



AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



Hawk+ Unveils New Alumni Series

A new interview series highlighting remarkable Montclair alumni premiered on Hawk+, the University's student-run video streaming service. The two initial episodes featured Chris Fitzpatrick '04, senior manager of Talent Development at Crestron Electronics, and Ines Rosales '04, traffic anchor at WNYW/Fox5 Good Day New York. A third episode is soon to follow featuring Emma Kaptein '13, social media manager for the New York Giants.

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Upcoming Events

November 16

[Graduate Voice Night](#)

November 28

[Educator Wellness Sessions](#)

November 28

[Writer/Director/Producer
SCOTT Z. BURNS Screening
"Extrapolations"](#)

November 29

[Getting to Know
MONTCLAIRconnect](#)

December 1

[Shari Hoffman - Guest Artist
Masterclass and Performance](#)

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

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



This Month's Featured Show

DAKHABRAKHA
November 18



Alumni Authors Find Inspiration in Creative Writing Program

Engaging workshops in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction and memoirs gave Crystal Castro '22, Davon Loeb '11 and Alyssa DiPalma '23 the essential skills needed for continued success in their writing careers.

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University News



In Schools, an Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice: University's Critical Urban Education Speaker Series

Montclair State University's Critical Urban Education (CUE) Speaker Series recently welcomed the renowned author and scholar Bettina L. Love to campus to share her groundbreaking work on the fight for racial



An arresting and entrancing vocal quartet from Kyiv, Ukraine. Reflecting fundamental elements of sound and soul, Ukrainian "ethnic chaos" band DakhlaBrakha, creates a world of unexpected new music.

Accompanied by traditional instrumentation from different countries, the quartet's astonishingly powerful and uncompromising vocal range creates a transnational sound rooted in Ukrainian culture.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

MBA Executive Speaker Series November 30



Join us on November 30 for an MBA Executive Speaker Series featuring Michael Ehret, head of global talent management for Johnson & Johnson.

Explore insights into global talent strategies and the intersection of data, technology and leadership development.

[Register Today](#)

justice in schools.
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Montclair State University Once Again Named Fulbright HSI Leader

For the third consecutive year, the U.S. Department of State has recognized Montclair State University for its commitment to creating life-changing educational opportunities for all students. Montclair is one of only 46 institutions in the country to earn the Department of State designation.

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More University News...

Montclair and Bergen Community College Sign Joint Academic Agreement Students with associate degrees will be able to seamlessly transfer into various Montclair bachelor's degree programs.

Montclair State University Takes Inclusive Education to the Next Level New certificate program in General Education Studies launches for students with intellectual disabilities; applications for fall 2024 are now open.

Giving News

Join Your 50th Reunion Class Committee



We are reaching out to all members of the Class of 1974 to ask for your help in spreading the word and to invite you to join your reunion planning committee.

If you are interested in serving on your 50th Reunion Committee or would like more information, please contact Rachel Vigilante at vigilanter@montclair.edu or 973-655-5465.

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.

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

[Make a Gift](#)

Career Corner

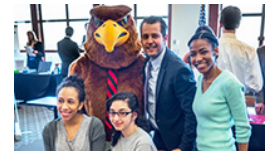
GIVING TUESDAY

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Make an Early Gift

Athletics News



*By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF,
CPRW, director, university
college career and academic
programming*

Avoiding Job Scams in Today's Digital Age

First, thoroughly research the company; check its website, reviews and contact details. Beware of unsolicited job offers, or positions that promise unrealistically high pay for minimal effort.

Never share personal or financial information upfront and be cautious if employers request payment for job opportunities.

Use trusted job search platforms and verify the legitimacy of job postings.

Trust your instincts, and if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Staying vigilant and informed is key to sidestepping job scams and protecting your career prospects.

**Sign onto
MONTCLAIRconnect!**



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

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.

MOVING ON! No. 5 Men's Soccer Outlasts Christopher Newport 3-1

The No. 5 Montclair State University men's soccer team secured a 3-1 victory against Christopher Newport University in the Second Round of the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament on Sunday night.

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Men's Basketball Clips Penn College On Buzzer-Beater

Sophomore Kunga Tsering sealed the Montclair State University men's basketball team's 89-87 victory over Penn College with a buzzer-beating layup.

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Alumni Spotlights

- 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!



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.

Check out Episode three from Red Hawk Sports Network!

[RHSN The Show | Episode 3](#)

[Stream Hawk+](#)

Need Student Loan Repayment Help?

Introducing our new student loan repayment support Toll-Free Hotline and GradReady online financial literacy tool.

Montclair State University has partnered with Ascendium Education Solutions®, a leader in student loan repayment support to address any questions or concerns you may have about your federal student loans. This is a FREE service for Montclair alumni.



**BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Cassandra Bien-Aime '07

**Cassandra Bien-Aime '07
Leading the Fight Against Racial Inequality**

From her early college days, Cassandra Bien-Aime'07 sought to understand the root causes of racial inequity in our society. Now the founder of her own non-profit organization and health chair in 11 cities for the NAACP, she works to address those inequities daily.

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



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Francisco Galindo MBA '20

**Frank Galindo '20
MBA Believes in the Power of Education**

833-707-1220

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

[RepaymentSupport@
ascendiumeducation.org](mailto:RepaymentSupport@ascendiumeducation.org)

[Click Here for Additional
Resources](#)

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](#)

Through outreach and relationship building, Frank Galindo '20 MBA, assistant vice president of Public Relations and Stakeholder Engagement at Lincoln Tech, builds awareness about the value high-quality technical education brings to students, and to the employers who hire them.

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