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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS

**In-Person Counselor Workshop:
Friday, December 6, 2024**

**Pre-Law/Pre-Med Virtual
Counselor Workshop:
Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

**Disability Resource Center
Virtual Counselor Workshop:
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**Counseling and Psychological
Services Virtual Counselor Workshop:
Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

Join the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and your colleagues at the annual School Counselor Workshops.

Whether you join us at our in-person or virtual events, you will have the opportunity to hear from faculty, staff and current students about what is new at Montclair.

Have a question? Contact Neris Fleming at 973-655-4219, counselor@montclair.edu.

For a full list of workshops and to register, visit montclair.edu/admissions/workshop.

All attendees of the in-person workshop will earn Professional Development hours.



ABOVE ORDINARY



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back! I hope your summer was restful and the new school year is off to a great start. Exciting things have been happening at Montclair since I last wrote to you:

- We welcomed the first cohort of students to Bloomfield College of Montclair State University, where we provide an intimate learning environment for students across several disciplines. Students on both our Bloomfield and Montclair campuses are eligible for our **tuition-free program**, the Red Hawk Advantage Award.
- We've launched a redesigned **Honors Program** that encourages students to explore public service and creative leadership, two signature values of Montclair. Honors Program students are eligible for up to \$2,000 in funding toward an experiential learning opportunity, as well as book credits for all Honors courses, Honors scholarships and to participate in a living-learning community in the Heights.
- Our campus community has welcomed our biggest and most diverse incoming class. Underscoring the University's mission of providing access to affordable higher education, the Class of 2028 is record-breaking in size, diversity and quality. The newest students hail from 30 states and 30 countries. Some 45% of the incoming class identifies as Hispanic, further bolstering Montclair's status as New Jersey's largest Hispanic-Serving Institution. Fun fact: Montclair is the largest HSI east of Chicago and north of Florida!

As always, my team and I are here to help you and your students learn about Montclair. Please email me at askthedirector@montclair.edu.

I hope to see you soon, either through a virtual or in-person Counselor Workshop later this year.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jordanna Maziarz". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Jordanna Maziarz
Director, Undergraduate Admissions



MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Montclair students lend helping hands to a Habitat for Humanity project in Paterson, New Jersey.

Montclair earns prestigious Carnegie Leadership for Public Purpose certification for its commitment to advancing the greater good

Mariana Luna-Martinez '24 never forgot the outpouring of support she and her family received after her childhood home in Newark was destroyed by fire. She was inspired to pay forward the acts of kindness, donating toys and helping at food drives, and while a student at Montclair State University, to give back many times over by organizing beach cleanups and homebuilding with Habitat for Humanity. The Biology major also traveled to Italy to learn about its health-care system and to Panama to assist physicians as part of the Global Medical Brigade.

"I believe Montclair embodies truly who I am and my values because not only am I Hispanic and first gen, but I'm also passionate and truly believe in the good works of public service," she says.

Students like Luna-Martinez exemplify Montclair's commitment to leadership in public service and societal impact, a promise which garnered Montclair the prestigious Leadership for Public Purpose classification by the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**, which recognizes institutions that have committed to campus-wide efforts to advance leadership in pursuit of public goods including justice, equity, diversity and liberty.

Montclair was one of 25 universities nationally, and the lone New Jersey public institution, to receive the designation.

Committed to developing the next generation of purpose-driven leaders, Montclair has numerous leadership initiatives available to students, faculty and staff, including:

- **NextGen Service Corps**, which fills a critical educational gap by preparing undergraduates from all disciplines for public service careers.
- **The Bonner Leader Program**, which is a comprehensive, four-year program that provides students with civic engagement and public service opportunities.
- **The PSEG Green Teams**, which is an internship program that lets teams of students serve corporations, organizations, nonprofits, municipalities and community groups to address sustainability issues.

- **Leadership University**, an eight-week employee development program for new managers.
- **The Higher Education Academic Leadership** program, which provides leadership development opportunities for faculty while they identify and study important challenges facing higher education and develop solutions centered on student, faculty and university success.

The University has been an engaged partner in critical civic endeavors since its inception in 1908, building an institutional culture that champions leadership for public purpose with initiatives including **One Square Mile**, a place-based approach to community revitalization in Paterson, N.J., and **The Charles J. Muth Museum of Hinchliffe Stadium**.



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



Read more about Mariana Luna-Martinez's inspiring journey of service and leadership.

Class of 2028

4,668

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED (first-year)

6

TOP SIX CHOICES OF MAJOR:

Business Administration, Biology, Psychology, Computer Science, Film and Television, Educational Foundations

3.25

AVERAGE GPA of Class of 2028

45%

of Class of 2028 identify as Hispanic

42%

FIRST GENERATION

30

REPRESENTED STATES, plus 30 countries and all 21 counties in New Jersey



Ways to Visit and Tour

Montclair offers prospective students the best of both worlds, in person and virtually.

Get to know us better.

Montclair Open House:

October 13, 2024

November 10, 2024

Meet faculty, staff and students, tour our campus and learn about all that Montclair has to offer. From admissions and financial aid sessions to faculty presentations, we're excited to show you what being a Red Hawk is all about. Register at montclair.edu/admissions/open-house.

Interested in our Bloomfield campus?

Bloomfield College of Montclair State University Open House:

October 21, 2024

Join us for a walking campus tour.

Led by our knowledgeable and friendly student ambassadors, tours are offered Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and select Saturdays.

Experience Montclair your way.

- Self-Guided Tour
- Virtual Tour
- Webinars

Register today: montclair.edu/visit

1. Picture yourself soaring in Red Hawk Country with a guided tour.
2. Go at your own pace with a self-guided tour.
3. Zoom around campus, into residential halls and classrooms with a virtual campus experience.
4. Kick back and relax with our video viewbook and interactive campus map.

Learn more at montclair.edu/admissions/visit-us.

WHY MONTCLAIR?



#1

in New Jersey and #7 in the nation in enrollment and graduation of low-income students.

– U.S. News & World Report 2023

Top 100

College for Hispanics for the past 19 years.

#11

in the nation in graduation rate performance.

LARGEST HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION (HSI) in New Jersey, and the largest HSI north of Florida and east of Chicago.

MONTCLAIR'S EARLY-COLLEGE PROGRAMS ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS



Each summer about 400 students attend Montclair's **early-college experiences**, including the **Summer Bridge Scholars Program**, **Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)** and **Health Careers** – programs credited with ensuring college success by providing incoming freshmen, many the first in their family to attend college, an intentional supportive bridge from high school to college in the fall and beyond. Most students who attend these programs stay in school, perform better academically and earn higher GPAs.

NEW HONORS **EDGE** EMPOWERS STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC, LEADERSHIP SUCCESS

Montclair's new Honors **EDGE** program provides academic, experiential and leadership opportunities for ambitious and motivated students. The program prepares students to create extraordinary outcomes for lasting positive change, empowering them to **engage** with the community, **discover** cross-disciplinary connections, **grow** into dynamic leaders, and **experience** all that Montclair has to offer.

The program's framework of "applied creativity" is consistent with Montclair's commitment to public service as a signature value, preparing students to create extraordinary outcomes for lasting positive change.

Learn more at montclair.edu/honors.

FIRST TO FLY: HELPING FIRST-GEN STUDENTS THRIVE



Showcasing our commitment to providing life-changing educational opportunities, Montclair is part of the national **First Scholars Network** to advance first-generation student success.

"The First Scholars program is crucial to Montclair's mission of fostering student success and inclusivity," says Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life Dawn Meza Soufleris. "With over 40% of the recent incoming class being first-generation college students, this initiative is a cornerstone in ensuring these students thrive."

A peer mentoring program pairs new incoming students with current first-generation students as mentors. The University's Counseling and Psychological Services offers programming to address the mental health impacts of being a first-generation student. Inductions into Alpha Alpha Honor Society celebrates the academic accomplishments of first-generation undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni.

What they're saying: "Through First-Generation Initiatives, I was able to participate at events on campus providing information and resources to first-gen students. Because I was a transfer student, I already had knowledge about the application process, resumes and essays, so I was able to share my knowledge with other students and share the office's resources as well. How did it benefit me? Seeing the students' expression of relief in their face was extremely fulfilling. I know exactly what it feels like to navigate a campus as if you are blindfolded. I know the feeling of desperation because there's so much pressure on our shoulders being 'the first.'" – **Iliana Woodhull '24**

BLOOMFIELD: A SMALL COLLEGE WITH BIG OUTCOMES



Bloomfield College, one of the nation's most diverse liberal arts colleges, became a part of Montclair State University in July 2023.

Now known as **Bloomfield College of Montclair State University**, the college has consistently earned top accolades for advancing the social mobility of its diverse student population.

Bloomfield's vibrant and diverse community is made up of 48% Black/African American students, 31% Hispanic students and 51% first-generation college students.

What they're saying: "It feels like a family here, that's my favorite part about coming to Bloomfield," says Ethan Garcia '25, a Music Technology and Business Marketing major.

Signature Program: For five years in a row, *The Princeton Review* named Bloomfield College a top undergraduate school for Game Design. In 2023, Bloomfield College was ranked highest in New Jersey and #35 nationally among undergraduate schools offering programs in Game Design.

Commitment to Affordability: Bloomfield's tuition mirrors Montclair's tuition, one of the lowest in the State of New Jersey, and more than 95% of students receive some form of financial assistance.

More highlights:

- Nationally ranked for social mobility
- Personalized small campus experience
- Benefits and resources of a large doctoral research university
- Division II athletics and a competitive eSports program
- Eleven NJ Transit lines stop within walking distance of the campus, making commuting easy for local students

Learn more about Bloomfield Admissions.



2+2 = TRANSFERRING MADE EASY

By partnering with community colleges, Montclair is breaking down barriers that prevent students from completing a four-year degree.

Montclair's 2+2 program guarantees admission for students who complete an associate degree, offering advisors, events and programs to guide them to earning their AA/AS and bachelor's degrees.

Participating two-year colleges include Bergen Community College, Brookdale Community College, County College of Morris, Hudson County Community College,

Middlesex County College, Ocean County College, Passaic County Community College, Union College and Westchester Community College.

In addition, newly formed academic agreements with Bergen and Hudson allow students who earn their associate degrees to plan their total baccalaureate experience at the beginning of their college career and

seamlessly transfer into corresponding bachelor's degree programs at Montclair.

In a partnership with Union College, Montclair offers degree programs in Business and Computer Science (fall only), as well as graduate degrees in Business and Educational Leadership at Union College's University Center in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

AFFORDABILITY AND VALUE

Best Colleges for Your Money

Money

No. 2 in New Jersey for social mobility, research, public service

Washington Monthly

No. 4 in New Jersey Nation's Best Colleges

The Wall Street Journal

America's Top Colleges and Best Value Colleges

Forbes

Best Bang for Your Buck

Washington Monthly

MAKING COLLEGE ACCESSIBLE: A GUIDE FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Ensuring students can afford a college education is a priority for Montclair. We offer various financial aid options to make higher education accessible and affordable. Here are the types of aid and financial support available to students and their families:

RED HAWK ADVANTAGE AWARD

- Guarantees funding for eligible incoming New Jersey first-year and transfer students.
- Provides up to four semesters of free tuition and fees at Montclair or Bloomfield.
- Who qualifies? Families with federal Adjusted Gross Incomes between \$0 and \$65,000.
- Combined with the Garden State Guarantee, this means students could graduate with little to no debt.

GARDEN STATE GUARANTEE

- Provides up to four semesters of free tuition for New Jersey students enrolled in their third and fourth years of study at in-state, four-year public universities.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

- Freshman applicants are automatically reviewed, no separate application necessary.

TALENT-BASED PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

- Provides scholarships for students admitted to Montclair's prestigious performing arts programs in Dance, Musical Theatre, Music and Theatre.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Highly competitive, merit-based awards for high-achieving, first-time freshmen.
- Individual award amounts vary based on high school achievement, including, but not limited to, unweighted high school GPA, class rank and standardized tests (if submitted).
- Students are automatically reviewed for a Presidential Scholarship when they apply.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (EOF)

- Provides financial and holistic support.
- Free summer academy; earning credits toward their degree.
- New Jersey students should indicate their interest on the admissions application.

NEW JERSEY DREAM ACT

- Grants eligible undocumented students access to New Jersey state financial aid and in-state tuition.
- Eligible DREAMers must have attended a New Jersey high school for three or more years, graduated from a New Jersey high school, or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey, and be an entering student or currently enrolled in an accredited New Jersey college or university.

OTHER WAYS TO SAVE

- Summer Bridge Scholars Program
- Five-Year Bachelor's/Master's Programs
- Early College Programs for credit



Tuition and Fees: Montclair remains one of N.J.'s most affordable schools as students gain access to record institutional aid.

Learn more at montclair.edu/admissions/cost-and-financial-aid.

High-five! The Povolò quintuplets, from left, Marcus, Michael, Ashley, Ludovico and Victoria, make history as they graduate together from Montclair State University.



FIVE THINGS MONTCLAIR'S QUINTUPLETS SHOW US ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION'S VALUE

The Povolò quintuplets – Victoria, Ludovico, Ashley, Michael and Marcus – made history at the University's May 2024 Commencement when they walked across the platform to receive their degrees in five different majors one after the other.

Their incredible story was seen on *CBS Evening News*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *NBC News' TODAY* and in *People* magazine. But beyond a charming human-interest story, the Povolos provide powerful answers to the value of higher education like never before.

In an article published on LinkedIn, Montclair President Jonathan Koppell shares five things Montclair's "quints" show about the University's impact and about the students we serve:

1 It's about access. The Povolos qualified for both need- and merit-based state, federal and institutional financial aid, including

Montclair's **Presidential Scholars program for high-achieving students**. Without this combined assistance, they haven't been shy about saying that college may not have been a possibility for all of them.

2 Different people need different pathways. Five students, with five different majors and five different career paths, all under one roof.

The Povolos highlight the fact that, even within the same family, students need the ability to pursue multiple pathways toward achieving their aspirations – and those pathways must include flexible learning options that allow them to progress toward completion while exploring different fields and finding their passion.

3 Quality matters. You can be accessible and excellent. The two do not have to be mutually exclusive, and the Povolos are proof of this.

By providing access to the resources of a comprehensive research university, they made the most of the opportunity and took advantage of Montclair's academic rigor in business, education, biochemistry, nutrition and political science.

4 The idea that students are "spoiled and entitled" is off base. The narrative that today's college students are not willing to roll up their sleeves and do the work needs to change.

All five Povolos held down either full- or part-time jobs while completing their bachelor's degrees. Like thousands of our Montclair graduates and like millions of others around the country, they worked to help support their families while continuing their education.

5 Hands-on learning is what students want – and what they thrive on. Victoria, for example, held multiple undergraduate research positions in Montclair's science labs during her college career. The results, if we succeed, are students prepared to tackle society's most pressing challenges in any industry.



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



Read more about the Povolos' "quintessential" college experience.

Follow President Koppell
[@linkedin.com/in/jonathan-koppell](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jonathan-koppell).

10 REASONS TO LOVE MONTCLAIR



MONTCLAIR STUDENTS GRADUATE AT A HIGHER RATE THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE



Montclair is ranked first in New Jersey and among the top 10 schools nationally for social mobility, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. This ranking reflects how well schools enroll and graduate low-income students.

The University is also ranked No. 11 for graduation rate performance, which measures how well students outperform the anticipated graduation rate of those with similar backgrounds at other schools.

The results were on display at the University's 2024 Commencement exercises. "This is a room filled with people who could not better represent the full diversity of our population, every race, every religion, every national origin is represented in our graduates and those celebrating them," said Montclair President Jonathan Koppell.

Brandon Ehly films the scene at the border near Sasabe, Arizona. (Photo by Thomas E. Franklin)



2. Students Address Real-World Issues with National Impact

This year's election brings a wealth of opportunities for public-minded students. At Montclair, the School of Communication and Media student-run project, **#FocusDemocracy**, zeroed in on what Gen Z considers the biggest issues in the 2024 election, while student journalists are telling immigration stories, reporting on aid workers and asylum seekers reported during a trip to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Montclair is part of the **NextGen Service Corps**, which prepares undergraduates from all disciplines for public service careers, and

the **Bonner Leader Program**, which provides students with civic engagement and public service opportunities.

Unequal educational and health outcomes, environmental and social justice, poverty, and the catastrophic effects of climate change are among the pressing problems being addressed in collaborations among the local communities and our students and faculty.

3. With Early Bird Admit, Future Red Hawks Soar Sooner

Early Bird Admit invites high-achieving students to get a jump-start on the college application process, allowing them to apply during their junior year and learn about their acceptance and scholarships early.

Last year, the group included Robmine St. Philippe, a rising high school senior in California who not only knew where she was headed to college, but also how much scholarship support she would receive once she arrived in Montclair to pursue a degree in Nursing.

More than 1,000 students have been accepted into the Early Bird Class of 2029 with \$3.8 million in scholarships offered.



Robmine St. Philippe traveled to Montclair from San Diego, California, for an Early Bird Admit welcome event. Her aunt gifted her a bouquet of flowers to celebrate her acceptance to the University.

4.

Extensive Network and Guest Artists Just 12 Miles from NYC



Trumpet master Arturo Sandoval plays with the University Wind Symphony at Alexander Kasser Theater as part of the Cali Immersive Residency Program.

Being just 12 miles from New York City, one of the largest and most exciting metropolitan areas in the world, means boundless opportunities. The College of the Arts draws on its extensive networks to invite world-class guest artists, including Grammy winners, to provide lectures, interviews, master classes and performances.

Students regularly gain hands-on experiences with local governments, businesses, nonprofits, schools and health-care organizations. From some of the highest-profile names in the region – like New York professional sports teams and pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson – students get practical experience through jobs, micro internships and shadowing opportunities. A partnership with NBCUniversal’s NBCU Academy provides scholarships for students to work alongside professionals from NBC News, MSNBC, CNBC and Telemundo.

5.

STUDENT RESEARCHERS TACKLE SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGES

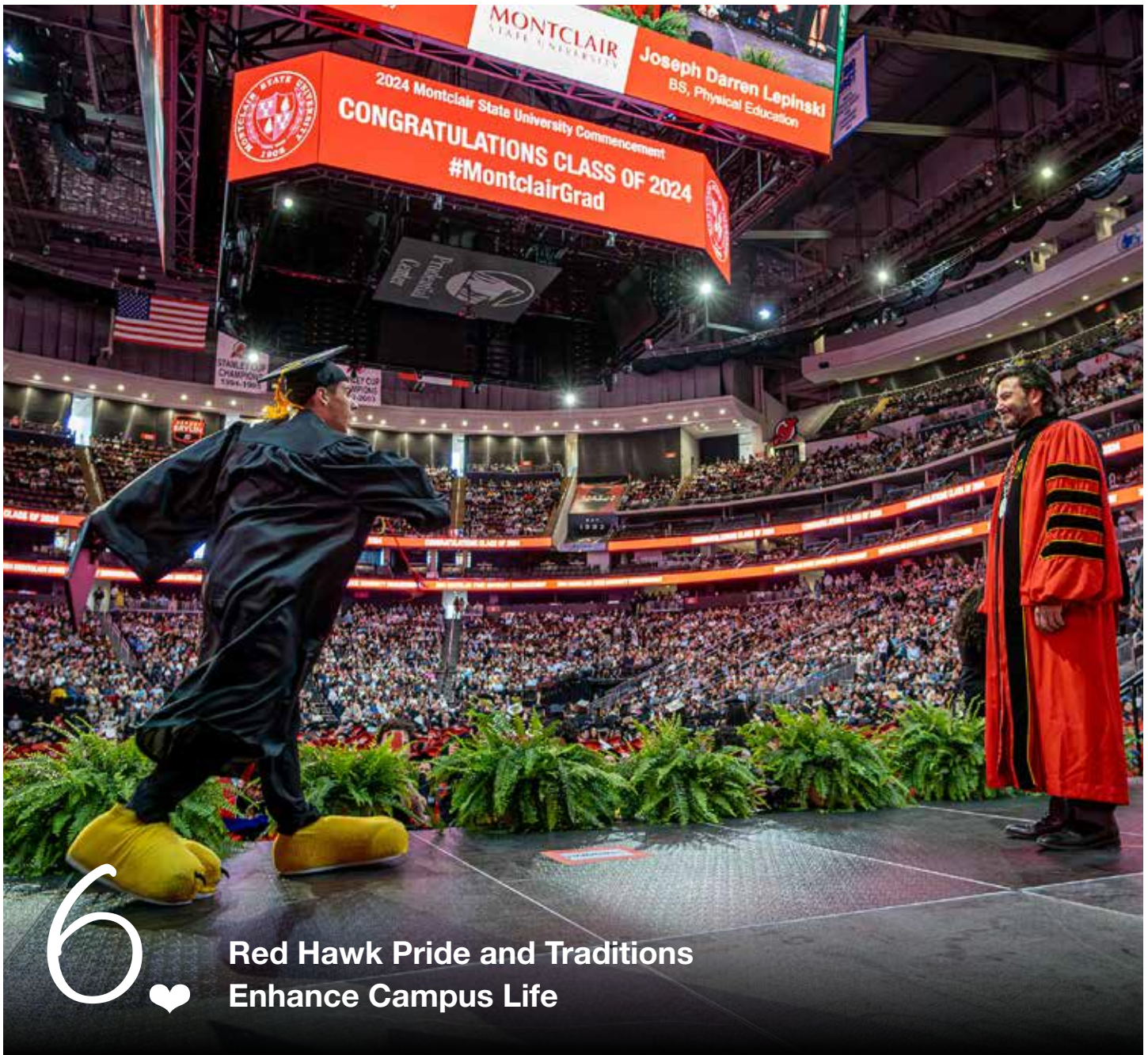
As a comprehensive public research university, Montclair provides opportunities for students to work in labs early in their undergraduate studies. The student researchers are tackling some of the world’s toughest scientific and engineering challenges, from finding a cure for malaria to building classroom technology and protecting swimmers from jellyfish in the coastal bays of New Jersey.

“The commonality,” says Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor Yvonne Gindt, “is that these students have research mentors who care deeply about making them into the next generation of scientists.”

The undergraduate research program is supported by a combination of funding. More than half of the students receive stipend support from the National Science Foundation Garden State LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation) program, an alliance of New Jersey universities to broaden participation of underrepresented groups in science and engineering research. This support is matched by a New Jersey Opportunity Meets Innovation Challenge Grant and generous donations by alumni and friends of the University who support student experiential learning.

Rylee Allen studies the tiny – but toxic – clinging jellyfish that live in the coastal waters of New Jersey.





6

Red Hawk Pride and Traditions Enhance Campus Life

Montclair’s mascot team reveals themselves only at Commencement. In May, that included TikTok star Joseph “Jersey Joe” Lepinski, who danced across the stage for his degree in Physical Education while wearing Rocky’s giant yellow slippers. “I loved dancing in the suit and leaving people guessing who it was,” he says.

Traditions like Homecoming enrich campus life, and Montclair is no exception. Yet, with red-tailed hawks soaring above our fields and Rocky, our Red Hawk mascot, winging it on the sidelines, there’s something uniquely special about the Red Hawk nest.

Our vibrant campus life includes **18 varsity sports teams and more than 120 clubs and cultural organizations**, including student government; academic clubs; the student newspaper and radio station; Greek Life; and

artistic, spiritual, political, issues-oriented, cultural, and community-service organizations. There’s also a strong volunteer spirit, with students making connections and impacting local communities.

Plus, we have an amphitheater hosting special events and performances, a lovable mini chocolate labradoodle named Pebbles (the official campus “pupscot” and celebrity), and a Red Hawk statue whose beak is rubbed for good luck during finals and on game days.

7

Only in Montclair: Program Helps Students Choose a Major

Choosing a major is among the most important decisions a college student will make. To help with this “major decision,” Montclair State University supports undergraduates with dedicated academic advisors who provide expert guidance as students explore majors aligned with their interests and career goals.

With nearly 4,000 success stories in six years, **University College – the first and still the only program in New Jersey for undecided students – provides an academic home for undergraduates** as they explore their options to ensure the major they select is the right fit.

Montclair students, including freshmen and transfer students who have not yet selected a major, receive practical advice as they explore different majors and prepare academically to enter the major of their choice.



Every March, college basketball's March Madness inspires Montclair's “Major Madness,” a special sports-themed event showcasing Montclair's 300 different majors, minors, concentrations and certificate programs. Arianna Dasilva, left, a Social Media and Public Relations major, and Kangel Guerrero, a Psychology major, learned more about the Department of Psychology's new minor in Neuroscience.

8

Faculty-Led Trips Provide Hands-On Learning Experiences



Earth and Environmental Science major Emily Cepin '24 was among the students who accompanied professors Josh Galster and Greg Pope to Iceland to explore geology and sustainability. “Iceland isn't exactly where you picture going for spring break,” Cepin said when the group returned. “We're wearing hats and we're freezing. But you almost forget that you're cold because you're seeing something amazing in front of you – the glaciers and the mountains and the different landscape features – and making connections with people with shared interests.”

Students take part in “embedded courses” that combine classroom work and credits at Montclair with travel experiences. Recent trips include exploring the frigid beauty of glaciers and the Northern Lights in Iceland, studying low-carbon technologies in Austria, and visiting a sweltering migrant camp in Arizona. These trips help students better understand issues like immigration, climate change and green innovations, while also exposing them to the beauty of nature, the arts and cultures of the world.

Faculty-led programs are among the study options offered at Montclair. Throughout the year, programs in the U.S. and more than 50 countries are available for short trips, semesters, or the full academic year. Among the new offerings, **Semester in LA** has Montclair students shooting for the stars, landing internships and networking alongside the other major East Coast college communication programs in film and television.

9.

STUDENTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS FIND A SENSE OF BELONGING



Montclair's new Certificate in General Education Studies will expand opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities. Minal Rosenblum, right, reviews a website portfolio she created with Megan Akdemir '24 as part of the University's Increasing Access to College project.

Montclair's aptly named **Office of Student Belonging** pulls together groups of individuals that research shows need **additional support** and better connections to fully immerse in the college experience. The office provides services primarily to first-year, transfer, international, first-generation and military-affiliated students, aiming to support them with opportunities geared toward their educational and personal goals.

The University has also established a **comprehensive transition program and college certificate for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities**. The Certificate in General Education Studies program breaks down barriers to inclusion, providing comprehensive support so that all students can fully embrace campus life.

Mental health resources have been expanded to foster a **culture of wellness and belonging, integrated into day-to-day campus life**. These include group therapy, peer counseling, telehealth, arts and crafts, meditation events and pet therapy to help students de-stress.

Campus Pride, the preeminent resource for LGBTQ+ leadership development, diversity inclusion and advocacy within higher education, recognizes Montclair as among the **"best of the best" for LGBTQ+ students**.



Ashley Petrosine, a senior Exercise Science major and Red Hawk lacrosse player, hosts a conversation with President Jonathan Koppell on "burning" campus issues while eating hot wings for a Hot Ones-style talk show called *Red Hawk* on YouTube. "I think it's important to roll up our sleeves and join students in doing whatever it is they're most passionate about," Koppell says. "I find that shared experiences lead to some of the best conversations, and that's when I really hear what's on their minds."

10.

We've Revolutionized Social Media Engagement in Higher Education

In New Jersey, no one does social media engagement better than Montclair. Videos produced by the University's Digital Communications team get millions of views on @montclairstateu TikTok, and @montclairstateu Instagram is tops among the state's colleges and universities when ranked by followers, engagement and reels reach.

Research shows 73% of aspiring students use social media to explore schools, and Montclair gives them lots to explore by sharing the institution's story on the platforms they use every day.





MONTCLAIR LEADS NEW JERSEY IN COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Nicholas Burgess '24, captain of the Red Hawks football team, is one of Montclair's many 4+1 students – students who take advantage of the University's 80 combined programs – to earn two degrees in just five years.

Burgess earned an undergraduate degree in Business Management and is continuing at Montclair for an additional year to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Montclair offers more combined programs than any other university in New Jersey, with programs offered across every college/school on campus.

- Combined programs give graduates a head start on careers
- Students save up to \$7,000 in tuition costs and fees by pursuing a combo degree

"I've always wanted to get an MBA," says Burgess, who interned with Morgan Stanley, the giant investment bank and financial services company. "For me to be able to do it while doing my undergrad degree, and then be able to finish it within a year is everything you could ask for. The program is everything and more."



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



For student athlete Nicholas Burgess, his next big play is an MBA.

CAREER- PREPARATION TRACKS

Teacher Education and Certification

With a rich history in teacher education, Montclair prepares aspiring teachers to make a real difference in their classrooms and in the lives of their students.

Undergraduates can pursue teacher certification while majoring in a complementary field of interest. They also have the option to pursue a combined bachelor's and master's degree with certification in general and special education.

Future in Law

The **Pre-Law program** prepares students for the LSAT exam and helps them apply to law schools.

Medical Fields

The **Pre-Medical program** prepares students for the MCAT exam and helps them apply to medical school.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- **13** Colleges and Schools
- **300+** Majors, Minors, and Concentrations
- **17:1** Student to Faculty Ratio
- Discovery Program for Undeclared majors

CREATE A CUSTOM VIEWBOOK

Explore all our academic programs, clubs, residence life, and more in a personalized experience, all within seconds.



ARTS DAYS



Prospective students can explore their interests in the arts and see where Montclair can lead at our Arts Days. Find dates for interviews, auditions and portfolio days for Art and Design, Communication and Media, John J. Cali School of Music, and Theatre and Dance at montclair.edu/artsdays.



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



Read more about Nathan Angelo's big break.

I DEBUTED ON BROADWAY – BEFORE EVEN FINISHING MY DEGREE

Nathan Angelo '24 debuted on Broadway before even finishing his BFA in Musical Theatre. He performed in *Here Lies Love*, a musical that featured the first all-Filipino cast on Broadway. "I live in New York so I was getting up early, taking the train, going to school, finishing school, going straight to the theater, taking a nap, warming up, doing the show, going home, doing it again," Angelo says. "It was nuts, but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High schoolers arrive for the Hispanic Student College Institute.

Montclair offers high school students opportunities to start early on the path to college success through a variety of engaging programs. These initiatives allow students to explore their interests, experience college life, and even earn college credits.

Programs for Credit

Early College Scholars: Academically ambitious high school students complement their studies with Montclair coursework.

Participants earn transferable college credits, learn alongside Montclair students, and engage in courses taught by University professors, either on campus or online. This program is available during the fall, spring and summer terms.

Summer Language Institute: Immerses high school students in French, German or Korean language and culture. The program includes guest speakers from cultural institutions, an

international food fest, and excursions to cultural sites in New York City.

Italian Immersion Summer Program: A two-week summer program ideal for students looking to advance their Italian language skills. It prepares students to move from Italian 3 to an AP or advanced Italian class and grants three college credits.

Pre-College Access

Hispanic Student College Institute: A free residential program designed for rising juniors and seniors of Hispanic/Latinx descent. The program strengthens students' and families' knowledge of applying to college, transitioning and achieving future academic success.

Highlights:

- **No cost to attend.** The Hispanic Student College Institute is free for all participants.

- **Free housing on campus** to give students a taste of the college experience.
- **Sessions on college planning**, how to pay for college aid and choosing a major.
- **Networking events** with professional and academic mentors. Students are introduced to a variety of career fields and experts, including professionals from NBC/Telemundo and Deloitte.
- **Workshops for parents** and extended family members offered in English and Spanish.

Dual Enrollment Programs

Available to students from participating high schools across New Jersey, the Dual Enrollment programs allow students to enroll in fall and spring courses to earn college credit while fulfilling high school requirements. Credits are offered at reduced rates and can be transferred to most colleges in New Jersey.

Learn more at montclair.edu/high-school.

HOW MONTCLAIR'S **PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS** SHOWCASE THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Pursuing their passions and career paths in film and TV production, pre-med, sports communication, Wall Street, and investing, animation, art, architecture, and more, nearly 250 high school students in July attended Montclair's Pre-College Summer program.

Classes taught by Montclair faculty were complemented by access to the corporate and cultural resources of New York City, showcasing both worlds as students experienced what it's like to live and learn on campus while exploring the vibrant metropolitan region. NYC field trips included visits to Google headquarters, creative agencies, and the hit musical *Hamilton*.

What Students Are Saying: "Montclair is one of my top college choices and when I heard about the high school program, what they're doing here, I decided to get a jump-start and to see what the school is like and also what the social activity is like. My first impression? Honestly I love it. I love the classes, the professors are great and they're easy to talk to. All the activities we've done show me what college will be like." – Oliver Majnik, a rising senior at Colonial High School, interested in Pre-Law.

PRE-COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Start Early, Succeed Big – As the fastest-growing and most affordable residential program in New Jersey, the one-week programs challenge students in college-level academics and let them experience college life, no matter what school they ultimately choose.

Major and Career Quest – A dozen different college-level courses allow teens to dive into subjects and potential academic majors while exploring various career paths, including: **Acting, Animation, Business Entrepreneurship, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Film and Television Production, Model United Nations, Pre-Medical Professions, Social Media, Sports Communication, and Wall Street.**

"Not only are students learning what it's like to take a college-level program, but they're also learning to be independent and autonomous," says Bradley Litchfield, co-managing director for Pre-College Summer. "They're immersed in the entire college experience, including trips into the city to see Broadway shows, eat ethnic foods, and visit places like Wall Street and Google headquarters. These experiences will stay with them for the rest of their lives and help them form a better sense of their identity."

Learn more at montclair.edu/pre-college.



High school students use advanced cameras as part of the Sports Communication program at Montclair's Pre-College Summer.



Encourage your students to apply through the Common App.



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APPLICATION DEADLINES

FRESHMAN APPLICATION DEADLINES

Early Action:
December 1, 2024

Nursing
February 1, 2025

Scholarship
Consideration
March 1, 2025

Preferred:
March 1, 2025

TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2025:
November 15, 2024
Fall 2025:
April 15, 2025

DEPOSIT DEADLINES

Freshman Students
May 1, 2025

Transfer Students
Spring 2025:
December 15, 2024
Fall 2025:
June 1, 2025

COUNSELOR EVENTS

Counselor Workshop
December 6, 2024

Virtual Counselor
Mini-Workshops

- Pre-Law/Pre-Med:
September 18, 2024

- Disability
Resource Center:
October 15, 2024

- Counseling and
Psychological Services:
November 12, 2024

KEY DATES

FAFSA Priority Filing
Deadline
February 1, 2025

Montclair Fall
Open House
October 13, 2024
November 10, 2024

Bloomfield College
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October 26, 2024
February 17, 2025

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