

AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



Two Montclair Alumni Soar at the 9th Annual Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Pitch Competition

Alumnae Annalyce D'Agostino '17 and Kimberllyn "Olive" Xavier Oliveira '22 walked away winners at the 9th annual Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Pitch Competition at the Feliciano School of Business. [\[View the full story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

June 25

[Red Bulls II vs FC Cincinnati](#)

June 26

[Outdoor Adventure - Delaware River Kayaking Trip](#)

June 27

[Educational Leadership Programs and Certifications](#)
[Virtual Information Session](#)

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

**Save The Date
Homecoming 2023
September 30**



**Register Today
Summer Social @
McLoone's Boathouse
June 29**



Alumni Speakers Welcome the Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 was welcomed into the alumni network by alumni Chris Fitzpatrick '04, Taylor Jeffers '13, '16 MBA, and Clayton Cole '10, who spoke at the three Commencement ceremonies in the Prudential Center in May. [\[View the full story\]](#)

University News



Graduate Desmond Durham Appears on the Sherri Shepherd Show

Recent Montclair State University graduate Desmond Durham and his 9-year-old son, Desmond Jr., have seen their heartwarming story go viral since Montclair's Commencement in May and the father-son duo appeared

Join us at McLoone's Boathouse on Thursday, June 29 to network with fellow Montclair State University graduates while enjoying the first few weeks of summer with waterfront views.

Meet and mingle with representatives from our many affinity groups, including: Black Alumni Advisory Council (BAAC), Hispanic/Latinx/a/o Alumni Network (HLAN), Recent Alumni Network (RAN) and Women's Initiative Network (WIN).

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Stream some of Montclair's School of Communication and Media (SCM) best content on their brand new digital streaming

on comedian Sherri Shepherd's daytime talk show to talk about their journey. [\[View the full story\]](#)



Commencement 2023 Recap, Photos & Highlights

Relive the commencement ceremonies from the 2023 commencement at Prudential Center where the largest graduating class in Montclair State University history walked across the stage and earned alumni status.

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

More University News...

- [University Hires Chief Operating Officer Benjamin C. Durant III](#), has been selected to be Montclair State University's Interim Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President
- [Trailblazing the Path to Sustainability](#) PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies' Green Teams embarks on another summer sustainability journey

Giving News

platform Hawk+ a free digital streaming platform that curates video content from across the University.

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Dental Insurance

Your alumni association has partnered with AMBA and Ameritas to offer quality dental plans at affordable prices, so you 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, are covered up to 100%.

[Learn More](#)



Sign Up Today!

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

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.

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

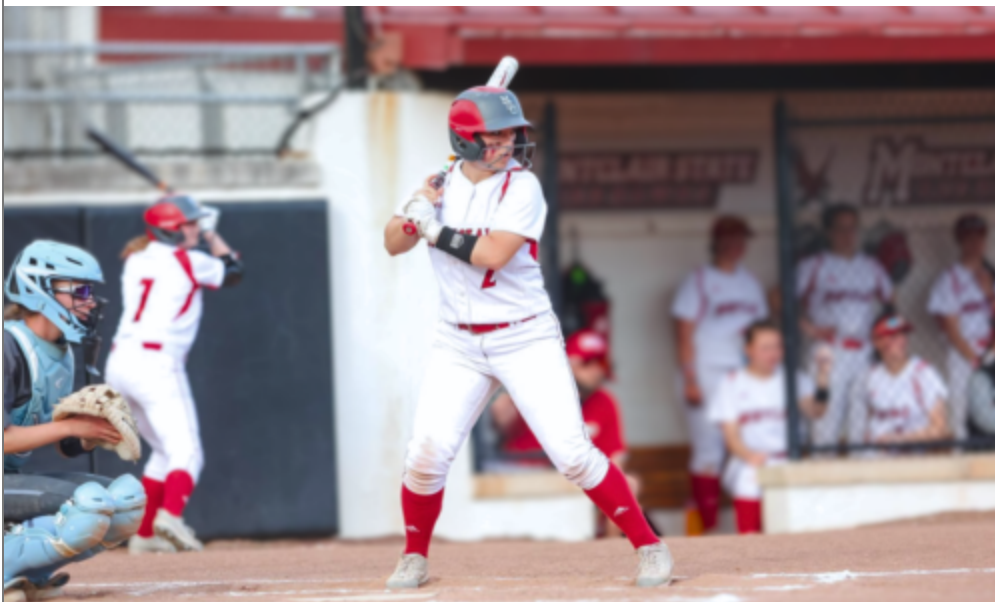


Support Montclair Community Farms

June is farming season! Let's come together to support Montclair Community Farms (MCF) which provides a ready platform for engagement for Montclair State faculty and students who have teaching, learning and research interests in sustainability, health and nutrition ecology, urban planning, education, etc.

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Athletics News



Borozan Named First Team Academic All-American

- 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 the **School of Communication and Media**. At the School of Communication and Media, we have the privilege of helping over 1,100 students (and growing!) to enter that competitive landscape. Our students are winning national awards, earning fantastic internships, and competing for top jobs.

It all happens with talented faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, top industry partners, and dedicated alumni like you.

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

Career Corner



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

Resumes & Applicant Tracking Systems

Setting up a resume for applicant tracking systems (ATS) requires careful attention to ensure your qualifications stand out. Begin by using use a

Senior infielder Alyssa Borozan of the Montclair State University softball team was named a First Team Academic All-American by the College Sports Communicators. [\[View the full story\]](#)



Angelo Gains Second Team All-American Honors From ABCA/Rawlings

The awards keep rolling in for Sam Angelo of the Montclair State University baseball team as he was named an ABCA/Rawlings Second Team All-American. [\[View the full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



clean, organized format with relevant headings. Incorporate industry-specific keywords throughout the document to match job descriptions. Avoid graphics, tables, and elaborate formatting that may confuse an ATS. Tailor each resume to the specific job, emphasizing skills/achievements and proofread for errors and consistency. In terms of file type, save the file as a universally readable format such as PDF. These steps optimize your chances of getting noticed by ATS algorithms.

Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship Mentoring Sessions

Let us help you further explore your idea and grow your business!

You can now sign up for office hours with our experts, AT NO COST to you. These are generally 45 min sessions, conducted virtually.

If interested, take 3 minutes to [complete this survey](#), indicating areas of need and which expert you would like to meet with.

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Making Sure Every Child Has a Reason to Smile: Suffiyah Webb '04 DDS, MPH

Pediatric dentist Suffiyah Webb '04 DDS, MPH is on a mission to bring dentistry – and the resulting overall health benefits – to children, starting with her home community of Newark, New Jersey. [\[View full story\]](#)

We have created a [brand new alumni Facebook page](#) we ask you to join us by [liking our page](#)! Please note, the prior Facebook page no longer exists. When you [like our new page](#), you will get entered to win cool prizes!



Accounting for Good: Tamour Kousha '05

If there's one thing Tamour Kousha '05 has learned since he was first introduced to the field of accounting in high school, it is that a career as an accountant can be dynamic and diverse. [\[View full story\]](#)

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