



AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



The Black Alumni Advisory Council (BAAC)

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 students for academic and career success. Their inaugural gathering took place on campus during Homecoming 2021, providing an opportunity for alumni to come back to campus to reconnect with the University and with each other. Exciting plans are underway for a panel discussion with The Jersey Four to be held during Black History Month on February 16 and the first annual gala celebration on June 11. [\[View the full story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

Featured Event

February 15

Blockchain/Cryptocurrency Panel



Dr. Deniz Appelbaum, Chairperson of the Accounting and Finance Department will moderate the panel of 3 Blockchain and Cryptocurrency experts.

January 20

Webinar: Business Analytics (MS) and Certificate Information Session

January 22

First Steps in Music Certificate Class

January 26

Cali Midweek Concert: Jazz Faculty Concert

January 27

Jeremy McCoy Double Bass Faculty Concert

January 29

First Steps in Music Certificate Class

January 30

MSU Opera With The MSU Symphony



Steering Students and Alumni in the Right Direction

As alumni and as Montclair State University employees, Adam Mayer '00 MA (right) and Jeffrey Poulos '15 MA (left) are passionate about student success. With this passion, they have created a career podcast called 'Manual or Automatic: What Gears Are Driving Your Career.' Both Mayer and Poulos received their master's degrees in counseling. Mayer serves as the director of Career Services and Academic Programming for University College and Poulos is a career advisor at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS). The podcast, based on a car theme, is inspired by the duo's passion for classic and muscle cars.

[\[View the full story\]](#)

University News



February 9

Productivity in the Modern World #1

February 10-13

Strange Fruit

February 14

Getting Started with Canva #1

February 18-19

Dance Makers

February 24-26

Head Over Heels

April 27-30

Into the Woods

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

Montclair State University MBA Program

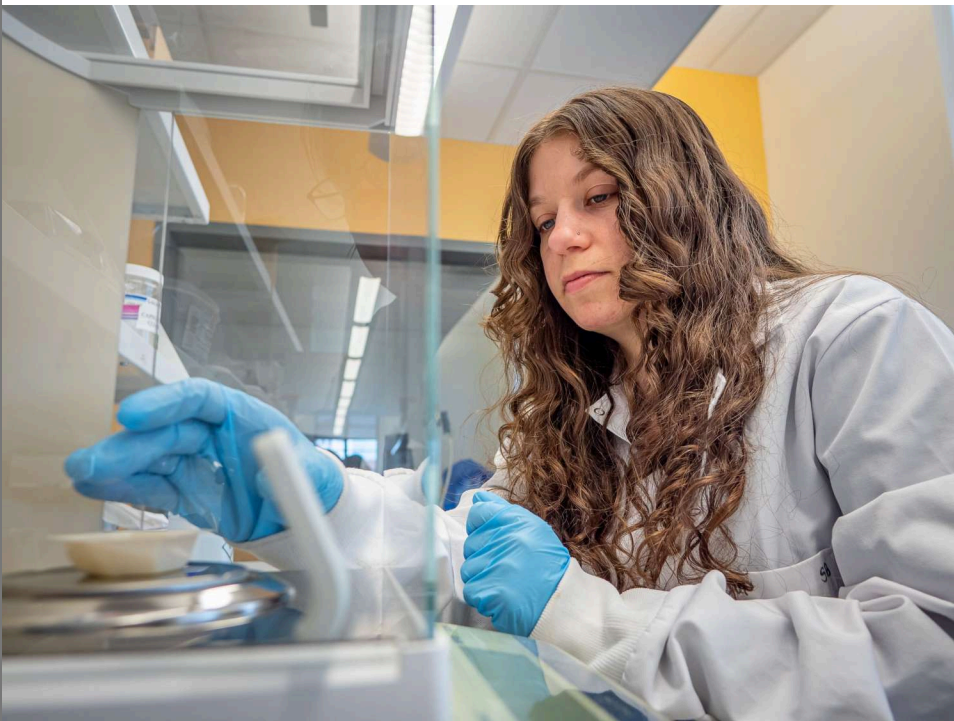
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To learn, sign up for one of our upcoming Information Sessions or contact us at

Montclair Magazine Fall/Winter 2021

In his first few months as Montclair State University's ninth president, Jonathan Koppell's calendar has been so full with meetings and events on campus and the surrounding communities, that he makes sure to schedule time into each day to talk with students, faculty and staff. Those connections are important to him, so no matter what else is in store for the day, he makes a point to get out on campus. "The great thing about being president of the University is it's totally normal for me to ask people what they're doing," he says. In those conversations, he learns about faculty research and student aspirations and what they see as goals for themselves and the University. [\[View the full story\]](#)



How Student Researchers Can Help Change The World

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Career Corner



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

The best emails are concisely written with a keen eye on balancing need-to-know information. In addition to information sharing, our emails usually ask recipients to do something, like provide a response, an opinion or generate deliverables. So what happens when our emails fall flat, no response, landing where the crickets roam? Check-out [MSU Career Services' podcast episode 51—The Art of the Email](#)—for 5 better ways to follow-up rather than saying "...per my last email."

Check-out MSUs Career Services podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career, episode 45](#) for an exploded view on each of these strategies.

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Ask Earth and Environmental Science major Samantha Benjamin about global warming and she's likely to take you back to the Paleocene-Eocene era and the rapid global warming event that took place 56 million years ago. Benjamin, now a senior, knows so much about the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (also known as PETM) because, like a lot of undergraduates in the College of Science and Mathematics, she has had the opportunity to conduct research with a faculty researcher on topics that interest them. As part of the Future Scientists program, Benjamin, along with five other student researchers, presented their research in both a poster session. The program trains student researchers to communicate their scientific research to the general public, helping them to succeed in their graduate education and career paths. [\[View the full story\]](#)

More University News...

- [Gettin' Down with the Doctor of Funkology](#)
- [Dedicated to Campus Health and Safety](#)

Giving News

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Emergency Book Fund

As we welcome our students back to campus for the spring semester, let's make sure they have the tools they need to succeed. Let's join together to support the [Emergency Book Fund](#)! The Emergency Book Fund is open to all students and provides assistance for those who would otherwise be unable to purchase needed textbooks due to financial hardship. Every gift, large or small, makes an impact! Make a gift to the [Emergency Book Fund](#) to help students in need purchase school and computer supplies as well as costly textbooks critical to their academic success during this semester. 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.

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Athletics News



Women's Soccer: 2021 Season in Review

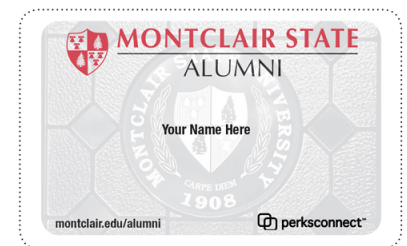
The Montclair State women's soccer team had three student-athletes named All-Region IV by the United Soccer Coaches and were the No. 2 seed in the New Jersey Athletic Conference Tournament this season. The Red Hawks opened NJAC action on September 18 against Rutgers-Camden in a rematch of last spring's NJAC Championship match. The game went to overtime, but graduate student ZOE STECK needed just 53 seconds into the extra session to send Montclair home a winner. Steck also had a breakout game against William Paterson on October 16, scoring three goals in a 6-2 victory over the Pioneers. The Red Hawks downed Rowan 2-1 on October 23, with senior Catherine Carnevale heading in a free kick in the 52nd minute. [\[View the full story\]](#)

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Christopher Condon '20

For Christopher Condon '20, few Montclair State experiences could eclipse being able to take a class on the work of John Milton with Dr. Jeffrey Alan Miller, Milton scholar and 2019 MacArthur Fellow. Before he arrived at Montclair State, Condon had studied Cinema and Fine Arts at Middlesex College and attended classes at California's Woodbury University. Internships with West Hollywood's Renfield Productions and Trailers From Hell led to paying jobs, and it would seem that his career was on track. But something was missing. "I always wanted to finish my degree," he says. "Even though I had good jobs in my field, education was important to me. I really wanted to be the first in my family to graduate from college. [\[View full story\]](#)



Joetta Di Bella Sautter '69

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When Joetta Di Bella Sautter '69 and her husband, Chris, returned to Montclair State for her 50th class reunion, they were in awe. "We were so impressed to see the amazing growth of the University, we couldn't believe it," she says. The two grew up in Montclair and share fond memories of when the "school on the hill" served as their playground. "Chris lived close enough to ride his bike to campus, and we would play in what was then a quarry to climb on the rocks." As an English major, Joetta fell in love with the school. "The professors in the English department hooked me, especially Dr. Krauss and Mrs. Barrett. I had four happy years at Montclair State." [\[View full story\]](#)

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