



**Montclair  
State  
University**

## Alumni News



### Meet the Montclair State University Foundation Board Officers

Anthony M. Carlino, Esq. '77, Robert Iacullo '76 and Penny Vance recently accepted new leadership roles on the Foundation Board. "Montclair State is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who are extraordinarily generous with their time and expertise," says Colleen Coppla, the University's Vice President for Development. "They are true champions of our mission, and of our students. I am looking forward to working with the executive committee and the board to ensure that Montclair State will always be a place of opportunity for bright, motivated students who are ready to work hard." [\[Read more\]](#)

## MONTCLAIRconnect



### Hispanic/Latino Alumni Network Launches in Online Community

Looking to build your professional network? Start connecting with fellow alumni! Join the online community exclusive to Montclair State alumni - MONTCLAIRconnect. Connect with alumni from all class years or join a group to connect with alumni from your college, region or affinity. You'll be sure to find a group designed especially for you. Check out the latest group that recently launched, the Hispanic/Latino Alumni Network. [\[Read more\]](#)

## University News

### 'COVID Team Members Bring the Science

Middle-of-the-night emails, weekend phone calls, extensive research, on-campus site services and operations, fact-checking and Zoom brainstorming are all just part of the job for a team of five University experts responsible for using science to guide and advise the efforts to protect the on-campus community during the pandemic. [\[View full story\]](#)

### University Celebrates Black Heritage Month with Virtual Events

This year, Montclair State is taking much of its Black Heritage Month celebrations virtual, including its annual flag-raising ceremony, which was held Monday, February 8. President Susan A. Cole read a proclamation and members of the

## Digital Events

### February 17

[Virtual MBA Executive Speaker Series](#)

### February 18

[Masterful Musings with President Cole](#)

### February 21

[Virtual Graduate Open House](#)

### February 22

[Masterclass with Imani Woods' Brandon George](#)

### February 23

[Italiani che lasciano l'Italia: A Book Presentation](#)

### February 24

[Career Webinar: Effective Resume Writing](#)

### February 24

[Cali Midweek Concert - Jazz Faculty Concert](#)

### February 24

[Zoom Etiquette](#)

### February 24

[The 'Irish' Family Presentation](#)

### February 25

[Is God Funky or What?](#)

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

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Can't hear the TV? Keep turning the volume up and up and annoying others? Let's see if we can help you. Schedule an audiological hearing test at the Montclair State Center for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Ms. Sarah Mazurek, Clinic Manager, at 973-655-3934.

## Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development  
[The Center for Career Services](#)



campus community shared their thoughts and prose on the importance of honoring Black heritage and the accomplishments of civil rights activists of the past and carrying on the tradition of fighting for social and racial justice. [\[Read more\]](#)

### More University News...

[U.S. News & World Report Ranks Montclair State Online Graduate Programs Among Best in the Country.](#)

### Giving News



### Support Rocky's Closet in Honor of Dr. Pennington's Retirement

After a successful 22-year career, Dr. Karen L. Pennington will be retiring on April 1 as Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life at Montclair State University. Since she came to the University in 1988, Dr. Pennington has led by example. Her skills, knowledge and long history of impressive achievements, ignited her deep passion for the development of students. Join us as we come

The subject of post-pandemic skills continues to surface, which, if nothing else, promotes optimism, so I'll take it. Considering the transformed face of work, and the continued need for both specialization and breadth, what are these "new" skills? While they're not all that new, their importance has gained considerable momentum. [Fast Company](#) offers a great primer highlighting [six of these skills](#), which include self-direction, digital capabilities, empathy, communication management, adaptability and motivational skills. Check-out the Montclair State Career Services podcast, Manual or Automatic: [What Gears are Driving Your Career?](#) for an exploded view on each of these skills.

### Sign onto MONTCLAIRconnect!

Create your profile to start making connections today!

Sign on today to:

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates
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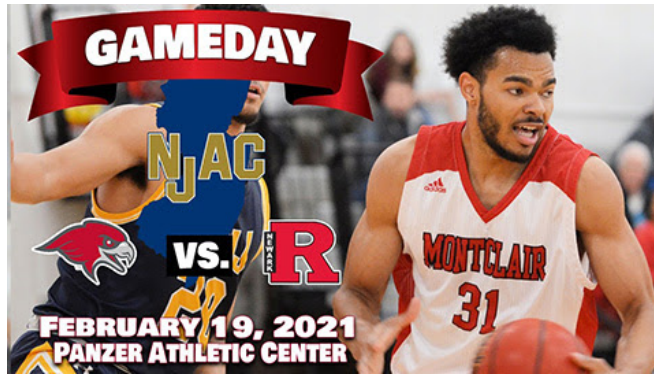
together to support Rocky's Closet in honor of Dr. Pennington's retirement. [\[Learn more about how you can support this initiative.\]](#)

## Athletics News



### Harvey Wins 300th

Junior guard Julia Sutton scored 14 points and classmate and forward Trisha Peterson added 12 as Montclair State recorded the 300th career victory for head coach Karin Harvey in a 67-46 win over Kean University at the Panzer Athletic Center last Friday evening. [\[Read more\]](#)



### Men's Basketball vs. Rutgers-Newark: Friday, February 19

The Red Hawks men's basketball team hits the court at home in the Panzer Athletic Center on Friday night. In their last game, the team came away with a 76-61 victory over the visiting Cougars of Kean University. Check out the full schedule or watch live via the Red Hawk Sports Network. [\[Read more\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



### Conrad Schmitt '58

Alumnus, Conrad Schmitt, had a passion for languages that led him not only to a teaching career but coincidentally to a successful career in publishing as both an author and editor and marketing manager. "At Montclair State, I was able to practice the university's motto "carpe diem". I seized the day and had the opportunity to earn an education that prepared me for a successful life-long career" [\[View full story\]](#)

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### Working Advantage



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

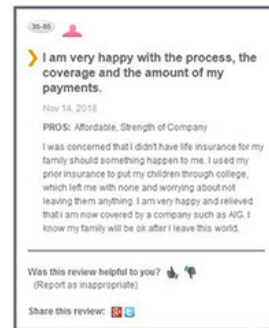


Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a tennis ball. Luckily Wilson's parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson's vet bills.

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### Layal Helwani '16

Ten months ago, Layal Helwani '16 found herself in the center of the response to the coronavirus pandemic. A health educator for the Clifton Health Department, her work as the first cases emerged in New Jersey focused on tracing the contacts of the ill and getting people tested to control the outbreak. It was, she said at the time, a call for "all hands on deck." [\[View full story\]](#)

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