

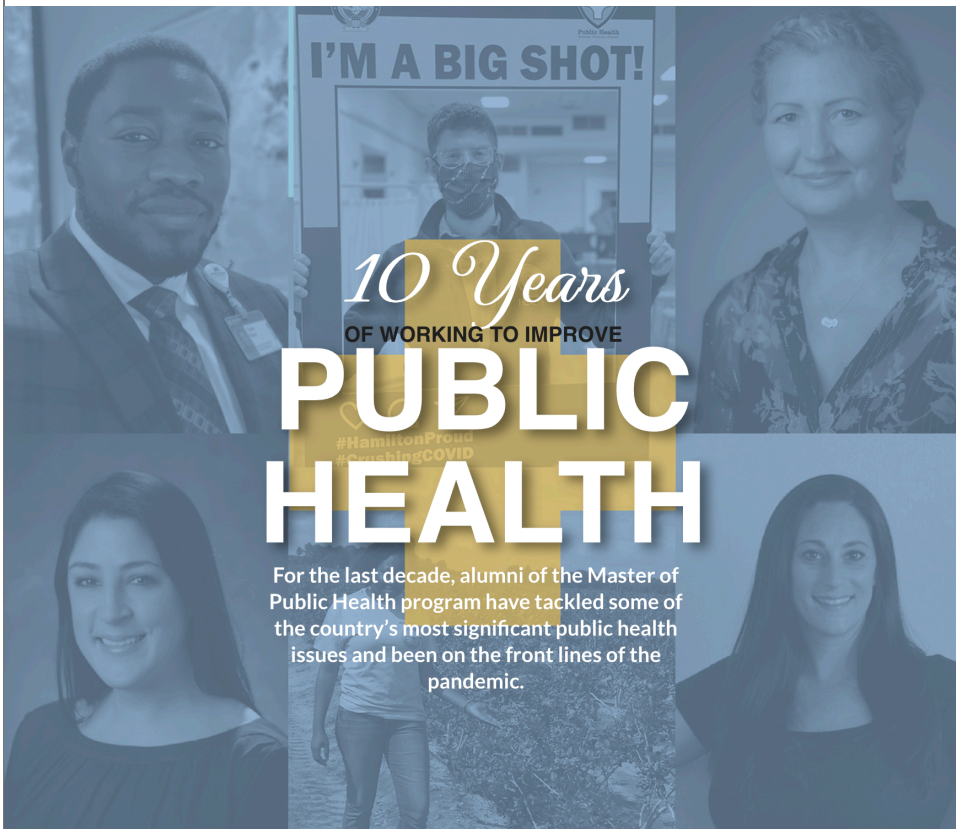


AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



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OF WORKING TO IMPROVE
PUBLIC HEALTH

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10 Years of Working to Improve Public Health

In the 10 years since the University graduated its first class of students in the Master of Public Health (MPH) program, alumni have confronted some of the country's most significant public health issues of the past decade, enduring challenges like migrant health, emerging infectious diseases, domestic violence, hunger, HIV and mental health. The coronavirus pandemic has spotlighted the response of these alumni like never before, including their work with epidemiological modeling, infection control, education and vaccination. "When I reflect on it now, it was an incredible experience," says Tosan O. Boyo '11 MPH, who served as the deputy commander of the COVID-19 Operations Center in San Francisco during the height of the pandemic. [\[Read More\]](#)

Upcoming Events

Featured Events

Deadline: February 27

Submit your application today!

#firstgenmsu

**Are you a
First-
Generation
College
Student?**

Alpha Alpha Alpha, or Tri-Alpha, is a national honor society for First Generation students, alumni and staff from Montclair State University. This year's induction ceremony will take place on March 17. To be considered for alumni membership, please complete the [application](#) by February 27.

February 16- April 23

Ajamu Kojo's Black Wall Street: A Case for Reparations

The artist's first solo museum exhibition is a sanctuary and homage to Black Americans as Kojo reimagines their past.

February 18-19

Dance Makers

February 21

Art Forum: Ajamu Kojo's "Black Wall Street: A Case for Reparations"

February 22

Black Wall Street: A Model for Greatness

February 24

Powerful Presentations #1



A First for Student Government

As more Latinx students fill leadership positions on campus, nowhere is their rise more striking than how they are reshaping the Student Government Association. The first all-Latinx executive board ever elected oversees a \$1.7 million budget and more than 60 student organizations – and is being mentored by alumni who were once on the SGA themselves. Not only do they share a Latin American heritage but they are also on track to be the first in their families to graduate. “We noticed during our first interaction that, wow, this is historical,” says Executive President Ashon Lanada, a senior majoring in Business Administration. [\[Read More\]](#)

University News

February 24-26
Head Over Heels

March 2
Tik Tok and Video Production

February 9
Productivity in the Modern World #1

March 7
Montclair State University in Your Neighborhood: San Diego

March 14
Podcasting and Blogging for Teachers

April 27-30
Into the Woods

View the [full calendar of events](#) and check out some [online resources](#).

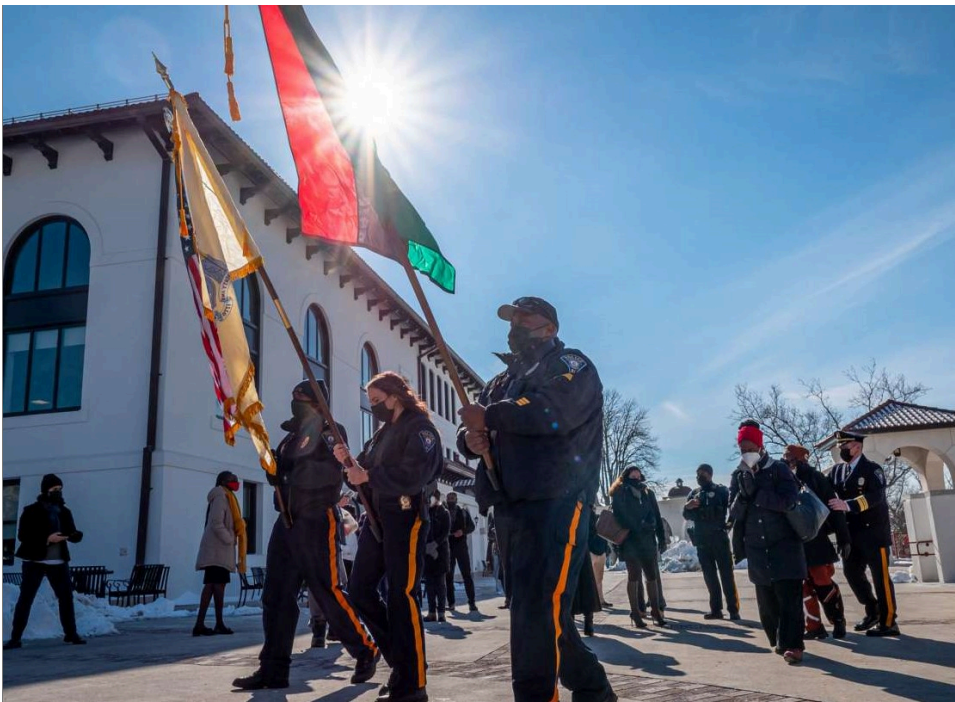
Reunion 2022: Calling the Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972

Reunion provides alumni with the opportunity to reconnect with each other and with their alma mater. Please save the date for May 20-21! Members of the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 will have the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and fellow alumni at their 50th Reunion this May. Interested in attending, please contact Karen Hackett, at hackettk@montclair.edu or 973-655-4207.

Montclair State University MBA Program

Are you interested in pursuing your MBA degree? Apply today to Montclair State University's MBA program beginning as early as Spring 2022.

Featuring an innovative curriculum taught by distinguished faculty, the MBA Program offers flexible



Lifting Every Voice for Black Heritage

A flag raising ceremony on February 1 marked the beginning of the observance of Black Heritage Month at Montclair State University, the first in a series of special events to honor the many contributions African Americans bring to campus, and the legacies and achievements of generations past. This year's theme, "Black Firsts: Pioneers of Greatness," is a celebration of black success, and in speaking to the crowd gathered for the midday ceremony, Professor Sandra Collins elevated their voices recalling "the spirits of the ancestors upon whose shoulders we stand, whose words indeed give us counsel in this endeavor to empower ourselves." [\[Read More\]](#)



modalities to accommodate your busy schedule. Our program's unique features include research and internship opportunities, an executive speaker series, a mentorship program, global trips and more so that you can develop the skills and experience you need to be successful.

To learn, sign up for one of our upcoming Information Sessions or contact us at mba@montclair.edu / 973-655-4306.

Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director, University College Career and Academic Programming

Dissecting a job description can be a cumbersome but necessary part of the job search. This process can help us at both ends of the spectrum—as a determinant of whether or not we'll apply, as well as a foundation for interview preparation. If provided, a Summary section offers a bird's eye view of the position, making the dissection less tedious. Of all the sections to become familiar with, correctly following the Application Instructions is critical. For in-depth details on how to conduct the overall analysis, check-out [episode 53](#) of Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career?](#)

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University Joins Next Generation Service Corps

Montclair State University has partnered with the Volcker Alliance to join the Next Generation Service Corps (NextGen Service), a national network of 11 higher education institutions committed to preparing undergraduate students for public service. The Volcker Alliance will provide a \$100,000 grant for Montclair to hire a Next Generation Service Corps Coordinator in the Center for Community Engagement who will be responsible for the development, establishment and implementation of academic curriculum, community-based opportunities, services, advocacy and research for the program. [\[Read More\]](#)

More University News...

- [Growing Future Teachers](#)
- [A New Club Goes High Tech](#)

Giving News

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James Harris Book Scholarship

Former Associate Dean of Students and University Ombudsman James E. Harris '68, '70 MA provided 42 years of dedicated service to Montclair State and its students. He established the [James E. Harris Book Scholarship](#) to provide highly deserving undergraduate students financial support for the purchase of books. Please join James in supporting this campaign. Share in his commitment to supporting the mission of providing access and opportunity for all students to be successful, no matter their financial means. Please make your gift to the James E. Harris Book Scholarship today and help deserving students with needed support for textbooks. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact the Office of Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement at 973-655-4141 or giving@montclair.edu.

Athletics News

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U.S. News & World Report Ranks Online Graduate Programs Among Nation's Best

Montclair State University's online [Master of Arts in Educational](#)



Mills Elected to Pro Football Hall of Fame

Mills' outstanding football career will now take a place in Canton, Ohio, as the former NFL All-Pro was among the eight newest inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The announcement was made during the 11th NFL Honors" primetime special that aired from Los Angeles, the site of Super Bowl LVI. Mills will be enshrined into the Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 6, at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. Tackle Tony Boselli, wide receiver Cliff Branch, safety Le Roy Butler, defensive linemen Richard Seymour and Bryant Young, coach Dick Vermeil and official Art McNally will join Mills in the class. Mills was elected from a list of 18 finalists, who had been determined earlier by the Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Mills was in his 20th year of eligibility and third as a finalist. [\[Read More\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Diamonique Lundy '21

Leadership program is ranked No. 1 in New Jersey and No. 14 in the nation in the U.S. News & World Report 2022 Best Online Programs rankings. Two other online graduate programs offered by Montclair also placed among the nation's best in the annual rankings. [View full article.](#)

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Diamonique Lundy '21 was so excited to be accepted into Montclair State's Master of Science program in Nutrition and Food Science. "It is one of the few graduate programs in this field in New Jersey," she notes. Lundy had always been fascinated by the holistic approach of nutrition science, and by the role our diets play in our overall health. "I love the idea of farm to table, and of knowing where your ingredients come from," she says. "Plus, I really enjoy cooking. It is so rewarding to use great ingredients and recipes to make healthy meals." Lundy's coursework at Montclair State added a new dimension to her thinking, however. "I was learning that many communities, both urban and rural, do not have access to fresh ingredients, which leads to poor health and dietary diseases," she says. "In addition, the communities that lacked access to healthy eating options tended to be populated by people of color." [\[Read More\]](#)



Daniel Grant '17

Montclair State has launched hundreds of thousands of successful careers over the course of its 114-year history. Sometimes, however, becoming a Red Hawk has an even more profound impact on a student's life. Such was the case for Daniel Grant '17, who studied Business Administration with concentrations in Marketing, Events and Tourism. "I had no intention of going to college in New Jersey," Grant says with a laugh. Montclair State quickly rose to the top of the list. "Right away, I could see myself being part of Montclair State," he says. "I couldn't wait to visit again, and the next time I brought a friend from high school with me – I hadn't even enrolled yet, and I was already giving my first campus tour!" [\[Read More\]](#)

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