

AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



Generations of Montclair Alumni Come Together to Pay It Forward

Alumni Frank Colombo '12, Drew Heimlich '12 and Frank Nelson '84 are "Paying it Forward" with a scholarship and mentoring initiative that spans generations and springboards students to success.

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

Upcoming Events

March 21

[Digital Wellness](#)

March 21

[CUE Presents: Dr. Deonna Smith](#)

March 21

[Public Telescope Night](#)

March 21

[Philosophy for Lunch: "Is Consciousness Everywhere?"](#)

March 22

[Spring 2024 15-Min Focus Tour](#)

March 23

[Choral Showcase #Inspired](#)

March 24

[University Symphony Orchestra Concert with Concerto Winner](#)

March 25

[Our Bodies Tell the Story: Honoring Women's History Month](#)

March 27

[Mindset Reset for Women Entrepreneurs](#)

April 16

[Salsa Dance Lesson](#)

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

**Class of 1974,
Register for Your**



50th Reunion!



Congratulations on the **50th anniversary** of your graduation from Montclair State University! Let's celebrate!

**Monday, May 13 &
Tuesday, May 14**

Events include:

- a guided tour of the campus,
- leading the procession of graduates at the Commencement ceremony,
- a coffee and conversation gathering,
- a lunch reception on campus to mix and mingle with long lost friends,
- and taking a commemorative class photo.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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Gliding Down Memory Lane

The Montclair campus played host to a joyous gathering of alumni eager to partake in a beloved winter pastime at their alma mater. This exclusive Alumni Open Skate at the Montclair State University Ice Arena provided attendees with access to a dedicated rink at the arena this past Saturday, March 2.

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

University News



How Alumni Launched a Record Label

In what may be the first collaboration between alumni of Montclair State University and Bloomfield College since the historic merger of the two institutions, Corey Morgart '18 Bloomfield and Therese Sheridan '19, '23 MA Montclair have co-founded a record label to help up-and-coming artists

MBA Executive Speaker Series: Don Katz, Founder of Audible April 3



Under Katz's leadership, Audible commercialized the first portable digital audio player in 1997, four years before the introduction of the iPod. The company was publicly traded on NASDAQ until it was acquired by Amazon in 2008, becoming an independently operated subsidiary. Katz remained at the helm until 2022,

called Space Hound Records.
[\[View the full story\]](#)



Montclair State University Symposium Touts ‘Triumph Over Trauma’

The Male Enrollment and Graduation Alliance (MEGA) Symposium empowers male high school students with college insights, brave conversations and cultural performances. For many students participating, their favorite part of the half-day program was the open discussions about traumatic experiences.

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

More University News

[Semester in LA Rolls Out the Red Carpet for Montclair Students](#) How the School of Communication and Media program has students shooting for the stars

[Balancing Audiology and Exercise Science Needs](#) Montclair State University’s Audiology Clinic leverages cutting-edge virtual reality tool for enhanced balance assessment and research

Giving News

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with the Feliciano Center for
Entrepreneurship +
Innovation

Join this in-depth, experiential program dedicated to helping individuals launch and grow their business, side hustles and passion projects.

Inquire about the summer cohort today!

[Read more here.](#)

Short Term Medical Insurance



The Montclair State University Foundation has partnered with AMBA to offer quality benefits at affordable prices to our alumni.

Are you between jobs or perhaps a recent college graduate looking for coverage? Then chances are you are in need of temporary medical insurance until you become part of an employer's plan.

[Learn More](#)

**Need Student Loan
Repayment Help?**

1 DAY 4 MONTCLAIR



One Day for Montclair: The Countdown is On!

One Day for Montclair is a day when the entire Montclair State University community comes together for a day of action and celebration! Your support on Thursday, April 25, 2024, will help us create opportunities, elevate achievements and celebrate our students. Save the date!

Athletics News



Baseball Increases Win Streak to 12, Sweeps Trinity in Doubleheader

The Montclair State University baseball team swept Trinity College (CT) in a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Yogi Berra Stadium. The Red Hawks cruised past the Bantams 17-6 in the opener and claimed a 1-0 pitcher's duel in the second game.

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

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](#)



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 **Women's Initiative Network**. [Click here to sign up and learn more.](#)

- Access Handshake to post a job or search for a job with the click of a button!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital and in-person opportunities

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

Career Corner



Softball Splits Home Opener With Hunter

The Montclair State University softball team split its home opener with Hunter College on Tuesday. The Red Hawks (6-6) blanked the Hawks 8-0 in game one before falling 2-0 in the nightcap.

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

Alumni Spotlights



Gemar Mills '05
Passionate about Education



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

Ever found yourself sticking with something just because you've already put so much time and effort into it? That's the sunk cost fallacy at play. It's like continuing to watch a movie you're not enjoying just because you paid for the ticket. The same can be true in the working world. In the job market, it's easy to get stuck in roles that no longer serve you because of past investments like time or training. Recognize when it's time to cut your losses, pivot and pursue opportunities that align with your current goals and aspirations. Your future career happiness outweighs any sunk costs.

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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!



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
[Interview Tips with Rich Efrus](#)

[Stream Hawk+](#)

For Gemar Mills '05, it would seem that no challenge is too daunting. At 27, he transformed Newark's Malcolm X Shabazz High School from a failing school to a positive environment where students have the tools to achieve. As chief education officer for The Future Project and chief academic officer of College Achieve Public Schools, Mills is helping high school students across the country reach for their dreams.

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



Yvette Viasus '20 *Mapping a Brighter Future*

The PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies Green Teams internship prepared Yvette Viasus '20 to advocate for broad access to renewable energy and launched her career trajectory.

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