



Alumni News



Class of 1970, get ready to celebrate in May!

On Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22, 2020, members of the Class of 1970 have the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates at their 50th Reunion celebration. In celebration of this milestone anniversary, the group is invited to gather for receptions, campus tours, a luncheon, as well as to lead the procession during the University's 2020 Commencement Ceremony at the Prudential Center. [\[View full story\]](#)



Launching the Montclair State Women's Initiative Network (WIN)

The Women's Initiative Network (WIN) is forming to engage Montclair State's

Featured Events

January 22
[Leadership Development Workshop: Building Your Authentic Personal Brand](#)

January 30
[SOAR with Us: Morristown](#)

February 12
[Career Workshop: Turning Interviews Into Offers](#)

February 27
[SOAR with Us: New York City](#)

Upcoming Events

January 22
[Sacher Distinguished Lecture in Music-Jazz Matters](#)

January 22
[Women's Basketball vs. William Paterson University](#)

January 22
[Men's Basketball vs. William Paterson University](#)

January 25
[Women's Swimming & Diving vs. William Paterson University](#)

January 25
[Men's Swimming & Diving vs. William Paterson University](#)

January 30
[Information Session: Public Health \(MPH\)](#)

January 30
[Your Guide to Hire a Red Hawk](#)

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 and cheer the Red Hawks on to victory!

nearly 85,000 alumnae in the intellectual, cultural and educational life of the University. We are looking to form a vibrant community of alumnae and friends to inspire and empower women to become leading volunteers and visionary donors. The objective of the group is to increase the number of women meaningfully engaged in University programs, empower the next generation of leaders and strengthen ties between and among alumnae and the University through a strong network of women committed to supporting Montclair State. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal to Receive Honorary Degree

The Board of Trustees at Montclair State University has named New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal as the honorary degree recipient for its January 2020 Graduate School Commencement ceremony. The state's chief law enforcement officer will provide the keynote address to the graduating class and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on Friday, January 17 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. [\[View full story\]](#)



Leading Funder of Women Named First-Ever Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Montclair State University

Karen Cahn, a former digital media executive and founder of iFundWomen, has been appointed the first-ever Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) at Montclair State University. Cahn will mentor students, including winners of the Startup Montclair 2020 pitch contest, and advise the University's Feliciano School of Business and Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation executive director. [\[View full story\]](#)

Career Corner



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

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and Cooperative Education](#)

December graduates can sometimes face a very different job market from those completing their degrees in May. While there's no one "best time" to graduate, especially considering the numerous hiring cycles pursued by various industries, there are particular steps December graduates can take. CNBC recently published an interesting article--[8 tips for December college graduates on how to land that first job](#). A recent Montclair State alumnus, along with various professionals offer their stories and sound advice.

Alumni Spotlight of the Week



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3. Title/Company
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Giving News



Double Your Impact: 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. Matching gift programs are provided by companies in support of the philanthropic causes of their employees. Through these programs, companies match employee donations that are made to eligible organizations. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Athletics News



Ian Carter '18 MA Named Head Track and Field Coach

Director of Athletics Rob Chesney has named Ian Carter '18 MA as Montclair State University's new head track and field coach. "I am very excited to join the Red Hawks coaching staff," Carter said. "I look forward to working with our student athletes during the indoor and outdoor seasons." Carter has served as an admissions recruiter at the University since 2015, scheduling and coordinating events in eight New Jersey counties. [\[View full story\]](#)



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Working Advantage



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Montclair State University
Conference Center



Montclair State University Names Shannon Howley Associate Director of Athletics

The Montclair State University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced the hiring of Shannon Howley as the new Associate Director of Athletics. In her role, Howley will collaborate across the University to help elevate the Red Hawk Athletics brand in addition to overseeing the athletic department's support services. As the department's chief fundraiser, she will partner with the University's Development office to increase support for the University's 18 athletics teams. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Jim Benson '86

After graduating from high school, Jim Benson '86 took a different path than most of his friends. Benson, a Clifton resident at that time, worked for four years before deciding to continue his education at Montclair State. With an interest in the field of television, he decided to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Speech and Theatre with a concentration in Broadcasting. He became a second generation Benson to attend Montclair State. [\[View full story\]](#)



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Talena Lachelle Queen '95

Talena Lachelle Queen '95 loved writing and planned to build a career in broadcast journalism when she arrived at what was then Montclair State College in 1991. Looking back, Queen, who was recognized in 2018 as the first Poet Laureate for her hometown of Paterson, New Jersey, and earned the New Jersey Clean Communities Council's (NJCCC) "Education Award," said her Montclair State education went beyond classroom curriculum. [\[View full story\]](#)

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