



Alumni News



Red Hawks Gather in Morristown and NYC to Network

With more than 130,000 alumni living in all 50 states and worldwide and with over eighty percent of alumni living in New Jersey and New York, monthly networking gatherings are planned in NYC and throughout the state of NJ to bring Montclair State to your neighborhood. On November 29, alumni gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Morristown. The networking event was a great opportunity for graduates to come together and build their network, meet fellow graduates and chat with university leadership. Over 50 graduates, representing class years from the 70's to our most recent graduating class of 2018, came together to spend a night with their alma mater. [\[View full story\]](#)

Featured Events

January 9

[Workshop: Financial Conversations Before Saying "I Do"](#)

January 23

[Red Hawk Happy Hour at Shannon Rose](#)

Upcoming Events

December 19

[Information Session: Substance Awareness Coordinator](#)

December 19

[Webinar: Substance Awareness Coordinator](#)

January 17

[New Jersey Digital Citizenship Symposium - Montclair State University](#)

January 21

[MLK Day of Service 2019](#)

Full Event 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



Connect with Montclair State in the New Year

As alumni of Montclair State University, you have access to many benefits and services that allow you to stay connected to your alma mater through lifelong learning opportunities and continuing education, social gatherings, cultural events, networking groups and career resources. Stay connected! Join us for some exciting events throughout the months of January and February to bring and come together with fellow Montclair State alumni. From a financial workshop to a Devils game at Prudential Center, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Celebrate your connection to your alma mater by spending a day with fellow graduates and friends. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



Montclair State Joins International BioPharma Research Network

Each year, as many as 30,000 people in countries across Asia, East Africa,

and cheer the Red Hawks on to victory!

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Alumni Spotlight of the Week



Do you want to be featured in our social media alumni spotlight? Please email us at classnotes@montclair.edu with “Alumni Spotlight” in the subject line. Please include:

1. Your full name
2. Graduation year(s)
3. Job Title
4. Quote about Montclair State
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South America and the Mediterranean die from visceral leishmaniasis (VL), an invariably fatal – and poverty-associated – parasitic disease contracted from bites by infected sandflies. Since its establishment in 2015 by the nonprofit Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi), the Open Synthesis Network (OSN) has engaged students around the world to help discover new drugs for patients afflicted with neglected diseases such as visceral leishmaniasis. Montclair State, through its Sokol Institute for Pharmaceutical Life Sciences, has recently joined this collaborative research partnership of 18 prestigious universities in Brazil, Germany, India, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S. “Montclair State strongly supports this partnership and the creative way it aims to achieve its goals,” says College of Science and Mathematics Dean Lora Billings. [\[View full story\]](#)



New CHSS Programs Give Students Competitive Edge in the Job Market

Time and time again, in poll after poll, college students report that they are going to college to qualify for well-paying jobs that offer opportunities for professional advancement. Since the recession of 2008, increasing numbers of students, according to a recent article in The Atlantic, are choosing majors with clear career possibilities in fields like business and health. This fall, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Montclair State University launched exciting new interdisciplinary programs that meld traditional humanities and social science disciplines – such as history and linguistics – with science and technology fields to give undergraduate students a clear competitive edge in the workplace. It also inaugurated a new master’s degree program designed to put graduates on track for professional success in a growing field. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News



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Thank you for your support on Giving Tuesday. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$15,000 in support of Montclair State and over 100 pairs of socks will be donated to The Red Hawk Pantry to help keep our students warm this winter. During this season of giving, each of us has the opportunity to inspire someone and impact their lives. This is the chance for all of us to invest in the future of Montclair State University. Your contribution helps provide an excellent education that prepares students to be productive, enlightened and engaged citizens. Without the generous support of our alumni, parents and friends, quite simply, many students would not enjoy the benefit of a college education. [\[View full story\]](#)

More Giving News....

- [Meet Jonathan Morgan '19](#)

Athletics News



Alexandris Resets School Long Jump Mark at Yale Season Opener

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Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development
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Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE)



Senior George Alexandris reset his own school record in in the long jump highlighting Montclair State's appearance at the Yale Season Opener on Saturday afternoon. Alexandris leaped 7.39 meters to win his second straight long jump event. The 2018 NCAA Outdoor champion in the same event, Alexandris surpassed his own mark of 7.33 meters set last week at the Oceanfirst Bank Classic at Monmouth University. The Red Hawk men also claimed victory in the 4x800 meters as the group of Brandon Rizzo, Patrick Tuohey, Eric Marcus and Vincent Laquidara posting a time of 8:44.75. Rizzo placed fifth in the 500 meters (1:09.50) while James Fox (51.80) and Tuohey were each ninth in the 400 meters and mile, respectively. [\[View full story\]](#)



Athletic Director Holly Gera Announces Retirement

Montclair State Director of Athletics Holly Gera will retire effective January 1, 2019. Her announcement will close out a trailblazing career spanning three decades at the University as she helped elevate MSU's programs to new heights both on and off the field. Gera, who oversees the operations of the 18 sports for men and women returned to her alma mater in 1989 in the position of Director of Campus Recreation. The following year, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Athletics and, in 1995, Gera was appointed Associate Athletic Director administering the day-to-day internal operations of the department. In 1996, Gera was named Director of Athletics becoming the first female to hold that position in program history. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights

Continuing Ed Expands Course Offerings

Course offerings include face-to-face and online credential-bearing courses designed to help working professionals advance or change careers; provide enrichment for lifelong learners; and meet the needs of area businesses seeking skilled “new collar” professionals. In addition, students enrolled in the short-duration, non-credit CAPE programs will receive personalized career guidance and support – an innovative feature that sets CAPE offerings apart from those of most other continuing and professional education programs.

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Daniel Infanti '76

“My four years at Montclair State gave me the education, maturity, worldly view and confidence to pursue my professional and family dreams,” says Daniel Infanti '76. He credits his education at Montclair State University as the launching point for a successful 40 year executive career in the marketing, communications and advertising field. In the summer of 2016, Infanti retired and since then has been enjoying life at the Jersey shore, spending time with family and friends, as well as traveling and playing golf. During his career, Infanti held senior level marketing positions in a wide variety of consumer and business-to-business companies in the tech and financial services industries. [\[View full story\]](#)



Allison Strong '12

“I was lucky enough to be a Musical Theatre major at Montclair State. It was



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Oshie's Dad Saved \$4,584 in Vet Bills!



Not long after Oshie got pet insurance, he tore his ACL and needed expensive surgery. Luckily, he was covered by Healthy Paws and was able to get the treatment he needed!

the only college theatre program I knew of that allowed students to audition for professional productions,” says Allison Strong '12. From the age of nine, Strong had dreams of performing on Broadway. Those dreams soon became a reality after attending an open call in Manhattan her freshman year. During her time at Montclair State, Strong appeared in two Broadway shows: Bye Bye Birdie and Mamma Mia! She credits much of her early success to Clay James, Theatre and Dance Coordinator of the Musical Theatre program.

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