



# AlumniConnections

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**MONTCLAIR STATE  
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## Alumni News



### Save the Date: Investiture Livestream

Mark your calendar! The investiture of Jonathan GS Koppell, the ninth president of Montclair State University, is almost here. Join us on Thursday, September 15, via livestream on the Montclair State University YouTube channel starting at 1 p.m. ET. [\[Get the Link\]](#)



## Featured Event



**Save the Date – October 28, 2022**

THE BLACK ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS  
***A Night to Remember***  
BAAC GALA CELEBRATION

### Event Details

#### The Black Alumni Advisory Council Gala Celebration

Friday, October 28, 2022  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Conference Center, University Hall, 7th Floor

Cost: \$150 per person, includes dinner, open beer-wine bar, donation

Dress: Semi-formal

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Emergency Book Fund, EOF Book Fund and James Harris Book Fund.

To receive your formal invitation, please complete this brief survey.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**9/11 Day of Service**

## Homecoming - Registration Opens Today!

Join us on Saturday, October 29, for Homecoming 2022. We invite you back to campus for a day filled with fun, food, and football! Start your day with a visit to the Alumni Welcome Tent in front of Cole Hall. Check in, pick up your free alumni gift, and learn about the day's activities. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## University News



### PSEG Foundation Supports STEM Education and Drives Diversity

The Montclair State University Foundation received a \$525,000 grant from the PSEG Foundation in support of the "Building Transformative Pathways to Sustainability Program" through the University's PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS) and the Clean Energy and Sustainability Analytics Center (CESAC) for Spring 2022 through August 2023. The most recent grant fuels the PSEG ISS Green Teams Program, which provides paid internships for undergraduate students to tackle sustainability challenges in communities across the state, along with CESAC's clean energy STEM education and outreach. [\[View the full story\]](#)

**Saturday, September 10**  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join the Montclair State University community for our annual 9/11 Day of Service.

Come honor those we lost on that tragic day by participating in our community service program, Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m, beginning in the Student Center. This year's service will take place in person, both on and off campus.

You can [register](#) for the Day of Service today! Please contact [Katharine Culp](#) if you have any questions.

### Upcoming Events

**August 18**  
Anthology Support Drop In Session

**August 19 - September 1**  
JCPenny Suit-Up

**September 13**  
Segal Gallery: Nothing Under Heaven By Joseph Liatela

**September 20**  
[Webinar: MBA, Dual Programs, and Graduate Business Certificates](#)

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

**PEAK Performances**  
**2022-23 Season Is Here!**



## Hard News in The Big Easy

For several years, Montclair State University Journalism and Television and Digital Media students have spent their spring break or summer vacations gaining the ultimate hands-on experience in news gathering while working under challenging conditions. The result of their hard work was a half-hour Montclair News Lab special titled “New Orleans | The Raging Storms” that is getting recognition from partner NBCU Academy, a journalism training and development program for professional and future journalists. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## More University News

The Opportunity of a Lifetime: Communication and Media students get real-life experience covering Pro Football Hall of Fame

## Giving News



### Upcoming Performances

#### NEHANDA I-III

**PART I**  
**NATIVES, EMPIRE + JAIL**  
 September 16, 7:30 P.M.

**PART II**  
**PUNGWEE & CHURCH**  
 September 17, 8:00 P.M.

**PART III**  
**MANIFEST THINKING**  
 September 18, 3:00 P.M.

[Purchase Your Tickets](#)

For more information on [PEAK Performances](#)

## 10th Annual Red Hawk Open - September 19



Show your support of student-athletes by coming out for a day on the links on **Monday, September 19, 2022**. The 10th Annual Red Hawk Open returns to Crestmont Country Club in West Orange.

[Learn more](#)

## Career Corner



## Back to School Campaign: Support the Emergency Book Fund!

As we head into this academic year, once again our classrooms will be filled with eager students representing the next generation of scientists who will work to end climate change; artists who will enhance our cultural opportunities; nurses who will become our next-door heroes; and, teachers who will educate our children. [Please support the Emergency Book Fund](#) which provides assistance for students who would otherwise be unable to purchase needed textbooks due to financial hardship.

[Make a Gift](#)

## Athletics News



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF,  
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Career and Academic Programming

Cover letters continue to perplex some job-seekers, and with good reason. We often wonder if cover letters are really even necessary—this concern can be answered by the job’s application requirements, as well as through your research of the employer/industry. If you realize you do have to write a cover letter,

The [Muse](#) offers an excellent primer on what not to write. [Their 7 Cover Letter Words and Phrases That Are Costing You the Job](#) is well worth the 3 min read.

## 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!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

Get started by [creating your account](#) today!

## Working Advantage

## In Case You Missed It: Sam Mills Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction

Montclair State University legend Sam Mills was posthumously inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 6th. Re live the Red Hawk Sports Network's Live coverage of Sam's Induction today!

[\[View the RHSN Coverage\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



### Al-Nesha Jones, CPA '07 '13 MBA *The Business of Building Community*

Al-Nesha Jones, CPA '07 '13 MBA is using her expertise to build up the community, one small business at a time. She is also bringing her positive energy to Montclair as a mentor and as a new member of the Montclair State University Black Alumni Advisory Council. The 200+ clients of West Orange, New Jersey's ASE Group receive much more than year-end tax preparation. Al-Nesha Jones, and her all-female team of financial professionals educate and provide year-round expertise to help business owners build their enterprises, and their community. [\[View full story\]](#)

## working ADVANTAGE

Alumni has 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](http://workingadvantage.com/montclair) and get started today. Signing up is free!

Through Working Advantage you can save on:

- Movie Tickets
- Theme Parks
- Ski Tickets
- Broadway Shows
- Sporting Events
- Hotels and Travel
- Health and Fitness
- Museums and City Passes
- Merchant Gift Certificates
- Online Shopping

& much more!

### Summer Fun at Six Flags



Go Big! Go Six Flags! You have access to discounted tickets and season passes to Six Flags Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor. Enjoy fun in the sun – buy and print your tickets online! Visit [sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com) and use the information below to get your discounted tickets and season passes today! [\[Visit SixFlags\]](#)



**Tom Kennedy '08 '10 MA**  
***The Other Mentalist***

Tom Kennedy '08 '10, "The Other Mentalist," uses everything he learned at Montclair to engage – and amaze – audiences. In July, he brought his special brand of performance to Summer Bridge Program students at his alma mater, ensuring that their Montclair journey begins on a memorable note. [\[View full story\]](#)

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