



# AlumniConnections

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## Alumni News



### ADP Partnership Connects Students to Business Expertise

ADP and Montclair are iconic New Jersey institutions with global reach and intertwined trajectories to boost human potential. With far-reaching impact, this multifaceted and growing partnership is creating opportunities that span from student scholarships, alumni engagement and employee recruitment to collaborating on business education, where academia, expertise and innovation meet to prepare the next generation of professionals.

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## Upcoming Events

**January 20**

[Double Reed Day 2024](#)

**January 22**

[MA in Child Advocacy and Policy Virtual Information Session](#)

**January 24**

[Podcasting for Entrepreneurs](#)

**January 24**

[Cali Midweek Concert Faculty Jazz Combos](#)

**February 2**

[2024 Legislative Breakfast / Addressing Human Trafficking in NJ: Law, Policy, and Practice](#)

**February 4**

[Virtual Graduate Open House](#)

**February 10**

[Get to Know MONTCLAIRconnect](#)

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

## Unlock Your Best Self in 2024 - January 25





## Celebrating Black Heritage

As Black History Month approaches, the African American Studies program, the African American Caucus, the Black Alumni Advisory Council and a coalition of campus partners have put together a series of programs and activities to honor Black heritage and foster solution-focused dialogues about a range of social justice topics.

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## University News



## 2023 Year in Review

In 2023, Montclair State University continued to extend its impact well beyond campus, collaborating with neighboring communities and colleges on a wide range of issues that included expanding access and opportunity in higher education, improving health outcomes and addressing the state's teacher shortage.

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As we step into a new year filled with promise, it's the perfect time to reflect on our aspirations and set the stage for a transformative year ahead.

Join us for a leadership development workshop! Discover the secrets to effective personal branding and learn how to shape the narrative that defines you.

[Register Today](#)

## Last Chance: Communication Survey Closes Friday

Montclair State University is conducting a survey to understand how the university can enhance communication, and gather insight on how we connect with our alumni community.

As a valued graduate of the University, we need your input, which will help Montclair to best serve and support alumni.

All participants who qualify and complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of two Montclair hoodies.

Please note that if you do wish to enter the drawing, you will be asked to provide your contact information at the end of the survey.

[Complete the Survey](#)

## MSUnions



Did you spend your time at Montclair State University with your significant other? We want to hear your story!

Email [classnotes@montclair.edu](mailto:classnotes@montclair.edu) describing how you and your significant other met and send us a few photos to



## Winter Commencement 2024 Recap and Photos

For the first time in several years, Montclair State University held Winter Commencement exercises, celebrating 1,839 graduates at Prudential Center in Newark on Monday, January 8. The winter graduates have persevered through an unprecedented time in history, undaunted in pursuit of their dreams. They hail from 28 states and six countries and are dedicated to making the world a better place – through social action, public health, business, public service, education, research, the arts, sciences and the humanities.

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## More University News

[Study: Gen Z Perceive Risk 'Everywhere They Turn,' Early Research Shows](#) Interviews shed light on risk factors contributing to youth mental health crisis, including mass shootings, social media and the climate crisis

## Giving News

have your story featured on our social media channels in February.

### 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 policy holders 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](#)

### Writing Studies: Continuing Education Survey

The Department of Writing Studies is developing a continuing education program for working professionals.

We are eager for your feedback regarding the professional writing skills necessary for success in your workplace. Please complete this brief [survey](#) to help us craft course offerings tailored to your needs.

[Complete the Survey](#)

**Sign onto  
MONTCLAIRconnect!**



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

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.

Our featured **MONTCLAIRconnect** group of the month is the **Department of Spanish and Latino Studies**. ¡Bienvenidos! This group connects alumni from the Department of Spanish and Latino Studies. They look forward to remembering special times from the past and creating new memories at upcoming events. [Click here to sign up and learn more.](#)

- 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!

## Double Your Impact

Matching Gifts Alumni know their gifts to Montclair State University have a powerful impact on the student experience. Many companies support a matching gifts program, allowing alumni to increase the impact of their giving. Matching gift programs are provided by companies in support of the philanthropic causes of their employees. Through these programs, companies match employee donations that are made to eligible organizations.

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## Athletics News



## Basketball Teams Hold Reading With The Red Hawks

Members of the men's and women's basketball teams spent a Thursday morning at Public School 6 in Paterson, NJ, reading and talking to

## Career Corner



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

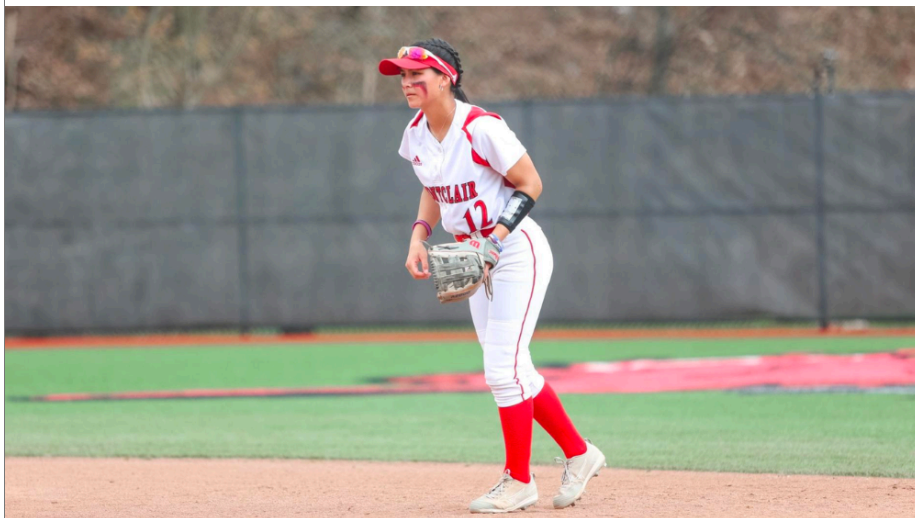
Quiet quitting, the subtle disengagement and withdrawal of effort, poses a silent threat to workplace productivity and morale. Workplace leaders should know the signs, including decreased enthusiasm and social withdrawal.

Address this issue by fostering open communication, encouraging feedback, and providing opportunities for professional development.

Acknowledge employees' contributions, ensure they feel valued, and foster a positive work culture that emphasizes collaboration and recognizes achievements.

students about how they can reach their dreams in the future.

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## Softball Releases 2024 Schedule

The Montclair State University softball team has revealed its schedule for the year 2024. To commence the season, the Red Hawks will be partaking in The Spring Games in Kissimmee, Florida, engaging in a series of 10 games. On March 10, they are slated to compete against Cortland and Washington College (Maryland), followed by additional matchups against Saint Mary's (Indiana) and Farmingdale State on March 11.

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## Alumni Spotlights



Proactively address concerns, seeking to understand the root causes of disengagement.

Organizations can prevent a decline in morale and productivity by addressing quiet quitting early and creating an inclusive, supportive environment.

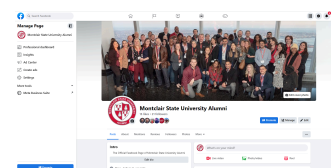
### Working Advantage

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Alumni have exclusive access to the [Working Advantage discount network](#) which allows you to save up to 60% on ticketed events and online shopping.

To access these discounts, visit [workingadvantage.com/montclair](https://workingadvantage.com/montclair) and get started today. Signing up is free!

### Follow Us on Facebook Get Entered to Win



Follow us on Facebook for a chance to win some free Montclair swag by participating in various Red Hawk giveaways throughout the year.

Must be following to win!

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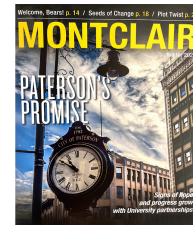


## Zackary Logan '18 Found His Path to Success at Montclair

In his senior year in high school, Zackary Logan '18 had few options. He was living in a youth shelter, trying to find a way forward with little guidance and few resources. College seemed impossible until a gift of \$65 to pay his Montclair application fee changed everything.

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## Shatiera Porte'e '06 Once Mentored, Now a Mentor

Shatiera Porte'e '06 is forever grateful to the faculty, staff and fellow students at Bloomfield College who helped her find the confidence to pursue her dreams. Today, the education consultant and author of "I Forgive Myself for Forgetting Myself" mentors others, encouraging them to follow their own paths to success.

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