



Alumni News



Alumni Campus Employees Ring in the New Year Together

Kicking off 2019 with a get-together, Alumni Campus Employees gathered on Wednesday, January 16, to enjoy good food and conversation at the Annual Welcome Back Luncheon. Organized by the Office of Alumni Engagement as a way to thank alumni employees for their dedication and service, and to let them know about volunteer and philanthropic opportunities, the luncheon was a great way to catch up with colleagues who are fellow alumni employees. Although many may not know it, more than 500 alumni currently work at Montclair State as faculty or staff. [\[View full story\]](#)

Featured Events

February 28

[Hoboken Happy Hour and Networking Gathering](#)

March 5

[Career Workshop: LinkedIn and Your Career](#)

March 13

[Montclair State in Tampa](#)

March 16

[Naples Luncheon Reception](#)

March 27

[Montclair State at One World Observatory](#)

Upcoming Events

February 20

[Government, Law and Non-Profit Career and Internship Fair](#)

February 21

[Presentation and Q&A by Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility CEO and President Cid D. Wilson](#)

February 21

[Webinar: Learn the Potential of Continuing Education in Your Future](#)

February 26

[Films and Filmmakers Series: Howard Libov](#)

February 27

[How to Get a Job with Any Major](#)

March 4

[Entrepreneurial Journeys - 4 Tales of Startup Success](#)

March 6

[Heartsaver CPR AED Certification Workshop](#)

March 19

[De-stress Your Job Search: Career Exploration Group Series](#)



Don't Miss These Exciting Alumni Opportunities!

As alumni of Montclair State University, you have access to many benefits and services that allow you to stay connected to your alma mater through lifelong learning opportunities and continuing education, social gatherings, cultural events, networking groups and career resources. Stay connected! Join us for some exciting events throughout the months of February and March to come together with fellow Montclair State alumni and connect with the University. From a career workshop to a luncheon reception in Florida, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Celebrate your connection to your alma mater by spending a day with fellow graduates and friends. [\[View full story\]](#)



Montclair State University's 2019 Pitch Contest: AlumniWelcome!

Montclair State University is gearing up to find the next big idea at its annual "BulbHead.com Inventors Day for Aspiring Entrepreneurs." With \$80,000 in prize money designated for winning startups, Montclair State's competition is the largest collegiate pitch contest in New Jersey. The contest, which is generously funded by BulbHead.com founder and Montclair State alumnus AJ Khubani '84, is now open to alumni for participation! [\[View full story\]](#)

April 26

[Relay for Life at Montclair State University](#)

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 Communication and Media's weekly show.

Montclair State Athletics

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

Share Your #redhawkpride Photos!



Send us pictures that showcase your #redhawkpride for a chance to be featured on our social media! Email us at classnotes@montclair.edu with "redhawkpride photo" in the subject line. Include your full name and graduation year(s).

Alumni Spotlight of the Week



Do you want to be featured in our social media alumni spotlight? Please email us at classnotes@montclair.edu with "Alumni Spotlight" in the subject line. Please include:

1. Your full name
2. Graduation year(s)
3. Title/Company
4. Quote about Montclair State
5. Photo to be included

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University News



Montclair State University Earns R2 Designation from Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education

Montclair State University has achieved yet another milestone in its ascension to the ranks of the nation's top public universities. The institution has earned the designation of R2 – Doctoral University – High Research Activity – in the latest reclassification of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Seen as the national standard for college and university classifications, the Carnegie Classification has been the leading framework for recognizing and describing higher education institutional diversity since 1970. [\[View full story\]](#)



Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility CEO and President Cid Wilson to Visit Campus

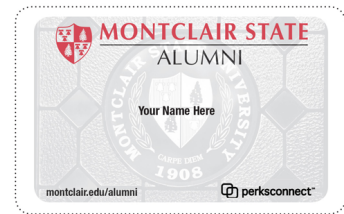
As the CEO and President of the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR), Cid Wilson has dedicated himself since 2014 to advancing Hispanic inclusion in corporate America. Wilson directs programs and initiatives that encourage Fortune 500 companies to increase Hispanic representation in areas such as employment, procurement, philanthropy and governance. On Thursday, February 21, Wilson will visit the Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University to deliver a presentation on advancing the importance of increasing Hispanic representation in corporate America. His presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News

GEICO® ALUMNI DISCOUNT

As a graduate of Montclair State University, you may be eligible for a special discount on auto insurance from GEICO. Find out how much you could save. Fifteen minutes could save you 15 percent or more on car insurance.® [\[Learn more\]](#)

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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.



Reunion Class of '65 Hits Their Goal!

In 2015, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Montclair State, the Class of 1965 set forth to collectively raise \$100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship. Just a few years later, in 2019, their goal has been met! The Class of 1965 – 50th Reunion Endowed Scholarship was created thanks to the generosity of this class. Through cash gifts, pledges and bequests, members of the class proudly joined together to pay it forward to future generations of students. [\[View full story\]](#)



Montclair State Annual Scholarship Dinner – March 9

President Susan A. Cole and the Montclair State University Foundation Board 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 iconic 1950 musical, *Guys and Dolls* at the Alexander Kasser Theater. This year, Lawrence R. Inserra, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Inserra Supermarkets will be honored with the Rose and John J. Cali Award for Business Leadership and Community Engagement. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Athletics News

New MS in Applied IT Puts Students on the Front Lines of Network Security



They are the cornerstone of every good cyber thriller: the team of highly-trained information technology experts that thwart a dangerous breach in a high-profile network at the last moment. The latest online offering from Montclair State, the **Master of Science in Applied IT**, allows graduates to get in on the action with state-of-the-art training while equipping them with the leadership skills necessary to succeed across any industry.

Security remains an ongoing issue for IT leaders. It involves not just having the latest cybersecurity technology to combat attacks, but also educating employees. For example, 92% of malware attacks still happen through email, according to a 2018 report from Verizon. Clearly, more education about opening attachments from unknown senders needs to be done. These are some of the issues that those who graduate with a [master's degree in applied IT](#) can expect to face as they take on leadership positions in the workforce. The challenges are numerous, but so are the rewards. And no field offers a better chance to be on the cutting-edge of the modern economy. [\[View details\]](#)

Career Corner



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

Employers are always looking for a variety of competencies, but what are they? The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) polls



Montclair State University Athletics Conducts Girls In Sports Day Clinic

The Montclair State University Department of Athletics conducted its Girls in Sports Day Camp on Saturday, February 2, at the MSU Student Recreation Center. Over 50 girls, ranging from ages 8-14 years received introductory lessons in field hockey, soccer, lacrosse and volleyball from Red Hawk student-athletes and coaches. [\[View full story\]](#)



Montclair Selected Second in CSAC Men's Lacrosse Poll

The Montclair State men's lacrosse team was picked second in the 2019 Colonial States Athletic Men's Lacrosse Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Red Hawks earned one of the seven first-place votes from the league's mentors and finished behind Stockton University. Montclair joined the CSAC as an associate member this season along with Stockton and Kean. All three teams played as independents in 2018 after spending 12 years as members of the Skyline Conference, where Montclair State captured nine consecutive league crowns from 2009-2017. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights

employers to answer our question. There are 8 competencies in particular that employers seek. They are as follows: Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, Oral/Written Communication, Teamwork/Collaboration, Digital Technology, Leadership, Professionalism/Work Ethic, Career Management and Global/Intercultural Fluency. Consider working some of these soft skills into a Summary or Profile category into your resume and LinkedIn profile.

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Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE)



Continuing Ed Expands Course Offerings

Course offerings include face-to-face and online credential-bearing courses designed to help working professionals advance or change careers; provide enrichment for lifelong learners; and meet the needs of area businesses seeking skilled "new collar" professionals. In addition, students enrolled in the short-duration, non-credit CAPE programs will receive personalized career guidance and support – an innovative feature that sets CAPE offerings apart from those of most other continuing and professional education programs.

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Wilson's Family Saved \$2,998 in Vet Bills!



Wilson needed emergency surgery after ingesting a Wilson-brand tennis ball. Luckily Wilson's parents had Healthy Paws pet insurance, which covered 90% of Wilson's vet bills.

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- Save up to 90% on Vet Bills
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Kathleen Flynn '79

Kathleen Flynn '79 graduated from Montclair State with a BA in English and a minor in Journalism, as well as earning a K-12 Teaching Certification in 1979. Flynn, who now resides in San Francisco, CA, is currently the Chief Marketing and Business Development Officer for Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, LLP. After graduating from Montclair State, she taught high school English for two and a half years while also exploring career opportunities that matched her passion for journalism and marketing. [\[View full story\]](#)



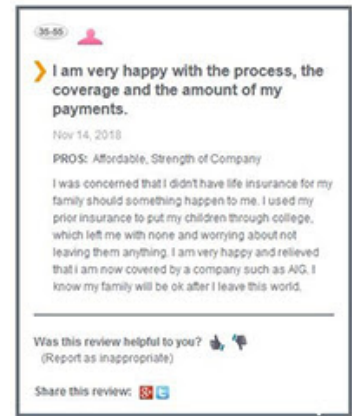
Tamour Kousha '05

"I will forever be a strong advocate for Montclair State University" says Tamour Kousha '05, while reminiscing on his time as an undergraduate student. Tamour graduated from Montclair State University with a BS in Accounting in 2005. In July 2018, he was named the Chief Financial Officer of Liberty Science Center, a non-profit interactive science museum and learning center located in Jersey City, New Jersey. Liberty Science Center is one of the largest non-profit organizations in

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New Jersey, where more than 750,000 students, teachers and parents visit each year. [\[View full story\]](#)

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