

AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



Class of 1973 – 50th Reunion Celebration

Reunion provides alumni with the opportunity to reconnect with each other and with their alma mater. For many, it's a reason to celebrate with lifelong friends. For others, it's a chance to get together with classmates, many of whom they may not have seen in 50 years. Some have been back to campus to visit or attend events and activities, while others are experiencing 50 years' worth of growth and change when they return for reunion.

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Upcoming Events

February 16

[MBA Executive Speaker Series](#)

February 16

[This Little Light of Mine: Activism +
The Black Church](#)

February 16 - February 25

[Everybody.](#)

February 23

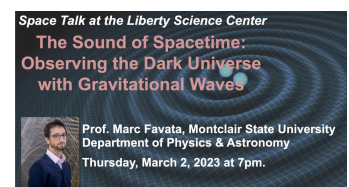
[Interactive Presentations with Slido &
Pear Deck](#)

View the [full calendar of events](#) and
check out some [online resources](#).

**[PEAK Performances 2022-23
Season Is Here!](#)**



**Liberty Science Center
SpaceTalk
March 2**



Join **Professor Marc Favata** of the
Montclair Physics & Astronomy



Living the Dream: Montclair State University Attorney Alumni Share Advice on How to Prepare for a Law Career

The Pre-Law Society recently hosted Montclair State University alumni Sal M. Anderton '95, Kyle Peters '12, and David (Dave) Wertheim '79, who are each practicing attorneys, for a panel discussion to speak with members about their journey to legal practice and give advice on how to be successful in the profession.

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University News



University Announces \$1 Million Grant to Develop Paterson One Square Mile Initiative

Montclair State University announced that it has received a \$1 million commitment from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to develop "One Square Mile," a comprehensive initiative designed to aid in the City of

Department for an evening of drinks, food, games and science at the Liberty Science Center's LSC After Dark event series. These 21-and-over events feature talks with leading scientists exploring astronomy's big unanswered questions. The presentation takes place in the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium, the largest planetarium in America.

[Purchase Your Ticket](#)

MSUnions: 2023 Edition



In honor of Valentine's Day, alumni couples shared how they met and recount their time at Montclair State University. Alumni couples share a very special bond with each other: Red Hawk Pride. Being graduates of Montclair – 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.

[Read on to find out more](#) about some of the couples who've found true love at Montclair!

Celebration of Women in Wine Presented by WIN March 29

Paterson's community development efforts.

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Global Center Raises Awareness of Human Trafficking

Elected officials, survivors of human trafficking and other guests including First Lady Tammy Murphy, Assemblywoman Shanique Speight, Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttie and Senator Nellie Pou gathered at Montclair State University to discuss human trafficking law and policy in New Jersey.

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More University News

[**Finishing What They Started**](#) Montclair recognizes the first cohort to complete the accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program

Giving News



The lack of female representation and leadership in the wine industry has been the historical narrative. As recently as 2020, only 14 percent of California's 4,200 wineries had a female head winemaker. Despite the obstacles, women have maneuvered to shape the industry into the glory it is today - dating back to 1152 with Eleanor of Aquitaine!

[Join us](#) for a night that celebrates women in the wine business in the best way possible - tasting their wine!

[Register Today](#)

Join the Recent Alumni Network Today



[**The Recent Alumni Network \(RAN\)**](#)

works to meet the needs and interests of alumni from the past ten graduating classes. Working with Alumni Engagement, the **RAN Committee**, representing the Classes of 2013 – 2023, will lead the charge in developing, planning, promoting, and delivering quality programs designed to engage recent graduates in the Montclair State University community.

If you are interested in joining the network or serving on the planning committee, please complete this brief [survey](#) to tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests and your thoughts on developing future activities.



1 DAY 4 MONTCLAIR

Get Ready for One Day for Montclair!

One Day for Montclair is a day when the entire Montclair State University community comes together for a day of action and celebration! Join fellow Red Hawk alumni, students, employees, friends and parents as we come together on April 27, 2023, to make a big impact. You can sign up today to join as a **One Day Ambassador** - help spread the word and recruit others to help make a lasting impact for current and future Red Hawks!

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Athletics News



To **learn more about RAN** please visit our website.

Attorney Alumni Network (AAN) Relaunch March 16



The Office of Alumni Engagement, in conjunction with the new Pre-Law Program, is relaunching the **Attorney Alumni Network (AAN)**. Engage and reconnect with fellow Montclair State University attorney alumni this March!

Join us for a discussion with guest speaker and U.S. SEC Director, Gurbir Grewal, on what the legal landscape is like for the Enforcement Division. Come together to celebrate and collaborate on supporting Montclair State University's new Pre-Law Program initiatives.

[Register Today.](#)

Career Corner



Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director, University College Career and Academic Programming

What do employers generally seek in candidates? They look for a combination of hard and soft skills. Hard skills are technical abilities,

Men's Basketball Edges Kean 82-81 As Breeman Notches 1,000 Points

Steven Breeman became the 26th student-athlete in program history to score 1,000 points as the Montclair men's basketball team defeated Kean 82-81 on Saturday.

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Track & Field Gears Up For NJAC's At Fastrack Invitational

The Montclair track and field teams competed at the Fastrack National Invitational last Friday, February 10. After a "solid performance" Head Coach Ian Carter says that the "focus is now on NJACs." The Red Hawks will return to the Ocean Breeze Track & Field Complex on February 20 for the 2023 NJAC Indoor Championships.

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Alumni Spotlights

such as proficiency in specific software or language. Soft skills are personal attributes such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and adaptability. Employers also value critical thinking, leadership, time management and attention to detail. In today's fast-paced and ever-changing business environment, being able to continuously learn and take initiative is also highly sought after.

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[Create your profile](#) to start making connections today!

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates
- Access Hire a Red Hawk with the click of a button!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

Get started by [creating your account](#) today!

Support the African American Studies Award

The African American Studies program aims to cultivate a cadre of scholars committed to using their intellect to solve social problems, elevate social justice and build a world where equity thrives. Students in the program have served as leaders in campus organizations, receive Minority Academic Careers fellowships, collaborate with faculty as research assistants, presented at professional conferences and co-hosted educational programs at Montclair.

Please consider supporting the **African American Studies Award** to nurture the next generation of scholar-warriors using their



Tog Samphel '22

Shark Tank Winner Re-Invents His Career

For more than 15 years, Tog Samphel '22 enjoyed a highly successful career as a digital product designer, enhancing user experiences for powerhouse brands. But it was his creative response to an everyday need that led him down the path of the inventor – and to a Shark Tank deal for his kitchen gadget, AnyTongs.

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Vashti White '72, '75 MA

A Century of Perspective

When Vashti T. White '72, '75 MA, graduated from Montclair High School in 1937, career paths for women were limited and advancement opportunities for African American women, in particular, were scarce. White's passion for

education to make a difference in our world.

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Working Advantage

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learning was not to be contained. Defying societal norms, she led beyond those boundaries to an impactful career as an administrator and educator.

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