



AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



Welcome Bloomfield Alumni! - A Chat with BCAA President Maurice Lyle '09

On July 1, Bloomfield College officially became a part of Montclair State University and was renamed Bloomfield College of Montclair State University. As traditions and histories of both institutions are joined, leadership sees opportunities for collaboration that will benefit students and alumni at both campuses. Recently, we had the chance to connect with Bloomfield College Alumni Association President Maurice Lyle '09 to learn more.

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Featured Events

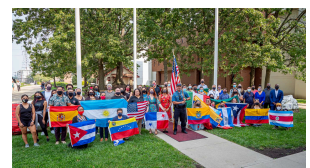
Don't Miss the Alumni BBQ Homecoming 2023



Join fellow graduates for the **signature alumni event** of the day. Enjoy a BBQ lunch, beer, music, lawn games and more. Celebrate school spirit as we get ready for kick-off and welcome alumni of Bloomfield College.

REGISTER TODAY

Save the Date Tuesday, September 26 Hispanic Heritage Month Panel: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America



Join the Office of Hispanic Initiatives on Tuesday, September



Good Chemistry

For Mary Ann (Leonard) '70 and Michael '70 Siklosi, Montclair degrees provided a solid foundation for graduate school and successful careers at Procter & Gamble. Their time at Montclair also paved the way to a happy life together. In 2021, their family celebrated the Siklosi's 50th wedding anniversary with a special gift to reward high-achieving chemistry majors. [\[View the full story\]](#)

University News



University Names Rita Walters Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement

26, at 6:00 p.m. for a panel discussion in the Feliciano School of Business. Registration details to follow.

Upcoming Events

September 6

[Cali School of Music Midweek Concert Showcasing Amazing Faculty](#)

September 9

[9/11 Day of Service](#)

September 10

[PEAK Performances An Afternoon with Anna Deavere Smith](#)

September 28

[Launch your Analytics Career](#)

October 18

[Women's Entrepreneurship Week](#)

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

[PEAK Performances 23-24 Season Is Here!](#)



GIVE NOW: It's easy from a Donor Advised Fund

Realize the benefits of giving to Montclair State University through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Simply click the button below and enter your fund provider name to get started.

Walters joins Montclair at a pivotal time in its history, one in which its national recognition and reputation is growing and enrollment is at record highs. She will be tasked with helping Montclair become the model of a 21st-century, public-serving research university.

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



HSCI Introduces Students to College Life

More than 100 New Jersey high school students and their parents descended on Montclair State University on July 8, 2023, to learn about college admissions, enrollment and financial aid as well as the University's academic offerings at the annual Hispanic Student College Institute (HSCI).

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

More University News

[University Awarded \\$850,000 Grant for Mental Health Support Services](#) Funding includes DEI training and additional resources for students.

[Hot Summer Days Ignite Scientific Minds](#) University's labs provide research opportunities for undergraduates in everything from studying the climate crisis to keeping swimmers safe.

Giving News

Our tool makes it easy, and your gift makes a big impact!

[Make a Gift](#)



Stream some of the Montclair School of Communication and Media's (SCM) best content on [Hawk+](#), a free digital streaming platform that curates video content from across the University.

[Stream Hawk+](#)

Dental Insurance



The Montclair State University Foundation has partnered with AMBA and Ameritas to offer quality dental plans at affordable prices, so alumni can find the best dental insurance plan for you and your family.

The Ameritas Dental Network is one of the largest in the nation, making it easier for policyholders across the country to see the dentist of their choice. Plans also feature next-day coverage, no enrollment fees and preventive visits, such as dental exams and cleanings, which are covered up to 100%.

[Learn More](#)



Let's Stomp Out the Spotted Lantern Flies Together!

Are you tired of stepping on Spotted Lantern Flies? Concerned about their impact on New Jersey vineyards and orchards? Montclair State is doing something about it! Research in our College of Science and Mathematics is aimed at discovering a way to control Spotted Lanternflies without harming pollinators (like bees and butterflies) or other important and beneficial insects.

With your help, we can better understand the microbiology of this insect pest and even help work to develop an environmentally safe management strategy. We will study the DNA of the insects themselves and their environment using the most cutting-edge technology allowing for a deep and sophisticated understanding. This technology comes at a cost, but the reward is profound. This information will ultimately help farmers and gardeners manage this insect pest.

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Athletics News

Career Corner



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

Maintaining Resilience during the Job Search

Maintaining resilience during the
job search is critical to success,
but how?

Cultivate a routine that balances job hunting with self- care to prevent burnout.

Seek support from friends, family,
or mentors by sharing your
challenges and victories.

Stay adaptable by refining your approach based on feedback and market trends.

Although sometimes painful, try to
embrace rejection as a stepping
stone by collecting takeaways
from each experience. And
perhaps most importantly--don't
forget to celebrate the small
victories, too!

Sign onto MONTCLAIRconnect!



[Create your profile](#) to start making
connections today!

- Expand your network and
connect with fellow graduates.



11th Annual Red Hawk Open

11th Annual Red Hawk Open Set for September 11

Proceeds from the Red Hawk Open support the more than 500 student-athletes and 18 varsity athletic programs of the Montclair State University Athletic Department. Join us and fellow alumni and friends of the University in support of our student-athletes by coming out for a day on the links. Foursomes are sold out but sponsorship opportunities are still available.

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HALL OF FAME

Class of 2023



Capristo, Chesnakova, Fischer, Gearity Elected To Athletic Hall Of Fame

- Access Handshake to post a job or search for a job with the click of a button!

- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital and in-person opportunities.

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

Our featured **MONTCLAIRconnect group of the month** is Athletics Alumni.

The Athletics Alumni group in MONTCLAIRconnect connects alumni with current student-athletes.

Join the [MONTCLAIRconnect Athletics Alumni Group](#) to share experiences, guide current student-athletes, and stay updated on all the happenings in the athletics department.

[Click here to sign up and learn more.](#)

Get to Know MONTCLAIRconnect September 15

Join us for an interactive virtual guided tour of MONTCLAIRconnect, the exclusive online community for Montclair alumni.

During this Zoom, you will learn how to create your profile, access exclusive alumni benefits and discover how to expand your network via MONTCLAIRconnect.

Don't miss the chance to learn more about your online community.

[Register Today](#)

New Opportunity to Engage with Montclair

The Montclair State Department of Athletics is proud to announce Jon Capristo (Men's Lacrosse), Anna Chesnakova (Volleyball), Tom Fischer (Football), and Heather Gearity (Track & Field) as the newest inductees into the Montclair State Hall of Fame.

[\[View the Full Story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Bloomfield Alumnus Gage Daye '12 *Around the World and Giving Back*

A journey that started with a basketball scholarship took Gage Daye '12 around the world and back. Now a successful real estate developer, entrepreneur, nonprofit founder, and author, Daye works to improve life in his hometown of Newark and to help youth reach their full potential. Currently vice president of the Bloomfield College Alumni Association, he seeks to pay it forward to the next generation.

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

Students

Montclair State University is excited to announce a new opportunity for our alumni partners to offer short-term, professional, paid work experiences to students and recent graduates through [Micro-Internships](#).

Micro-Internships can include projects across all departments, including:

- Sales
- Human Resources
- Strategy
- Marketing
- Research
- Operations and Support
- Finance and Accounting

To learn more and post projects, [visit the Micro-Internship](#) website and create a profile.

Follow Us on Threads



We've just joined Threads! Follow us [@montclairalumni](#) and share our profile with fellow Red Hawks to stay connected and never miss out on our latest updates, exclusive alumni content and more!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Tezeta "Tez" Roro '06

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Inspired to Support Montclair

Motivational speaker, licensed real estate broker and community leader Tezeta “Tez” Roro '06 is a wellspring of positive energy who has used her undergraduate education as the springboard for a successful career. She presents talks focusing on her transition from the corporate world to self-employment, workshops on buying and selling real estate, and a time-management session titled NinjaTime™, where Roro shares her best – tested and proven – strategies for success.

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