



AlumniConnections

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends | February 2024 | Volume 16 | Issue 2

MONTCLAIR
STATE UNIVERSITY

Alumni News



Class of 1974 50th Reunion Celebration!

Get ready to reminisce, reconnect and rediscover. Join us May 13 - 14, for Reunion 2024. 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.

[\[View Full Story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

February 24

[Anyone Can Whistle](#)

February 24

[Marie Antoinette](#)

February 24

[Mandy Patankin: Being Alive](#)

February 26

[Women and Urban Flooding Vulnerability](#)

March 1

[Guest Lecture: AI and Data Governance: Going Beyond the US-China Arms Race Framing](#)

March 2

[Alumni & Families Ice Skating](#)

March 4

[Spanish Mission Revival Architecture](#)

March 7

[Screening: 20 Days in Mariupol](#)

March 13

[Getting to Know MONTCLAIRconnect](#)

March 21

[Explore Hidden Gems: Alumni Wine Tasting](#)

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

Diaspora: A Celebration of Black Art presents



"Cookout" February 23



A student-organized and produced space for self-expression through music, movement, art and spoken word. Through this event, the struggles, emotions and cultures of students of color are celebrated and appreciated. Produced by student Vincent Means.

Performance 8:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m., in Leshowitz Recital Hall, adjacent to the atrium.

[Learn More / Register](#)

Black Alumni Advisory Council Presents Black History Month Alumni Career Panel

The Black Alumni Advisory Council (BAAC), in conjunction with the African American Caucus, hosted a panel discussion featuring six extraordinary Black alumni from varied industries at the Feliciano School of Business on February 19. Panelists included: Taylor Jeffers '13, '16 MBA; Al-Nesha Jones '07, '13 CPA; Gemar Mills '05; Bilal Walker '16, '23 MA; Dr. Suffiyah Webb '04 DDS, MPH and Ni'Kita Wilson '99. [\[View the full story\]](#)

University News



Addictions: Examining Outcomes in the Crack and Opioid Epidemics in Black Communities - February 29

Panelists will address the similarities and differences between the crack and opioid epidemics. The conversation aids in understanding crack and opioid use locally, the costs and impacts associated with both epidemics and the public health approaches. Panelists will discuss access to and the effectiveness of available treatments for crack and opioid addiction. The talk will conclude with suggestions for what the public can do to reduce misuse and an audience Q&A.

The virtual panel discussion will run on **Thursday, February 29th** from noon to 1:30 p.m.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks Online Graduate Programs Among Nation's Best

U.S. News & World Report has released its Best Online Programs survey for 2024 and once again, Montclair State University's offerings rank among the best in the nation. The five University programs that participate in the survey include the master's in Business Administration (MBA), master's in Education, master's in Information Technology, master's in Business and master's in Nursing. [\[View the full story\]](#)



Human Trafficking Survivors Persevere, Inspire

Montclair State University brought survivors of human trafficking, as well as state legislators, to campus recently to address the issues of homelessness and a shortage of housing for those trying to escape their traffickers. [\[View the full story\]](#)

More University News

[President Koppell Included in ROI Influencers: Power List 2024](#)
The publication ranked President Koppell no. 35, explaining that "Few on the list are as creative and visionary as Koppell..."

[How Effective Communication Can Benefit Scientists](#) The power of storytelling is at the heart of Montclair State University's Mario M. Casabona Future Scientists Awards Program.

[MORE DETAILS](#)

Need Student Loan Repayment Help?

Introducing our new student loan repayment support Toll-Free Hotline and GradReady online financial literacy tool.

Montclair State University has partnered with Ascendium Education Solutions®, a leader in student loan repayment support to address any questions or concerns you may have about your federal student loans. This is a FREE service for Montclair alumni.

833-707-1220

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

RepaymentSupport@ascendiumeducation.org

[Click Here for Additional Resources](#)

Get Covered: Major Medical Insurance



The Montclair State University Foundation has partnered with AMBA and GetMedical to provide a wide variety of medical plans including individual, family and group health insurance to help meet your needs.

The highlights include:

Coverage flexibility that caters to individual needs

Side-by-side comparison of plan rates and benefits from insurers

Giving News



Support the Emergency Book Fund

Please support the **Emergency Book Fund**, which provides assistance for students who would otherwise be unable to purchase needed textbooks due to financial hardship.

“The Emergency Book Fund will allow students in need an opportunity to purchase books and supplies critical to their academic success this semester,” says Margaree Coleman-Carter, Dean of Students.

We need your help! Join us and make your gift today to ensure our students can focus on their studies.

[Make a Gift](#)

Athletics News

Skilled licensed agents available to support and advise members

Affordable health insurance solutions

[Learn More](#)

GIVE NOW: It's easy from a Donor Advised Fund

Realize the benefits of giving to Montclair State University through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Simply click the button below and enter your fund provider name to get started.

Our tool makes it easy, and your gift makes a big impact!

[Make a Gift](#)



Sign On Today!

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

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.

Our featured **MONTCLAIRconnect group of the month** is the Black Alumni Advisory Council. This group will bring together Montclair State graduates who are of African descent in the Diaspora, connecting them to their alma mater and engaging them in preparing today's students for academic and career success.

[Click here to sign up and learn more.](#)

- Access Handshake to post a job or search for a job with the click of a



Johnson Tallies School-Record In 5,000-Meter At NJAC Championships

Aubrey Johnson set the school record and won a New Jersey Athletic Conference Championship in the 5,000-meter as the Montclair State University indoor track & field team placed sixth at the NJAC Indoor Championships on Monday. [\[View the Full Story\]](#)



Griffith, Thomas Post Victories At NJAC Indoor Championships

John Griffith and Jabez Thomas posted victories as the Montclair State University men's indoor track & field team placed fourth at the New Jersey

button!

- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital and in-person opportunities

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

Career Corner



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

In today's fast-paced workplace, AI is no longer just a buzzword; it's a valuable tool transforming how we work. From automating repetitive tasks to streamlining decision-making processes, AI empowers employees to focus on creativity and innovation. Whether it's predictive analytics optimizing workflows or virtual assistants scheduling meetings, AI enhances productivity and efficiency. Embracing AI isn't about replacing jobs; it's about augmenting human potential, allowing teams to achieve more with less effort.

working
ADVANTAGE

Alumni have exclusive access to the [Working Advantage discount network](#) which allows you to save up to 60% on ticketed events and online shopping.

To access these discounts, visit workingadvantage.com/montclair and get started today. Signing up is free!

Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships on Monday.

[\[View the Full Story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Nicole D'Angelo '17

Breaking Barriers on Broadway

Nicole D'Angelo '17 recalls her excitement over a callback for a starring role in the groundbreaking, neurodivergence-centered Broadway musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. However, she misread the email and missed her callback deadline. While she didn't get the part, D'Angelo played a much bigger role in the landmark production, which made history by virtue of autistic actors playing autistic characters onstage. [\[View full story\]](#)



Stream some of the Montclair School of Communication and Media's (SCM) best content on [Hawk+](#), a free digital streaming platform that curates video content from across the University.

Check out [Montclair Movie Night: Mirror Image](#)

[Stream Hawk+](#)

Follow Us on Facebook and Get Entered to Win

We have created a [new alumni Facebook page](#) we ask you to join us by [liking our page](#)! When you [like our new page](#), you will get entered to win cool prizes!





Billy Pinckney '24 ***A Game-Changing Legacy in Sports Communications***

Montclair State University's 'Billy the Batboy' turns years of interviews into a valuable resource for aspiring athletes. One of many accomplished Winter Commencement graduates, at 21, he's already a published author of a book for young ball players with big dreams. [\[View full story\]](#)

Having trouble viewing this email? [View online](#)



Office of Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement
1 Normal Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07043

Phone: [973-655-4141](tel:973-655-4141)
E-mail: alumni@montclair.edu

[email preferences](#) | [privacy policy](#)