“Montclair State is a community on the move; one that has the fortitude to live, not in the secure recesses of the past, but on the advancing edge of the present.”

— Susan A. Cole
President
Montclair State University has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years. Our enrollment is approaching 20,000 students; we grant 4,200 degrees each year; we have hired hundreds of highly qualified new faculty; we have built, and continue to build, hundreds of millions of dollars of new instructional, research and campus facilities; we have developed dozens of new baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degree programs; and research undertaken at the University is now attracting millions of dollars in federal grants and other funding. These initiatives demonstrate our swift progress towards implementing the ambitious goals set forth in Connecting to Tomorrow, the University’s strategic plan.

This past year in particular has been one of great achievement. Of special note was the receipt of $94 million in State of New Jersey bond funding to expand academic and research facilities and to upgrade the technology infrastructure of our 252-acre campus. This substantial and catalytic investment by the state will greatly benefit both New Jersey’s students and economy by building on critical areas of expertise and excellence in our strong, high-demand programs in the sciences and business.

Other highlights of the past year include the establishment on campus of the Center for Cooperative Media, funded by the Dodge and Knight Foundations, which will bring six of the state’s top media organizations to campus and provide each with fully operational news bureaus and access to student internship programs. The campus is also now home to a modern, cost-effective and environmentally responsible heating, cooling and power plant.

We are now well into our second century as an institution of higher learning. As I look to Montclair State’s future, I continue to be inspired by our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who support our mission of providing exceptional educational opportunities that connect our students with vibrant, successful careers and lives.

Susan A. Cole
President
Montclair State students are creating art everywhere, from the campus’s Alexander Kasser Theater and Jed Leshowitz Recital Hall to New York’s Carnegie Hall and Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Graz, Austria.

“Montclair State gives ambitious, motivated students the opportunity to succeed and lead. In our classrooms, on our campus, and through our engagement with the world beyond our gates, you will find everything you need right here.”

— Susan A. Cole
President
“Creating opportunities for discovery is the life blood of STEM education.”

— Robert Prezant
Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics

Students at the College of Science and Mathematics learn to recognize the remarkable complexity of the earth today and are poised to become leaders in the state’s burgeoning STEM industries.
We are making our campus fully supportive of 21st-century learning with new technologies and state-of-the-art facilities.

- A new Center for Environmental and Life Sciences is under construction. Once completed, it will usher in the next generation of scientific research at Montclair State and attract top science students who might otherwise leave New Jersey.

- A new School of Business building, also under development, will incorporate a mix of academic offices and classroom areas clustered into distinct zones. The project complies with the Silver Certification Level of the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system.

- Students in our School of Communication and Media will benefit from a new high-tech, 60,000-square-foot facility that will serve as a vibrant hub where they can come together with faculty and professionals to learn, network and engage.

- The University has significantly reduced its energy footprint through the completion of a new Combined Heating, Cooling and Power system for the campus.

The University is expanding and transforming campus facilities. New buildings and infrastructure will help provide students with greatly increased educational opportunities. Pictured are the site of the new College of Environmental and Life Sciences, a rendering of the new facility that will house the School of Business and a detail of the on-campus combined heating, cooling and power plant.
Recognizing Accomplishment

“At Montclair State, we make the American dream possible for our students, and nothing is more important than that.”

— Gregory Collins ’79
Managing Director, G. Collins & Company, LLC
Donor, alumnus and Foundation board member

The Honors Program brings together gifted students and dynamic teachers in small classes in order to attract and keep New Jersey’s best and brightest in state.
The U.S. Department of State has recognized Montclair State as a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars. Seventeen international Fulbright students enrolled in graduate programs at Montclair State during the 2011-2012 academic year, and 10 more joined graduate programs in 2012-2013.

Montclair State University, its students and its faculty have earned numerous regional and national accolades:

- Ranked in the top tier of Northern Regional Universities by U.S. News & World Report
- Graduate program in elementary education ranked 18th nationally by U.S. News & World Report

Best Graduate Schools

- The School of Business included in The Princeton Review’s Guide to The Best 295 Business Schools
- Designated one of America’s “greenest” campuses, according to the U.S. Green Building Council, The Princeton Review Guide to 322 Green Campuses and Sierra magazine
- One of the “Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics” for 15 years running, according to The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine
- Included in President’s Higher Education Community Service 2013 Honor Roll for co-curricular and curricular community service, volunteerism and community engagement
- “Top Degree Producer” according to Diverse: Issues in Higher Education’s ranking of institutions that confer the most degrees to minority students

Montclair State has been designated a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs magazine for the fourth straight year.

The Heights residence complex was recognized as the state’s leading public-private partnership by the New Jersey Alliance for Action.
“Students are the best part of the job. Teaching is about relationships, and I like seeing my former students develop to their full potential. It’s a great legacy.”

— Richard L. Peterson
Professor, Information and Operations Management
School of Business
Montclair State President Susan Cole was honored as the Research and Development Council of New Jersey’s 2013 Educator of the Year at the 34th Edison Patent Awards. The R&D Council recognized Cole for her unique contributions to the state’s past and future in research and development and her outstanding leadership in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education at the University.

Montclair State University has achieved extraordinary things in the past year. Just a few highlights:

- **Dennis Bone**, inaugural director of the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship at the Montclair State University School of Business and former President and CEO of Verizon New Jersey, was welcomed into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame’s Class of 2013 Laureates.

- **Ana María Villegas**, Department of Curriculum and Teaching, was named a fellow of the American Educational Research Association.

- **Raul Galoppe**, Department of Spanish and Italian and **Peter Siegel**, Department of Anthropology, both won Fulbright Awards to Argentina and Holland, respectively.

- **The Star-Ledger** named **Julian Keenan**, Department of Psychology, one of “New Jersey’s 20 Biggest Brains.”

- **Brigid Harrison**, Department of Political Science and Law, provides regular live political analysis and commentary to CNN, MSNBC, ABC News, CBS News, NPR and others.

- **Lynn Schneemeyer** and **John Siekierka**, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, were inducted into the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame.

- **Katrina E. Bulkley**, Department of Counseling and Educational Leadership, was named to the list of top education scholars in the Rick Hess Straight Up Edu-Scholar Public Presence rankings announced in *Education Week*.

- **Yi Luo**, School of Communication and Media, received the Pride Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Relations Education by the National Communication Association.
“By promoting the full development of persons with autism, we are creating community among programs that once worked in isolation.”

— Gerard Costa
Director, Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

Students at Montclair State learn in real-world settings that foster scholarship, nurture innovation and provide new insights into best practices. Here students are engaged in both learning and teaching at the University’s innovative Newark Montclair Urban Teacher Residency Program and at the Passaic River Institute summer camp.
Across the University, programs serve as both community resources and learning laboratories, training the next generation of researchers, business leaders and educators with real-world experience. In particular, a growing roster of programs in child advocacy and public health creates and supports relationships between the community and the classroom.

Montclair State University is a source of knowledge not only for our ambitious, determined and motivated students, but for our neighbors and our state.

Among the centers and programs that educate and provide services:

- **The Newark–Montclair Urban Teacher Residency Program** is an innovative apprenticeship-based Master of Arts in Teaching program for individuals with a deep commitment to urban teaching.

- **The Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health** offers professional development, education, clinical services and research in the areas of autism, infant and early childhood development and mental health.

- **The Bristol-Myers Squibb Center** works with public and private schools in New Jersey to change how in-service and pre-service K-12 educators learn to teach science and mathematics.

- **The Center for Quantitative Obesity Research** advances understanding of the underlying physiological mechanisms behind obesity-related illnesses and develops clinical applications that improve the health of individual patients.

- **The PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies** plays a transformative role in transdisciplinary research and education to address the relevant sustainability issues of our time.

- **The Passaic River Institute** conducts environmental research and education to help solve environmental problems, focusing on the Passaic River, its tributaries and surrounding watershed lands.
Montclair State provides a wealth of opportunities for students interested in conducting research across all disciplines and becoming deeply involved in the research community, both locally and globally.

“We will be driving New Jersey’s economic future through collaboration and entrepreneurship.”

— E. LaBrent Chrite
Dean of the School of Business
The University is attracting new funding across all subjects:

- The Sokol Institute for Pharmaceutical Life Sciences supports an array of transdisciplinary research programs that impact human health, including a recent collaborative program established with the Celgene Corporation.

- Funded by the Dodge and Knight Foundations, the Center for Cooperative Media expands the dissemination of news and information throughout the state and supports collaboration among New Jersey news providers.

- Funded by a $1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program recruits, prepares and supports new science teachers for New Jersey’s high-need K-12 school districts.

- Funded by a $1.67 million grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Project COPE, an initiative of the Department of Family and Child Studies, delivers and evaluates substance abuse and HIV prevention programs to at-risk teens in Paterson, N.J.

- Funded by a $1.1 million grant from NASA, Professor Yvonne Gindt, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is looking at ways to repair the damage that ultraviolet light causes to skin.
Financial Position

Through prudent fiscal management, strong operational oversight and robust enrollment growth, Montclair State continues to maintain a sound financial position, even during a period of flat or declining governmental support for higher education.

In assigning a AA- rating and stable outlook to a recent University bond issuance, Fitch Ratings noted Montclair State’s steady operating performance, record-breaking enrollment figures, competitive tuition and experienced management that have “demonstrated effective financial and budgetary controls, guided by a strategic plan with defined institutional goals.”

Montclair State’s continued strategic investment in campus capital improvements will bolster both its future credit profile and its competitive position as a leading public university.
“The University has an effective leadership team that has a successful track record of implementing complex integrated financial and capital plans, in addition to recording substantial operating growth.”

— Moody’s
Schools, Colleges and Centers

Schools and Colleges:

College of the Arts
  John J. Cali School of Music
  School of Communication and Media

College of Education and Human Services

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

College of Science and Mathematics
  New Jersey School of Conservation

School of Business

The Graduate School

Institutes:

Joseph and Elda Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America
Institute for the Humanities
Margaret and Herman Sokol Institute for Pharmaceutical Life Sciences
Passaic River Institute
PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies

Centers:

ADP Center for Teacher Preparation and Learning Technologies
Ben Samuels Children’s Center
Bristol-Myers Squibb Center for Teaching and Learning
Center for Academic Development and Assessment
Center for Advising and Student Transitions
Center for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health
Center for Child Advocacy and Policy
Center for Environmental Management and Analysis
Center for Cooperative Media
Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies
Center for International Business
Center of Pedagogy
Center for Quantitative Obesity Research
Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services
Center for Student Involvement
Center for Writing Excellence
Creative Research Center
Disability Resource Center
DuMont Television Center
Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship
Global Education Center
Microscopy and Microanalysis Research Laboratory
Professional Resources in Sciences and Mathematics: PRISM
Research Academy for University Learning
Montclair State’s Kasser Theater hosts a wide range of events from Peak Performances, one of which was ranked best dance performance of the year by The New York Times, to the 2013 Gubernatorial debate.
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The Division III athletic program boasts five NCAA national championships, 275 All-Americans and a record number of academic achievement awards from the National College Athlete Honor Society.
“Until we reach the day when we can say that we have done everything there is to do, everything we can do, to contribute to the educational and intellectual betterment of the society we serve, we still have great work ahead of us.”

— Susan A. Cole
President