



Alumni News



Homecoming 2021 - Recap

Homecoming 2021 marked the long-awaited return to campus for alumni and friends, who enjoyed an exciting day filled with fun, food and football! Visitors started the day at the Alumni Welcome Tent where they learned about Homecoming activities, sipped hot cider and reconnected with the University and fellow alumni. Visitors enjoyed the Street Fair along the University Promenade with carnival games, balloon artists, campus partners, student organization tables and much more! Many guests joined tours to check out the amazing changes to campus. The Homecoming Tailgate brought together alumni and friends and included a visit from Rocky and the Pep Band to get ready for the big game.

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



Students' Motown History Guide Wins Jersey Award

The work of four School of Communication and Media students who created a Motown curriculum guide for the Motown Museum won a 2021 Jersey Award at the NJ Ad Club's 53rd Annual Jersey Awards on September 29. The Motown curriculum guide, which will soon be product-tested in middle school music classes, was created last spring by Gabi Bartnik '21, Joanna Zaccardi '21 and ZW Gleason '21, all of whom have since graduated, and Christina Giordano, who is in her last semester. "What makes their effort especially noteworthy is that the curriculum guide is the result of a new partnership between the School of Communication and Media and the legendary music label," says Larry Weiner, the students' Transmedia Projects instructor. [\[View the full story\]](#)

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Featured Event

October 22, 2021

[A Conversation with Screenwriter Michael Price '81](#)



He'll discuss his pathway from Montclair State to Hollywood and offer advice for those aspiring to a career in entertainment.

Upcoming Events

October 21 - December 5

["Tech/Know/Future/ From Slang to Structure" Exhibit](#)

October 25-31

[Behind the Scenes of On Display mini-documentary and "Conversations With..." Elaine Katz and Heidi Latsky](#)

October 26

[Broadway Songs for Instrumentalists](#)

October 26

[Brown Bags on Language, Information, and Computation: - Anjalie Field \(CMU\): Distantly-supervised Language Technologies for Social Text Analysis](#)

October 27

[Social Media as a Platform for Hate Speech](#)

October 27

[Beats from the Heart Presents: Break-Beats](#)

October 27

[Pollack Speaker Series: Christopher King, United Nations' Deputy Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch](#)

October 27

[Workshop Wednesday's: Getting Started with Canva](#)

October 27

[The Making of Terrorist: Alexandre Rousselin and the French Revolution](#)

October 27

[Podcasting and Blogging for Teachers](#)

October 27-30

[Peak Performances: "As You Like It"](#)

October 28

[Equity in The Latinx Community Part II: COVID-19 Inequities](#)



Kamala Harris Visits Campus

Vice President Kamala Harris, Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11) and Governor Phil Murphy visited the Ben Samuels Children's Center on the Montclair State University campus on Friday, October 8 to highlight the importance of federal funding for child care. The group spent time with children in two classrooms and held a roundtable discussion with educators as part of their midday visit, which was open only to the news media, including representatives from the University's student media organizations. [\[View the full story\]](#)



SGA Welcomes First All-Latinx Executive Board

More Latinx students are filling leadership positions on the Montclair State campus, but nowhere is their rise more striking than in the way they are reshaping the Student Government Association. The first all-Latinx executive board ever elected oversees a \$1.7 million budget and more than 60 student organizations. The student leaders not only share a Latin American heritage but are also on track to be the first in their families to graduate from college. "We noticed during our first interaction that, wow, this is historical," says the Executive President Ashon Canada. "But it's not only because of us being the first Latinx or first-generation, there are many factors that come into play." [\[View the full story\]](#)

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Career Corner



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

Whether back in the office or remaining remote, maintaining work boundaries is critical. The following tips can help establish that sometimes delicate, sometimes coarse dance that is boundary-making.

- 1) Boundaries Begin w/Ourselves - when we value ourselves we become particular about what we take on/drop.
- 2) Be Clear and Concise - ambiguity breeds confusion.
- 3) Manage Expectations - affirm where you stand on work concerns.
- 4) Identify What's Nonnegotiable - creating a list helps us uncover what's important.
- 5) Working Remotely - know when to put work down.
- 6) Burnout - be mindful of burning the candle at both ends.

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Athletics News



Never Miss Out on a Game with Red Hawks Sports Network

Launched in 2019, the Red Hawk Sports Network (RHSN) covers all of the Red Hawks' 18 varsity athletic teams including live events through YouTube. As a joint venture between the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Montclair State University's School of Communication and Media, the RHSN is fully run by students, giving them experience in all aspects of sports journalism. The network uses state-of-the-art equipment for their games and includes interviews, highlight packages and halftime shows. Through the support of alumni and friends, the school plans to continue to expand the network in the future. Be sure to check out the Red Hawk Sports Network [YouTube Channel!](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Changing the Landscape for Those in Need: Tom Toronto '79

Tom Toronto '79 brings heart, soul and on-the-ground leadership to the quest for affordable housing in New Jersey. As President of Bergen County's United Way, he has helped hundreds of seniors, veterans, and individuals with physical and developmental disabilities, such as autism, thrive in quality homes in good communities. But there was a time when Toronto wasn't even sure he wanted to follow his older brothers' footsteps to college. "I decided to try night school and enrolled at Montclair State," he recalls. "It wasn't long, though, before my advisor helped me re-set my expectations." [View full story!](#)

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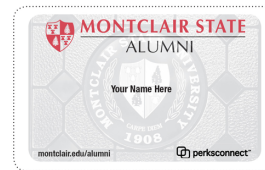
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Dancing with Fate: Ela Shah '81 MA

The life – and life's work – of artist Ela Shah '81 MA is being celebrated in a new documentary and accompanying book titled *Ela: Breaking Boundaries*. The film and book tell the story of Ela's journey from girlhood in Bombay to young motherhood in New Jersey and her development as an artist against the backdrop of her devotion to her family. As a young wife, Shah was expected to become proficient in homemaking and while she embraced her role as a family caregiver, she wanted more. She explains, "I needed to find a new way to express my ideas. One of my professors suggested I begin by focusing on sculpture." Shah first worked in clay, creating a moving tribute to her lost child. Soon, she was using bronze, exploring the female form through sculptures of women reaching for freedom. [\[View full story\]](#)

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