



# AlumniConnections

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## Alumni News



### Montclair Alumni Front and Center at Male Education and Graduation Alliance (MEGA) Symposium

More than 200 scholars and professionals gathered on campus for the inaugural Male Enrollment and Graduation Alliance (MEGA) Symposium. MEGA is a nationwide initiative to improve educational outcomes for Black and Latinx males attending and completing college. The Symposium was co-led by Daniel Jean '00 MA, assistant provost for Special Programs, EOF and Academic Success, and Carolina Gonzalez, assistant dean for Administrative, External and Student affairs in the College of Education and Human Services.

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## Upcoming Events

**March 16**

[Virtual Reality Series](#)

**March 17**

[This Little University Wind Symphony and Clifton High School Wind Ensemble](#)

**March 22**

[English Conversation Group](#)

**March 23**

[Ombres Portées](#)

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

## Announcing New Partnership with AMBA



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

This includes:

- Liberty Mutual Insurance for home and auto
- LTCR long-term care insurance



- Ameritas dental

Stay tuned for more information on available plans.

## 11th Annual Wine Tasting March 29



Join us for a night that celebrates women in the wine business in the best way possible - tasting their wine! The lack of female representation and leadership in the wine industry has been the historical narrative. As recently as 2020, only 14 percent of California's 4,200 wineries had a female head winemaker. Despite the obstacles, women have maneuvered to shape the industry into the glory it is today - dating back to 1152 with Eleanor of Aquitaine. All are welcome!

[Register Today.](#)

## Get Involved and Stay Connected!

From our affinity networks to volunteer opportunities, there are many ways for you to get involved as an alumnus/a of Montclair State University. Staying connected to your alma mater allows you to expand your network, gain new skills and give back to your community.

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## University News



### Science Hall Renamed Irvin D. Reid Hall

Science Hall is being renamed for former President Irvin D. Reid, who served from 1989 to 1997 and ushered in important changes at Montclair, including lobbying for the State to elevate it from college to university status in 1994, laying the groundwork for its evolution to a doctoral research

## Hispanic/Latinx Alumni Network Spring Kickoff April 3!



Expand your network, mix and mingle in good company. Hear from representatives from the Office of Hispanic Initiatives, LASO (Latin American Student Organization) and MASA (Mexican



institution.

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## 'Ask Governor Murphy' Broadcasts Live from Campus

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and News 12 New Jersey broadcast the "Ask Governor Murphy" segment live from the School of Communication and Media's News Lab on Wednesday, February, 22, answering questions from students and viewers regarding important issues facing the state from gun safety and mental health to public transportation, affordability and equity.

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## More University News

[Montclair State University Welcomes Pebbles the 'Pupscot'](#) Pebbles will help Rocky spread joy and Red Hawk pride on campus

[New Study Uncovers Cause of End-Permian Mass Extinction](#) Findings from Montclair-led research team show the origin of history's largest mass extinction

## Giving News

American Student Organization).  
Join us for our Spring Networking Event!

The Hispanic/Latinx Alumni Network was created to provide opportunities for networking among alumni and a forum to strengthen connections with the University and its students.

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## Montclair Starts Up April 12



Join Us for Montclair Starts Up on Wednesday, April 12th from 6-8 p.m. in the School of Communications and Media's Presentation Hall.

Join us for a night of networking with free food and drinks, quick pitches from 3 startup businesses and fireside chats with: **Craig Dubitsky**: Founder of Hello Products (acquired by Colgate-Palmolive), Co-Founder of EOS and Founding Board Member of Method (acquired by SC Johnson), **Dan Reich**, Co-Founder of Tula Skincare (acquired by P&G), Co-Founder of Troops.ai (acquired by Salesforce) and Co-Founder of Dibs Beauty and **Tara Tersigni**, Co-Founder of Jones Road Beauty

This event is free and open to all.

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**Join us for the Montclair State University Singers Alumni Reunion Choir  
April 29**



# 1 DAY 4 MONTCLAIR

## Get Ready for One Day for Montclair!

**One Day for Montclair** is a day when the entire Montclair State University community comes together for a day of action and celebration! Join fellow Red Hawk alumni, students, employees, friends and parents as we come together on April 27, 2023, to make a big impact. You can sign up today to join as a **One Day Ambassador** - help spread the word and recruit others to help make a lasting impact for current and future Red Hawks!

[Click here to learn more about One Day for Montclair.](#)

## Athletics News



## Red Hawks Are Heading to the Dance!

For the first time in 20 years, the Montclair State University men's basketball team has earned a bid to the Division III Men's Basketball Tournament.

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Calling all Montclair State University Singers members (formerly Chamber Choir)! We hope you will join us for an Alumni Reunion Choir on Saturday, April 29th, 2023, coinciding with the Choral Spring Concert.

This event provides an exciting opportunity for alumni to reconnect and collaborate with each other, while also engaging with the newest generations of Choral Program Red Hawks!

Alumni interested in participating should RSVP with their name, divisi voice part, and if you have any dietary considerations/allergies for our catered buffet dinner, to Dr. Buchanan

[buchananah@montclair.edu](mailto:buchananah@montclair.edu) and Choral Alumni Liaison, Alexa Tammone '22

[alexatammone@gmail.com](mailto:alexatammone@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

## Celebrating Women's History Month - Join WIN



**The Women's Initiative Network (WIN)** is re-launching to engage over 93,000 Montclair State University alumnae in the intellectual, cultural and educational life of the University. We are looking to form a vibrant community of alumnae and friends to inspire and empower women to become leading volunteers and visionary donors.





## Track & Field Gears Up for NJAC's At Fastrack Invitational

Taniya Giles and Sidney Whetstone represented the women's team as John Griffith, Owen Fogarty, and Kimani Carrington were chosen from the men's team. To be named All-Region, the top-five individuals from each region were selected for each event.

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## Alumni Spotlights



### Antonio Garcia '01 *Turning Around Schools – and Lives*

You might say that Antonio Garcia '01 was destined to become a leader. Despite a few bumps in his journey, Antonio has found his leadership niche and is helping thousands of students chart their paths to success as the principal of the Passaic County Technical Institute,

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If you are interested in joining the network or serving on the planning committee, please [complete this brief survey](#) to tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests and thoughts on developing future activities.

### Career Corner



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

What do employers generally seek in candidates? They look for a combination of hard and soft skills. Hard skills are technical abilities, such as proficiency in specific software or language. Soft skills are personal attributes such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and adaptability. Employers also value critical thinking, leadership, time management and attention to detail. In today's fast-paced and ever-changing business environment, being able to continuously learn and take initiative is also highly sought after.

### Sign onto **MONTCLAIRconnect!**

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

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates
- Access Hire a Red Hawk with the click of a button!



**Ines Rosales '04**  
***Keeps Us Moving in the Morning***

Think you have an early wake-up call? When the alarm rings at 2:30 a.m., Ines Rosales '04, traffic anchor for WNYW/Fox5 Good Day New York, is up and on the job, reporting road and mass transit conditions in one of the densest regions in the country.

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- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

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