



Alumni News



Red Hawks Flock to Homecoming 2018

The Montclair State University campus buzzed with activity as thousands of students, alumni, families and friends gathered on Saturday, October 6 to celebrate Homecoming 2018. With reunions, alumni gatherings, campus tours, athletic events, food, games and activities for all ages taking place throughout the day, there was plenty to do and see for all those who joined in the fun. Homecoming 2018 was a terrific way to reunite with friends, enjoy great entertainment and fun, get reacquainted with the campus and show Red Hawk pride! [\[View full story\]](#)

Featured Events

October 21

[The Graduate School Open House](#)

October 22

[Brigid Harrison in Conversation with Senate President Steve Sweeney](#)

Upcoming Events

October 18 - Ongoing

[Peak Performances: Liz Gerring - Field](#)

October 18 - Ongoing

[The Leaders of the World Conference](#)

October 19 - Ongoing

[Peak Performances: The Full Monty](#)

October 23

[Films and Filmmakers Series: Sara Karloff](#)

October 27

[MSU Symphony Orchestra with the New Jersey Youth Symphony](#)

Full Event Calendar

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

Peak Performances

Check out the upcoming calendar of events.

Carpe Diem

Tune in to the School of



Alumnus Cole Mills Appears on So You Think You Can Dance

Judges on the hit TV show So You Think You Can Dance described contestant and Montclair State alumnus Cole Mills' dancing as "gorgeous," "genuine" and "amazing" before naming him as one of the five male finalists who would compete along with five female finalists in the live shows. "Making the Top Ten is a result of my passion," Mills says. "No other opportunity in the world gives a dancer an international platform that streams in over 18 different countries to showcase both talent and personality." [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



Census Day: Montclair State by the Numbers

Will Cherry plans to use the laws of physics to tackle safety issues in sports. Aminata Coundoul is nurturing dreams of becoming a pediatric nurse. Ramatulai Senghor intends to advocate for child rights, and defend in her own words, "all victims of exploitation and abuse." These three members of the new class of 2022 are among 21,115 Montclair State undergraduate and graduate students,

Communication and Media's weekly show.

[Montclair State Athletics](#)

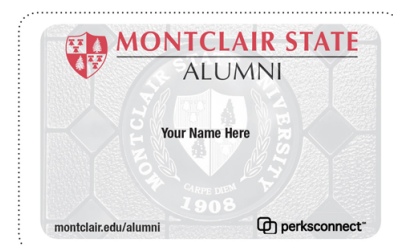
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the University's highest-ever enrollment counted on Census Day, the 10th day of the fall semester. [\[View full story\]](#)



Campus Efforts Guide Students to Voting Booth

With the November elections approaching, Montclair State's efforts to get more students to vote got a boost the day former Vice President Joe Biden stopped by campus, shaking hands and smiling for selfies. It was a made-for-Instagram moment that inspired political engagement among younger voters. [\[View full story\]](#)

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Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director of Career Development

[The Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education](#)

Online job-seekers often wonder why they rarely hear anything after applying for positions. Some call it the "black hole" where application after application goes completely unnoticed. While there are many reasons why we might not get the call, one of the main reasons is our resume never makes it to a human reader. Why? 95% of large companies and 50% of mid-sized companies use Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) to "read" your resume. [Check out this great infographic](#) outlining ways to make your resume ATS friendly.

Check out Montclair State's new crowdfunding initiative, Impact Montclair State. Support a campaign, team, or fund that means the most to you and your Montclair State experience. Whether you were a student athlete or want to support the Red Hawk Pantry, there are several ways to make an impact. Active projects include the EOF Book Fund, MBA Scholarship Fund, and MSU Wind Symphony. [\[Learn more and make your gift\]](#)

Athletics News



Red Hawk Teams Claim Five NJAC Weekly Honors

The Montclair State fall teams enjoyed an outstanding week and the Red Hawks were rewarded for it on Monday with five New Jersey Athletic Conference Weekly honors. Senior Hunter Daly earned his second Football Special Teams Player of the Week honor while senior midfielder Amber Haslett was tabbed as the Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Week. Junior forward Jose Huerta earned the same honor for men's soccer with freshmen Carly Waterman and Kelly Weckstein claiming Rookie of the Week awards in volleyball and cross country, respectively. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Nickelodeon Announces Alumnus Joshua Dela Cruz '11 as Host of New "Blue's Clues"

An Evening with Thomas L. Friedman

From Friedman's "Foreign Affairs" column in The New York Times: Day in and day out, (Trump) proves to us that he has no shame.

We've never had a president with no shame — and it's become a huge source of power for him and trouble for us.

Friedman, a three-time Pulitzer prize winner, will be in conversation with Andrew Rosenthal, a columnist and former editorial page editor for The New York Times. They will discuss Friedman's latest book: Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations, as well as Trump and the political climate in the U.S. Friedman is the bestselling author of seven books, including the classic, From Beirut to Jerusalem. [\[Learn more\]](#)

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Montclair State University congratulates alumnus Joshua Dela Cruz '11, who has been named the new host of the reboot of Nickelodeon's popular children's show Blue's Clues, titled, Blue's Clues & You. The New Milford, N.J., native will be making his television series regular debut after appearing in Disney's Aladdin on Broadway as the understudy for Aladdin and a member of the ensemble. He has also appeared in other theater productions during his career, including David Byrne's Here Lies Love and Encores! Merrily We Roll Along. He has also appeared in CBS' Bull and ABC's Time After Time. [\[View full story\]](#)



Jenn Winski Colodney '02

"My undergraduate experience left me feeling technically competent as a budding creative professional ready to enter the workforce after graduation," says Jenn Winski Colodney '02. Colodney graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts with a studio specialization in Graphic Design and is the Vice President of Marketing & Communications for Somerset County YMCA. Since graduation, she has held various creative titles such as graphic designer, creative services manager, art director, webmaster, web designer, marketing coordinator, creative director, and marketing director. However, if asked as a freshman if she saw herself pursuing any of those career paths – her answer would have probably been "no". [\[View full story\]](#)

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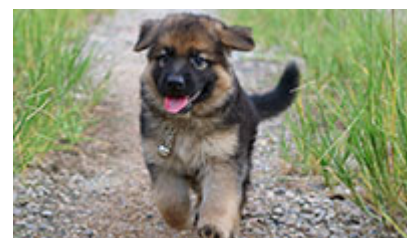
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