

# AlumniConnections

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**MONTCLAIR STATE  
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## Alumni News



### Distinguished Alumni Award Honorees Class of 2022

Congratulations to our newest class of distinguished alumni and friends for 2022. Join us as we celebrate these distinguished honorees who have been selected based on personal accomplishments, professional achievements, community service involvement, and support of the mission of Montclair State University [\[View the full story\]](#)

## Featured Event



**Save the Date – October 28, 2022**

THE BLACK ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS

***A Night to Remember***

BAAC GALA CELEBRATION

### Event Details

#### The Black Alumni Advisory Council Gala Celebration

Friday, October 28, 2022  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Conference Center,  
University Hall, 7th Floor

Cost: \$150 per person, includes  
dinner, open beer-wine bar,  
donation

Dress: Semi-formal

Proceeds from the evening will  
benefit the Emergency Book  
Fund, EOF Book Fund and James  
Harris Book Fund.

To receive your formal invitation,  
please complete this brief survey.

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## Pro Football Hall of Fame Countdown

True to his inspirational words, former Montclair player Sam Mills '80, who at 5-foot-9 was once considered too small to play linebacker, "kept pounding" throughout his college and professional football careers, and on August 6, 2022, his name and legacy will join other all-time greats when he is posthumously enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Join the Red Hawk community as we celebrate his legacy and follow the events of the week. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## University News



## Jellyfish Safety and More Beach Season Tips

Associate Professor Paul Bologna who is an expert in jellyfish and marine biology is here to share his DIY remedy to treat jellyfish stings and advice on

## Upcoming Events

**July 21**

Webinar: Urban Teacher Residency (MAT)

**July 26**

LSAC Admission Unmasked

**August 2**

Webinar: Public and Organizational Relations (MA)

**August 3**

Webinar: Business Analytics (MS), Dual Degree Program, and Certificates

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

## PEAK Performances Announces 2022-23 Season



Artists confront dark truths of the past and present and help us imagine a future beyond them. [Learn more](#)

## 10th Annual Red Hawk Open - September 19



Show your support of student-



remaining safe while enjoying the beach this summer. [\[View the full story\]](#)



## Class of 2022: Ready To Make The World A Better Place

Metlife Stadium, the largest venue ever for commencement in Montclair State University's history, welcomed over 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students for an outdoor recognition of their achievements. [\[View the full story\]](#)

## More University News

[Reaching New Heights: Student Researchers Study Geologic Wonders of the American West to Help Them Protect Earth's Resources](#)

## Giving News

athletes by coming out for a day on the links on **Monday, September 19, 2022**. The 10th Annual Red Hawk Open returns to Crestmont Country Club in West Orange. [Learn more](#)

### Career Corner



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

Positive workplace culture has become something of a “must-have” for today’s job-seekers. Gone are the days of going with the mundane flow, accepting inhospitable work environments, due in large part to the [Great Reshuffle](#), where half of American workers left their jobs and made a career change.

Aside from feeling valued, safe and happy at work, positive workplace culture includes respect for work-life boundaries, the provision of professional development opportunities and prioritization of mental well-being. [LinkedIn](#) offers plenty of insights on these, and other hallmarks of positive workplace culture.

### Sign onto **MONTCLAIRconnect!**

Create your profile to start making connections today!

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates
- Access Hire a Red Hawk with



## Make an Impact this Summer, Montclair!

This summer, **make a gift** in support of our students and receive a limited edition Montclair State University tote bag to use when you shop! All of New Jersey has joined the movement to reduce plastic bag use and what better way to **make an impact** than by giving a gift in support of our students and getting a recyclable Montclair tote bag!

**Make a Gift**

## Athletics News

MONTCLAIR STATE ATHLETICS



First Team  
**CARLY WATERMAN**



First Team  
**SHANE KEENAN**



Second Team  
**KELLY WECKSTEIN**



Second Team  
**PETER COSENTINO**



**NJAC ANNOUNCES ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

Red Hawks Place 119 Student-Athletes on NJAC All-Academic Team

## NJAC Announces All-Academic Team

the click of a button!

- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital opportunities

Get started by **creating your account** today!

## Did you lose your health benefits? Augeo Benefits can help!

If you just left your job for any reason and lost your job-based health coverage, you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

This means you can enroll in a Marketplace insurance plan any time of year. You usually have 60 days from the day you lose your coverage to enroll. Speak with a licensed benefits counselor today by calling 888.807.3881 or get things started with a **free online quote**.

## 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]**

## Summer Fun at Six Flags



Seniors Carly Waterman, Shane Keenan, Peter Cosentino and Junior Kelly Weckstein combined their athletic and academic strengths to lead the Red Hawks to Place 119 on Team [\[View the full story\]](#)

## Alumni Spotlights



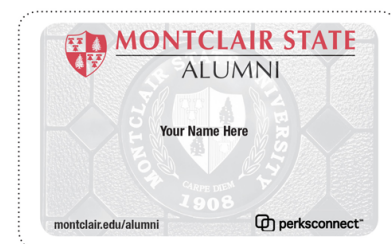
**Nancy Erika Smith '77**  
***Legal Hawk***

Nancy Erika Smith '77 has scaled the heights of her profession as a civil rights lawyer who, since the age of 25, has been breaking ground and making news, winning cases for those who face discrimination based on age, race, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Smith, who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, is perhaps most famous for her role in the sexual harassment suit that resulted in Roger Ailes being fired from Fox News, but she has many wins in her column starting with Slohoda vs. United Parcel Service, which ultimately rewrote the law on marital status discrimination. [\[View full story\]](#)



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## Lou Gilleran '79

### *Captain of Destiny*

When Lou Gilleran '79 says he has an “interesting background,” the physician and retired Navy captain is really underselling himself. A foster child in his teens, he navigated college and career choices alone, worked construction to help pay for college and still found time to play sports. Today, Gilleran lives in San Diego, where he practices internal and preventive medicine part time and is also part of the San Diego Sheriff's Department team that provides medical care for inmates. [\[View full story\]](#)

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