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Memorial Auditorium
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The background of the page features a large, light gray watermark of the Montclair State University seal. The seal is circular, with the words "MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY" around the top and "1908" at the bottom. In the center is a shield divided into four quadrants: top-left has three bells, top-right has a tree, bottom-left has a tree, and bottom-right has a bell. A laurel wreath encircles the shield.

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

AMPHITHEATER

Fanfare

John J. Cali School of Music students

Presentation of Colors by the Police Honor Guard

Officers from University Police and the Montclair,
Little Falls and Clifton police departments

Call to Order

Angelo J. Genova '75

Member, Montclair State University Foundation Board

Opening Remarks

Faith Victor '22

Student Member, Board of Trustees, 2020-2022

Angelo J. Genova '75

Past President Remarks

Irvin D. Reid

President, 1989-1997

Susan A. Cole, President Emerita

President, 1998-2021

Greetings

Jonathan GS Koppell

Ninth President

Academic Procession

Sandra Adams

Professor, Biology

Grand Marshal

Processional

Emperata Overture

Claude T. Smith

Montclair State University Wind Symphony

Thomas McCauley, Conductor

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Processional

Procession of the Nobles

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Transcription by Erik W.G. Leidzén

Montclair State University Wind Symphony

National Anthem

Harrison Smith '23

Land Acknowledgement

Mark Clatterbuck

Associate Professor, Religion

Welcome

Francis M. Cuss

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Video Presentation

Soaring into the Future

Remarks

Richard Steiner-Otoo '24

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Sandra Collins

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Former Governor, State of New Jersey

M. Teresa Ruiz

New Jersey Senator, District 29

Video Greetings

Philip D. Murphy

Governor, State of New Jersey

Choral Performance

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Arranged by Gwyneth Walker

Montclair State University Singers

Heather J. Buchanan, Conductor

Keynote Speakers

Félix V. Matos Rodriguez

Chancellor, City University of New York

Marcheta Evans

President, Bloomfield College

Investiture of the President

Mary A. Comito

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Bestowing of the Medallion

Maria Cavero Muñoz '23

Voting Student, Board of Trustees

Ralph A. LaRossa

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Investiture Address

Jonathan GS Koppell

Closing

Francis M. Cuss

Recessional

Festive Overture

Dmitri Shostakovich

Arranged by Donald Hunsberger

Montclair State University Wind Symphony

PRESIDENT JONATHAN GS KOPPELL



Montclair State University's ninth president is a nationally recognized scholar of policy, organization and management with a reputation as a visionary leader in higher education emphasizing public service and solutions-oriented engagement in the community.

Before taking office at Montclair on August 2, 2021, Koppell served as dean of Arizona State University's Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, the nation's largest comprehensive public affairs college, and university vice-provost for public service and social impact.

Under his leadership, Watts College nearly tripled its majority-minority enrollment, launched numerous innovative programs and community service initiatives, dramatically expanded externally funded research, hired dozens of distinguished faculty, and rose substantially in rankings. Koppell created the nation's first Public Service Academy and is working with the Volcker Alliance to scale this concept to universities across the nation, including Montclair.

Koppell earned doctoral and master's degrees in political science from the University of California - Berkeley and a baccalaureate degree in government from Harvard University. He was previously a professor at the Yale School of Management, a fellow at the New America Foundation and a Fulbright Lecturer in Shanghai, China. He is the author of books and articles on global governance institutions, public-private hybrid organizations and corporate governance and is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Montclair State University defines what it means to be a university with a public purpose – one that not only creates transformational opportunities for students, but also partners with communities to make a difference in the lives of others.

We invite our students to imagine the world they want to live in, and we empower them to develop the skills and knowledge to create it. As a solutions engine, we ask: How can we harness the power of 21,000 students and 1,800 professors to be a force for good in the world?

Our distinctive approach continues to draw students to us, propelling us to become New Jersey's second largest institution of higher learning, and one of its most diverse. Under President Koppell, our enrollment has grown to nearly 21,700 students, the largest student body in our 114-year history.



As New Jersey's second-largest university, we are big enough that we can offer more than 300 programs across 10 colleges and schools at all degree levels – and yet, with a student to faculty ratio of 17 to 1, we are small enough to give our students personalized attention from professors and staff who truly care. Students have numerous opportunities to conduct research with professors who are respected leaders in their fields.

More than 50% of our students identify as underrepresented minorities. We are one of New Jersey's two Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and we serve more Latinx students than any other university in the state.

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Students from highly diverse backgrounds thrive in our supportive, welcoming environment. Their graduation rates outperform state and national benchmarks and predictions. We are consistently recognized as one of the most inclusive and best value universities and ranked No. 19 in the country in social mobility.

Many of our students are working and raising families, and we offer flexible programs that give them the opportunity to learn in ways that work best for them, on campus or online, in real time or asynchronously.

Our faculty includes winners of a MacArthur fellowship, Fulbright grants and Emmy awards, NSF, NEH and NIH grants, and many other distinctions. These highly respected researchers, scholars and creators are dedicated to student success, and they are always innovating to meet the needs of our learners and our state. We have launched dozens of new degree and certificate programs, and we offer more combined bachelor's and master's degree programs than any other university in New Jersey – empowering our students to enter the workforce faster, with stronger skills and for less cost.

At Montclair, our mission is to elevate our students and our partners, and in so doing, help make the world a better place. We don't just equip students to raise their earnings – we empower them to raise their sights. Here, we encourage students to dream, to imagine and to ask “How can I become the person I need to be to transform the world into the place I want to live?”

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We respectfully acknowledge that Montclair State University occupies land in Lenapehoking, the traditional and expropriated territory of the Lenape. As a state institution, we recognize and support the sovereignty of New Jersey's three state-recognized tribes: the Ramapough Lenape, Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, and Powhatan Renape nations. We recognize the sovereign nations of the Lenape diaspora elsewhere in North America, as well as other Indigenous individuals and communities now residing in New Jersey. By offering this land acknowledgement, we commit to addressing the historical legacies of Indigenous dispossession and dismantling practices of erasure that persist today. We recognize the resilience and persistence of contemporary Indigenous communities and their role in educating all of us about justice, equity, and the stewardship of the land throughout the generations.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES REPRESENTED IN THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Harvard University, 1636	Arizona State University, 1885
Yale University, 1701	Clark University, 1887
University of Pennsylvania, 1740	North Carolina State University, 1887
University of Delaware, 1743	Texas A & M University - Commerce, 1889
Princeton University, 1746	Drexel University, 1891
Rutgers University - New Brunswick, 1766	University of North Carolina Greensboro, 1891
University of Pittsburgh, 1787	East Stroudsburg University, 1893
Georgetown University, 1789	Saint Elizabeth University, 1899
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, 1789	Carnegie Mellon, 1900
University of Vermont, 1791	Pace University, 1906
Union College, 1795	Montclair State University, 1908
University of Michigan, 1817	The New School, 1919
New York University, 1831	University of Miami, 1925
Boston University, 1839	New Jersey City University, 1927
Fordham University, 1841	Boise State University, 1932
University of Minnesota, 1851	Union County College, 1933
University of the Pacific, 1851	Hofstra University, 1935
The College of New Jersey, 1855	Binghamton University, 1946
Kean University, 1855	Rutgers University - Newark, 1946
William Paterson University, 1855	The City University of New York, 1961
Seton Hall University, 1856	Atlantic Cape Community College, 1964
Louisiana State University, 1860	Ocean County College, 1964
Boston College, 1863	Bergen Community College, 1965
Lehigh University, 1865	County College of Morris, 1965
Towson University, 1866	Raritan Valley Community College, 1965
Centenary University, 1867	Essex County College, 1966
Bloomfield College, 1868	Mercer County Community College, 1966
University of California - Berkeley, 1868	Rowan College of South Jersey, 1966
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, 1869	Brookdale Community College, 1967
University of Nebraska - Lincoln, 1869	Ramapo College, 1969
CUNY Hunter, 1870	Stockton University, 1969
Syracuse University, 1870	Passaic County Community College, 1971
Virginia Tech, 1872	Thomas Edison State University, 1972
New Jersey Institute of Technology, 1881	Warren County Community College, 1981

In keeping with academic traditions, universities are listed in order of the date each was founded.