall Street  
Journal/Times Higher  
Education*

**Most  
Transformative  
Colleges**

*Money* magazine

**17:1**

Student to  
faculty ratio





# PROGRAMS OF STUDY

**300+ PROGRAMS**  
**100+ FIELDS OF STUDY**  
**200+ MASTER'S, DOCTORAL AND  
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

## A

Accounting (major, combined BS/MS)  
Acting (concentration, Theatre)  
African American Studies (minor)  
American Sign Language (minor)  
Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations (minor)  
Animation and Illustration (major)  
Anthropology (major, combined BA/MAT, minor)  
Applied Mathematics and Statistics (major)  
Applied Nutrition and Wellness (concentration, BS/MS Nutrition and Food Science)  
Arabic (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business, and Culture)  
Archaeology (minor)  
Art and Design Studio (minor)  
Art Education (concentration, Visual Arts)  
Asian Languages (minor)  
Asian Studies (minor)  
American Sign Language /English Interpreting (concentration, Linguistics)  
Astronomy (concentration, Physics)  
Audio/Sound Design (concentration, Television and Digital Media)

## B

Biochemistry (major)  
Biology (major, combined BS/MAT, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration)  
Business (concentration, Chemistry)  
Business (minor)  
Business Administration (major, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration- all concentrations)  
Business Analytics (concentration, Business Administration, minor)  
Business Relationships and Professional Selling (minor)

## C

Chemistry (major, combined BS/MAT, combined BS/MS, minor)  
Child Advocacy and Policy (major, minor)  
Chinese (minor)  
Classics (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)  
Clinical and Pre-Professional Studies (concentration, Exercise Science)  
Cognitive Science (minor)  
Communication and Media Arts (major)  
Communication Studies (major, minor)

Community Development (concentration, Anthropology)  
Community Health Education (concentration, Public Health)  
Comparative Mythology and Literature (concentration, Humanities)  
Computer Science (major, combined BS/MS, minor)  
Creative Writing (minor, concentration, English)  
Criminal Justice (minor)  
Chemistry (major, combined BS/MAT, combined BS/MS, minor)  
Child Advocacy and Policy (major, minor)  
Chinese (minor)  
Classics (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)  
Clinical and Pre-Professional Studies (concentration, Exercise Science)  
Cognitive Science (minor)  
Communication and Media Arts (major)  
Communication Studies (major, minor)  
Community Development (concentration, Anthropology)  
Community Health Education (concentration, Public Health)  
Comparative Mythology and Literature (concentration, Humanities)  
Computer Science (major, combined BS/MS, minor)  
Creative Writing (minor, concentration, English)  
Criminal Justice (minor)

## D

Dance (major)  
Dance Education (concentration, Dance)  
Data Sciences (major)  
Design, Technology and Management (concentration, Theatre)  
Dietetics (concentration, BS/MS, Nutrition and Food Science)

## E

Earth and Environmental Science (major, combined BS/MAT, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration)  
Economics (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)  
Educational Foundations for Elementary Teachers (major)  
English (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MA, minor, combined K6/MA in English, combined P12/MA in English)  
English as a Second Language (Teacher Certification, see Linguistics)  
Entrepreneurship (minor, concentration, Business Administration)  
Environmental Justice (minor)  
Environmental Science (concentration, Biology)  
Exercise Science (major, combined BS/MS in Athletic Training)

## F

Family Science and Human Development (major, combined BA/MAT)  
Families, Children and School Settings (combined BA/MAT and concentration, Family Science and Human Development)  
Family Services (concentration, Family Science and Human Development)  
Fashion Design (minor)  
Fashion Merchandising (minor)  
Fashion Studies (major)  
Film (minor)  
Filmmaking (major)  
Film Studies (concentration, English)  
Finance (concentration, Business Administration)  
Food Science (concentration, BS/MS, Nutrition and Food Science)  
Food Systems (concentration, BS/MS, Nutrition and Food Science)  
French (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MA in French Studies, minor, concentration, Language, Business, and Culture)  
French Civilization (concentration, French)  
French Translation (concentration, French)  
French Studies (concentration, French)

## G

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies (minor)  
Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (major, combined BA/MAT, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)  
Geographic Information Science (minor)  
Geography, Environmental, and Urban Studies (major) previously Geography  
German (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business, and Culture)  
Gerontology (minor)  
Global Security and Diplomacy (minor, Political Science)  
Greek (minor)

## H

Health Systems Administration and Policy (concentration, Public Health)  
History (major, minor)  
Hospitality, Sports, Events, and Tourism (major)  
Humanities (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)

## I

Information Technology (major)  
International Business (concentration, Business Administration)  
International Justice (concentration, Justice Studies)  
International Studies (minor)  
Italian (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business, and Culture)

## J

Japanese (minor)  
Jazz Studies (concentration, Music)  
Jewish American Studies (minor)  
Journalism (major, minor)  
Jurisprudence, Law and Society (major, combined BA/MA with Law and Governance)  
Justice and Families (minor)  
Justice Studies (major)  
Justice Systems (concentration, Justice Studies)

## L

Language, Business, and Culture (major)  
Language Engineering (concentration, Linguistics)  
Latin (major, minor)  
Latin American and Latino Studies (minor)  
Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement (minor)  
Linguistics (major, combined BA/MAT, minor)

## M

Management (concentration, Business Administration)  
Management of Information and Technology (concentration, Business Administration)  
Marine Biology and Coastal Sciences (major, combined BS/MS)  
Marketing (concentration, Business Administration)  
Mathematics (major, combined BS/MS Math, combined BS/MAT, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MS Applied Math)  
Medical Humanities (major)  
Molecular Biology (major)  
Music (major, combined BMus/MAT, minor)  
Music Education (concentration, Music)  
Music/Performance (concentration, Music)  
Music/School and Community Settings (concentration, Music)  
Music Theory/Composition (concentration, Music)  
Music Therapy (major)  
Musical Theatre (major, minor)  
Myth Studies (minor)

## N

Nursing (BSN)  
Nursing (RN to BSN)  
Nutrition and Food Science (major, BS/MS, minor)

## O

Optometry (concentration, Biology; with SUNY)

## P

Paralegal Studies (concentration, Justice Studies, minor)  
Philosophy (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, minor)  
Physical Activity in Educational Settings (concentration, Physical Education)  
Physical Education (major, combined BS/MAT)  
Physics (major, combined BS/MS, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration)  
Political Science (major, combined BA/MA with Law and Governance, minor)  
Portuguese Studies (minor)  
Pre-Law Studies (minor)  
Pre-Medicine  
Pre-Pharmacy  
Product Design (major)  
Professional Selling and Sales Management (undergraduate certificate)  
Psychology (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MA, minor)  
Public Administration (minor)  
Public and Professional Writing (major, minor)  
Public and Digital History (minor)  
Public Health (major, minor)  
Public Relations (major)

## R

Real Estate (concentration, Business Administration)  
Religious Studies (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, minor)  
Retail Merchandising and Management (concentration, Business Administration)  
Russian (minor)

## S

Social Work (minor)  
Sociology (major, combined BA/MAT, minor)  
Spanish (major, combined BA/MAT, combined BA/MA, minor, concentration, Language, Business, and Culture)  
Spanish Translation (concentration, Spanish)  
Spanish and International Business (minor)  
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (minor)  
Sports Coaching (minor)  
Sports Conditioning (concentration, Exercise Science)  
Sports, Events and Tourism Marketing (concentration, Business Administration)  
Sports Media and Journalism (concentration, Television and Digital Media)  
Studio Teaching (concentration, Dance)  
Sustainability Science (major, combined BS/MS, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration)

## T

Teaching English Language Learners in Early Childhood and Elementary Settings (minor)  
Television and Digital Media (major)  
Theatre (major, minor)  
Theatre Education (concentration, Theatre Studies)  
Theatre Studies (major, combined BA/MA)  
TV/Production (concentration, Television and Digital Media)

## U

Undeclared (freshmen only)  
Urban Studies (minor)

## V

Visual Arts (major, combined BA/MAT)  
Visual Arts/School and Community Settings (concentration, Visual Arts)  
Visual Communication Design (major)





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