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# AlumniConnections

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of **Montclair State University**

## Alumni News



### Save the Date: Homecoming 2017 - October 14

Homecoming season is quickly approaching! Join us on Saturday, October 14, for fun, food, football and festivities for the whole family. Come home to cheer the Red Hawks on to victory as Montclair State takes on Salisbury University at 2:00 p.m. No matter how far away you are, returning to Montclair State is definitely worth the trip. Start with a stop at the Alumni Welcome Tent to pick up your alumni gift. We look forward to seeing you! [\[View full details\]](#)

### Save the Date: Newark Educator Alumni Event

Save the date for Monday, October 23!

If you are teaching in the Newark Public School system, mark your calendar and plan to join us for a reception featuring [Antoinette Baskerville-Richardson '74](#), Chief Education Officer for the Mayor Baraka's Office of Comprehensive Community Education.

Stay tuned for more details and how to register for this event. For more information, contact [Katarina Nordqvist](#), Office of Alumni Relations, at [973-655-3323](tel:973-655-3323).

### Upcoming Events

#### July 19

[Graduate Programs Information Session](#)

#### July 20

[Information Technology \(MS\) concentration in Applied Information Technology \(PSM\)](#)

#### July 21

[New York Red Bulls II vs. Toronto FC II](#)

## Restoring and Enhancing Alumni Green

Alumnus Wayne DeFeo '80, '82 MS volunteered his time, energy and sweat equity to design and plant the flowering trees, evergreens and flower beds in time for the 1996 Alumni Weekend dedication of Alumni Green. "All the trees that were picked, I'd seen in courses I took with the late Biology Professor Marie Kuhnen," recalls DeFeo, who earned degrees in Biology and Environmental Studies. "I worked closely with her in planning and designing the Green as a space to remember and respect alumni." He notes that it was Kuhnen, a fellow Red Hawk who graduated in 1941, who insisted on planting the Douglas fir tree in the middle of the Green. [\[View full details\]](#)



## Career Services Summer Webinar Series

The Center for Career Services has partnered with Alumni Relations to provide alumni with a new webinar series focused on career growth and professional development. Whether you are a job seeker or just interested in professional development, this webinar series covers topics to help you thrive in the workforce. Join us on your lunch break from anywhere! [\[View full details\]](#)

## University News

### July 24-26

[Genocide Education & Prevention Project \(GEAPP\)](#)

### July 25

[Jason Calacanis Event and Book Signing](#)

### July 26

[Webinar: Take the "work" out of networking!](#)

### July 27

[Information Technology \(MS\) concentration in Applied Information Technology \(PSM\)](#)

### August 1

[Fulbright US Student Program Intent to Apply Deadline](#)

### August 2

[HSCI Networking Gathering](#)

### August 5

[New York Red Bulls II vs. Rochester Rhinos](#)

### August 8

[MBA Information Webinar](#)

### August 10

[Confidently Speaking!](#)

### August 19

[New York Red Bulls II vs. FC Cincinnati](#)

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### [Full Events Calendar](#)

Plan ahead, mark your calendar, and tell a friend...

### [Peak Performances](#)

Check out the upcoming calendar of events.

### [Carpe Diem](#)

Tune in to the School of Communication and Media's weekly show.

### [Montclair State Athletics](#)

View the entire athletics schedule



## Montclair State School of Nursing Launches BSN Degree Program

The School of Nursing at Montclair State University has announced that it is accepting applications for admission to its newly launched four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program. The School will enroll its first class of up to 50 freshman students this fall. [\[View full details\]](#)



## Montclair State Awarded Suicide Prevention Grant

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for those aged 15-34, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With more than 1,100 of the nation's college students taking their lives each year, effective campus suicide prevention programs are more critical than ever before. A newly awarded federal grant expands Montclair State University's leadership role in preventing violence and suicide on New Jersey's college and university campuses, while supporting its ongoing commitment to destigmatizing mental health issues. [\[View full details\]](#)

and cheer the Red Hawks on to victory!

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### Go Big! Go Six Flags!

You have access to discounted tickets and season passes to Six Flags Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor. Enjoy fun in the sun – [buy and print your tickets online!](#)

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### Support Montclair State with Amazon Smile!

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## [montclair.edu](https://montclair.edu)'s New Publications Pages

As the redesign of the University's [montclair.edu](https://montclair.edu) website moves forward, we would like to introduce the new digital homes for our award-winning University publications, *Montclair* and *Forward Thinking*.

Designed to create a more engaging online user experience, these spaces will help bring to life the stories and research that comprise each issue and showcase our vibrant campus community.

## Giving News



### Thank you for your support of Montclair State!

As our fiscal year comes to a close, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support. Your generosity directly benefits our students and the entire campus community by providing the resources needed for us to offer the best education possible in today's ever changing world. We greatly appreciate your dedication and commitment to the University and we look forward to your continued support. [\[View full details\]](#)

## Athletics News

*Montclair*, the magazine of Montclair State University, can now be viewed in our new online format at [montclair.edu/magazine](http://montclair.edu/magazine), and *Forward Thinking*, the University's official research newsletter, can now be viewed at [montclair.edu/forward-thinking](http://montclair.edu/forward-thinking).

Should you have any questions or feedback to offer regarding the Montclair or Forward Thinking pages, please email [webfeedback@montclair.edu](mailto:webfeedback@montclair.edu).

### Save the Date: 7th Annual Attorney Alumni Network Gathering - November 9

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our Seventh Annual Attorney Alumni Network Gathering.

Come and mingle with your favorite faculty, fellow attorney's and hear about our Political Science and Law Department's programs and plans for the future.

Specific details will be available shortly. For more information, contact [Deb Corasio](#), Office of Alumni Relations, at [973-655-4207](tel:973-655-4207).

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### New MS in Business Analytics

Big data and business analytics are transforming business. Business analytics professionals transform data into intelligence that leads to improvements in financial performance, strategic management, operational efficiency, and customer loyalty and retention.

The Feliciano School of Business is now offering a new MS in Business Analytics starting this Fall. Our 10 course/30 credit program is designed for full or part-time study and can be completed in 18 – 24 months.



## 5th Annual Red Hawk Open - Registration is open!

Join us on September 11 for the 5th Annual Red Hawk Open! Your support of the Red Hawk Open helps our over 500 student athletes and 18 varsity athletic programs excel on and off the field at Montclair State. Last year's event helped to purchase state-of-the-art fitness equipment for our student athletes and provided supplemental funds for team travel. [\[View full details\]](#)

### More Athletics News...

[Football Alumni: Give Your Year!](#)  
[Montclair State Athletics: You Can Play!](#)

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## Alumni Spotlights

We invite our alumni to learn about this program by visiting our [website](#). Applications are currently being accepted for the fall semester.

### Class of 1968 - Get Ready to Celebrate!

2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of your graduation from Montclair State! Planning is now underway for your 50th reunion. Start reconnecting with friends today and promote your 50th reunion festivities by volunteering to participate as a member of the Class of 1968 Reunion Committee.

The Class of 1967 celebrated this past May. View a [recap](#) of their reunion events.

To get involved, contact Deb Corasio at [973-655-4207](tel:973-655-4207) or [corasiod@montclair.edu](mailto:corasiod@montclair.edu).

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### Red Bulls II at Montclair State

The Red Bulls II are now offering pro-rated season-ticket packages for their remaining home games. Students and staff plans are now \$72 dollars for all remaining home games plus the playoffs, and youth memberships are just \$36. [Alumni can purchase discounted tickets online](#). Enter promo code: ALUMNI. For more information on the New York Red Bulls II, visit [newyorkredbulls.com/2](http://newyorkredbulls.com/2).

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### Career Corner

*By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW  
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[Volunteerism](#) is an excellent job search strategy. Think of all the implications—expand your network, add to your resume and



## Joe Redmon '15

Having a professional sports team call your campus home presents many unique opportunities. Montclair State students can attend NJ Jackals' games just a walk away from their classes, or hear the roar of the fans while getting some work done outside. Joe Redmon '15 took these opportunities to the next level. [\[View full details\]](#)

feel good about helping others. Don't have enough time you say? Get off the internet job boards—only 10 - 15% of job seekers find success through online job sites. Volunteer in towns/cities where you're seeking employment. Volunteer with organizations that reflect your career direction. Check out [Jersey Cares](#) for an easily searchable list of volunteer opportunities. Get out there, citizen. Be civic.

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### Connect with us!



## Niki Russo '16

Niki Russo '16 wears many hats: a substitute school teacher in Union City School System, an alumna of Montclair State and Phi Sigma Sigma, and a former camper, counselor and current fundraiser for Comfort Zone Camp. Recently, Russo added another hat to her collection: a New York Yankee's cap, as she accepted her Avis Spirit Award at Yankee Stadium. [\[View full details\]](#)

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