



Alumni News



9th Annual Signature Wine Tasting

Nearly 140 alumni and friends of the University gathered on Tuesday, April 16, for the 9th Annual Signature Wine Tasting. Focusing on French wines, attendees were given an overview of the region and its history, learned the basics of tasting wine and sampled various light, medium and full-bodied wines. In addition to alumni and their guests, members of the Class of 2019 were also invited to their first official alumni event. Several parents also attended the event, which allowed time for networking and socializing both before and after the presentation began. [\[View full story\]](#)



Montclair State's 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

As part of Montclair State University's Convocation exercises, the University will

Featured Events

May 24 - May 25
[50th and 50+ Reunion Celebration](#)

Upcoming Events

May 15
[Information Session: Social Research and Analysis \(MA\)](#)

May 15 - May 18
[BFA: 2019 Thesis Exhibition](#)

May 16
[What Should We Observe in an NGSS Classroom?](#)

May 20 - May 30
[Industrial Design Senior Thesis Show](#)

May 23
[Webinar: Nursing \(MSN\)](#)

May 24
[NY Red Bulls II vs North Carolina FC](#)

May 28
[Information Session: Public and Organizational Relations \(MA\)](#)

May 29
[Webinar: Business Administration \(MBA\)](#)

May 30
[Green Teams Launch](#)

May 30
[Webinar: Social Research and Analysis \(MA\)](#)

May 31
[NY Red Bulls II vs Bethlehem Steel FC](#)

June 1
[Summer Food Truck & Craft Beer Fest](#)

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.

honor alumni at each of the convocation ceremonies with the School of Nursing honoring a distinguished speaker. We invite you to learn more about these honorees who will be receiving an award: the College of the Arts - Aldo Scrofani '73; the College of Education and Human Services - Roger León '96 MA; the College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Steven M. Resnick '93; the College of Science and Mathematics: Joseph L. Fiordaliso '67; the Feliciano School of Business - Irving L. Dennis '81; and the School of Nursing - Dawn Aubel. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



Montclair State Students Shine Bright at UPitchNJ

Montclair State University beat eight other New Jersey universities and colleges in the fourth annual UPitchNJ statewide collegiate business model competition on April 26 at Seton Hall University. Representing Montclair State and earning a 3rd place award was TacOp, led by Jonathan Morgan, a senior Finance major with a minor in Entrepreneurship, and Brett Siegmeyer, a junior Visual Communications Design major. Their pitch, TacOp, is a 3D-printed device that holds up to five hooks while fishing. [\[View full story\]](#)



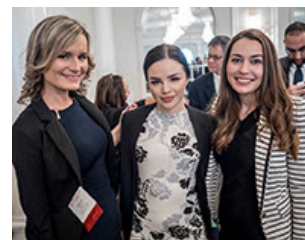
Eighth Annual Todd Ouida Children's Foundation Conference Held at Montclair State

More than 102,000 babies are born in New Jersey every year – and each of them has a compelling need to feel safe. “Creating Safety For and Within Infants and Children” was the theme of the Eighth Annual Todd Ouida Children's Foundation Conference hosted on Thursday, May 9, by the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health (CAECMH) in the College of Education and Human Services at Montclair State University. New Jersey Department of Children and Families Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer delivered the daylong conference's opening remarks that touched on this critical theme. [\[View full story\]](#)

Montclair State Athletics

View the entire athletics schedule and cheer the Red Hawks on to victory!

Alumni Spotlight of the Week



Do you want to be featured in our social media alumni spotlight? Please email us

at atclassnotes@montclair.edu with “Alumni Spotlight” in the subject line. Please include:

1. Your full name
2. Graduation year(s)
3. Title/Company
4. Quote about Montclair State
5. Photo to be included

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NYRB II Montclair State Alumni, Friends and Family Discount

Giving News



48 for Montclair State – A Success!

With time to spare on Friday, April 26, we reached our goal – but we didn't stop there. As the hours counted down, the dollars continued to roll in! We are proud to announce that we raised \$112,036 dollars from 400 donors! In the days since the campaign, we've been counting change from our faculty/staff campaign, 'Phil' the Pig. While this faculty/staff campaign is ongoing until June 30, we are happy to report that 'Phil', short for philanthropy, has brought in an additional \$650 in support of the Emergency Book Fund. Thanks to the support and generosity of our donors, Montclair State continues to deliver rigorous programs and life-changing opportunities to students. Thank you for your support throughout the campaign. You can still [make an impact](#) by making a gift today. [\[Learn more\]](#)



Class of 2019 – Leave your Montclair State Mark!

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 on their graduation, and welcome to the alumni network! Graduating students can commemorate their class year with a gift of \$20.19. Their gift will help support The Emergency Scholarship Fund, which allows students who have fallen upon difficult financial circumstance to receive assistance in order to continue their education at Montclair State. A donation of any size, regardless of the amount, will help make a difference in the lives and experiences of Red Hawks for generations to come. All donations add up to big change! [\[Learn more\]](#)

Athletics News



Come join the New York Red Bulls II, as they have made your alma mater their new home. Playing out of MSU Soccer Park at Pittser Field, NYRB II has transformed the space into a professional grade stadium.

Click [here](#) to gain exclusive access to the reduced price ticket of \$7.

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It's Time to Soar!



Through Soar, The Campaign for Montclair State University, the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff and all our friends and supporters is helping us raise \$75 million in private contributions to advance our students and our future. It's the largest and most ambitious campaign in Montclair State's history, and every gift helps the University provide an affordable, high-quality education that changes lives. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Montclair State University
Conference Center



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Outdoor Track and Field Teams Claim Five Spots on NJAC All-Conference Teams

The Montclair State outdoor track and field claimed five spots on the NJAC All-Conference Teams announced on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10. The all-conference honors were based on performances at the 2019 NJAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships which were conducted at Stockton University on Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5. [\[View full story\]](#)



DiClementi, Powers Named to Google Cloud Academic All-District Team

Senior Sam DiClementi and junior Kaylee Powers were recognized for their outstanding achievement in the field and classroom as the two were named to the Google Cloud Academic All-District Softball First Team, selected by CoSIDA on Thursday, May 9. DiClementi and Powers were instrumental in helping the Red Hawks to a 29-14 campaign this season including a return to the NJAC Softball Championship. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights

Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF,
CPRW, Director of Career
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Salary and raise negotiation can be a tricky process. Try these suggestions in order to prepare.

Salary Negotiation: Research salaries on OOH, [salary.com](#), NACE Salary Survey, LinkedIn Premium, etc. Prepare statements that focus on how you'll contribute to the employer's bottom line (Situation Action Result). State a range based on research, "I would feel fairly treated if I were paid between \$_____ and \$_____." Salary doesn't always have to be based on money – negotiate teleworking, vacation time, etc.

Raise Negotiation: Approach negotiations as two parties pursuing a compromise. Prove you deserve a raise by quantifying accomplishments. Negotiate after a positive annual review or significant string of successes. If you get a "no", suggest an upgrade in responsibilities and/or consider looking for another job.

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!

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Helen Archontou '91

Ever since Helen Archontou '91 was young, it was always in her nature to lend a helping hand to those who were in need of one. Her dedication to social justice continued all the way through her college years at Montclair State and to her current position as the CEO of YWCA Bergen County, a non-profit dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, helping families, and strengthening communities. As YWCA Bergen County marks the beginning of its 100th year, the organization will be expanding its service area under Archontou's leadership to additional northern NJ counties including Essex, Hudson, Morris and Passaic and changing its name to YWCA Northern NJ. [\[View full story\]](#)

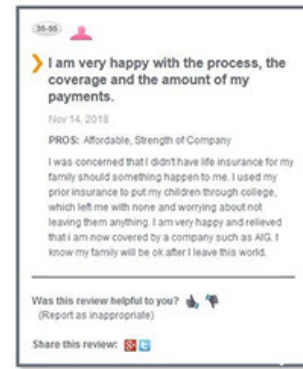


Christopher Catching '99

Christopher Catching '99 has had the opportunity to observe Montclair State University's evolution as a student, alumnus, sibling to Montclair State graduates and as a higher education professional for nearly 25 years. Catching currently serves as the vice president for Student Affairs at Stockton University. After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in History at Montclair State, he pursued a Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education from New York University in 2001 and a Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University in 2008. [\[View full story\]](#)

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