



Alumni News



Class of 2021: Welcome to the alumni network!

As your time as a student at Montclair State University comes to an end, let us be the first to celebrate you and welcome you to your alumni network – over 130,000 strong and growing! You're joining a powerful group of Red Hawks working in virtually every profession, across all fifty states and worldwide. Your connection to Montclair State doesn't end the day you graduate! [\[Read more\]](#)



Virtual Trip to the Galapagos Islands

Hosted by the Montclair State West Coast Florida Chapter, alumni and friends enjoyed a presentation from Biology Professor Scott Kight, who is also the associate dean for the College of Science and Mathematics. Kight led attendees on a virtual tour through the Galapagos and shared stories about the scientific history of the islands, illustrated by stunning photographs. Kight, students, and faculty from Montclair State traveled to the Galapagos in spring 2020, prior to the shutdown, as part of a biology course, and Kight discussed their learning experiences during this unique opportunity. [\[Read more\]](#)

University News

Featured Event

May 19-21

[2021 Collaborative Journalism Summit, Center for Cooperative Media](#)

Digital Events

May 19

[Master's in Social Research & Analysis: Info Session](#)

May 19

[Memoir Writing II: Generating and Workshopping](#)

May 19

[Ubi Sunt presents: A Conversation with Christine Marroquin](#)

May 23

[MSU Jazz Ensemble with Special Guest Mike Lee](#)

May 27

["You're Cancelled! Hard Times for Public Figures in a Landscape of Shifting Norms" – Simone Gubler](#)

May 28

[MSU Symphony Orchestra with Conductor Nicholas DeMaison](#)

May 29

[Cali Sinfonia with Artist-In-Residence Anthony McGill and soprano Evita Teterovska](#)

June 3

[2021 Green Teams Launch](#)

June 4

[2021 Choral Spring Concert "Music for Our Time & Place"](#)

June 6

[MSU Opera Workshop Scenes "Unmasking Opera"](#)

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

Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development
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Job scams, while nothing new, continue to exist and some have taken cunning new forms. Sure, many scams are obvious, but some have us pause and question their veracity. Identifying potential phishing threats can feel like a part-time job. Whatever the



President Susan A. Cole Delivers Farewell Address

Montclair State University President Susan A. Cole delivered her farewell address to the campus community on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in-person and via live-stream from the campus Amphitheater. Cole thanked the campus community for helping to create the university that Montclair State has become today and encouraged employees to continue to evolve the University as needed with the times. [\[View full story\]](#)



Racial Justice and Media

Against a backdrop of inflamed tensions between police and communities of color, Montclair State's School of Communication and Media hosted its second Symposium on Racial Justice and Media to tackle the role of media professionals in documenting racial justice activism. "Before we begin, I want to acknowledge that this conversation is taking place during the moment when we've lost yet another Black American," said Assistant Professor of Transmedia Storytelling Tara Conley as she opened the event on April 15. [\[Read more\]](#)

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Giving News



Giving Day 2021 - A Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our sixth annual Giving Day a success! We set our goal - \$113,000 to honor our rich 113-year history - and you helped us crush it! We've raised over \$125,000 from over 300 donors! On behalf of the students who will benefit from your generosity, thank you! It's not too late to make

next steps, checking the web presence of potential employers is always key--verify before you apply. For more details on job scam busting, check-out [episode 38](#) of the Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career.](#)

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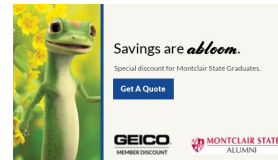
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GEICO Alumni Discount



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.® [\[Learn more\]](#)

Springboard Montclair

The Montclair Center BID is pleased to announce Springboard Montclair, a small business start-up grant competition that will help fund two businesses to lease space in downtown Montclair, NJ. All applications must be completed by midnight on Tuesday, June 1. Winners will be announced by July 1, 2021. [Learn More](#)

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!



your gift and support scholarship, greatest needs, or the area of the University that means the most to you. [\[Learn More\]](#)

Athletics News



Inside The Nest - Episode 22

Catch latest episode of Inside the Nest, produced by the Red Hawk Sports Network. Episode 22 features a breakdown of the NJAC Quarterfinals for baseball and softball, a roundtable discussion of the men's and women's lacrosse seasons, Top Plays, and a feature on field hockey goalkeeper Lauren Pickul. [\[Read more\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Peter Mercurio '90

Peter Mercurio '90 recently published his debut children's book *Our Subway Baby*, but it's a story that he's been living and writing for more than 20 years. In August 2000, Mercurio's partner Danny Stewart found and helped rescue an abandoned newborn infant in the Union Square subway station in New York City. The remarkable tale of their journey to adopting that baby, whom they named Kevin, is detailed in *Our Subway Baby*, illustrated by Leo Espinosa. The book, published in 2020 by Penguin Random House, is a selection on the ALA Rainbow Book List for Young Readers and a Lambda Literary Award finalist. And the head-turning, heartwarming story has brought major media attention, including interviews with the *BBC*, *NBC Nightly News* and *Today*. [\[View full story\]](#)



We have free hearing screenings on our own campus! It is open to all students, alumni, faculty/staff and families. Won't you take advantage of this screening? [Watch this short video to see if this is happening to you.](#) Contact the Montclair State University Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology clinic at 973-655-3934 or csdclinic@montclair.edu.

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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.

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- Save up to 90% on Vet Bills
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Sharon Foerster '66

"Being a Spanish major in college put salsa in my life," Sharon Foerster '66 says with a laugh. As the creator of a scholarship for students enrolled in Montclair State's Bachelor of Arts in Language, Business and Culture, she is helping to cultivate a new generation of culturally competent leaders. Although Foerster describes her childhood in Linden, New Jersey, as "plain vanilla," meeting a relative's new husband, who hailed from Cuba, piqued an interest in the world beyond her own backyard. "I fell in love with the Spanish language," she recalls. [\[View full story\]](#)

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