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# AlumniConnections

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

## Alumni News

### Montclair State in Your Neighborhood: Los Angeles



Over 40 alumni, friends and parents attended a gathering at Fox Studios in Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, June 9. As part of Montclair State in your neighborhood, alumni and friends heard remarks from Michael Price '81, Co-Executive Producer and Writer for *The Simpsons* and attended an "insider's view" tour of the writer's room. [\[View full details\]](#)

### Mark Your Calendars for Homecoming 2015 on October 3

Homecoming at Montclair State University is one of the biggest events of the year. On Saturday, October 3, Homecoming festivities include the Alumni Tailgate and Campus Carnival where alumni, students and families can enjoy food, sweets and beer concession booths, carnival games, carnival rides and more! The Homecoming weekend celebration also includes class reunions for the classes of 1990, 2005, 2010 and 2014. [\[View full details\]](#)



### Alumni Campus Employees Gather to Celebrate Another Successful School Year



More than 400 alumni currently serve as either faculty or staff at Montclair State University. By drawing on their first hand experiences and being actively involved on campus, they serve as University ambassadors. In recognition of their hard work and dedication to their alma mater, Alumni Campus Employees were invited to the third annual appreciation barbeque on Thursday, June 11. [\[View full details\]](#)

## University News

### Stepping Out Into the World

Whether they graduated in January or May, members of the Class of 2015 left Montclair State University with the skills they needed to step out and make their mark on the world by joining the workforce or furthering their education. [\[View full details\]](#)



### Center for Cooperative Media Holds Engage Local Conference



Montclair State University's Center for Cooperative Media, together with the City of Newark and Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka jointly hosted the Center's second national conference, entitled "ENGAGE Local," on June 15 and 16, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Robert Treat Hotel. [\[View full details\]](#)

### Featured Event:



**July 25**  
[Summer Fun Day at the Jersey Shore](#)

[Register now!](#)

### Upcoming Events

**July 10**  
[Peak Performances: Tickets on sale now for 2015-16 season](#)

**July 13**  
[Center for Writing Excellence is Open for Summer Sessions](#)

**July 16**  
[Behind the Scenes Tour of Yankee Stadium](#)

**August 1**  
[Alumni Recruitment Team Training and Appreciation Day](#)

**August 13**  
[Jersey City Beer Garden Networking Event at Zeppelin Hall](#)

**Friday, October 2**  
[Class of 2005 - 10 Year Reunion](#)

**Friday, October 2**  
[Class of 2010 - 5 Year Reunion](#)

**Friday, October 2**  
[Class of 2014 - 1 Year Reunion](#)

**Saturday, October 3**  
[Class of 1990 - 25th Year Reunion](#)

### [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

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### Class of 1990 - Register Now for Your 25th Year Reunion Celebration

2015 marks the 25th anniversary of your graduation from Montclair State! Scheduled for October 3, the Class of 1990 - 25th Reunion promises to be a terrific way to reconnect with old friends and classmates – and experience the exciting changes that

## Welcome Class of 2019!

Now through the end of July, Montclair State University's incoming class of new students – the Class of 2019 – is learning about campus life, resources and their chosen programs of study at The Red Hawk 411, the University's first-year student orientation program. [\[View full details\]](#)



## Giving News

### Class of 1965 Endows \$100,000 Scholarship

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Montclair State, the Class of 1965 set forth to collectively raise \$100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship in the name of the Class of 1965 – 50th Reunion. Through cash gifts, pledges and bequests, members of the class proudly joined together to support the next generation of Montclair State students. [\[View full details\]](#)



## Athletics News

### Red Hawk Athletics Announces Award Winners for 2014-2015 Year



Two-time All-American basketball forward Melissa Tobie, who led Montclair State University to the NCAA Division III Final Four, and football All-American C. J. Conway, who helped Montclair State to the NJAC Championship last fall, were named Female and Male Outstanding Athletes of the Year, respectively, as the Red Hawk Department of Athletics handed out its awards for the 2014-15 academic year. [\[View full details\]](#)

### Red Hawk Student-Athletes Named to NJAC All-Academic Team, Skyline Conference Honor Roll

Montclair State student-athletes were honored for their outstanding success in the classroom as the New Jersey Athletic Conference announced its All-Academic Team for the 2014-15 year while the Skyline Conference recently released its Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll. [\[View full details\]](#)



### Eileen O'Reilly Named New Head Field Hockey Coach at Montclair State



The Montclair State Department of Athletics has announced the hiring of Eileen O'Reilly as the new head field hockey coach. O'Reilly, the 17th coach in the history of the program, has spent the last two seasons with the Red Hawks joining the program in 2013 as an assistant coach before being elevated to Associate Head Coach in December 2014. [\[View full details\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlight

### Meredith Bishop '90



As a Principal Development Scientist for ConAgra Foods Company, Meredith Bishop plays a pivotal role in some of the foods most commonly found on the shelves of any grocery store. Bishop has worked with brands such as Hunt's® and Orville Redenbacher's® but specializes in salt reduction in savory products and sugar reduction in baking products. [\[View full details\]](#)

have taken place on campus in the past 25 years. You will also be able to catch up with some of your favorite professors.

For more information or to [register](#) visit the Class of 1990 - 25th Reunion [website](#).

For questions, contact Jenna Peraino Villani at 973-655-7872 or [perainoj@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:perainoj@mail.montclair.edu).

### Montclair State in Your Neighborhood: Jersey City

Join us for a Jersey City Beer Garden Networking Event at Zeppelin Hall on Thursday, August 13. Relax, socialize and network with fellow Montclair State University graduates at Zeppelin Hall. Jersey City is easy to get to, whether you work or live in New Jersey or New York.

Visit the Office of Alumni Relations website to [register now](#) or for more information, contact Dann Truitt, Office of Alumni Relations, at 973-655-7460 or [truitt@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:truitt@mail.montclair.edu).

### The Montclair State University Fulbright Program Application is Now Open!

Montclair State wants to help you receive funding to study, research or teach English abroad. Click here to [apply online](#).

For [more information](#) contact Domenica Dominguez, Director, Study Abroad and International Programs at [dominguezd@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:dominguezd@mail.montclair.edu).

### Career Corner: Adam Mayer, Director of Career Development

[Volunteerism](#) is an excellent job search strategy. Think of all the implications - expand your network, add to your resume and feel good about helping others. Don't have enough time you say? Get off the internet job boards - only 10 - 15 percent 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.

For more information on Career Services visit the Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education [online](#) or contact Adam at [careerserv@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:careerserv@mail.montclair.edu).

### What to Do When Moving Into a New Home



*A Message from Liberty Mutual Insurance*

Moving into a new house is a major life change. After packing and unpacking your belongings, there's still a lot of work to be done. Follow this checklist for common tasks every new homeowner should do.

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



## Eugene Dermody '75 MA

Eugene Dermody came to Montclair State University in 1973 with the desire to make a difference. Over the years, it has been his dedication to creating a safe, inclusive space for LGBTQ individuals that earned him recognition throughout a long-lasting career. In 2014, he was awarded the Tom Waddell Award by the Federation of Gay Games, the world's largest sporting and cultural event organized by, and specifically targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender athletes. [\[View full details\]](#)



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