



Alumni News



Montclair State in Your Neighborhood: Northern New Jersey

It's all about connections and your connection to Montclair State University lasts a lifetime. With more than 130,000 alumni living in all 50 states and worldwide, the Office of Alumni Engagement at Montclair State hosts events across the country that give you an opportunity to connect with the University and network with fellow alumni and friends in your neighborhood. You already have one thing in common: Montclair State! As part of our ongoing initiative to build and strengthen the alumni network, Montclair State engagement opportunities are planned on campus and in regions. In the coming months, the Office of Alumni Engagement will host alumni networking opportunities in northern New Jersey as part of Montclair State's series of regional events and activities. [\[View full story\]](#)

Featured Events

January 21

[MLK Day of Service 2019](#)

January 23

[Red Hawk Happy Hour at Shannon Rose](#)

February 7

[Alumni Night with the NJ Devils](#)

Upcoming Events

January 17

[New Jersey Digital Citizenship Symposium - Montclair State University](#)

January 22

[Webinar: Counseling \(MA\)](#)

January 24

[Webinar: Cybersecurity \(MS\)](#)

January 24

[Webinar: Montclair State Continuing and Professional Education and Your Career](#)

January 28

[A Concert of Solidarity for the Rohingya Refugees](#)

January 31

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

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



Montclair State in Your Neighborhood: Florida

The Office of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving brings Montclair State on the road to meet alumni as part of the Montclair State in Your Neighborhood program. With more than 5,000 alumni living in Florida, annual gatherings are planned on both coasts. We're heading to the Sunshine State this spring and are looking to create more opportunities for alumni living in Florida to connect with each other and the University. It's our hope to help foster active and strong alumni networks in Florida to create a sense of community among our proud Red Hawks in the area. Although we know that over 5,000 alumni live in Florida, we also know that there are those who live in Florida full time, and those who spend part of their year there or travel often for vacation or business. We're asking for your help. Share your current contact information so that we can be sure to provide information about happenings in your area. [\[View full story\]](#)

University News



Presidential Scholars Discover a Home at Montclair State

When Carla Ko graduated from James Caldwell High School with a perfect 4.0 GPA, her high school achievements earned her a \$20,000 scholarship and academic advantages as a member of the inaugural class of Presidential Scholars at Montclair State University. "It's the main reason I decided to study here," says Ko, an accounting major. "It's exciting to be part of a brand-new program, this community of students who strive for success and love a good challenge." Representing just over 10 percent of the freshmen class, the Presidential Scholars have formed a small cohort who are getting to know each other through shared coursework in specialized learning communities. For Robert Onoz, the select group's reading of a common book, the Pulitzer-winning *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* has been especially meaningful. As a

and cheer the Red Hawks on to victory!

Montclair Magazine



By now, you should have received your Fall/Winter issue of Montclair magazine. We hope you are enjoying the stories of some of the interesting things our students, faculty and alumni have been doing. Please note the following date corrections: The Annual Scholarship Dinner will be held on March 9, and the CSAM and SBUS Convocations will be held May 18. To read the magazine online, visit montclair.edu/magazine.

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. Please include your full name and graduation year(s).

Alumni Spotlight of the Week

chemistry major and future science teacher, Onoz was drawn to the theme of man-made climate change destroying our planet's ecosystem, a compelling message made all the more powerful by the discussion on campus with the author, science writer Elizabeth Kolbert. [\[View full story\]](#)



Broadcast Journalist Judy Woodruff to Receive Honorary Degree from Montclair State University

The Board of Trustees at Montclair State University has named legendary broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff as an honorary degree recipient for its January 2019 Graduate School Commencement ceremony. The anchor and managing editor of PBS NewsHour will address the graduating class and receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree on Saturday, January 19 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. "Judy Woodruff is one of the very important journalists of our time," says Montclair State University President Susan A. Cole. "Her work has touched on the critical issues affecting our nation and the world, and she has used her considerable skills to extract truth from the powerful, to chronicle stories of major importance, and to elicit the voice of communities that have often been unheard. [\[View full story\]](#)

Giving News



Do You Match?

Your gift to Montclair State University makes a powerful impact on the student experience. Many companies support a matching gifts program, allowing alumni and donors to increase the impact of their giving. Matching gift programs are provided by companies in support of the philanthropic causes of their employees. Through these programs, companies match employee



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:

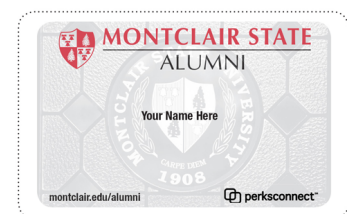
1. Your full name
2. Graduation year(s)
3. Job Title
4. Quote about Montclair State
5. Photo to be included

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!



Sign on to PerksConnect to find local and national deals and discounts! Search for event tickets, cash back rewards, and much more! You will be asked to sign on to access your alumnibenefits. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Support Montclair State with Amazon Smile!

donations that are made to eligible organizations. "A donor who can access a matching gift opportunity is not only increasing their gift amount to Montclair State, but also partnering with theirs or their spouses corporation," says Kara Baldwin Brennan '92, Director of Annual Giving. [\[View full story\]](#)



It's Time to Soar!

Through Soar, The Campaign for Montclair State University, the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff and all our friends and supporters is helping us raise \$75 million in private contributions to advance our students and our future. It's the largest and most ambitious campaign in Montclair State's history, and every gift helps the University provide an affordable, high-quality education that changes lives. Your support makes a difference – so that promising students are able to receive scholarships, faculty has resources to conduct groundbreaking research and the University continues to provide a vibrant educational environment that prepares tomorrow's leaders. Be a part of our exciting growth and help us Soar to new heights. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Athletics News



Rob Chesney Named Interim Director of Athletics

Rob Chesney, who has spent over three decades at Montclair State University as a student-athlete, coach and administrator has been named Interim Director of Athletics. Chesney takes over for Holly Gera, retired on January 1. Chesney, who will oversee the operations of the 18 sports for men and women, had been serving as the Associate Director of Athletics since 2000 following a very successful coaching tenure for the Red Hawks men's soccer program. "It's an honor to serve in this position and follow behind the tremendous leadership of Holly Gera," said Chesney. I am grateful to President Cole and Dr. Pennington for giving me the



You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your alma mater by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com. [\[Support Montclair State!\]](#)

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.

Career Corner



Did you miss the last career workshop or do you want a refresher? View recorded versions of past career seminars and webinars as well as various online narrated workshops.

Recorded Seminars:

- Work Life Balance - Juggling Priorities
- Financial Management and Literacy
- Job Search Boot Camp
- ...and more!

Recorded Webinars:

- Finding Your Right Career
- Effective Salary Negotiation
- Turn Job Interviews Into Offers
- ...and more!

To view these recordings and access other career resources, log into [MONTCLAIRconnect](#).

Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE)

opportunity and I'm excited about working with our outstanding coaches, staff and student athletes. [\[View full story\]](#)



Season Review: Red Hawks Make 3rd Straight NCAA Appearance

The Montclair State field hockey team finished yet another successful season with a 15-4 record while remaining in the top 10 rankings in Division III in 2018. The Red Hawks earned one of the five at-large bids and hosted a first round NCAA tournament contest against Smith College, making it their third straight appearance and eighth overall. Montclair State University opened the season with seven consecutive wins, shutting out DeSales, Cortland and Stevens Institute of Technology. The Red Hawks went 5-1 in NJAC conference play only falling to No. 3 Rowan University, however marked one of its biggest victories with an overtime win against No. 7 The College of New Jersey. [\[View full story\]](#)

Alumni Spotlights



Henry "Hank" Gola '76

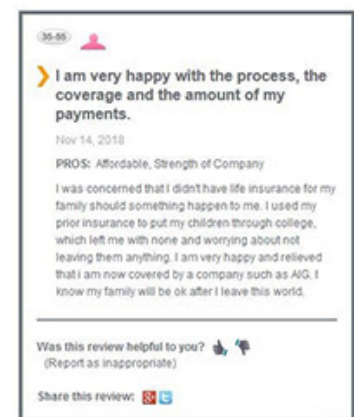
"Montclair State stood out from all the state schools in New Jersey for its academic reputation while providing me with the perfect foundation for my career," says Henry "Hank" Gola '76. After graduating from Montclair State in 1976 as a history major, he pursued a career in sports journalism. His latest of three books, *City of Champions*, has just been released. It's a gripping account of his hometown Garfield High School's 1939 national championship football team set against the backdrop of pre-World War II America. Gola, who previously penned two other



Montclair State University to Offer Free Program for Federal Employees During the Shutdown

In response to the United States government shutdown, now in its fourth week, Montclair State University will offer a day of FREE professional programming to all federal employees on Friday, January 18. In conjunction with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) union, the National Treasury Employee Union (NTEU), and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), specially-designed courses and lectures will focus on helping attendees acquire skills and leadership training while they are out of work. [\[Register here\]](#)

Why Get life Insurance Through AIG Direct?



Hear from our customers who helped protect their family with life insurance. What our satisfied customers say about us in their life insurance reviews say more than any advertising campaign ever could. A review from a customer is a great way to see what people really think about a company. We encourage you to request a [free quote](#) for life insurance to experience a similar journey as our thousands of other happy customers. Take the first step to help protect those who matter to you. [\[Learn more\]](#)

Connect with us!

books, Hard Nose and Tiger Woods, recently completed a successful 42-year career in the newspaper industry. [\[View full story\]](#)



Lauren Charles '14

"I look at my time at Montclair State and remember to always keep moving forward," says Lauren Charles '14 when looking back at her time as a student. Charles currently works for Edison Research, a market research and political polling company, where she is a Manager of Research. She graduated from Montclair State in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in legal research and public administration. As an undergrad, Charles pictured herself working in her current field but did not expect it to be in New Jersey. "Since I majored in political science, I assumed my career path would bring me to Washington D.C., but I was pretty lucky to find something so close to home," she says. [\[View full story\]](#)

[Email Preferences](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)



You're part of a successful network of over 130,000 Montclair State Red Hawks located in all 50 states and more than 75 countries. There are many ways to connect with your fellow alumni.

Sign into [MONTCLAIRconnect](#), your portal to all things alumni! Access your alumni [benefits](#) and perks!

Stay connected to your alma mater through lifelong learning opportunities and continuing education, social gatherings, cultural [events](#), [networking](#) groups, and [career resources](#).

Search the [directory](#) for fellow Red Hawks, view network pages for each school and college, affinity groups and more!

If you'd like to update your information or request an AlumniID card without logging into MONTCLAIRconnect, visit our [Update Your Information](#) form!

Be sure to follow us on social media to [connect with us](#) and stay up-to-date on upcoming events and activities, get to know our alumni, and much more!

Get social with us!

Are you following us on social media? If not, you're missing out on live coverage of events and activities, important announcements, event invites, and much more!

