

# AlumniConnections

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## Alumni News



### Making Memories: Alumni Return to Montclair to Celebrate Milestone 50th Reunion

In celebration of the milestone anniversary, members of the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 were invited to the University's 2022 Commencement Ceremony held at MetLife Stadium on Friday, May 20, and to a day of activities on campus on Saturday, May 21, to reconnect with former classmates, fellow alumni and their alma mater. The reunion spanned the three class years because a reunion hadn't been held since 2019 due to the pandemic. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## Upcoming Events

**June 16**

Maximizing Your Money Webinar

**June 21**

Webinar: MBA, Dual Programs and Graduate Business Certificates

**June 28**

Webinar: Educational Leadership (MA)

**July 9**

Teatro Nuovo I Rossini: Maometto Secondo

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

## 10th Annual Red Hawk Open - September 19



Show your support of student-athletes by coming out for a day on the links on **Monday, September 19, 2022**. The 10th Annual Red Hawk Open returns to Crestmont Country Club in West Orange.

**Purchase 50/50 raffle tickets online** for your chance to win big. Whether or not you can make it to



## Celebrating the EOF Class of 2022

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) celebrated the accomplishments of its Class of 2022 on Wednesday, May 4, gathering for a luncheon and alumni induction and awards ceremony – a tradition that hasn't taken place in person in three years. Two EOF alumni, Greg Collins '79 and Louis George Gilleran '79, and Montclair resident Julia Lanigan, all of whom have generously supported the EOF program, received EOF Champion Awards at the event. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## University News



## School of Communication and Media Launches Hawk+ Digital Streaming Service

The School of Communication and Media (SCM) at Montclair State University announced today the launch of Hawk+ ([www.hawkplus.tv](http://www.hawkplus.tv)), a free digital streaming platform that curates the best video content from across the School. Hawk+ will engage students, faculty, staff, alumni, and prospective students and their families. It will feature live and pre-recorded content from the School's radio and TV stations, sporting events, musical and theater performances, student films, faculty projects, special events

the event, this is a great way to support Montclair State Athletics and get in on the fun. [Learn more](#)

## Montclair State University MBA Program

Are you interested in pursuing your MBA degree? Apply today to Montclair State University's MBA program.

Featuring an innovative curriculum taught by distinguished faculty, the MBA Program offers flexible 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](mailto:mba@montclair.edu) / 973-655-4306.

## Career Corner



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

Not Salary.com found **84% of employers** expect applicants to negotiate salary during the interview, so we need to be

from across the University, and many other forms of educational content and programming. [\[View the full story\]](#)



## Scholar who Escaped Taliban Finds Purpose in U.S. Academia

In each retelling of her escape from Kabul, Roya Saqib painstakingly goes over the details of desperation to get to safety. The chaotic airport scene – tear gas, children’s cries and gunfire, the sweltering heat and crush of people, the blocked airport gate, and finally, rescue and the ache of leaving loved ones behind. The story has not gotten easier to tell in the seven months since Saqib fled the Taliban regime at the end of America’s war in Afghanistan. In her new position at Montclair State University, Saqib has been appointed an instructional specialist in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and is also pursuing research as an Afghan Crisis Fellow with New York University. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## More University News

[A Diploma - And A Surprise](#)

## Giving News

prepared. Begin by researching salaries on [payscale.com](#), [salary.com](#), [Glassdoor](#), etc. Prepare statements that focus on how you’ll contribute to the employer’s bottom line, and remember—salary doesn’t have to be based on money so consider negotiating WFH, vacation time, etc. Ideally, raise negotiation should mirror two parties pursuing a compromise. Time your request by negotiating after a positive review or significant string of successes. If you get a “no” suggest an upgrade in responsibilities and/or consider other opportunities.

## Sign onto **MONTCLAIRconnect!**

Create your profile to start making connections today!

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates
- Access Hire a Red Hawk with the click of a button!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

Get started by [creating your account](#) today!

## Did you lose your health benefits? Augeo Benefits can help!

If you just left your job for any reason and lost your job-based health coverage, you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

This means you can enroll in a Marketplace insurance plan any time of year. You usually have 60 days from the day you lose your



## There's Still Time to Make Your Gift!

We were so amazed by the overwhelming response our Montclair State University family showed on [One Day for Montclair](#). We asked for your participation, and you responded! Together we raised over \$215,000 from 1,457 donors. Thank you! If you were not able to make a gift during our One Day for Montclair campaign, there is still time to be counted. [Make a gift today](#), by June 30, to any area of campus you feel most passionate about to be included in this year's annual campaign. Every gift counts. Thank you!

## Athletics News



## Catch Up on Montclair Athletics through the Red Hawk Sports Network

As a joint venture between the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Montclair State University's School of Communication and Media, The Red Hawk Sports Network (RHSN) covers all 18 varsity athletic teams at Montclair, with live streams of all home contests and play-by-play

coverage to enroll. Speak with a licensed benefits counselor today by calling 888.807.3881 or get things started with a [free online quote](#).

## GEICO Alumni Discount



As a graduate of Montclair State University, you may be eligible for a special discount on auto insurance from GEICO. Find out how much you could save. Fifteen minutes could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance.® [\[Learn more\]](#)

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commentator calling the games. Check out the Red Hawk Sports Network webcasts, interviews and other pieces through the network's YouTube channel. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



### Wanda Szeremeta '80 Charts the Course for Women in Basketball

As a member of the 1977-78 Montclair Women's Basketball team, Wanda Szeremeta '80 helped lead the Red Hawks to the Final Four. Since then, she has inspired athletes across the country through professional play, coaching, referee work and teaching. Today, as West Coast Regional Advisor to the NCAA Women's Basketball Program, Szeremeta is continuing her contributions to the game she loves. [\[View full story\]](#)



Gian Paul Gonzalez '11



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Gian Paul Gonzalez '07 has a well-earned reputation for going “all-in” and for inspiring those around him – including NFL Superbowl champions – to do the same. But this teacher, motivational speaker, former professional basketball player and nonprofit entrepreneur has an even greater gift for seeing opportunities where others see problems, and for giving others the freedom to soar. “Make it your lifestyle to give your very best. You will inspire those around you and you will go farther than you ever thought possible.” [\[View full story\]](#)

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