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**Montclair
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A photograph of four people walking along a paved path on a college campus. From left to right: a man in a red polo shirt and khaki shorts, a woman in a white patterned button-down shirt and blue jeans, a woman in a red t-shirt with a 'MONTCLAIR STATE' clapperboard graphic and blue jeans, and a woman in a white 'MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY' t-shirt and light blue jeans. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

COUNSELOR WORKSHOP IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

In-Person:

Friday, December 10, 2021

Virtual (Freshman):

October 19, 2021 & November 18, 2021

Virtual (Transfer):

January 7, 2022

Join the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and your colleagues at the annual School Counselor Workshops.

Whether you join us at our in-person or virtual event, you will have the opportunity to hear from faculty, staff and current students about what's new and exciting at Montclair State.

Have a question? Contact Neris Fleming at 973-655-4219, counselor@montclair.edu.

For more information and to register, visit montclair.edu/admissions/workshops.

ABOVE ORDINARY



What a time it has been. Through disruptions, challenges and obstacles beyond anyone's wildest imagination, we've come out on the other side and (hopefully) brighter days are ahead.

A record-breaking 3,500+ first-year students from 32 states and 11 countries have enrolled at Montclair State this fall. These new Red Hawks are resilient student scholars with hopes, dreams and aspirations as diverse as their backgrounds and academic interests. I am so looking forward to seeing what they accomplish.

We know much work remains to be done to close the access gap that widened during the pandemic. We're dedicated to addressing this multifaceted issue. Some of our new initiatives include:

- **Expanding merit and financial aid.** We are implementing a broader merit-based scholarship program that aims to increase the total number of students we are able to offer merit aid to each fall starting with fall 2022. We have also committed, as a university, to bridging the Garden State Guarantee for New Jersey residents to provide a 50% reduction in tuition for families making \$65,001 - \$80,000 annually during their third and fourth years of enrollment. The Garden State Guarantee provides free tuition for families making \$65,000 or less during their student's third and fourth year. These steps are in line with our mission to provide a high value and affordable education to our students.
- **Simplifying the application process.** We're actively working on ways to make sure the application process isn't a barrier for students to enroll. We've developed a more intuitive process for Educational Opportunity Fund applicants, too.
- **Increasing access to learn about and connect with us.** We're expanding access to our admission materials by implementing a customized digital viewbook that can be accessed anywhere, anytime. Make yours today at customviewbook.montclair.edu/adm4. We've increased the number of Open Houses, information sessions and Saturday tour offerings to accommodate increased visit requests post-pandemic. We've also created a robust self-guided tour option, so working families can visit our campus whenever it is convenient for them.

In addition, Montclair State dedicated more than \$3 million in pandemic-relief money from the federal government to the summer programs, including the college-path institutes and Summer Bridge Program classes for incoming college students.

We're excited to be returning to in-person high school visits and college fairs this fall. If you'd like us to visit your students, virtually or in person, please connect with our associate director, Joe Niclas, at niclasj@montclair.edu.

We're also looking forward to welcoming you on campus this December for an in-person Counselor Workshop. We'll be hosting a few virtual mini-workshops this fall, too. Find the workshop topics and register for what interests you at montclair.edu/admissions/counselors.

I wish you a healthy and happy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jordanna Maziarz".

Jordanna Maziarz
Director, Undergraduate Admissions

SOARING OPTIMISM

“All of these qualities, coupled with his experience as a teacher, a scholar and an administrator, make him the ideal choice for Montclair State at this moment in our history,” the Board of Trustees noted in announcing his hiring.


He succeeds Susan A. Cole, who retired after 23 years of tirelessly working to transform Montclair from a respectable regional school to an ambitious national research university with the state’s second largest enrollment.

Today, Montclair State is home to students of all backgrounds, beliefs and identities, reflecting the world around us. Coming from virtually every demographic and socioeconomic group, from big cities and small towns, students arrive on a campus where everyone feels included and welcomed.

Students are winning Emmys and huge sums of money to launch their own businesses. They participate in faculty research and discovery. And graduates are closing the racial and ethnic gaps between students of color and their teachers.

Faculty and students are engaged in coursework and research projects that address a range of social justice and urban concerns, including criminal justice reform, public health, clean water, sustainability and equity in K-12 education.

The University offers more than 300 programs across 10 colleges and schools at all degree levels. Top-tier drama, dance and theatre arts programs, communication and media, business and sustainability, fashion and the arts provide real-world professional experiences, including internships and career opportunities on Wall Street, Broadway and throughout the New York City metro area.



University opens a new chapter by welcoming a new president

Montclair State University's new president Jonathan Koppell opened the academic year by encouraging students, faculty and staff to act to make the world a better place.

Welcoming the University’s largest incoming class ever, he asked students to empower their imaginations – to picture themselves not only graduating but also to think about what kind of person they want to be and what kind of world they want to live in 10, 20, 30 years from now.

“Then say to yourself, ‘How do I make myself the person I need to be in order to help make the world that I want to live in come

into reality?’” he said. “And say to yourself, ‘I’m going to start that journey right here at Montclair State University.’”

Koppell is a nationally regarded scholar of policy, organization and management who transformed the public affairs college at Arizona State University before joining Montclair this summer.

Koppell has a strong record of increasing service to students and communities, and of supporting and advancing the work of the faculty. He is known as a fierce advocate for diversity, inclusion and equity.

Nationally recognized for providing “more bang for the buck,” Montclair is described by the U.S. Education Trust as a “Top Gap Closer” for increasing graduation rates for minority students.

“One of the reasons I love to be on campus and one of the reasons I love being with students and people who are associated with universities is that it is a fundamentally optimistic environment,” Koppell told a gathering of the campus community. “I am so confident we are going to do great things together and I can’t wait to get started.”

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CATALOG?

New Academic Programs

- Advertising
- Communication and Media Studies
- Film and Television
- Journalism and Digital Media
- Social Media and Public Relations
- Sports Communication
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Law
- Policy Studies
- Asian Languages and Cultures



The Future of Communication and Media

As a child, Givonna Boggans dreamed of being a television anchor. That changed when she got to Montclair State. “You know why?” she asks. “Because when I got here, there were so many different opportunities and hands-on experiences. I realized that I love being behind-the-scenes. I’ve learned how to operate a teleprompter, operate cameras, how to set up lighting, how to write a script, how to interview, how to edit.”

As a senior Journalism major, she recently landed an internship with ABC News on its special events team. It’s the type of outcome typical of students in the School of Communication and Media.

And now, to reflect changes in this ever-evolving field, majors have been renamed and fine-tuned to prepare students for careers in social media, digital technologies and emerging platforms.

“From day one, the School of Communication and Media has given me opportunities I could have never even dreamed of having,” says senior Jack Barteck. “I’ve gotten the chance to learn from knowledgeable, caring professors who have experience in the field and genuinely want to see their students succeed.”

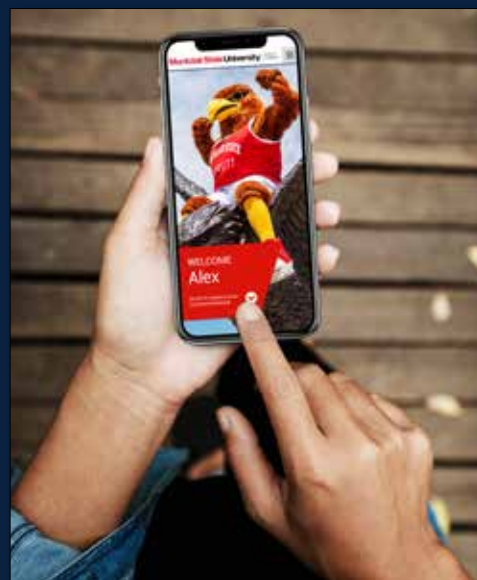
CREATE YOUR PATH TO RED HAWK COUNTRY

Students can now create their own custom viewbook and explore the academic programs, career opportunities and clubs that interest them. This personalized viewbook will help students envision exactly what life would be like at Montclair State University.



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WITH 2+2, TRANSFERRING IS 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, Middlesex County College, Ocean County College, Passaic County Community College, Union County College and Westchester Community College.

Learn more at montclair.edu/admissions/montclair-state-two-plus-two.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

FRESHMAN APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MARCH 1, 2022**

Students who complete their application for admission by the Early Action deadline of December 1, 2021, will be notified of their official admission decision by December 23, 2021.

School of Nursing applicants who complete their application for admission by December 1, 2021, will be notified of their official admission decision by January 10, 2022.

Students seeking merit-based scholarships are encouraged to complete their application by March 1, 2022, for full consideration.

TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring Admission (January start) Deadline: **November 15, 2021**

Fall Admission (September start) Deadline: **April 15, 2022**

FAFSA PRIORITY FILING DEADLINE: **FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

This is the date by which students should submit a completed FAFSA. If students submit their FAFSA by this date, they will receive 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, 2021, and can be submitted using the family's 2020 tax returns. Students submitting the FAFSA early can expect notification before the priority review period.

FRESHMAN STUDENTS DEPOSIT DEADLINE: **MAY 1, 2022**

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

TRANSFER STUDENTS DEPOSIT DEADLINES:

Spring Term: **December 15, 2021**

Fall Term: **June 1, 2022**

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.



ABOVE NYC'S BACKYARD

Located just 12 miles from New York City, our beautiful campus offers some of the best views of the iconic Manhattan skyline.

Montclair State's location in one of the most dynamic metropolitan regions in the world provides extraordinary opportunities for students at corporations, nonprofit organizations and cultural institutions.

Each year, more than 3,000 Montclair State students complete hands-on learning experiences, including co-ops, internships, fieldwork, practicums, externships, student teaching and faculty-led research.

Many become rising stars.

Two days after Carolina Abreu graduated from Montclair State in May 2019 with a degree in Filmmaking, she reported to work at her new job as production assistant on legendary filmmaker Steven Spielberg's remake of *West Side Story*. "I'm still pinching myself," she says.

Abreu is among nearly two dozen recent Montclair State graduates who worked on the film – whether as dancers, actors, singers or behind the scenes in production. The experience was a high-water mark in many young careers.



Carolina Abreu '19

"I learned a lot from some of the top industry professionals as they showed me the ins and outs of this business." –Carolina Abreu

TAKING THE LEAD ON COVID CHALLENGES

Montclair State University will lead a \$2.6 million, two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to address the needs of the most vulnerable students, as well as build institutional resilience, in the ongoing global pandemic.

Montclair is the lead partner with two rural Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Albany State University in Georgia and Alcorn State University in Mississippi – and the Newark Board of Education on *At Home in College in the Age of COVID-19: Improving Instruction, Access, and Engagement in Minority-Serving Institutions*, a project seeking to help students overcome obstacles exacerbated by the pandemic and make the leap from K-12 to their college years.



SETTING SIGHTS HIGH

Incoming freshmen had a jump-start to their academics and college life at a Summer Bridge Program.

For Incoming Students, Summer Program Bridges Transition

Both inside and outside the classroom, the COVID-19 pandemic has left a generation of high school students without a traditional educational experience. These missed opportunities may leave them less prepared to immediately succeed as they enter college, and some may even be questioning whether or not higher education remains in their future.

To help reverse these trends and get students back on track, Montclair State University dedicated more than \$3 million in pandemic-relief money from the federal government to summer programs, including a Summer Bridge Program for incoming students to help ease the transition to college.

Natalya Kozlovski, a freshman from Oakland, New Jersey, who was among the students who got a jump-start on their freshman year, says “the program helped me feel prepared to take on college life, and get engaged with activities and resources on campus – it made the transition to campus very smooth.”

The Summer Bridge Program was designed to help the incoming students, many of whom participated in hybrid or fully remote learning for the past year, reacclimate to in-person instruction. Students earned up to six college credits toward their degree by taking courses in their major or in general education. The free program, which Montclair State hopes to offer again in summer 2022, also gave students the advantage of becoming familiar with the University before their first semester officially began, including a full spectrum of tutoring and campus activities.

“I can see that students are excited and engaged in their learning and working with each other,” says Karmen Yu, an adjunct professor of Mathematics who taught Applied Precalculus. “It was a beautiful sight to see a classroom full of students invested in their education once again.”

Increasing Access to College

As 16-year-old Marbeth Torres of Morristown High School prepares to be the first in her family to go to college, she’s learned to take advantage of the mentorships and programs offered to help set her on the right path.

“I’m taking opportunities as they come because you never know when something might just come along and really benefit you,” Torres says.

It was with that mindset that she accepted the opportunity to take part in the inaugural Pre-College Access Institute sponsored by Walmart. The program provided college information for African Americans, Asian Americans, Indigenous Americans, Pacific Islander Americans, Hispanic/Latinx Americans, multiracial Americans, first generation college students, and low income, rising high school juniors and seniors.

Modeled after the University’s successful five-year-old Hispanic Student College Institute, the new program provided an opportunity for Torres and 85 other New Jersey students to live on campus and attend sessions on the transition to college, essay writing, financial aid and self-advocacy. A full day of separate workshops were offered for their parents and extended family members.



High school students and their college mentors gather during the first Pre-College Access Institute.



BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Students soar with scholarship support

Getting to spend most of her time back in the studio after months of virtual instruction has been a relief for Nicole Arakaki, whose commitment and passion for dance fuels her drive to overcome every barrier to earning her degree – including finding financial resources to put herself through school.

“It’s so freeing,” says Arakaki, a junior Dance Education major. “I love the long hours. I don’t think I could ever feel as passionate about any other field.”

The dancer’s determination is typical of Montclair State University students, whose grit has inspired alumni, friends, and corporate and foundation donors to provide significant financial support for the students’ educations – including research – in many majors.

“It is essentially up to me to pay for my future,” says Arakaki, who received a scholarship in honor of retired dance professor Lori Katterhenry. Arakaki has taken out loans to pay tuition, but without the help from the scholarship, she says, “I don’t know if I’d be here right now. Because of this scholarship, I can focus on gaining the knowledge and experience to grow as an artist and as a person.”



JUST GETTING STARTED

With their overlapping stories of persistence in overcoming the barriers that might have kept them from college, 145 incoming freshmen in Montclair State’s **Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)** program are now on a path with the confidence and skills to succeed in their first year as graduating scholars of the EOF Summer Academy.

It was a rigorous five weeks. Days began early and stretched into the night, with a schedule that included classes, mentoring, tutoring, advising and getting a jump-start on their college experience as part of the New Jersey-wide EOF program.

Three out of four Montclair EOF scholars graduate within six years, among the highest graduation rates in the program. EOF works by providing not just dollars but the preparation and support that allow students

to thrive before and after crossing the college finish line.

“It really tells you and shows you that you are worthy, that you are chosen, that you were accepted into the program for a reason,” says Favour Ojugo, an incoming freshman.

At the closing ceremony, each scholar received a graduation stole, a symbol that their college and EOF journey continues. “The positive impact this institution makes in the lives of individuals jumps out. In the process, families, neighborhoods, towns and cities are transformed,” says President Jonathan Koppell.

New Jersey students can apply to EOF by answering “yes” to the question “would you like to be considered for the EOF program” on the admissions application.

COMBINED PROGRAMS OFFER EXPRESS TO SUCCESS



Heather Adamcewicz is getting an early start to professional success. She earned a bachelor's degree in May 2021 and will earn her master's in 2022 as a student in the BS/MS combined program in Nutrition and Food Science. With both degrees in hand, she plans on becoming a registered dietitian and working clinical dietitian in a hospital or long-term care setting.

"Considering my major, it was in my best interest to get my master's now rather than later," says Adamcewicz.

Adamcewicz is among the many students across dozens of disciplines – from business to psychology to education and more – who are enjoying the benefits of the University's combined programs, the most in the state, through The Graduate School, which provides students a way to earn two degrees in just five years.

Featured programs include Business Administration (4+1 Bachelor's/ MBA), Sustainability Science (Combined BS/MS), Teaching (Combined Bachelor's/MAT) and Computer Science (Combined BS/MS).

Learn more at montclair.edu/combined-programs.

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TAKE A LEAP OF SCIENCE, LAW

The Pre-Law Program prepares students for the LSAT exam, and provides advice and coaching for the law school application process. The curriculum is designed to help students build a robust, wide-ranging knowledge base, with courses in accounting, macroeconomics, U.S. history, nonfiction, statistics and logic.

Learn more at
montclair.edu/chss/pre-law-program.

The Pre-Medical Program prepares students for careers in medical fields, taking the MCAT exam and applying to medical school. It is an interdisciplinary offering that students in any major can pursue. The goal is to increase the entrance of historically underrepresented students into medical school cohorts and ultimately into the medical profession.

Learn more at
montclair.edu/csam/pre-medical-program.

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ART AND DESIGN DAY

October 22, 2021

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THEATRE DAYS

October 29, 2021; April 29, 2022

**Acting, Musical Theatre, Stage Combat,
Technical Theatre Production**

Contact: 973-655-7000,
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DANCE DAYS

December 4, 2021; April 23, 2022

Fall and Spring Dance productions

November 19, 2021; April 8, 2022

Contact: Kathleen Kelley
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SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

Information Sessions and Facility Tours

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**MUSIC DAYS, FESTIVALS, KALEIDOSCOPE
AND STUDENT CONCERTS**

Sponsored by the John J. Cali School of Music

Virtual Concert Link:

montclair.edu/music/cali-live

ART AND DESIGN

ANIMATION/ILLUSTRATION

PRODUCT DESIGN

VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Online and by individual appointment.

Guidelines:

montclair.edu/art-and-design/admission

DANCE

November 10, 2021 Virtual audition

December 8, 2021 In-person audition

January 26, 2022 In-person audition

February 23, 2022 In-person audition

March 16, 2022 In-person audition

April 13, 2022 Virtual audition

Guidelines:

montclair.edu/theatre-and-dance/admission

MUSIC

November 5, 2021

February 4, 2022

February 5, 2022

February 25, 2022

February 26, 2022

May 13, 2022

Guidelines:

montclair.edu/john-j-cali-school-of-music/apply

THEATRE

Acting, Musical Theatre

January 29, 2022

February 5, 2022

February 19, 2022

February 26, 2022

March 19, 2022

Theatre: Design, Technology, Management

In-Person January 29, 2022

In-Person February, 2022

Virtual February 26, 2022

UNIFIED AUDITIONS

January 22-23, 2022 (NYC)

February 7-10, 2022 (Chicago)

February 12-13, 2022 (LA)

Guidelines:

montclair.edu/theatre-and-dance/admission

**Majors in Art Education, School of Communication and Media, Fashion Studies do not require separate applications or review.

Find more information and register online at
montclair.edu/artsdays.

LISTEN UP

WMSC named best in college radio

Looking for a great radio experience? Tune in to the University's station, 90.3 WMSC-FM or listen on the iHeartRadio app. WMSC was named the Best College Radio Station in the nation by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System for 2021. The recognition comes during a year in which the coronavirus pandemic forced the station to improvise and find new ways to broadcast its mix of alt-rock, sports and talk.

"Before the pandemic, you would just come in during your slot, sit down, maybe have a script prepared, go with the flow and trust the soundboard," says Station Manager Kaya Maciak, a senior studying Communication and Media Arts. But during the pandemic, with students learning remotely, there was no soundboard. "It's you and your computer recording and editing. I think we've definitely had to put in a lot more energy and strategies into how we want to operate."

General Manager and Faculty Advisor Anabella Poland notes, "Broadcasting in 2020 was not easy, but the students at Montclair State's radio station stepped up to the plate in a way that was inspiring."



RISE

When the global pandemic disrupted live performances and classroom schedules, an interdepartmental collaboration between students in Theatre and Dance, and Television Production allowed the show to go on.

Together, they produced *Working*, the 1978 Broadway musical based on Studs Terkel's book, *Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do*, first published in 1974.

With its vignettes of individual workers' toils – from farming to waitressing to welding – the show is almost ideally suited for a hybrid production, one that could be rehearsed and recorded via Zoom or, for some musical numbers, in outdoor and/or socially distanced or masked groups.

Working's tales of the trials and tribulations of everyday workers also made it the perfect theatrical vehicle for addressing the plight of essential laborers during the pandemic. The musical was updated with the blessing of the legendary Stephen Schwartz, who adapted the book for Broadway 43 years ago.

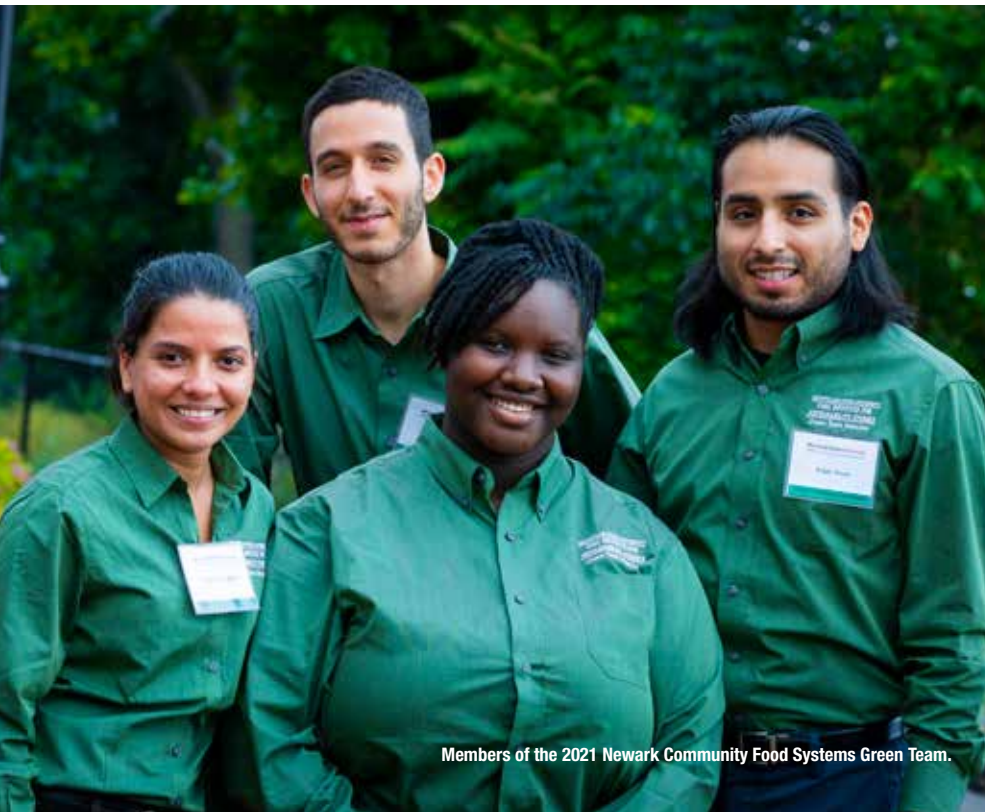
Working debuted at the Department of Theatre and Dance Virtual Festival, an online portal that allows performance and presentation opportunities for Dance, Theatre, Musical Theatre and other students.

'Working' together, actors, filmmakers bring musical to life

Summit Success in High Places

Brothers Ryan and Matthew Munson, senior Earth and Environmental Science majors, gain hands-on experience in geologic mapping of bedrock during a summer **Field Geology** course, where the wonders of the northern Rockies provide a natural geologic laboratory.

SUMMER RISING



Members of the 2021 Newark Community Food Systems Green Team.

Stepping Up to Meet Global Crises

The Green Teams student internship program undertakes noteworthy research and community projects, including climate change in New Jersey and energy and water studies globally. It has also been a key platform for launching participating students into internships, green jobs and graduate study. The teams, supported by the **PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies**, have tackled such diverse projects as vertical farms, mass transit electric vehicles, upgrades for affordable housing and novel clean energy storage.

Embracing Cultures

For Matthew Esaia, a student at Lenape High School in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, a summer experience at Montclair State University translated into a deeper understanding of the Italian language and culture. Esaia was among the lovers of Romantic languages who attended the Summer Italian Intensive, an experience the students say – in the language studied – was “perfetto.”



Field of Dreams

Aspiring journalists focus in on an interview.

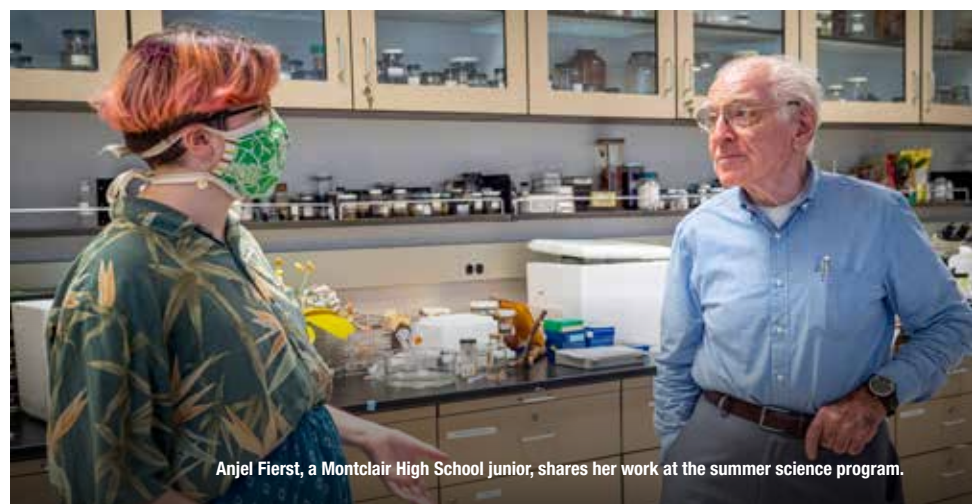


On a steamy night at Yogi Berra Stadium, the game plan called for a team of high school journalists to find stories beyond the field. Heading to the dugout, they captured interviews with players from the New Jersey Jackals, recording stories of their aspirations.

The players' dreams of making it to the big leagues resonated with the students, each with their own aspirations of careers in TV, radio, film, photography and writing. Attending the immersive **Summer Journalism Workshop**, students were taught by faculty in the School of Communication and Media, receiving hands-on training in news reporting and the modern storytelling tools and techniques used in broadcast, digital media and multi-platform journalism.



Awakening the Volunteer Spirit



Anjel Fierst, a Montclair High School junior, shares her work at the summer science program.

Advancing Possibilities

Anjel Fierst, a Montclair High School junior, was among the **Weston Science Scholars** who conducted experiments in marine biology, physics, genomic sequencing, cybersecurity and magnetic imaging. She's shown above explaining to Josh Weston, 93, who with his late wife, Judy, founded the program, her group's work looking at racism in the brain and how implicit bias acts with social filters.

"Our current hypothesis is that we are going to use TMS – transcranial magnetic stimulation – to inhibit your medial prefrontal cortex, the social filter of the brain, and we think that it will make you more racist because we've looked at other studies and collected research," Fierst says. "But we are also going to expand the study to look at other implicit biases to see if those act the same as racism or if they diverge and if so maybe that leads to further research of where they are in the brain."

A vibrant volunteer spirit sees students making connections and impacting communities. Summer 2021 allowed opportunities within the Center for Community Engagement. The Bonner Leader Program held an orientation service trip, serving food and giving out clothing to the homeless in Atlantic City, and assisting a nonprofit in repairing group homes for people of differing abilities. AmeriCorps efforts provide new students and alumni the opportunity to serve with nonprofits and local agencies in meeting the urgent needs of the moment. The work includes easing fears about the COVID-19 vaccines and continuing efforts in tracing the contacts of the ill and supporting families from the most vulnerable communities. Above, an AmeriCorps member weeds the Montclair Community Garden. "That natural inclination to connect, elevate spaces, people and causes, is an altruistic gift. That experience, in itself, is unforgettable," says Precious Perez-Santiago, a sophomore Psychology major.



GRAND TOUR

Visit opportunities provide campus experiences

Visiting Montclair State University is the best way to decide if we're the right school for you. We've got options for everyone. Here's how you can make the most of your experience by touring campus in person or even if you're staying home:

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- See why it's all here with a **virtual campus experience**.
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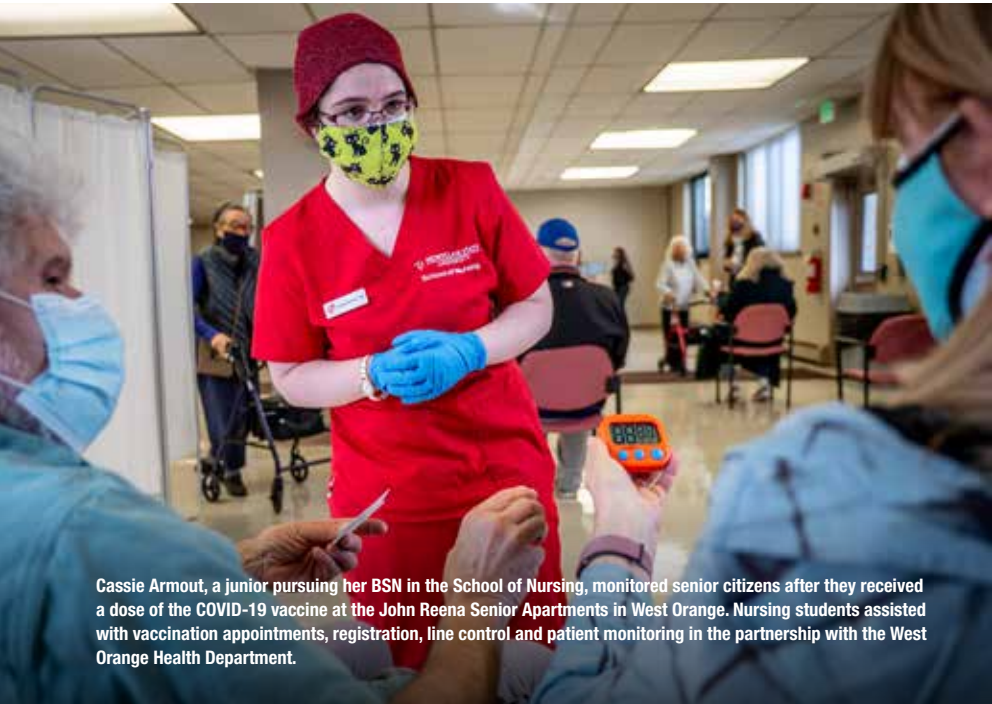
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IN TIME OF NEED, PURPOSE DRIVEN



Community outreach assists in pandemic recovery

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Montclair State students and faculty worked together toward the greater good, administering vaccinations and health education, and providing commentary and leadership. The University is also leading AmeriCorps' COVID-19 efforts, providing students and alumni the opportunity to serve with nonprofits and local agencies to meet the urgent pandemic-related needs of the state. "I've always liked the idea of helping others," says Jessica Umana '21, a Child Advocacy and Policy major. "The pandemic has been tough, but we'll get through it together."

Cassie Armout, a junior pursuing her BSN in the School of Nursing, monitored senior citizens after they received a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the John Reena Senior Apartments in West Orange. Nursing students assisted with vaccination appointments, registration, line control and patient monitoring in the partnership with the West Orange Health Department.

TOWERING CURIOSITY



From left, Ashon Lanada, Business Administration; Jessica DeSarno, Public Relations; Lazaro Valdes Fraga, Language, Business and Culture; and Damir Nasulme, Public Health celebrate their major decisions.

University College provides a path

Ashon Lanada wasn't sure of his end goal when he came to Montclair State, but as the newly elected executive president of the Student Government Association – and his recent decision to major in Business Administration – Lanada says he's getting closer.

"I've been involved in creating a great platform and network for myself, and taking advantage of the opportunities this campus has to offer," he says.

Lanada is now giving back as a fellow with University College, mentoring freshmen as they make their own major decisions.

"A lot of people like mentoring, a lot of people like helping others, a lot of people like seeing others succeed. And that's what I like to do," Lanada says. "I have a student, a photographer, under my wing right now who I'm helping make campus connections, making sure he's building a network for himself."

That includes seeking the advice of mentors at University College, the first program of its kind in New Jersey that allows students to explore academic and career options as pre-major students. They've helped him navigate a path. "Not just my life, not just my major, but my path where I'm at now," Lanada says.

A CLASS ABOVE: ASPIRING ALUMNI



Tiffany Aliche '01

Tiffany Aliche '01 – better known as The Budgetnista – has helped more than one million women balance their budgets, worked to pass a law requiring financial literacy education for New Jersey middle school students, and has garnered widespread media attention through her award-winning podcast, "Brown Ambition," Live Richer Academy, books and television appearances. But the former Business Administration major with a concentration in Marketing came to entrepreneurship through a circuitous route.

As her undergraduate years at Montclair State were coming to an end, Aliche had a job on campus at a child care center that she loved and an internship at a Fortune 500 company that she did not. She pivoted to a career as a preschool teacher at a charter school and earned a master's in Education. After her school closed, Aliche knew she still wanted to teach, and she wanted to teach the subject she was most passionate about: money management.

Aliche, who grew up building budgets with her dad at the kitchen table, did just that and then started helping others. Eventually she landed contracts with organizations like the United Way of Greater Newark to help single moms budget and save.

In January 2019, she was instrumental in getting The Budgetnista Law (A1414) passed, making financial education mandatory for middle school students in New Jersey.

CLASS OF 2025 STATS

20,268

APPLICATIONS
RECEIVED
(first-year)

5

TOP FIVE CHOICES
OF MAJOR:

Psychology, Biology,
Business Administration,
Educational Foundations
for Elementary Teachers,
Computer Science

3.32

AVERAGE GPA
of Class of 2025

30%

Identify as Hispanic

3,623

NEW STUDENTS
ENROLLED
(first-year)

32

REPRESENTED
STATES,

plus 11 countries
and all 21 counties
in New Jersey.



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)
Advertising (major)
African American Studies (minor)
American Sign Language (minor)
Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations (minor)
Animation and Illustration (major)
Anthropology (major, minor, combined BA/MS with Sustainability
Science, combined BA/MAT)**
Applied Mathematics and Statistics (major, combined BS/MBA)
Applied Nutrition and Wellness (concentration, Nutrition and
Food Science)
Arabic (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture)
Archaeology (minor)
Art Education (concentration, Visual Arts)
Asian Languages and Cultures (major)
Asian Languages (minor)
Asian Studies (minor)
American Sign Language/English Interpreting
(concentration, Linguistics)
Astronomy (concentration, Physics)

B

Biochemistry (major)
Biology (major, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration -
all concentrations)***
Business (minor, concentration, Chemistry)
Business Administration (major, combined BS/MBA in Business
Administration – all concentrations)
Business Analytics (minor, concentration, Business Administration)

C

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

Community Development (concentration, Anthropology)
Community Health Education (concentration, Public Health)
Comparative Mythology and Literature (concentration, Humanities)
Computer Science (major, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MS
with Cybersecurity, combined BS/MS with Data Science)
Creative Writing (minor, concentration, English)
Criminal Justice (minor)

D

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

E

Earth and Environmental Science (major, minor, combined BS/MBA in
Business Administration, combined BS/MAT)***
Economics (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Social Research and
Analysis, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)
Educational Foundations for Elementary Teachers (major)**
English (major, minor combined BA/MA, combined BA/MAT)**/**
English as a Second Language (Teacher Certification, 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, minor, combined
BA/MAT)*/**
Families, Children and School Settings (concentration, Family Science
and Human Development)
Family Services (concentration, Family Science and
Human Development)
Fashion Design (minor)
Fashion Merchandising (minor)
Fashion Studies (major)
Film and Television (major)
Film (minor)
Film Studies (concentration, English)
Finance (concentration, Business Administration)
Food Science (concentration, Nutrition and Food Science)
Food Systems (concentration, Nutrition and Food Science)
French (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture,
combined BA/MA in French, French Studies concentration,
combined BA/MAT)***
French Civilization (concentration, French)
French Translation (concentration, French)

G

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies (minor)
Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (major, minor,
combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, combined
BA/MAT)**
Geographic Information Science (minor)
Geographic, 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, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)
Humanities (major, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, combined BA/MAT)**

I

Information Technology (major, combined BS/MS with Cybersecurity, combined BS/MS with Data Science)
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 and Digital Media (major)
Journalism (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, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration – all concentrations except Spanish)
Language Engineering (concentration, Linguistics)
Latin American and Latino Studies (minor)
Latin (major, minor)**
Leadership Development Through Civic Engagement (minor)
Linguistics (major, minor, combined BA/MAT)**

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, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MA with Social Research and Analysis, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MS with Applied Mathematics, combined BS/MS with Statistics, combined BS/MAT)**/**
Medical Humanities (major)
Molecular Biology (major)
Music (major, minor, combined BMus/MAT)**
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, minor, combined BS/MS)

P

Paralegal Studies (minor, concentration, Justice Studies)
Philosophy (major, minor, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration)
Physical Activity in Educational Settings (concentration, Physical Education)

Physical Education (major, combined BS/MAT)**
Physics (major, minor, combined BS/MS with Applied Mathematics, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MAT)**
Policy Studies (major, minor)
Political Science (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Law and Governance)
Portuguese Studies (minor)
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Pharmacy
Product Design (major)
Psychology (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Psychological Sciences, combined BA/MBA in Business Administration, combined BA/MAT)**/**
Public Administration (minor)
Public and Digital History (minor)
Public and Professional Writing (major, minor)
Public Health (major, minor, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration, combined BS/MPH)

R

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

S

Social Media and Public Relations (major)
Social Work (minor)
Sociology (major, minor, combined BA/MA with Social Research and Analysis, combined BA/MAT)**/**
Spanish and International Business (minor)
Spanish (major, minor, concentration, Language, Business and Culture, combined BA/MA, combined BA/MAT)**/**
Spanish Translation (concentration, Spanish)
Sports Coaching (minor)
Sports Communication (major)
Sports Conditioning (concentration, Exercise Science)
Sports Journalism (major)
Studio Teaching (concentration, Dance)
Sustainability Science (major, minor, combined BS/MS, combined BS/MBA in Business Administration)

T

Teaching English Language Learners in Early Childhood and Elementary Settings (minor)
Theatre (major, minor)
Theatre Education (concentration, Theatre Studies)**
Theatre Studies (major, combined BA/MA)

U

Urban Humanities (minor)
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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