



Alumni News



Virtual Homecoming 2020

Online games, webinars and other virtual activities were part of Homecoming 2020. Montclair State hosted the event virtually on October 24, with 1,000 people participating, including a “stay-at-home-coming” tailgate. President Susan A. Cole welcomed alumni and friends to the event, which was an informative, fun-filled day of activities – from the at-home tailgate to a family-friendly trivia game and scavenger hunt to webinars showcasing what’s going on in our schools and colleges and conversations with Red Hawk coaches.

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Red Hawks Shine at Montclair Film Fest

“I knew I wanted to make films about social justice issues,” says Mackenzie Robertson ’20 whose documentary film, *Life Without Parole: The Sammy Gladden Story*, was selected to debut at the 2020 Montclair Film Festival on Saturday, October 17. “Montclair State made that possible on a number of levels.”

Robertson’s film, with associate producer Alexa Spear ’19, was initiated during an independent study with School of Communication and Media faculty member Steve McCarthy, who gets executive producer credit. The documentary was inspired by a class with Justice Studies Associate Professor Tarika Daftary Kapur and features interviews with Justice Studies Professor Jessica Henry, a former New York City public defender. [\[View full story\]](#)

Digital Events

November 19

[Philosophy for Lunch: Injustice and Power?](#)

November 19

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

November 19

[ReelAbilities NJ - 2020 Film Festival presents: "Blind Love"](#)

November 22

[Santiago, Italia: Stories of Refugees of the Past in Today's World of Tightening Borders](#)

November 23

[Sustainability Series: Modeling Biotic & Abiotic Drivers Affecting Biogeomorphic Coastal Foredunes](#)

November 24

[Presentation Innovations: Creative Slideshows](#)

November 24

[ReelAbilities NJ - 2020 Film Festival presents: "Vision Portraits" & "Conversations With..." Filmmaker Rodney Evans](#)

November 24

[Feliciano School Of Business Economics Department Virtual Seminar](#)

Check out [The Business Edge podcast](#), brought to you by the Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University

Check out ["The Talking Cure", a podcast](#) featuring Montclair State University’s Executive Director for Arts + Cultural Programming Jedediah Wheeler and innovative artists and administrators from PEAK Performances’ local and worldwide community.

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

Weekly Women Entrepreneurship

Montclair State University’s 7th annual Weekly Women Entrepreneurship ran virtually September through November. Talks and interviews with female founders and entrepreneurs were featured. To view any of the

University News



Remembering President-Elect Biden's 2018 Visit to Campus

President-Elect Joe Biden is no stranger to Montclair State University, having visited the institution on September 5, 2018. Biden visited Montclair State along with New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and his wife, First Lady Tammy Murphy, in support of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11), who also earned reelection... [\[View full story\]](#).



A Transformed College Hall Reopens

College Hall – the University's 112-year-old iconic Mission Revival building that housed the entire school when it opened in 1908 – has begun to reopen after three years of renovations to create a modern and convenient one-stop shop for students.

"The old College Hall was worn and tired, now it's bright and flowing with a renewed energy," says Sharon Mahoney, director of construction management in the Office of Capital Planning and Project Management, about College Hall's new look. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News

recorded programs, visit the [Montclair Entrepreneurs YouTube channel](#).

Career Corner



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

Screen fatigue—what is it and what can we do about it? Screen fatigue is comprised of physical symptoms associated with too much screen time, including back pain, double-vision and irritability. Remedies include incorporation of the [Pomodoro Technique](#)—spend 25 mins on a task, then reward with a break. The trick is timing chunks into 25 mins instills a sense of urgency—there aren't endless hours to complete something. For more details on this screen fatigue buster and other techniques, check-out the Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career](#).

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Carpe Art



Giving Tuesday - December 1!

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Athletics News



Red Hawks Alumnus John Deutsch Inducted into College Baseball Hall of Fame

Over the summer, one of Montclair State University's baseball greats was recognized, as John Deutsch was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame. He is the first Montclair State athlete to be inducted in school history. Deutsch played at Montclair State from 1986-1989, and his honors included a Division III National Championship in 1987. His accolades are endless, including being a three-time All-American and being named to the All-New Jersey Athletic Conference First Team two times. [\[View full story\]](#)



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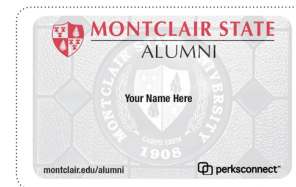
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Wilson's Family Saved \$2,998 in Vet Bills!

In its second year, the Red Hawk Sports Network covers all of the Red Hawks' 18 varsity athletic teams, including live events through YouTube. It is a joint venture between the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Montclair State University's School of Communication and Media. The network is fully run by students, giving them experience in all aspects of sports journalism. All of Red Hawk Sports Network live webcasts, interviews and other pieces can be viewed through the network's YouTube channel. [\[Watch now\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Aldo Scrofani '73

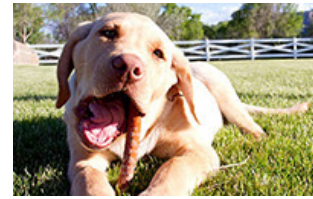
When starry-eyed youngsters dream of someday clutching a Tony Award, few think they'll get one by majoring in business administration and accounting. But a Bachelor of Science degree from Montclair State is what put Aldo Scrofani on a path to producing, co-producing or being associated with more than 100 Broadway, national and international productions – and, yes, multiple Tony Awards.

For more than four decades, Scrofani has been at the heart of the revival of Broadway and American theater through his leadership roles at Jujamcyn Theaters Corporation and Columbia Artists Management, and later founding Theatre Management Associates and Moonglow Productions. In 2018, he became COO of the Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc., which includes the iconic Apollo Theater in Harlem. [\[View full story\]](#)



Allison Perrine Larena '01 MA

Allison Perrine Larena '01 MA was already well on her way to professional success by the time she decided to pursue a master's degree at Montclair State. "At the time, I was married with a family and working at the Garden State Arts

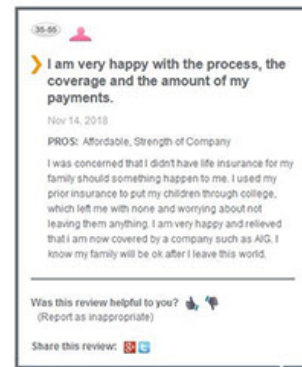


Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a tennis ball. Luckily Wilson's parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson's vet bills.

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Center (now the PNC Bank Arts Center),” she recalls. Although her career in the entertainment field was advancing, her heart kept calling her to the theatre.

Montclair State’s graduate program in Theatre Arts/Speech Communication allowed Larena to heed that call, and to prepare for a leadership role in the theatre industry. [\[View full story\]](#)

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