



AlumniConnections

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Alumni News



A Day to Fuel the Imagination

The sounds of trumpets heralded the celebration of President Jonathan GS Koppell's investiture as Montclair State University's ninth president. On a bright, lovely fall day the campus welcomed community partners, family and dignitaries to hear the president lay out his vision and plans for the University and to celebrate all that makes it a special place.

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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

Honoring James Harris '68 '70 MA, former Associate Dean of Students and University Ombudsman

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

Dress: After 5 p.m. Attire

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

To reserve your seat please click the link below

[CLICK HERE](#)

Don't Miss Homecoming 2022 - October 29

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. Bring the kids in costume. Join in the street fair festivities with ballon art, face painting, rides and activities. See the amazing changes to campus on a walking tour and don't miss the Alumni Barbecue and Craft Beer Tents. We hope to see you there! [\[View the full story\]](#)

University News



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15) Montclair State University will celebrate its diverse and dynamic Latinx community with a series of events focusing on both culture and challenges, while commemorating Latinx pride. University organizations, clubs and programs will host events throughout September and October. [\[View the full story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

September 22

Philosophy for Lunch: Thought Experiments in Science

September 22

Opening Reception and Live Performance: "Nothing Under Heaven" by Joseph Liatela

September 28

Webinar: Human Trafficking 101

October 3

MBA Executive Speaker Series

October 5

[A Screening and Discussion of Beba](#)

October 5

Webiner: Counseling (PHD)

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

PEAK Performances 2022-23 Season Is Here!



Important Notice

Student Debt Relief

Initial Information Provided by the Federal Government

Federal Student Aid and the Biden-Harris Administration have announced loan forgiveness plans of up to \$20,000 for prior Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 for all other loan



Acing the Sale - ADP

ADP is passionate about training the next generation of sales professionals to focus on the dynamic needs of the client. In collaboration with Montclair State University, ADP professionals and Feliciano School of Business faculty have allowed students to learn from experienced sales professionals while earning a Professional Selling and Sales Management certificate. [\[View the full story\]](#)

More University News

Motivation on Call: Sen. Cory Booker praises professor's inspirational 30-year 'Success Hotline,' boosting call volume

Giving News

borrowers.

Details of how this program will work, who will qualify and how borrowers will request forgiveness of their loans are yet to be released by Federal Student Aid. The University does not have any more information at this time than what has been shared publicly. The University will be providing further information as it becomes available.

There are several sources of information that may be helpful while we wait for details:

FSA: Debt Relief Announcement Fact Sheet: Student Loan Relief

Join the Recent Alumni Network (RAN)



The **Recent Alumni Network (RAN)** works to meet the needs and interests of alumni from the past ten graduating classes. Working with Alumni Engagement, the **RAN Committee**, representing the Classes of 2013 – 2023, will lead the charge in developing, planning, promoting, and delivering quality programs designed to engage recent graduates in the Montclair State University community.

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 your thoughts on developing future activities.

If you have questions, please contact [Linda Kavan](#) or call the



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



Office of Alumni Engagement at
973-655-4141.

Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW,
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The best emails are concisely written with a keen eye on balancing need-to-know information. In addition to information sharing, our emails usually ask recipients to do something, like provide a response, an opinion or generate deliverables. So what happens when our emails fall flat, no response, landing where the crickets roam? Check-out [MSU Career Services'](#) podcast episode 51—[The Art of the Email](#)—for 5 better ways to follow-up rather than saying “...per my last email.”

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!

Golfers Help Drive Montclair Success

As a tradition that keeps getting better, the 10th annual Red Hawk Open welcomed a sold out field of golfers as it raised more than \$110,000 for Montclair State University student athletes. Held Sept. 19 at Crestmont Country Club in West Orange, the outing drew 128 attendees for a day on the links that included a BBQ lunch and dinner reception, along with raffles and prizes. [\[View the Full Story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Taylor Jeffers '13 '16 MBA *The Business of Building Community*

Creative strategist and entrepreneur Taylor Jeffers '13 '16 MBA has helped raise the profiles of such noted brands as the NBA, Bed Bath & Beyond and The Black Bachelorette. Now, Jeffers is raising the aspirations of students in Montclair's Accelerated MBA program and bringing her expertise and energy to Montclair's Black Alumni Advisory Council. [\[View full story\]](#)

Working Advantage

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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!

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- 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!

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at smile.amazon.com. [\[Support Montclair State!\]](#)



Neil John Barnes '17 *Brings the Human Factor to Data-Driven Investing*

Neil John Barnes '17 has always had a fascination for the workings of Wall Street. As Vice President, Business Data Analyst (Systems Trading) at Citi, Barnes delves into the fine print and – sometimes less apparent – nuances that drive systems-level investing. As he completes graduate study and settles further into his career, Barnes looks forward to returning to Montclair to get involved in alumni life at his alma mater.

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