



## Alumni News



### Alumni Volunteers Meet President Koppell

A group of alumni volunteers met with Montclair State University's new president, Jonathan Koppell on Thursday, August 5, sharing the energy and optimism that has marked Koppell's first weeks on the job. Held on campus in the Feliciano School of Business, the gathering enabled alumni and guests to welcome Koppell, who began his tenure as the University's ninth president on August 2. [\[View full story\]](#)



### New Montclair State Black Alumni Advisory Council is Ready to Support Student Success

A new Montclair State Black Alumni Advisory Council 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 Black students for academic and career success. Joanne Bowman '82 (left) will serve as president and Brenda Coleman-Caldwell '78 (right) as vice president of the group. [\[View full story\]](#)

## University News

### Upcoming Events

**August 23-26**

[The Summer Eco-Institute](#)

**September 10**

[Webinar: Urban Teacher Residency](#)

**September 13**

[9th Annual Red Hawk Open](#)

**September 14**

[Webinar: Alcohol and Drug Counselor](#)

**September 23**

[Exhibit: Tech/Know/Future/ From Slang to Structure](#)

To find out more about online events and resources, visit our [website](#).

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**Save the Date!**  
**Homecoming 2021**  
Saturday, October 9

Mark your calendar and join us on campus for Homecoming 2021. Can't make it to campus? There will be virtual opportunities too. Check your inbox and the [website](#) for updates.

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### PEAK Performances

PEAK Performances welcomes back audiences to a 2021-22 season full of thrilling new works on stage and online. Check out plans for the [current season](#) and view online performances on [PEAK Plus](#).

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### Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF,  
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Conducting industry research, for some, may be fairly boring, and given how quickly markets can dry up, some say research is futile—simply pursue the industries you love. Like anything else, there is no one answer. For those who prefer to dive into industry research or just dip a toe in the shallow end, Vault offers a clean, easy to navigate resource. Visit Vault's Fastest Growing Industries for agile intelligence, which includes an easily



### Impatient for Change: Green Teams Address Climate Change

As wildfires raged and reports of climate crises dominated the news cycle, the students of the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies Green Teams 2021 summer program brought not only the scientific method and careful research but a sense of urgency and growing impatience to their final presentations at the Kasser Theater on August 4. [\[View full story\]](#)



### EOF Summer Academy marks the beginning, not the end, of mentoring and support for first-year scholars

With their overlapping stories of persistence in overcoming the barriers that might have kept them from college, 145 incoming freshmen in Montclair State's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program are now on a path with the confidence and skills to succeed in their first year as graduating scholars of the EOF Summer Academy. [\[View full story\]](#)

### More University News...

- [Summer Programs Help Students Navigate a Path to College](#)
- [New Chapter Begins with Optimism: President Koppell Speaks to Campus Community](#)

### Giving News



### Back to School Campaign: Support the Student Emergency Fund

digestible overview, background and defining events for each industry.

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Summer is here! Save on Six Flags through PerksConnect!

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As we head into this academic year, once again our classrooms will be filled with eager students representing the next generation of scientists who will work to end climate change; artists who will enhance our cultural opportunities; nurses who will become our next-door heroes; and, teachers who will educate our children. Please support the Emergency Book Fund, which provides assistance for students who would otherwise be unable to purchase needed textbooks due to financial hardship. [\[Give today\]](#)

## Athletics News



### Baseball Earns ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award

The Montclair State baseball team was honored for its work in the classroom recently as the Red Hawks were among the 380 programs from across all three NCAA Divisions to earn the 2020-21 American Baseball Coaches Association Team Academic Excellence Award. [\[View full story\]](#)



### Eight From Women's Lacrosse Named to IWLCA Honor Roll Earns ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award

The Montclair State women's lacrosse team placed eight student-athletes on the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Honor Roll. To be eligible for this honor, student-athletes must be a junior, senior, or graduate student and have earned a cumulative academic GPA of 3.50 or greater. The team had one of the best seasons in program history. They posted an 8-1 record and earned the No. 1 seed in the New Jersey Athletic Conference Tournament. [\[View full story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



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### Cali Pathways Project

The Cali School of Music at Montclair State University aims to create dynamic and comprehensive pathways to higher education and careers in music for talented student musicians from underrepresented backgrounds.

It is well documented that students from underrepresented backgrounds comprise less than 3% of music school populations seeking higher education degrees. This is a systemic access and equity issue in PreK-12 education, but for which a project like CALI PATHWAYS is particularly suited to address at the secondary level. Our goal is to bring about change by transforming the lives of young people and making the music world more inclusive. [\[Learn more!\]](#)

### Wilson's Family Saved \$2,998 in Vet Bills!



Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a tennis ball. Luckily Wilson's parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson's vet bills.

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**Bringing Financial Advice to the Board:  
Gregory A. Shanaphy '91**

When Gregory A. Shanaphy '91 enrolled at Montclair State, he envisioned a career in law. And although he earned a J.D. from Seton Hall University, is a member of the American Bar Association and admitted to the Bar in New Jersey and the United States District Court, Shanaphy has found success – and life purpose – in wealth advising and portfolio management. [\[View full story\]](#)



**On a Mission to Make NJ a Healing-Centered State:  
Dwana Young '04, '18 Cert**

Dwana Young '04 is on a mission. As program support specialist / community navigator with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Office of Resilience, Young is implementing an action plan to mitigate trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) throughout New Jersey. [\[View full story\]](#)

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