

Alumni News



Honoring Emeriti Faculty

In a tradition of honoring the accomplishments and service of emeriti faculty, seven newly appointed members were recognized at the Emeriti Faculty Luncheon held on November 18 at the Feliciano School of Business. Gathering in person and virtually, fellow emeriti faculty, guests and University leadership joined in celebrating the emeriti faculty and their collective influence on Montclair State University. Kimberly Hollister, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, opened the program to announce the newly named emeriti faculty and recognize all emeriti faculty in attendance. In thanking members for their years of service, she pointed out, "If you compile the years that each of you here today served Montclair State and our students, the number represents over 1,415 years of service. Now that is impressive!" [\[View the full story\]](#)



Alumni Pride is on the Rise as Denise Rover '84 and Cynthia Watson '99 Join the Montclair State University Foundation Board

The Montclair State University Foundation's newest board members are excited about joining their alma mater's leadership. But alumni pride is only one of the many assets that Denise Rover '84 and Cynthia Watson

Upcoming Events

Featured Event:
December 16-19
"Fractales"



The language of the circus and dance movement highlight the physical potential of the acrobatic body as performers are confronted by a landscape in transformation.

December 16
[Baroque Ensemble](#)

January 5
[Webinar: Family Science and Human Development \(PhD\)](#)
[Application Info Session](#)

January 11
[Webinar: MPH/MBA Dual Master's Degree Program](#)

January 12
[Webinar: Audiology \(AuD\)](#)

January 12
[Webinar: Social Work \(MSW\)](#)

View the [full calendar of events](#) and check out some [online resources](#).



Calling all 1970, 1971 and 1972 alumni!

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of your graduation from Montclair State, please join us on campus for a reunion with fellow alumni and friends. An in-person reunion will be planned for all three classes for May 2022. More information to follow. Visit the [reunion webpage](#) for details. Interested in joining the committee? Contact Karen Hackett at hackettk@montclair.edu or 973-655-4207.

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'99 bring to the Foundation board. Both are accomplished professionals whose expertise, energy and generosity will strengthen the board's efforts to ensure the quality and financial accessibility of a Montclair State education. "Denise and Cynthia have so much alumni pride and genuine appreciation for the university," says Montclair State University Foundation chair Greg Collins '79. They also have heartfelt concern for how hard our students work to achieve their goals. I am looking forward to the energy, experience, knowledge and talent that they will bring to our board." [\[View the full story\]](#)

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Investing in the Future

In finance education, the Red Hawk Student Managed Investment Fund is a game changer, which is exactly its purpose. "Working on the Red Hawk Student Managed Investment Fund is a hands-on, real-world experience," says Ashton Corley, who will complete her MBA in December 2021. "The program gave me the opportunity to do the work, and through that I developed confidence in my abilities. As a result, I'm considering a double MBA in Business Analytics and Finance – and perhaps even a PhD." Earning high marks from all involved, this advanced investments course for Finance majors at Montclair State University's Feliciano School of Business immerses students into the world of investing. [\[View the full story\]](#)



Red Hawks Wow in Spielberg's 'West Side Story'

Two days after Carolina Abreu graduated from Montclair State University in May 2019 with a degree in Filmmaking, she reported to her first day of work at her new job as production assistant on legendary filmmaker Steven Spielberg's remake of West Side Story. After the pandemic delayed the opening by a year, the film finally had its New York City

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Career Corner



By Adam Mayer, MA, GCDF, CPRW, Director, University College Career and Academic Programming

For many jobs, both fully remote and hybrid work schedules continue to evolve. So what jobs tend to align themselves most closely with the remote ethos? The following seem well-suited to remain, in some form, remote: Marketing Specialists/Generalists, Sales, Writing, Software Engineering, Design, Customer Support and Online Business Owner. For in-depth details on each of these jobs, check-out [episode 49](#) of the Career Services' podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career?](#)

Check-out Montclair State University's Career Services podcast [Manual or Automatic: What Gears are Driving Your Career, episode 45](#) for an exploded view on each of these strategies.

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premiere on Monday and opens in wide release on December 10. "I'm still pinching myself," Abreu says. Abreu is among nearly two dozen recent Montclair alumni who worked on the film – whether as dancers, actors, singers or behind the scenes in production. The experience is a high water mark in many young careers – and has sustained the former students as COVID-19 hit pause on their early, remarkable success. [\[View the full story\]](#)

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Calendar Year End Giving

Thank you to the many alumni and friends who have supported our students at Montclair State University so far this year! December is a time where many of us consider our calendar year end philanthropic priorities. Please consider [making a gift](#) in support of Montclair State students and an area of campus you feel most passionate about. Your generosity to [The Fund for Montclair State](#), supporting our greatest needs, to special funds, such as [The Red Hawk Pantry](#) or [The Emergency Book Fund](#), makes an immediate impact for our students. Should you have any questions about your year end giving, please contact Kara Baldwin Brennan '92, Director of Annual Giving at brennanka@montclair.edu or (973) 655-4792. If you are interested in making a gift of stock, please contact Ana Gomez, Executive Director, Administrative Services, Foundation Administration and Finance at gomez@montclair.edu or (973) 655-4344.

Athletics News



Talon Talk: Episode 4 - Justin Potts

It's Talon Talk, the newest show created by the Red Hawk Sports Network. In the fourth episode, host Jon Edmond sits down with head men's basketball coach Justin Potts. [\[View the full video\]](#)

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Dr. Syrtiller McCollum Kabat '60

One of Syrtiller Délores McCollum Kabat's favorite Montclair State memories relates to the 1960 Olympics. "I was on the fencing team and I ran track and field," she recalls. "The U.S. Olympic track team was training on campus during my senior year and I was one of two athletes called on to help train sprint champion Wilma Rudolph. It was fun – especially when I won!" There were many challenging memories as well. As the only African American student in her major or living in the dorms, Kabat was a Montclair State student long before diversity had become the University's hallmark. But Kabat was hardworking and determined, and in 1960 completed a degree in Social Sciences with a special endorsement in Speech and Hearing [\[View full story\]](#)



Frank Cunha III '19

Even the most casual visitor to Montclair State is likely to be impressed by what they see. With its stunning views and Spanish mission styling, the campus nods to the past while providing a vision of, and for, the future. This is by design. Just ask Frank Cunha III, AIA, NCARB '19 MBA, who for 14 years was a member of the University facilities team behind the University's dramatic expansion. First working as a consultant, Cunha was hired as a project manager in 2007 and progressed to become director of Architecture: Capital Planning & Project Management in 2018. During his career, Cunha oversaw a selection of facility construction and improvement projects that have become hallmarks of Montclair State's transformation from state college to R2 Doctoral University – High Research Activity. [\[View full story\]](#)

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