



Alumni News



Annual Scholarship Fundraiser to Honor Four Alumni

In a year with many changes, the power of scholarship support to change a student's life remains paramount. Scholarships give promising and hopeful students the opportunity to achieve their dreams of a degree and a career. On Saturday, May 22, the Montclair State community will come together for the 2021 Annual Scholarship Fundraiser to benefit student scholarships. With an outdoor program, this year's event will showcase select musical performances featuring students from the University's College of the Arts, and will enable attendees to see the splendor of the newly renovated College Hall. [\[Read more\]](#)



Announcing a Special Alumni Benefit: Complimentary Hearing Evaluations Available to Alumni

Now may be the time to consider having your hearing tested to determine if you are one of the estimated 34 million Americans who have a hearing loss that can be treated. Montclair State University's Center for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology is now offering hearing evaluations at no charge to all Montclair State alumni and their immediate families. The Center plays an important role in the clinical education of our students in the audiology doctoral program and the speech-language pathology master's program. Prior to their placements at off-campus clinical facilities in the Tri-State region each student spends three semesters acquiring and honing his/her clinical skills in the Center. [\[Read more\]](#)

University News

Tara Conley Awarded Stanford University Race and Technology Fellowship

Assistant Professor Tara L. Conley of Montclair State University's School of Communication and Media has been awarded the prestigious Race and Technology Fellowship by Stanford University's Digital Civil Society Lab and Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. Conley, a transmedia storytelling professor, is one of 14 scholars to receive the 2021 fellowship, which

Featured Event

March 18

[This Is What Democracy Looks Like? Economics and Democracy: A Balance of Planning and Improv](#)

Digital Events

March 17

[African Drumming & Balkan Ensemble Call Midweek Concert](#)

March 17

[Oboe Masterclass with Dr. Euridice Alvarez](#)

March 17

["Moya Cannon's Broken Natures" Lecture by Maureen O'Connor, University College Cork](#)

March 17

[Poetry Reading- Theo Dorgan & Paul Meehan Dublin, Ireland](#)

March 17

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

March 17

[LinkedIn Tips and Tricks](#)

March 18

[Philosophy for Lunch - "Waking Up the Sheeple: Conspiracy Thinking"](#)

March 19

[Telehealth Webinar: Research, Tools, Advocacy, and Tips](#)

March 23

[MBA Executive Speaker Series](#)

March 24

[Microintervention Strategies](#)

March 24

[Webinar: Educational Leadership \(MA\)](#)

March 24

[Presentation Innovations #2](#)

March 26

[SCM Career Day](#)

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Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career



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WMSC Named the Best in College Radio

Montclair State's radio station, 90.3 WMSC-FM, has won the highest honor, Best College Radio Station in the nation, in the annual awards for collegiate broadcasters. The recognition comes during a year in which the coronavirus pandemic forced the station to improvise and find new ways to broadcast its mix of alt-rock, sports and talk. [\[Read more\]](#)

More University News...

- [University Honors Women in History: Virtual events in March will spotlight the theme 'Valiant Women of the Vote'](#)
- [School of Nursing Gives Shots of Hope: Students, faculty help administer injections with the COVID-19 vaccination rollout](#)

Giving News



Dr. Pennington's Impact Well Beyond Graduation

Development

[The Center for Career Services](#)

Regardless of employment market, age discrimination (AD) continues to be a very real concern, for both experienced and inexperienced job-seekers. For experienced job-seekers, combat AD on your resume by including contemporary contact information (Gmail for example) and consider removing graduation dates if you feel they'll be a distraction. Regardless of experience level, having savvy references can cement your candidacy—they may be able to mitigate AD by highlighting your qualifications and their relevance to today's workforce. For more details on how to combat AD, check-out [episode 32](#) of MSU Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career](#).

Sign onto **MONTCLAIRconnect!**

Create your profile to start making connections today!

Sign on today to:

-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!

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

Save the Date: Giving Day 2021

Giving Day 2021 will take place on Thursday, April 29. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks! For questions or to learn more, contact the Office of Annual Giving at 973-655-4141 or giving@montclair.edu.

Interested in helping us spread the word? Become an ambassador! Contact Julianne in the Office of Alumni Engagement at 973-655-7460 or tarrantj@montclair.edu.

GEICO Alumni Discount

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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 1998, Dr. Pennington has led by example. Her skills, knowledge and long history of impressive achievements, ignited her deep passion for the development of students. [\[Read More\]](#)

Athletics News



Johnson Sets Receiving Marks as Football Rolls in Return, 41-12

Senior wide receiver Carsen Johnson set school records for receiving yards and yards per catch finishing with five for 212 yards and a touchdown as Montclair State rolled past Kean University, 41-12 in its return to action since the end of the 2019 season. Johnson broke the single-game mark of 197 set by Bryan Scipio against Kean in 1986 and equaled by Eric Magrini versus Iona in 2001. Johnson averaged 42.4 yards per reception, breaking Amod Field's 1989 mark of 38.2 at Trenton State (now The College of NJ). [\[Read more\]](#)



Women's Soccer Edges NJCU 2-1

Freshman Aileen Cahill netted the game-winning goal in the 50th minute as the Montclair State women's soccer team edged New Jersey City 2-1 in New Jersey Athletic Conference play Saturday afternoon. Fellow freshman Samantha Gabriele tallied the other goal for the Red Hawks (1-0-1, 1-0-1 NJAC), while Kim Brites scored the lone marker for the Gothic Knight (0-1-0, 0-1-0 NJAC). MSU moves to 25-2 all-time against the Gothic Knights, including 10 straight wins. [\[Read more\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



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.® [\[Learn more\]](#)

2021 Pitch Competition

There are less than 2 weeks left to apply for the 2021 Pitch Competition! Do you have an amazing business idea that you're ready to take to the next level? Startup Montclair, FCE&I's annual pitch competition, identifies the most innovative business ideas and awards cash prizes to winning individuals or teams. This year the prize pool is \$30,000 and for the first time, individuals may apply! Any Montclair State student or alum can enter. Alumni teams must have at least one MSU student. Applications are due April 1st! [Apply now!](#)

Exclusive Alumni Benefits through PerksConnect!



Sign on to PerksConnect to find local and national deals and discounts! Search for event tickets, cash back rewards, and much more! You will be asked to sign on to access your alumni benefits. [\[Learn more\]](#)

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.

- #1 Customer-Rated Pet Insurance
- Save up to 90% on Vet Bills
- Comprehensive Accident & Illness Coverage
- No limits on Claim Payouts
- Montclair Alumni Save up to 10% Today

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Holly Gera '79

For 22 years, Holly Gera '79 was a constant, calming presence amid the whirlwind of schedules, games, personnel and decisions that make up Montclair State University's athletic programs. Gera's trademark positive, nurturing approach will be in play again when the retired director of Intercollegiate Athletics returns to campus to assume a new role – COVID Housing and Health Concierge for the University. [\[View full story\]](#)

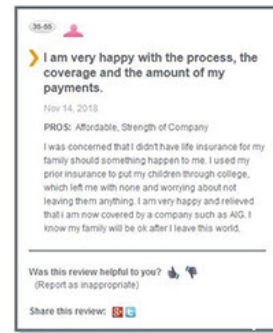


Anthony Bowens '13

Anthony Bowens '13 has come a long way from riding the "hell bus" up and down the East Coast with the rest of the Red Hawks baseball team, while working toward his degree Broadcasting at Montclair State. "Coach Schoenig didn't like to fly, so I sat through a lot of really long trips with my teammates," he recalls, with more fondness than you'd think. "You know, some of my best memories were from those rides! I miss that camaraderie to this day." [\[View full story\]](#)

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