



## Alumni News



### MSUnions: 2020 Edition

Alumni couples share a very special bond with each other: Red Hawk Pride. Being graduates of Montclair State – you just know what your partner is talking about when referring to a specific place on campus, a piece of history or tradition, or that professor who made an impact. College is an unforgettable experience that creates lifelong friendships and for some, a romantic partner. Love is in the air at our alma mater: there are more than 2,000 sweetheart couples. [\[View full story\]](#)



### 'Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career?' – A Career-Focused Podcast

#### Featured Events

**February 25**

[Chicago Alumni Gathering](#)

**February 27**

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

**March 3**

[Highland Beach Reception](#)

**March 6**

[Montclair State University at Yankees Spring Training](#)

#### Upcoming Events

**February 20 - February 23**

[Richard Alston Dance Company](#)

**February 23**

[The Graduate School Open House](#)

**February 25**

[Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution narrated by Danny Glover](#)

**February 26**

[African Drumming and Balkan Ensembles](#)

**February 27**

[The SCM Colloquium Series presents: "Creativity Means Business" with Lindsay Stein](#)

**February 27 - February 29**

[The Wolves](#)

#### 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!

#### PCI Oral History Project

Alumni are invited to share their Montclair State stories for a book that will preserve the rich history

Did you know that The Center for Career Services at Montclair State offers a career-focused podcast? Alumni Jeff Poulos '15 MA, career advisor for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Adam Mayer '00, director of Career Development, host the podcast titled "Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career?," which launched last fall. [\[View full story\]](#)

## University News



### Montclair State Announces New Master of Science, Nursing Degree

This Master of Science in Nursing program is designed to meet the needs of graduates of baccalaureate degree programs in non-nursing fields. This innovative, 18-month program prepares successful graduates to take the RN licensure exam. The first student cohort will start in summer 2020. Applications are now open and will be reviewed on a rolling basis for summer admission. As a public university, Montclair State is among the most affordable options in the state. [\[View full story\]](#)



### University Partners with Government Officials to Support 2020 Census Accuracy

With 2020 Census Day fast approaching, New Jersey state and local leaders joined Montclair State's President Susan A. Cole, Assistant Vice President for Hispanic Serving Initiatives Katia Paz Goldfarb, students and staff to kick off the 2020 U.S. Census New Jersey Complete Count initiative at a campus rally on February 10. [\[View full story\]](#)

## Giving News

of our beloved institution, as told by those who have lived it.

The university is collaborating with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI), to create an oral history of Montclair State that will record our shared connections.

The collection of stories will be available for purchase from PCI. While there is a fee to purchase the printed book/merchandise (Montclair State does not make any proceeds from this project), you do not need to purchase the book to contribute your Oral History. Montclair State will obtain digital copies of your stories.

For more information, visit the [PCI Oral History website](#).

### 2020 Pitch Contest



Do you have a great idea for a product, app or service? Then you will want to enter Startup Montclair, Montclair State University's pitch contest open to students and alumni.

Teams will pitch (or sell) their idea to a panel of judges. Prizes include:

- 1st place - \$25,000 + industry support
- 2nd place - \$10,000 + industry support
- 3rd place - \$5,000 + industry support

Please note that alumni teams must have at least one Montclair State student. [\[Learn more\]](#)

### Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development  
[The Center for Career Services](#)

Use of artificial intelligence (AI) seems to be everywhere—Alexa, automated investing, e-commerce chatbots, robotic vacuums...what's next? [Job interviewing.](#)

Some video interviewing platforms already utilize AI algorithms to analyze tone of voice, grammar and micro-expressions, all in an attempt to determine an applicant's



## Alumni Couples that Make an Impact

All kinds of relationships are formed in college. Professional relationships, friendships and mentorships can all result from time well spent at their alma mater. For some lucky students, another type of relationship develops amid the bustle of collegiate life: romance. For these couples, love blossomed right here at Montclair State. Throughout the years, couples have also been inspired by the education and experience that they received at Montclair State to give back. [\[Learn more\]](#)

## Athletics News



## Men's Lacrosse Pulls Away from DeSales in Season Opener, 11-3

Sophomore midfielder Matt Dancsecs scored five goals as Montclair State tallied the final nine in an 11-3 victory over DeSales in the season opener for both teams on Friday, February 14. Senior Skyler Francisco added a goal and four assists as the Red Hawks (1-0) shut down the Bulldogs (0-1) for the final 41:39 of the contest. [\[View full story\]](#)

qualities, including hard to measure characteristics like resilience.

Best way to prepare? [Mock interviewing](#)—especially when paying closer attention to non-verbal behavior and pitch.

## Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

Montclair State University's online [Master of Arts in Educational Leadership](#) program has been ranked No. 1 in New Jersey and No. 25 in the nation in the *U.S. News & World Report 2020 Best Online Programs* rankings. The program is one of three online graduate programs offered by Montclair State to be placed among the nation's best in the annual rankings. [\[Learn more\]](#)

## Save on Auto Insurance with GEICO!



As a graduate of Montclair State University, you may be eligible for a special discount on auto insurance from GEICO. Find out how much you could save. Fifteen minutes could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance.® [\[Learn more\]](#)

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### Former Women's Basketball Star Katie Sire '19 Comes Back to the Red Hawks

Former Montclair State University women's basketball star Katie Sire '19 is one of the newest assistant coaches and recruiting coordinators on the team alongside longtime head coach Karin Harvey. Sire has cemented her legacy with her basketball play, and is continuing to extend it by guiding the current players to victory. Her tenure with the team as a guard/forward from 2014 to 2018 is something remarkable in Division III women's basketball. [\[View full story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



### Bob Downey '91 and Cheryl Downey '91

Bob Downey '91 and Cheryl Downey '91 hold a special place in their hearts for Montclair State University, not only for the education they received, but also for being the place where they met and fell in love. The couple met in 1989 through mutual friends on campus. "My favorite part of the college experience was meeting and hanging out with my future wife," says Bob. On February 20, they will be celebrating 27 years of marriage alongside their two children. [\[View full story\]](#)

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### Working Advantage



As alumni, you have exclusive access to the Working Advantage discount network which allows you to save up to 60% on ticketed events and online shopping. Access these discounts and get started today! [\[Learn more\]](#)

### Searchable Alumni Spotlights

Did you know that you can search for spotlights about your fellow alumni? Want to read about graduates from your class year? Want to see what alumni are up to in your neighborhood? You can also search by industry, major, school/college and more. [\[Search now!\]](#)

### Wilson's Family Saved \$2,998 in Vet Bills!



Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a tennis ball. Luckily Wilson's parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson's vet bills.

- #1 Customer-Rated Pet Insurance
- Save up to 90% on Vet Bills
- Comprehensive Accident & Illness Coverage
- No limits on Claim Payouts
- Montclair Alumni Save up to 10% Today

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### **Nick Iannitelli '99 and Jill Iannitelli '00**

It was at Montclair State where Nick Iannitelli '99 met fellow Red Hawk and now wife, Jill Iannitelli '00. The couple first crossed paths on campus in the fall of 1998. As Nick recalls, "the first time I laid eyes on Jill was during an aerobics class which I had to take to fulfill my graduation requirements." Jill, a volleyball player, was cutting through the gym to get to practice. A few weeks later, they ran into each other at a party where a mutual friend introduced them. After a few years of dating, Nick and Jill married on July 18, 2004, at St. Francis Church in Hoboken. [\[View full story\]](#)

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