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# AlumniConnections

The monthly newsletter for alumni and friends of **Montclair State University**

## Alumni News



### Red Hawk Day of Thanks is Tomorrow! - February 22

On February 22, Montclair State University will host the annual Red Hawk Day of Thanks, part of The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Student Engagement and Philanthropy Month. For the fifth year in a row, students are invited to stop by nine locations across campus to thank our donors and learn about how the generosity of donors and philanthropy impact Montclair State. Representatives from Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) will be at each location, where students can write thank you notes, record video messages and enter a raffle to win Montclair State gear. Thank You posters will be on display in the Welcome Tent at Homecoming on October 6, 2018. [\[View full details\]](#)

### Upcoming Events

**February 25**

[Sundays with Scorsese:  
"GoodFellas"](#)

**February 25**

[The Graduate School Open House](#)

**February 26**

[The 2nd Annual Reel Montclair:  
Academy Award Edition](#)

**February 26**

[An Italian's Chinese Love Affair  
Through Art](#)

**February 27**

[Speaker Series: Kathryn Minshew -  
Live](#)

**February 28**

[Wrongful Convictions: Know the  
Causes, Hear the Stories, Make a  
Change](#)

**March 3**

[Montclair State Annual Scholarship  
Dinner](#)

**March 7**

[Career Workshop: Your Encore  
Career](#)

**March 15**

[Religion, Mental Health, and an  
Economics of Mind Seminar](#)

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### Full Event Calendar

Plan ahead, mark your calendar, and tell a friend..

### Peak Performances

Check out the upcoming calendar of events.



## Montclair State Annual Scholarship Dinner - March 3

President Susan A. Cole and the Montclair State University Foundation Board of Trustees invite you to this important evening that raises funds for Montclair State University student scholarships. Prepare to be dazzled, as the evening also features Montclair State Musical Theatre students performing selections from the 1936 tap extravaganza Anything Goes at the Alexander Kasser Theater. [\[View full details\]](#)

## University News



## The Ongoing Olympic Journey of Student Figure Skater Isadora Williams

The Montclair State University community has been cheering for our fellow Red Hawk, student and Olympic figure skater Isadora Williams for months. We cheered as she practiced at Floyd Hall Arena on campus, when we saw her in classes, on NBC and on the cover of the Star Ledger. But the volume of support has reached a new height this week, as Williams finally gets her time on the ice at the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. [\[View full story\]](#)

### [Carpe Diem](#)

Tune in to the School of Communication and Media's weekly show.

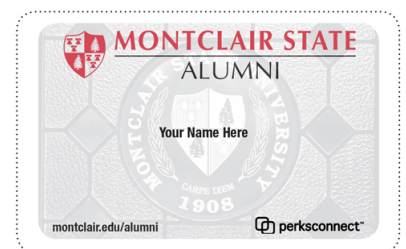
### [Montclair State Athletics](#)

View the entire athletics schedule and cheer the Red Hawks on to victory!

### Save on Auto Insurance with GEICO!

As a graduate of Montclair State University, you could receive an exclusive discounted rate on auto insurance from GEICO. Find out how much you could save. Fifteen minutes could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance.® [\[Learn more\]](#)

### Exclusive Alumni Benefits through PerksConnect!



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## Montclair State Online Graduate Education Program Ranked Among Nation's Best by U.S. News & World Report

Montclair State University's online Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program has been ranked #21 in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report 2018 Best Online Graduate Education Programs survey. The University tied for #21 – a significant increase from the U.S. News & World Report's 2017 ranking that tied it at #47. Released on January 9, 2018, the new ranking confirms Montclair State's growing national and state reputation as a research doctoral university. [\[View full story\]](#)

## Giving News



## MSUnions: 2018 Edition - Montclair State Sweetheart Couples

All kinds of relationships are formed in college. Professional relationships, friendships and mentorships can all result from time well spent at Montclair State University. For some lucky students, another type of relationship develops amid the bustle of collegiate life: romance. For these couples, love blossomed right here at Montclair State. Every pair has a unique story. Read on to find out more

## Calling all Former Student Recreation Center Employees and RecBoard Members

The Department of Campus Recreation is getting ready to celebrate the Student Recreation Center's 10 years of Excellence. Join us for a reunion weekend of activities for you and the whole family. [\[Learn more\]](#)

## Alumni Gmail For Life!

Now you can have a free permanent email account that NEVER changes and is affiliated with your alma mater! Sign onto Gmail to create a personalized Montclair State email account that you can use to send and receive emails!

With an [@alumni.montclair.edu](mailto:@alumni.montclair.edu) email account, you can:

- Use your alumni email address as a fully-functional web-based email account and access your email from anywhere in the world via an Internet connection using Gmail.
- Set your alumni email address to forward to another email account of your preference.
- Send emails using your alumni address as the "from" address when managing emails from a personal account.
- Rest assured that your account will be managed with the reliability of Google services.

[\[Learn more\]](#)

## Montclair State University Conference Center

Consider hosting your next event at The Conference Center at Montclair State. Alumni receive a 10% discount! For more information, [visit the website](#) or call 973-655-3391. You can also email [conference@montclair.edu](mailto:conference@montclair.edu).

about each of these couples who've found true love at Montclair State! [\[View full details\]](#)

## Athletics News



### Sire, Harvey Earn Player, Coach of the Year Honors From NJAC

Senior Katie Sire collected her second straight Player of the Year honor while Karin Harvey earned her fourth consecutive Coach of the Year accolade as the New Jersey Athletic Conference announced its 2018 Women's Basketball All-Conference Team. Sire joins Melissa Tobie as the only Montclair State players to win multiple Player of the Year honors and is the third player in program history to be named to the First Team three times in a career (Tobie and Stephanie Machin). [\[View full details\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights

### Career Corner

By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF,  
CPRW, Director of Career  
Development  
[The Center for Career Services  
and Cooperative Education](#)

#### Career Workshop: Your Encore Career - March 7

You may be approaching retirement age, however, you may not be ready or able to stop working. Through this workshop, participants will learn how to transition into an encore career, how to market their experiences to potential hiring managers, and what resources to tap into when making the transition. This workshop is being hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Center for Career Services. The featured speakers are from Turning Leaf Career Consulting.

#### Event Details

Date: Wednesday, March 7

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Feliciano School of  
Business, Room 101

For more information or to  
register, [visit the event page](#).

### Red Bulls II Season Ticket Package Info!



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### Peter McGuigan '81

When Peter McGuigan '81 graduated from Montclair State, he didn't just leave with a bachelor's degree. He also brought with him an inextinguishable amount of determination and a passion for accounting. When he first arrived here, he already knew that this was the path he wanted to take and nothing was going to stop him. He paired his major with a minor in political science and developed his interests in governmental affairs, political process, and its relation to taxation. [\[View full story\]](#)

month and \$3.50 per month for kids ages 12 and under.

The future is bright for the 2018 season! [Click here to buy your package.](#)

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## So Young Baek '14

Some people watch the Olympics in the comfort of their own home or even in an overly crowded sports bar. This is not the case for alumna So Young Baek '14, who is currently in PyeongChang as the Chief of Starters and Operating Specialist for Ski Jumpers at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics. She has the opportunity to witness the 2018 Winter Olympics up close and personal. [\[View full story\]](#)

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