



## Alumni News



### Answering the Call

Barry A. Bachenheimer '01 MA has experienced the coronavirus crisis on two fronts: As a first responder saving lives, and, when the pandemic closed schools, in educational triage helping teachers move instruction online. Now he's working on a third front – making sure both teachers and students are ready for an uncertain fall and can adjust to changes. [\[View full story\]](#)



### The Red Carpet Online

Since 2009, Montclair State's Department of Theatre and Dance has hosted the Annual Theatre Night Awards – also known as the Foxys – bringing together University alumni and high school theater students and teachers from across New Jersey. The awards program, which was started by a University professor and her students, has had an impact on theater programs statewide by giving drama students and teachers a chance to learn from each other's best work, as well as a competition that inspires them to raise their game. [\[View full story\]](#)

### Featured Event

**July 29**  
[Virtual Summer Wine Tasting](#)

### Digital Events

**July 15**  
[Webinar: Public and Organizational Relations \(MA\)](#)

**July 15**  
[Teacher Education Information Session](#)

**July 16**  
[Webinar: Social Research and Analysis \(MA\) and Data Collection & Management \(Certificate\)](#)

**July 16**  
[Webinar: Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and Substance Awareness Coordinator Program](#)

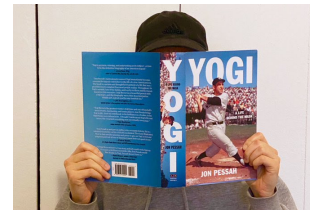
**July 21**  
[Webinar: Business Analytics \(MS\)](#)

**July 22**  
[Webinar: SHI Employer Info Session – Entry Level Opportunities](#)

**July 28**  
[Webinar: Business Administration \(MBA\)](#)

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

### Yogi: A Life Behind the Mask



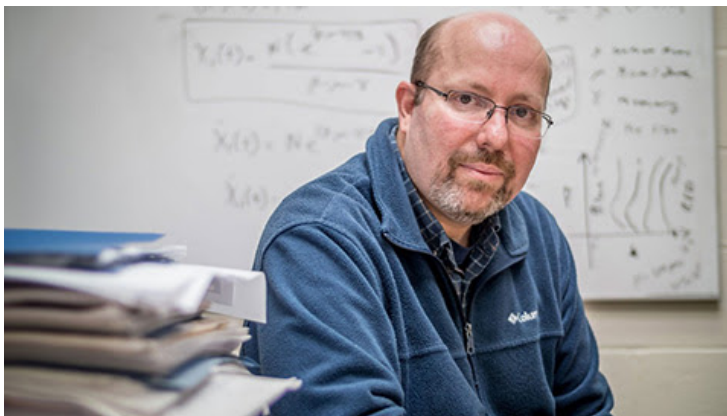
Margot Sage-EI, owner of Montclair's Watchung Booksellers, and award-winning sports writer Jon Pessah, have teamed up to support the next generation of sports media professionals at Montclair State University. Jon's latest book, *Yogi*:

## University News



### A Laboratory for What the World Could Be

As the country grapples with its long history of systemic racism and marchers take to the streets night after night to demand change, the Montclair State University community is coming together in support of each other and its commitment to social justice and equality. A home to first-generation students, students of color, students hard hit by the public health and economic toll of the coronavirus, as well as to scholarly experts in race, social justice, education and history, the University is positioned to lead the critical conversations of transformational change. [\[View full story\]](#) [Learn more about Black Lives Matter at Montclair State.](#)



### Crunching the Numbers on Disease

With New Jersey reopening in phases, a mathematical model built by a Montclair State University professor forecasts how social distancing, testing and tracing can help policymakers understand how various approaches may work to curb the coronavirus. "The pandemic is certainly not over," says Professor Eric Forgoston, chairperson of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, echoing public health officials and the World Health Organization, which recently warned "the worst is yet to come." [\[View full story\]](#)

### More University News...

- [Expressing Thanks Through Music](#)
- [Taking Care of Business](#)
- [365 Days of Pride](#)

### Giving News

*A Life Behind the Mask*, a compelling biography about the baseball legend and former Montclair resident, was recently released. Of course, Yogi's name is quite familiar on the Montclair State Campus, home to the Yogi Berra Museum and Yogi Berra Stadium – all found along Yogi Berra Drive. The University is also home to its nationally regarded School of Communication and Media and its rapidly growing program in sports communication.

[\[View full story\]](#)

### Career Corner



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

### We've Got You Covered!

The Office of Alumni Engagement is here to help you achieve your professional goals. If you are unemployed or considering a transition to a new career, we've got you covered. Please join us for a new series, hosted by the Center for Career Services, where you'll learn strategies to help you in your job search.

#### Upcoming Webinars:

- Red Hawk Resumes: Stand-Out! - August 4
- Cover Letters and Thank You Notes Made Simple - August 11
- Transferable Skills: What They Are and How to Market Them - August 13
- Applicant Tracking Systems: What You Need to Know for Your Job Search - August 20
- Job Interviews: What to Expect and How to Prepare - August 26

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### Fostering Success

It's not always easy to know what students have been going through when they enter the classroom. For many, the struggle is real, whether it's having enough to eat or having a place to live. For students who have grown up in foster care, the obstacles are especially challenging. "When in foster care, there's no primer on what to do," says Psychology Professor Deborah Fish Ragin. [\[View full story\]](#)

### Athletics News



### Sports Info Director Scala Honored with CoSIDA 25-Year Award

Longtime Montclair State University Director of Sports Publicity Mike Scala was recently honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) with the organization's prestigious 25-Year Award. A 1992 graduate of the university who begins his 21st year this Fall, he served as Assistant SID in 1994 before moving on to stints in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and Monmouth University before returning in November 1999. [\[View full story\]](#)

### Alumni Spotlights

### GEICO

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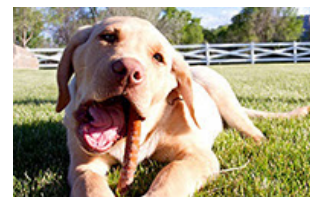
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### Wilson's Family Saved \$2,998 in Vet Bills!



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### Nel Noddings '49

Alumna Nel Noddings '49 is an educator, and philosopher best known for her work in philosophy of education, educational theory, and ethics of care. She has been Lee L. Jacks Professor of Education, Emerita, at Stanford University since she retired in 1998. [\[View full story\]](#)



### Damein Phoenix '13 MA

Damein Phoenix '13 MA has seen his teaching career take him halfway around the world. Now, back home in New Jersey, he's returned to his roots as an educational leader in the city where he grew up. Phoenix serves as an assistant principal at East Orange Campus High School. "I feel students can identify with me because I can relate to some of their stories and some of the circumstances they may face," he says. [\[View full story\]](#)

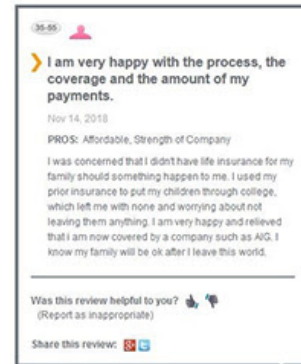
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