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AlumniConnections

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of Montclair State University

Alumni News

Third Annual Wines Around the World



Have you always wanted to learn more about your favorite wines? On Thursday, January 22, wine lovers have the chance to tour some of the world's foremost producers of wine. Mix and mingle with fellow alumni and taste a variety of light, medium and full bodied wines from various regions around the world. [\[View full details\]](#)

Montclair State In Your Neighborhood: Alumni Night at the New Jersey Devils Game

On Friday, January 30, Montclair State University will host its first alumni gathering at the Prudential Center as the New Jersey Devils take on the Pittsburgh Penguins at 7:00 p.m. Alumni are invited to an exclusive pre-game reception. [\[View full details\]](#)



Celebrate Reunion 2015



2015 marks a special year for five classes to return to campus and celebrate reunion anniversaries. As Montclair State kicks off reunion celebrations, alumni are invited to take a nostalgic stroll down memory lane with former classmates. Graduates from 1965, 1990, 2005, 2010 and 2014, don't miss this chance to catch up with classmates! [\[View full details\]](#)

University News

Vocal Accord Invited to Perform in London

Montclair State University's Vocal Accord, the John J. Cali School of Music chamber choir, has been invited to make its UK debut on January 26 and 27, 2015, with the London premiere of Richard Alston's *Rejoice in the Lamb* (Benjamin Britten). [\[View full details\]](#)



University Conference Center Receives Prestigious Recognition



Unique Venues Magazine has selected the Conference Center at Montclair State University as the "Best Conference Center to Get Down to Business." Set on the seventh floor of the campus' University Hall, the Conference Center offers panoramic views of the New York City skyline, while providing event hosts with an array of flexible meeting and event options. [\[View full details\]](#)

New Red Hawk Pride Society to Spread School Spirit

Program Spotlight



The Rising Red Hawks program welcomes academically ambitious high school students to complement high school study with Montclair State University coursework.

[\[View full details\]](#)

Upcoming Events

January 15

[ICCAS Call for Proposals for Panel Discussions](#)

January 17

[New Student Orientation Followed by The Graduate Development Conference](#)

January 19

[Martin Luther King Day of Service](#)

January 22

[Wines Around the World](#)

January 24

[Peak Performances: Robyn Orlin | Compagnie Jant-Bi](#)

January 25

[Montclair State University Art Connections 11](#)

January 27

[Demystifying Domain Names: Using Them as a Marketing, Business and IP Tool](#)

January 30

[Montclair State Alumni Night at the New Jersey Devils Game](#)

Full Events Calendar

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

View the complete listing of programs and events that are open to alumni, friends, and the entire campus community.

Peak Performances

Check out the upcoming calendar of events.

Carpe Diem

Tune in to the Department of Broadcasting's weekly show

Career Corner:

Adam Mayer
Director of Career Counseling

Online job-seekers often wonder why they rarely hear anything after applying for positions. Some call it the "black hole" where application after application goes completely

Society members serve as ambassadors at various University events and functions such as Homecoming, admissions open houses, Accepted Student Day, athletic events and Red Hawk Day, where they promote school spirit. [View full details](#)



Giving News

Cento Amici Scholarship: A Commitment to Education

Joe Canderazzi's connections to Montclair State University go back over 25 years. His commitment to philanthropy is expansive. Not satisfied with the impact that he was able to make as an individual, he looked around for an opportunity to amplify that impact and he found that opportunity in Cento Amici. [View full details](#)



Athletics News

Women's Basketball Alumnae Reunite to Celebrate Nearly 50 Years of Women's Basketball



Almost 50 years after the women's basketball program's inaugural season, 21 former players returned to campus on Saturday, December 6, 2014, to watch the No. 7 Red Hawks cruise past Ramapo for a seventh straight victory. [View full details](#)

Softball Coach Anita Kubicka Wins Highest Honor

Montclair State University head softball coach and longtime mentor Anita Kubicka earned the highest honor a coach can achieve when she was elected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame Class of 2015. [View full details](#)



Men's Basketball Hangs on Against Rutgers-Camden as Red Hawks Edge Scarlet Raptors, 58-53



Freshman guard Shaun Russell came off the bench to score 16 points as Montclair State held off a frenetic comeback attempt by Rutgers-Camden in the final six minutes for a 58-53 victory at the Panzer Athletic Center on Saturday afternoon. [View full details](#)

Alumni Spotlight

Lester Taylor '97



When Lester Taylor transferred to Montclair State University he was eager to get involved with the institution that always appealed to him. After completing his first year at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, he came to Montclair State to pursue a degree in political science with a concentration in pre-law studies. On January 1, 2014, he was sworn into office as the thirteenth mayor of the City of East Orange, New Jersey. [View full details](#)

Susan O'Leary Giordano '99 MBA

unnoticed. While there are many reasons why we might not get the call, one of the main reasons is our resume never makes it to a human reader. Why? 95 percent of large companies and 50 percent of mid-sized companies use Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) to "read" your resume. Check out this [great infographic](#) outlining ways to make your resume ATS friendly.

For more information on Career Services visit [online](#) or contact Adam at careerserv@mail.montclair.edu.

Boost Your Job Seeking Skills

The Office of Alumni Relations will be hosting a **series of events** in the upcoming months where alumni will have the opportunity to connect with professionals and learn some tips about entering the job market. Save the date:

Job Search Boot Camp

Tuesday, March 3, 2015
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Networking 101 - Tools to Advance Your Career

Thursday, March 19, 2015
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Financial Planning 101

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For a full description or more information, visit our [website](#) or contact Stacy Albanese at albaneses@mail.montclair.edu.

Gil Rivera '05 Wins White House 3D Printed Ornament Design Challenge

Alumnus' "Winter Snowflakes" ornament decorates White House Christmas tree.



[View full details](#)

Art Connections 11

Now in its eleventh year, Art Connections, the annual fundraising event for the George Segal Gallery, will be on view from January 25 - February 21. Proceeds from the sales are shared 50/50 with the artists, and net proceeds help to support the Gallery's exhibitions, educational programming and the care of the permanent collection.

The juror this year is art historian and art writer Kathleen Madden. The opening reception will take place on January 25 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the George Segal Gallery's [website](#) or call 973-655-6941.

Parking Lot Safety



A Message from Liberty Mutual Insurance

Although parking lots may not be the most hazardous places to drive, they can be the most unpredictable.

[View full details](#)

As an adult student pursuing her Master's in Business Administration, Susan O'Leary attended Montclair State University at nights while also juggling a full-time career and family. The New Jersey native received her BSN from the University of Delaware, and then decided to relocate to Manhattan where she worked as a staff nurse in the neurosurgical department for the Cornell Medical Center. [View full details](#)



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