



Alumni News



Emeriti Faculty Make Connections

Three faculty members were resolved as Professors Emeriti during the recent Montclair State University Board of Trustees meeting on April 11. Two of the three were present and were honored at a luncheon immediately following the meeting. Professor Rolf Sternberg, was also honored in recognition of his induction as Professor Emeritus at the Board of Trustees meeting on December 15, 2017. The luncheon, held bi-annually, was attended by 28 Emeriti faculty, guests and University administrators. [\[View full story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

April 18

[New Works Initiative: Civics and Humanities for Non-Majors](#)

April 18

[The Racialization and Reimagination of Teachers of Color](#)

April 19-21

[Performance: In the Red and Brown Water](#)

April 19-22

[Performance: Esta Breve Tragedia de la Carne \(This Brief Tragedy of the Flesh\)](#)

April 20

[Parkland Benefit Concert](#)

April 20

[Friday Night Frights: Butterfly Kisses](#)

April 20

[The 2nd Annual Yogi Berra Museum Awards Dinner](#)

April 22

[MSU Singers](#)

April 24

[MSU Symphonic Band & MSU Campus Band](#)

April 24

[Luminary Conversation with Dr. Beverly Lynn](#)

April 25

[Webinar: Educational Leadership](#)

Full Event Calendar

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



8th Annual Signature Wine Tasting

Nearly 150 alumni and friends of the University gathered on April 11 for the 8th Annual Signature Wine Tasting. Focusing on Spanish wines, attendees were able to learn a history and overview of the region, learn the basics of tasting wine, and sample various wines throughout the evening. In addition to alumni and their guests, members of the Class of 2018 were also invited to their first official alumni event. Select parents were also invited to the dinner event, which allowed time for networking and socializing both before and after the presentation began. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



Montclair State Launches 'University College'

Not every student enters college with a road map for the future. To guide students along the right path, Montclair State has launched University College, an innovative academic home for students where they can pursue the interests that will launch academic and career success. Beginning in fall 2018, students

Peak Performances

Check out the upcoming calendar of events.

Carpe Diem

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

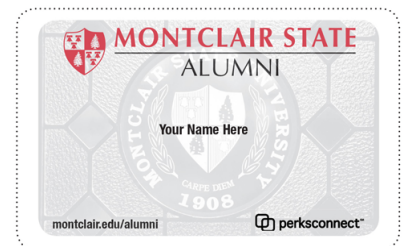
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who are not certain about their choice of major will be eligible for admission to University College, where they can tap into the support, guidance and programs they need to explore and discover the areas that interest them most. [\[View full story\]](#)



University Police Department Hero Included on Washington, D.C., National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

On September 11, 2001, after the second plane hit the World Trade Center towers, the Montclair State University Police Department (MSUPD) received a call for assistance from the Port Authority Police Department. Officers Christopher Vidro and Paul Giardino volunteered and promptly traveled to the scene. On July 25, 2007, Sergeant Christopher Vidro, an 11-year veteran of the MSUPD and 35-year-old father of two, died after battling an aggressive form of cancer resulting from his exposure to toxins on 9/11. Today, Paul Giardino continues to serve the MSUPD as a lieutenant. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News

Alumni Benefits & Services

As alumni, you have access to great facilities on campus – Sprague Library, University Hall Computer Lab and the Recreation Center just to name a few. You are also eligible to receive discounts at the campus bookstore. To access some of these benefits offered, be sure to obtain your alumni ID card.

[\[Learn more\]](#)

Montclair State University Conference Center

Consider hosting your next event at The Conference Center at Montclair State. Alumni receive a 10% discount! For more information, [visit the website](#) or call 973-655-3391. You can also email conference@montclair.edu.

Career Corner

By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development

[The Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education](#)

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.

Red Bulls II Season Ticket Package Info!



It's the final countdown...Giving Day 2018!

On April 19, the Montclair State community will come together to support Montclair State students. We need you to help us raise even more this year. We've set our goal—to raise \$100,000 in support of Montclair State! Every gift, from every donor, counts! Learn more about Giving Day and how you can get involved in this historic campaign. [\[Learn more and make your gift today!\]](#)

Athletics News



Alumna Rose Marie Battaglia to be Inducted into Women's Basketball HOF

A lifelong journey in the sport she loves has resulted in the ultimate honor for Montclair State University alumna Rose Marie Battaglia '51, '66 MA. The women's basketball pioneer and decorated coach has been inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2018, joining fellow Montclair State alumna Carol Blazejowski '78 among the ranks of Women's Basketball Hall of Famers. Battaglia, 89, will join former University of Tennessee and WNBA star Chamique Holdsclaw, two-time Olympic gold medalist and WNBA star Tina Thompson, University of Colorado head coach Ceal Barry, University of Tennessee and Louisiana State University assistant coach Mickie



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DeMoss, three-time Olympic gold medalist and WNBA star Katie Smith and longtime University of Connecticut assistant coach Chris Dailey as members of the Class of 2018. The induction ceremony will take place on June 9 at the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Basbibbi Kakar '17

When Basbibbi Kakar was an infant, her family fled the Taliban in Afghanistan, settling in Pakistan. As refugees, life was hard. Her father, who had been a college professor in Afghanistan, had to resort to selling fruit from a cart to make ends meet. All of the 10 children had to contribute to the family's livelihood but they all also got to go to school, including the girls. "My father was an enlightened man who strongly believed in education," says Kakar, who came to the United States in 2013 on a full scholarship to Montclair State. "He went so far as to insist that each of his children, girl or boy, go on to college and seek a profession. I definitely owe my love of learning and determination to pursue my education to my father." Once arriving at Montclair State, Kakar had the freedom to pursue her education and access resources and opportunities that were never available to her in her homeland. [\[View full story\]](#)



Andrew Fede '78

Before he entered the field of Law, Andrew Fede '78 had always been drawn to history, ever since he was a little kid, so it makes sense that he went on to pursue a degree in History at Montclair State. Alongside this degree, he managed to complete his education requirements as well, receiving his teacher certification in Social Studies in the state of New Jersey. Fede's original plan was to become a Social Studies teacher, but after speaking with his academic adviser upon graduation he decided to take a different path. Andrew had always had a special interests in the political sciences classes he took, paid close attention to the law cases he had studied, and found that this was something he truly had an interest in. When he graduated Summa Cum Laude in May of 1978, he took on the LSAT, applied to law school, and just like that he was enrolled in the Pre-Law program at Rutgers University. [\[View full story\]](#)

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