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AlumniConnections

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of Montclair State University

Alumni News

Alumni Celebrate Milestone 50th and 50+ Class Reunions

Montclair State University's 50th class reunion celebration is a milestone event that reunites graduates each May. This year, members of the Class of 1965 collectively traveled 19,370 miles to take part in a two-day reunion celebration. Joining them for a 50th and 50+ class luncheon were members of earlier classes and emeriti faculty. [\[View full details\]](#)

Staying Connected to Montclair State: Ways to Get Involved

Graduates from various majors and programs have come together to form a range of affinity groups – groups with a shared common bond or mutual interest. Gatherings held for alumni from the Political Science and Law department, Accounting Program, Educational Opportunity Fund Program and more, allow alumni to connect with one another and current students as they build and strengthen their Montclair State University alumni network. [\[View full details\]](#)



School of Business Alumni Serve As Volunteers In and Out of the Classroom



Alumni from the School of Business at Montclair State University have been hard at work making a difference in the lives of current students. Through networking receptions, campus events and speaking engagements, they serve as models to today's students by sharing their experiences after Montclair State. [\[View full details\]](#)

University News

Commencement 2015

Montclair State University held its 2015 Commencement exercises on May 20, 2015, at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey. The Class of 2015, which is the largest in the University's 107-year history, includes 3,446 bachelor's degree, 1,137 master's degree and 33 doctoral degree recipients. [\[View full details\]](#)



Everyone Wins in \$10,000 Pitch Contest



Countless hours of prep time and a year of hard work – inside and outside the classroom – came down to a five-minute chance to win \$10,000 on May 6 in the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship's second annual student pitch competition. [\[View full details\]](#)

Montclair State Makes Cover of Hispanic Outlook

Save the Date:



Summer Fun Day at the Jersey Shore - July 25, 2015

Upcoming Events

June 15

[Center for Cooperative Media at Montclair State presents: Newark Town Hall](#)

June 16

[New Training Course Using GIS Desktop Software](#)

June 16

[Center for Cooperative Media presents: Engage Local Conference](#)

June 17

[Shaping your Family's Future: Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts and Other Tools](#)

June 18

[Peak Performances presents: Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company - Analogy/Dora: Tramontane](#)

June 22

[Inspiring How We Live: A Celebration of Impermanence](#)

June 26

[John J. Cali School of Music presents: Eduardo Delgado](#)

June 26

[John J. Cali School of Music presents: Rudolf Golez](#)

June 28

[March in NYC Pride Parade with Montclair State's LGBTQ Center](#)

Homecoming 2015 - Save the Date: October 3

Mark your calendars! As always, there will be fun, food and festivities for the whole family. Come home to cheer the Red Hawks on to victory as Montclair State takes on William Patterson University at 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations, at 973-655-4141 or alumni@mail.montclair.edu.

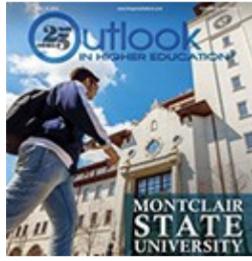
[Full Events Calendar](#)

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.

Magazine

Singled out for showing “great improvement in granting degrees to and enrolling Hispanic students,” Montclair State University is featured on the cover and in the cover story of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine’s* annual “Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics” issue, which came out on May 18, 2015. [\[View full details\]](#)



Giving News

The Power of Matching Gifts

Alumni know their gifts to Montclair State University have a powerful impact on the student experience. Many companies support a matching gifts program, allowing alumni to increase the impact of their giving. [\[View full details\]](#)



Athletics News

Sprague Field to Get Summer Makeover with Renovation Project



Sprague Field is undergoing a makeover. The process of installing a new Field Turf surface began on May 26 with the new field expected to be completed by August 1 before the start of the fall preseason. [\[View full details\]](#)

Men's Outdoor Track and Field Team Takes Part in NCAA Division III Championships

The Montclair State men's outdoor track and field team closed out its 2015 season at the NCAA Division III Championships held at the Merrick-Pinkard Track and Field Complex at St. Lawrence University. Montclair State took part in two events at the national meet as it made its return to the NCAAs for the first time since 2011. [\[View full details\]](#)



Schreck Brothers Named Lacrosse All-Americans; Michael Schreck Chosen USILA Scholar All-American



Senior midfielder Michael Schreck and brother Zach Schreck were both named to the 2015 United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Division III All-America Team. [\[View full details\]](#)

Alumni Spotlight

Takeem L. Dean '03, '11 MA



Originally from Passaic, New Jersey, Dean always dreamed of becoming a Dean of Students at a historically black college or university. In August 2014, his dream became a reality as he became the Dean of Students at Allen University, located in Columbia, South Carolina. [\[View full details\]](#)

Disnalda Vargas '09

Peak Performances

Check out the upcoming calendar of events.

Carpe Diem

Tune in to the Department of Broadcasting's weekly show

Class of 1966 - Get Ready to Celebrate!

2016 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 1966 Reunion Committee.

[View a recap](#) of the Class of 1965 Reunion!

To get involved, contact Deb Corasio at 973-655-4207 or corasiod@mail.montclair.edu.

News from Rochelle Hendricks, NJ Secretary of Higher Education

Check out the current issue: Looking Back to Look Ahead.

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

Career Corner:

Adam Mayer,
Director of Career Counseling

What's an “[information interview](#)” and why should I pursue one? An information interview is a meeting between you and someone whose job appeals to you. While everyone seems busy, some professionals will make time if you ask, and lots of people like to talk about themselves, so this technique is a no-brainer. Where to begin? Identify desirable occupations, use your network to develop a list of names and write a compelling letter explaining why you're interested in meeting. Make the meeting about them and their careers, not about your job search. You're collecting information. Give people the opportunity to help you. Some might.

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

Department of Campus Recreation Announces Alumni Membership Deal!

Beginning on June 15, alumni can receive an exclusive one-year membership to the Student Recreation Center for \$375 with the benefit of an added six months for free! For more information on membership, contact the main office of the Student Recreation Center by phone at 973-655-3340 or visit their [website](#).

A valid, Montclair State University [Alumni ID card](#) is required for membership.

To get your Alumni ID card contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 973-655-4141 or email montclairconnect@mail.montclair.edu.

Motorcycle Safety and Maintenance Tips



A Message from Liberty Mutual Insurance

Disnalda Vargas knew at a young age that she wanted to be a part of the world of business. Knowing this, she applied to Montclair State and pursued a Bachelor of Science in business administration with an accounting concentration. She currently serves as an audit senior at Deloitte, where she interned during her time at Montclair State. [View full details](#)



Once the weather warms up, motorcycle riders return to the roadways in force. This riding season, take the time to perform some routine bike maintenance before you rev up your engine this summer. Following these easy safety and maintenance tips will help you ride happier, longer and safer.

[View full details](#)



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