



Alumni News



8th Annual Red Hawk Open Goes Virtual

Montclair State University's [8th Annual Red Hawk Open](#) goes virtual for 2020! In this rapidly shifting landscape, and with the health and safety of our community and staff in mind, the program for 2020 will be held virtually. Join us online at 6:30 p.m. on September 14 as we hear from our Athletics program, highlight our generous sponsors and hold the live raffle drawing. Proceeds from the Red Hawk Open support the more than 500 student athletes and 18 varsity athletic programs of the Montclair State University Athletic Department. [\[Purchase raffle tickets!\]](#) [\[Learn about sponsorship opportunities\]](#)

On Demand Events

[Virtual Summer Wine Tasting](#) - hosted by the Office of Alumni Engagement on July 29

[The Talking Cure Podcast](#) - new episode featuring Robyn Orlin recorded remotely on August 6

Digital Events

August 20

[Applicant Tracking Systems: What You Need to Know for Your Job Search](#)

August 26

[Job Interviews: What to Expect and How to Prepare](#)

August 27

[Webinar: SHI Employer Info Session – Entry Level Opportunities](#)

To find out more about online events and resources, visit our [website](#).

Homecoming 2020 Goes Virtual! - October 24

Save the date for Homecoming on Saturday, October 24, 2020! Fall and Homecoming are almost here, and that means Red Hawk fun for the whole family. As the date approaches, be sure to check your inbox and our website for the most up-to-date information. [\[Learn more\]](#)



A Royal Wedding

The last time Janet (Jaramillo) Fenner '93 and Gregory Dabice '93 shared the spotlight on the 50-yard line they were crowned Montclair State's Homecoming queen and king. In a fairy-tale ending 27 years later, their reunion on Sprague Field on Saturday, August 1, included a kiss and wedding vows. "We never dated in college," Fenner recalls. "We knew each other from Greek life, but I was a straight-A student, intra-sorority vice president, on the student government and track team, the whole nine yards. Then there was Greg, who's completely 180." They parted from their royal duties, and each other, after graduation. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



Carpe Futurum

Montclair State University graduates began celebrating a delayed but much anticipated Commencement over 21 small, separate, in-person ceremonies – replete with proper safety measures – starting Saturday, July 18 at Sprague Field on the University campus. "We are so thankful that New Jerseyans bent the

Loved and Lost statewide media collaboration launched to identify, remember NJ COVID-19 victims

New Jersey's coronavirus victims should not pass in shadow or silence. Each life had a meaning that should not go unnoticed, and only by understanding who we are losing can we understand the impact of this virus.

Loved and Lost is a statewide media collaboration with a goal of naming and celebrating the life of every New Jersey resident lost to COVID-19. The effort is being led by NorthJersey.com and the Center for Cooperative Media at Montclair State University. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Career Corner



*By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development
The Center for Career Services*

Motivation can be hard to come by, especially given the current climate. Whether on the job search or on the job, staying motivated is critical to our well-being. But how do we "get" motivation? It can be elusive, and let's face it, it's just easier to binge some Netflix. One way to unearth motivation is the use of occasional positive rewards, little things, even silly things that can drive us. Feeling a [sense of achievement](#) is out there – instituting intrinsic and extrinsic rewards into our daily routines are the keys to attainment.

**Sign onto the NEW
MONTCLAIRconnect!**

We are pleased to announce the new and improved alumni online community, MONTCLAIRconnect!

Create your profile to start making connections today!

COVID-19 curve low enough to enable us to begin to re-open our state and to allow us this day together,” President Susan A. Cole told graduates at the ceremonies. [\[View full story\]](#)



Red Hawks Prepare for a Safe Return

Montclair State University is preparing for the fall semester with “Red Hawk Restart,” a detailed instructional and safety plan. The plan contains general safeguards and elements that apply now, during Stage 2 of Governor Phil Murphy’s phased approach to recovery, and other elements that will become applicable when the Governor declares the next stage of recovery. [\[View full story\]](#)

More University News...

- [Yang Deng Named University Distinguished Scholar](#)
- [Helping Hispanic Students Achieve College](#)
- [What Needs to Change?](#)

Giving News

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- Access Hire a Red Hawk with the click of a button!
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- Start a discussion about issues of interest to you
- Engage with Montclair State as a volunteer
- Participate in flash mentorship and formal mentor programs
- Explore the groups you've been added to and join new ones!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

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PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 15%
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Help us help our own this summer!

This summer, let's make sure that our students are well prepared for the start of the academic year. The Montclair State Student Emergency Fund, open to all students, provides scholarship assistance for those who would otherwise be unable to continue their studies due to financial hardship caused by the pandemic. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Athletics News



THE NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (NJAC) PRESIDENTS COUNCIL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NJAC BOARD OF ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS, MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO SUSPEND ALL FALL SPORT CONTESTS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS DURING THE UPCOMING 2020 FALL SEMESTER.

"THE DECISION MADE UNANIMOUSLY BY THE MEMBER INSTITUTIONS TO SUSPEND FALL SPORTS WAS A DIFFICULT ONE. WE ARE ALL DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS WILL NOT BE A TYPICAL SEASON AND WILL CONTINUE WORKING HARD TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL FALL STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH A MEANINGFUL SEASON IN THE SPRING OF 2021 AND LOOK FORWARD TO PLANNING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

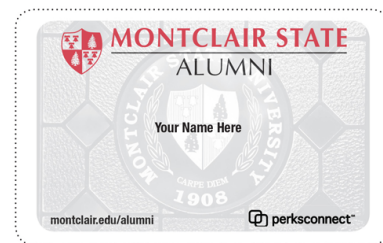
ROB CHESNEY,
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



NJAC Announces Suspension of Fall Sports for 2020 Semester

The New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Presidents Council, in consultation with the NJAC Board of Athletic Administrators, made the difficult decision to suspend all fall sport contests and league championships during the upcoming 2020 fall semester. The NJAC sponsors the fall sports of football, women's soccer, men's soccer, field hockey, women's volleyball, women's tennis, women's cross country, and men's cross country. [\[View full story\]](#)

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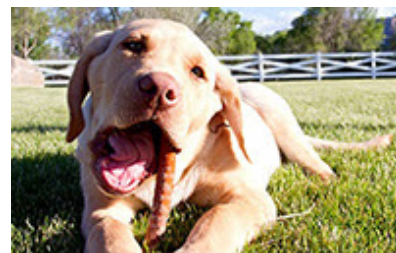
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Working Advantage



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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.

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- Save up to 90% on Vet Bills
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Tobie, Sire Selected to D3hoops.com All-Decade Team

Former women's basketball standouts Melissa Tobie and Katie Sire each received a special honor on Monday as the former All-Americans landed spots on the D3hoops.com All-Decade Team. Tobie, a three-time All-American, was named to the First Team while Sire garnered Honorable Mention accolades. Twenty-five players were selected to the team, which encompassed players whose careers began in the 2009-10 campaign through the 2019-20 season. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



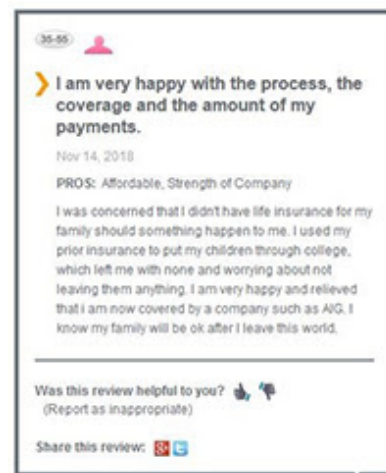
Dr. Eugene "Gene" Kutcher '01 MA

Dr. Eugene Kutcher '01 MA was recently appointed dean of the Norm Brodsky College of Business at Rider University after serving as interim dean for a year. Kutcher joined Rider in 2007 as an assistant professor in the Department of Management. He was promoted to associate professor and tenured in 2013 and assumed the role of department chairperson in 2015. Before he rose through the ranks at Rider, he was a graduate student at Montclair State University, studying Industrial Organizational Psychology. [\[View full story\]](#)

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Shyquira Williams '09

Shyquira Williams '09 sat in her unmarked police car at an intersection in Camden, surveyed the desolate and depressing scene around her in one of the country's most dangerous cities, and had an epiphany. It was her second year as a detective in the city handling serious crimes such as sexual assaults and domestic violence in the special victims' unit. Since it took her just eight months to receive that coveted promotion, she knew she was on the fast track to an even bigger role inside the police department. [\[View full story\]](#)

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