

Alumni News



Reconnecting and Reminiscing

A heartwarming celebration unfolded as alumni from the Class of 1974 returned to campus to celebrate their 50th reunion on May 13 and 14. “It was just wonderful seeing so many people coming out after 50 years to be together for Reunion. I’ve kept in contact with some friends, but being able to see many of them in person, after 50 years, was an incredible experience. I was smiling from the time I arrived there to the time I got home. I enjoyed every bit of it and I didn’t want it to end,” shared Earl Davis ’74. [\[View Full Story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

June 20

[MBA, Dual Degrees & Graduate Certificates Virtual Information Session](#)

June 27

[Webinar: Ed. Leadership M.A. and Certification Programs for Supervisor, Principal, School Administrator, and DSCS](#)

June 30

[New York Red Bulls II vs. Columbus Crew 2](#)

July 3

[Graduate Admissions FAQ Series \(Domestic Students\)](#)

July 7

[New York Red Bulls II vs. Atlanta United 2](#)

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

Last Chance: A Juneteenth Gala Celebration





Celebrating Philanthropy

It was an evening to give back to those who give, as more than 180 guests gathered on May 8 for Montclair State University's Donor Celebration, held in the School of Communication and Media. The festive event featured a program in Presentation Hall followed by a reception in the lobby, marked by views of the New York City skyline.

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Spring Commencement 2024 Recap, Photos and Highlights

The Black Alumni Advisory Council and the Bloomfield College Alumni Association present:

A Night to Remember
A Juneteenth Gala Celebration

Thursday, June 27
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
The Highlawn
West Orange

Honoring:

Dr. Daniel Jean '00 MA, Associate Provost for Educational Opportunity and Success Programs

Coach Gerald Holmes, Head Men's Basketball Coach at Bloomfield College of Montclair State University

Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing. All ticket proceeds from the evening will benefit the Emergency Scholarship Fund.

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Hispanic Student College Institute (HSCI) Networking Event Tuesday, July 9



We are seeking Hispanic/Latinx Alumni to network with and inspire high school students attending the 2024 Hispanic Student College Institute.

The HSCI is designed to help local Hispanic/Latinx high school students learn about college admissions, enrollment and financial aid as well as the University's academic offerings.

With a blizzard of confetti, the Montclair State University Class of 2024 celebrated its graduation on Monday, May 13, a joyous occasion at Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, and one especially savored as many receiving their undergraduate degrees were among the cohort whose high school graduations were disrupted four years ago by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Montclair Mascots Unveil Secret Identities at Commencement 2024

Montclair State University graduate Joseph Lepinski channeled both his popular online persona “Jersey Joe” and his secret identity as Rocky the Red Hawk, wearing the school mascot’s large yellow bird feet at Monday’s Commencement at Prudential Center. When his name was called, Lepinski danced across the dais toward a smiling President Jonathan Koppell who shook his hand and patted him on the back.

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More University News

[Inaugural White Coat Ceremony Marks Milestone for Montclair Audiology Students](#) A dozen students celebrated their transition from audiology students to professionals

[College ‘Green Teams’ Tackle Pressing Environmental and Climate Challenges](#) Montclair hosts students from 30 universities to partner with communities, companies to solve sustainability concerns

The Networking Event will help students get exposure to building a professional network, while also gaining advice and inspiration from our Hispanic/Latinx Alumni!

Event Details

Tuesday, July 9

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

University Hall

Floor 7 Conference Room

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[Click here to read more about the HSCI.](#)

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**AI in Action: GPT-4o
Workshop for
Entrepreneurs and
Innovators
Wednesday, June 26**

Join the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship + Innovation for an informative and interactive workshop where we'll explore how GPT-4o can turbocharge your business!

No matter your AI skills or experience, we are here to help you brainstorm new ideas on how to optimize this powerful AI tool (and we do mean “powerful”!)

This virtual event will problem-solve in real time, so get ready to experience the limitless capabilities of this cutting-edge technology.

Join us on:

LinkedIn Live

Wednesday, June 26

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Giving News



The Countdown is On - Can We Count on You?

June is the last month of our fiscal year. [Make a gift today](#) to be counted and make an impact on student success. Make a gift to The Fund for Montclair State of \$20 or more and receive a limited edition Montclair State University magnet picture frame! Double your impact - make a gift of \$40 or more and receive a limited edition Montclair State University reusable tote bag and the magnet picture frame. What a great way to showcase your Red Hawk pride by displaying a photo of your Montclair days or while shopping in your local grocery store. All gifts, large and small, make an immediate impact on our students. Thank you!

[Make a Gift](#)

Athletics News

Alumni Perks and Benefits: Save on Insurance!



The Montclair State University Foundation has partnered with AMBA to offer quality benefits at affordable prices to our alumni.

You can save on home, auto, major medical, long term care, pet insurance and more!

[Learn More](#)

Movie Night Under the Stars

Don't miss Montclair Film's annual free movie night series:

Barbie

Sunday, June 23

Lackawanna Plaza

Napoleon Dynamite

Sunday, July 21

Essex County Anderson Park

The Super Mario Brothers Movie*

Saturday, August 24

Essex County Brookdale Park
(Archery Field)

*THIS IS AN MSU ALUMNI NIGHT EVENT. JOIN US AND PICK UP YOUR FREE RED HAWK SWAG!

Venues open at 7 p.m.
and films begin at sundown

[MORE DETAILS](#)



Announcing the 2024 Red Hawk Open

Join us on the links Monday, September 30, 2024! We're excited to announce a new location for this year's Red Hawk Open - Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton. The day includes lunch, golf, refreshments and dinner reception. Proceeds from the Red Hawk Open support the more than 500 student athletes and 18 varsity athletic programs of Montclair State University Athletics. Help our student-athletes excel by coming out for a day on the links. We hope to see you there! [\[Learn More\]](#)



Rick Giancola Named to 2025 College Football Hall of Fame Ballot

Former Montclair State University football coach Rick Giancola was named to the College Football Hall of Fame ballot for the first time. Giancola, who announced his retirement at the conclusion of the 2022 season, finished his career as the active leader in career wins in Division III and as the eighth-winningest coach in the history of Division III.



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- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.

Our featured **MONTCLAIRconnect group of the month** is the **Accounting and Finance**. This group is a place for graduates of Accounting and Finance to network, exchange ideas and resources. [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

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Career Corner



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Given all the competing responsibilities consuming our time, it's difficult to remain informed on the ever-evolving job market. Who to follow, who to listen to, what outlets provide the most accurate info? It's hard to say, but [The Work Shift](#), penned by LinkedIn Editor [Taylor Borden](#), does a fantastic job of addressing the world of work in an easy-to-digest (5 min read) weekly email. Data-driven insights are

He finished his illustrious career with a record of 260-143-2 over 40 years, including 179 victories within the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

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Alumni Spotlights



Joe Lepinski '24

Montclair's 'Jersey Joe' Dances His Way to Commencement

Just as he has done on social media for years, senior Joseph "Jersey Joe" Lepinski danced his way across the stage at Montclair State University's Commencement 2024 on May 13 at Prudential Center.

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developed from trending topics, along with Labor Dept surveys to help us make sense of the economy. Definitely worth a read given the depth of info and finger on the pulse approach.

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ADVANTAGE

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 and get started today. Signing up is free!

Follow Us on Facebook and Get Entered to Win

We have created a [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!





Victoria, Ludovico, Ashley, Michael and Marcus Povolo '24

N.J. Quintuplets Make History as They Graduate from Montclair State University

Being a quintuplet is exceptionally rare. Rarer still is all five attending the same college and graduating on the same day. But that's what the Povolo quintuplets – Victoria, Ludovico, Ashley, Michael and Marcus – have accomplished at Montclair State University. On Monday, May 13, they will make history at the University's Commencement when they walk across the platform to receive their degrees one after the other.

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