



## Alumni News



### SOAR with Us in the New Year!

We are kicking off the New Year with a series of events planned throughout New Jersey and New York. Join us in 2020 for SOAR with Us as we bring the Montclair State experience to you – our alumni and friends – with a special series of events celebrating [SOAR, The Campaign for Montclair State University](#). Reconnect, reminisce and engage with fellow Red Hawks and University leadership. Hear about Montclair State's recent accomplishments, learn about exciting future plans and explore opportunities to become involved with your alma mater. [\[View full story\]](#)

### Featured Event

**January 16**

[Alumni Campus Employee Appreciation Luncheon](#)

### Upcoming Events

**December 19**

[Webinar: Math and Math Education Graduate Programs](#)

**December 20**

[MicroInequalities: Managing Unconscious Bias](#)

**December 22**

[New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Members To perform Handel's Messiah With Montclair State University Singers](#)

**December 28**

[Women's Basketball vs. Bethany College](#)

**January 8**

[Webinar: Family Science and Human Development \(PhD\)](#)

**January 11**

[Men's Basketball vs. Rowan University](#)

**January 14**

[Women's Swimming & Diving vs. FDU-Florham](#)

**January 22**

[Sacher Distinguished Lecture in Music-Jazz Matters](#)

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### Full Event Calendar

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





## Revel in the Magic of Italy with Your Alma Mater

Get your boarding pass for the first trip of the Montclair State Alumni Travel Program. The Office of Alumni Engagement has partnered with Collette travel to offer "Reflections of Italy" with tours of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan in June 2020. The program offers alumni the opportunity to participate in a unique group travel experience that provides a global, integrative and personal learning experience. Interested in taking part in the first trip? We invite you to view an online presentation and full details about the trip. [\[View full story\]](#)



## Start the New Year Right with Professional Development

Building an authentic brand and taking control of it will position you to leave a lasting impression. A personal brand can open pathways to opportunities and boost your career velocity. Join us on Wednesday, January 22, for a professional development workshop featuring career and executive coach Tara Chiari presenting Building Your Authentic Personal Brand. This hands-on and engaging

## 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!

## Career Corner



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

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

Montclair State University is proud to announce the launch of a Career Services podcast-- Manual or Automatic: [What Gears Are Driving Your Career?](#) Hitting the airwaves in September 2019, this podcast offers 11 episodes focusing on various career development topics, including resume and cover letter writing, job interviewing, networking, effective use of LinkedIn, overcoming obstacles in the job search and much more. [Listen here and subscribe](#) —Spring 2020 will offer entirely new episodes. The podcast is available on iTunes by searching 90.3 WMSC!

## Alumni Spotlight of the Week





workshop will introduce you to personal branding and why it is essential to your career. [\[View full story\]](#)

## University News



### Cali School of Music Considers the Legacy of Matthew Shepard

Montclair State University presented *Considering Matthew Shepard* in the regional premiere of the choral piece that explores the life, death and legacy of Matthew Shepard. The hate crime sparked outrage, and over the past two decades, has led to advocacy and action in the LGBTQ movement. The passions were on full display inside Alexander Kasser Theater on Montclair State's campus, where the concert's theme – #EraseHate has become an extraordinary community-wide movement. [\[View full story\]](#)



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1. Your full name
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3. Title/Company
4. Quote about Montclair State
5. Photo (Selfies will not be considered)

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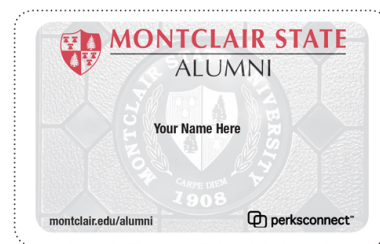
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## Montclair State University is MADE for Montclair High School Students

In a new program connecting the community and campus, Montclair High School students are taking courses at Montclair State University as part of a dual enrollment program helping them earn college credits while still in high school. The opportunity, says Gabe Wallerstein, one of 26 students from Montclair High School attending classes, "has made my senior year the best year of school by a long shot." [\[View full story\]](#)

## Giving News



### Make An Impact This Holiday Season

During this season of giving, each of us has the opportunity to inspire someone and impact their lives. This is the chance for all of us to invest in the future of Montclair State University. Your contribution helps provide an excellent education that prepares students to be productive, enlightened and engaged citizens. Without the generous support of our alumni, parents and friends, quite simply, many students would not enjoy the benefit of a college education. [\[Learn more and support\]](#)

## Athletics News

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### 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. [\[Learn more\]](#)

### Working Advantage



As alumni, you have exclusive access to the Working Advantage discount network which allows you to save up to 60% on ticketed events and online shopping. Access these discounts and get started today! [\[Learn more\]](#)

### 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).





## Men's Basketball Escapes Against TCNJ, 88-86 for Fifth Straight Win

Senior forward Jalen Parham finished with 18 points, and 9 rebounds as Montclair State fended off a furious second-half rally by The College of New Jersey for an 88-86 victory at the Panzer Athletic Center on Saturday, December 14. [\[View full story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



### Patrick Coyle '13 MBA

A seasoned financial professional with more than two decades of experience, Patrick Coyle '13 MBA currently serves as vice president and chief financial officer at Eisai Inc. Before joining Eisai, he held financial leadership positions in Global

### Oshie's Dad Saved \$4,584 in Vet Bills!

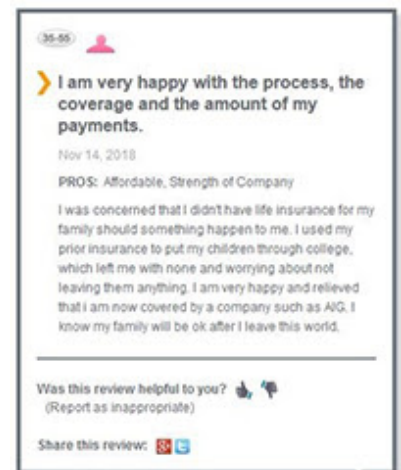


Not long after Oshie got pet insurance, he tore his ACL and needed expensive surgery. Luckily, he was covered by Healthy Paws and was able to get the treatment he needed!

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Commercial Oncology at Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals and in US Commercial Immunology and Dermatology at Novartis, as well as serving as vice president of Finance at Insmed. [\[View full story\]](#)



### LaTarika Pierce '15

A professional performer, LaTarika Pierce '15 landed roles in musicals such as *Beauty and the Beast*, performed as a backup dancer for an up and coming pop artist, performed for the Saks Fifth Avenue Theater of Dreams window unveiling and is now taking on her biggest role yet. She is currently a Rockette in the 2019 *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. [\[View full story\]](#)

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