



Alumni News



Homecoming 2021 - Come Back to Campus

Join us on **Saturday, October 9**, for Homecoming 2021. We invite you back to campus for a day filled with fun, food and football! Start your day with a visit to the **Alumni Welcome Tent** on the Alumni Green. Check in, pick up your free alumni gift and learn about the day's activities. Join in the street fair festivities on the **University Promenade**. See the amazing changes to campus on a walking tour. For those 21 and older, don't miss the **Alumni Tailgate**, with kickoff gatherings for our [Black Alumni Advisory Board](#), [Hispanic/Latinx Alumni Network](#) and annual **EOF/HCP** alumni gathering. Then, at 6:00 p.m., it's game time! Cheer the Red Hawks to victory over TCNJ! [\[Learn more\]](#) [\[check out the schedule of events\]](#)



It's A Sign - Viral TikTok video shows how a small act of kindness changed the course of one student's life

It was a trending question on TikTok in August: "What's one small, unimportant decision that changed the whole trajectory of your life?" And Amy Elizabeth Policelli '09 had quite the answer. Fifteen years ago, as a freshman at Montclair State, Policelli wanted to take American Sign Language but at that time, seniors and athletes had first dibs on the course. She started talking to one of her classmates, a softball player, about it, which led to her signing up for the class and giving her spot to Policelli. [\[View full story\]](#)

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Upcoming Events

September 16

[Constitutional Politics in a Pandemic Era](#)

September 16

[Online Prenatal Childbirth Education](#)

September 22

[Musicians' Health Day](#)

September 22

[Masterclass - Chamber Music](#)

September 29

[Virtual MBA Executive Speaker Series: Cathy Doherty](#)

September 29

[Productivity in the Modern World](#)

September 30

[Cali Immersive Residency: Rob Kapilow](#)

September 30

[Equity in the Latinx Community](#)

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

PEAK Performances

PEAK Performances welcomes back audiences to a 2021-22 season full of thrilling new works on stage and online. Check out plans for the [current season](#) and view online performances on [PEAK Plus](#).

Career Corner



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

What are interviewers looking for when hiring for remote jobs? Primarily, evidence of independence, initiative and collaboration. The Muse offers great advice on answering common questions, including "What types of remote/distributed team tools and software have you used and how did you use them?" and "How do you keep yourself motivated/engaged when working from home?" Key to any



Hispanic Heritage Month

The Montclair State University Office for Hispanic Initiatives is dedicated to upholding the university's allegiance to promoting an inclusive environment to support the success of all Hispanic students, faculty and staff. These commitments also include support of scholarship and teaching to further our knowledge and understanding about Hispanics in New Jersey and the U.S. as an integral and vital component of the American social fabric, as well as to strengthen relationships with local families and communities. As we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, we invite you to join in the many activities planned including an alumni gathering at Homecoming on October 9. [\[Learn more\]](#)



Women Entrepreneurship Week Event - October 20

The Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation invites you to join them for the 8th Annual Women Entrepreneurship Week Event on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET. This will be a Livestream Event featuring an amazing lineup of women entrepreneurs including Bobbi Brown, Melissa Gorga, Rebekah Borucki, Alexandra Bernard-Simmons, Rachael Grochowski, Monica Martinez Milan, Jessica Gonzalez, Rachel Maeng Brown, Diamonique Lundy and more! [\[Register for this livestream event.\]](#)

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- [Visit the Digital Tech/Know/Future Exhibition in the George Segal Gallery.](#)

Giving News



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Each and every dollar donated to Montclair State has a positive and meaningful impact on the lives of our students. From gifts to The Fund for Montclair State to scholarship and support of our schools and colleges to supporting crowdfunding projects, you provide resources our students need to succeed. We invite you to explore our crowdfunding site [IMPACT Montclair State](#) to check out our latest projects including the [Back to School Campaign](#) which supports the Emergency Book Fund and our [Mask Up Campaign](#) for Homecoming 2021. Check out projects to support [The Red Hawk Pantry](#) and [Rocky's Closet](#), and visit our [Athletics](#) and [Special Funds](#) pages to learn more about the many other opportunities available.

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interview is to share concrete, evidence-based examples—using SAR (Situation Action Result) is great for fleshing-out answers. For more details on how to ace remote job interviews, check-out the Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career](#)

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Red Hawk Open Supports Student Athletes

Alumni and friends of the University showed their support of student athletes by coming out for a day on the links. With blue skies and plenty of Red Hawk pride, Montclair State University's 9th Annual Red Hawk Open took place on Monday, September 13, at Crestmont Country Club in West Orange. The outdoor event drew more than 100 attendees and raised more than \$100,000 to support the more than 500 student athletes and each of Montclair State's 18 NCAA Division III men's and women's teams. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



On a Mission to Save Lives: Takeem Dean '03, '11 MA

Joining the leadership team of Union County College (UCC) is something of a homecoming for Takeem Dean '03, '01 MA. After five years as Dean of Students at North Carolina's Johnson C. Smith University and two as Dean of Students at Allen University in South Carolina, Dean returns to New Jersey where he will oversee UCC's CARE Team, a multidisciplinary team that provides students with the personal and academic resources they need to succeed. In addition, Dean will oversee the College's Title IX compliance, serve as liaison between students and the campus community, and develop Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training programs for students. [\[View full story\]](#)



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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
- Comprehensive Accident & Illness Coverage
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- Montclair Alumni Save up to 10% Today

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Class Act: Endowment Will Fund Arts and Arts Education at Kasser Theater: Mary Mochary

When Mary Mochary – then Mary Kasser – and her older brother, Michael, were living in Montclair and attending College High School at Montclair State in the 1950s, their parents sometimes sent them into New York City to see world-class performances. “My parents had season tickets to the Metropolitan Opera and a few times they sent Mary and me,” recalls Michael Kasser. “They’d take us to the corner at Valley Road and put us onto the bus to New York.” Fast forward to the present day, and the Kasser kids have brought world-class performances back to that Valley Road bus stop. Or pretty darn close. [\[View full story\]](#)

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