



## Alumni News



### Join us for the 9th Annual Red Hawk Open - September 13

Mark your calendar for Monday, September 13, 2021, for the 9th Annual Red Hawk Open. Join us on the links for our first in-person event for the fall. This year, Red Hawks play at the Crestmont Country Club in West Orange. The day includes lunch, golf, refreshments and dinner reception. Prizes awarded to our first, second, third and most honest teams! Test your skill for the closest to the pin, longest drive and beat the coach competitions. New venue, in person and lots of fun - we hope to see you there! [\[Learn more!\]](#) [\[Purchase Raffle Tickets!\]](#)



### Master of Public Health Alumni Make Their Mark

In the 10 years since Montclair State 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. [\[View full story\]](#)

## University News

### Upcoming Events

#### July 26 - August 1

[Gramercy Brass Band Camp](#)

#### July 27

[Webinar: Urban Teacher Residency \(MAT\)](#)

#### August 4

[Webinar: Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and Student Assistance Coordinator programs](#)

#### August 4

[Green Teams 2021 Final Presentations](#)

#### August 4

[Webinar: Public and Organizational Relations \(MA\)](#)

#### August 4

[Webinar: Business Analytics MS and Certificate Information Session](#)

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

### Career Corner



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

What's being called the [Great Resignation](#)—leaving jobs as we emerge from the pandemic—could also be called the Great Reevaluation. Many employees have spent more than a year at home and grown fond of the lifestyle, so when the same old work schedule comes up people are looking elsewhere. Add to this group those who are burned-out from all the screen time expended and, according to a Monster.com survey, you have 95% of employees considering changing jobs, including 92% willing to switch industries to find a better fit. Making a move? Check-out these [10 tips for career changers](#).

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### University Awarded \$1.4M to Address Impacts of COVID-19

Montclair State University will receive more than \$1.4 million from the State of New Jersey to support programs that help address the impacts of COVID-19 on postsecondary students. Governor Phil Murphy and Secretary of Higher Education Brian Bridges announced the grants July 12, with Montclair State among 35 public and public-mission private institutions receiving \$30 million in state aid to implement vetted best practices that increase college completion, address barriers to student success, and develop sustainable systemic reforms. [\[View full story\]](#)



### Montclair State Awarded Grant to Help Fight Hunger

Montclair State University has been awarded \$100,000 as part of the second round of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II) Fund from the U.S. Department of Education. Governor Phil Murphy and Secretary of Higher Education Brian Bridges announced Monday. The grant will allow Montclair State to expand and continue its efforts as a leader in addressing the issue of hunger and food insecurity; in 2016, it became the first four-year university to open a food pantry on campus. Today, the Red Hawk Food Pantry is one of 700 college food pantries nationwide and receives regular support and donations from the community, including Lawrence R. Inserra Jr., CEO of Inserra Supermarkets, and his daughter, Lindsey Inserra Hughes, who operate 23 ShopRite stores. [\[View full story\]](#)

### Giving News



### Building an Inclusive Campus

When Wendy Lacey opened Cornerstone Montclair to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to be active in their community alongside their peers, its location across from the Buzz Aldrin Middle School was by design. On Friday afternoons (pre-pandemic), "500 students would stream out and many would come buy penny candy at The General Store," she says. It's not that those pennies added up to profits. It was all about changing perceptions,

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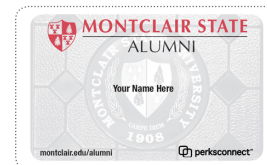
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### Cali Pathways Project

Wendy Lacey says, "Those middle schoolers come in and see people of all different abilities working here." [\[View full story\]](#)

## Athletics News



### Ross Named Head Women's Cross Country Coach

The Montclair State Department of Athletics has announced that Owen Ross has been named the new Head Cross Country Coach. "We are excited to have Owen join the staff as our new head coach," said Director of Athletics Rob Chesney. "Owen brings a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to him working with our student-athletes and building a successful program." [\[View full story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



### Forever Grateful, Forever Proud: Rose Cali '80

Serving on the Board of Trustees since 1991, Rose Cali '80 has helped shape the University both physically, artistically and communally. She has led the charge on such projects as the naming of the Yogi Berra Stadium; creating, developing and building the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, where she served as president and CEO until 2005; introducing President Susan A. Cole to the Kasser family who embraced the idea to name the Alexander Kasser Theater; and surprising her husband, John J. Cali, by working behind the scenes to name the newly established School of Music after him in 2009, dedicating their generous financial contribution to music scholarships and professorships. [\[View full story\]](#)

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.

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### Actor and Advocate: Steve Way '13

When Steve Way befriended the Muslim kid in fifth grade who was being bullied in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it was the start of a lifelong friendship that would later lead to Way's television acting career and sow the seeds of his passion for social justice. The moment he and Ramy Youssef became friends would also one day become a scene in the Hulu hit show *Ramy* about a Muslim American 20-something living in New Jersey and dealing with conflicts between his faith and American culture. In the show, Way plays the title character's best friend – a role he also plays in real life. [\[View full story\]](#)

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