



AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



Know a Future Red Hawk?

Do you know a current high school student who has what it takes to harness their ambition and stake their claim to Red Hawk Country? The Office of Undergraduate Admissions wants your help in identifying our next class of students. And because they were referred by you, their application fee will be waived. [\[Read more\]](#)



Digital Events

December 16

[Going Global Series: Doing Business in South Korea](#)

December 16

[Jazz Combos](#)

December 18

[Messiah Mosaic](#)

December 18

[NY Phil at Montclair State](#)

December 21

[Handel's Messiah](#)

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

Weekly Women Entrepreneurship

Montclair State University's 7th annual Weekly Women Entrepreneurship was held September through November 2020. If you missed any of the sessions, the programs were recorded and are available to view on-demand. Featured talks and interviews with female founders and entrepreneurs are posted. Visit the [Montclair Entrepreneurs YouTube channel](#).

Career Corner



Spring Career Webinars Announced

As Montclair State alumni, you have access to a broad portfolio of career resources. Take advantage of all the services available to you. The winter/spring calendar of career development presentations, hosted by the Montclair State Career Services, is now posted. [\[Read more\]](#)

University News



The New Normal For Now

A walk on campus this fall is a quieter experience than a typical semester, but there is still life here: Musicians singing or playing instruments in the parking garage. Dancers practicing on the Quad or in the studio. Actors rehearsing with others in person and on Zoom, projected on a big screen. Classes across campus meeting outdoors, weather permitting. [\[View full story\]](#)



Check Out the Fall/Winter Issue of *Montclair* Magazine

The Fall/Winter issue of Montclair, the magazine for Montclair State University is now online and was mailed to alumni and others who receive the printed version.

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

With all this remote work we've lost a valuable resource—water cooler talk. Whether huddled around an actual water cooler, in a break room, hallway, even the parking lot, meaningful work conversations were once both organic and invigorating. Seeds of camaraderie were planted within these discussions. This isn't to say these exchanges no longer exist, but Zoom, Google Chat, Slack and other collaborative tools don't quite hit the mark. So what do we do? We talk about it. Check-out Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career](#) where we address water cooler alternatives and how to make the best of virtual collaboration.

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-Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

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You'll notice some changes and updates, including a new news section called HAPPENINGS, a new feature called SNAP SHOTS and a new design for our alumni CLASS NOTES, all created to elevate the magazine in keeping with the University's success. You'll still find the stories you'd expect to see about our students, faculty staff and alumni. [\[View the online magazine\]](#)

Giving News



Giving Tuesday Hits Goal Thanks to You

On December 1, the Montclair State community joined the Giving Tuesday movement to raise \$17,000 for our students. Giving Tuesday has grown to be a global movement inspiring people to give back and celebrate generosity and falls on the Tuesday following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Athletics News



Former Red Hawk Nick Volpe Saves Driver from Burning Vehicle

Former Red Hawk Nick Volpe '19 came up with many clutch moments while on the football field for Montclair State. However, none of them compare to the one he had this past weekend. [\[View full story\]](#)

Carpe Art

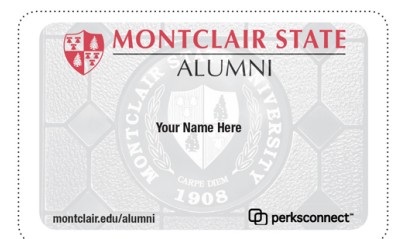
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Working Advantage



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.



Catch the Latest Episode of Inside the Nest

In episode 10 of Inside the Nest, the newest show created by the Red Hawk Sports Network, watch recaps of the live men's basketball action from the Panzer Athletic Center, including highlights from the Red Hawks' dunk contest.

Also, it's a family affair for the DeSarnos as the show visits with football junior Michael and his sophomore soccer sister Jesse. Jonathan Edmond takes us inside the MSU Athletic Department and their Red Hawk ties. [\[Watch now\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Megan Eitel '17 Au.D

In her role at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, Megan Eitel '17 Au.D is working to assess how different facets of chronic phase recovery from traumatic brain injury (TBI) affect the emotional, sensory and cognitive aspects of a military service member's life. The graduate audiology program at Montclair State prepared Eitel for her career by providing a well-rounded education in her field. "The location of Montclair State provides the

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

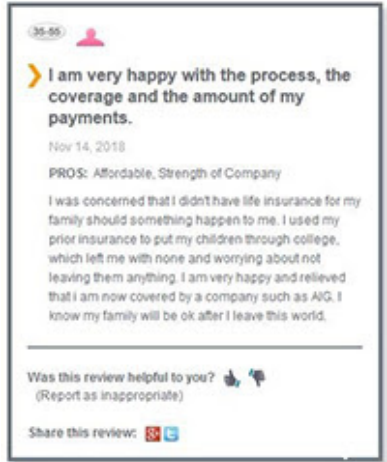


Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a tennis ball. Luckily Wilson's parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson's vet bills.

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opportunity to get clinical training in an extensive variety of settings and patient populations,” she says. “This is not always available in more rurally located areas.” [\[View full story\]](#)



Seth Nwosu '06

Like many students studying Political Science at Montclair State, Seth U. Nwosu '06 looked to clerkships as a way to gain valuable experience. Usually, these internships are stepping-stones to careers as lawyers, politicians and judges. While any one of those paths offers opportunities to ensure a just society, Nwosu observed an unmet need in the system that called for a different approach. [\[View full story\]](#)

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