

Alumni News



Join MEGA to Support Black and Hispanic/Latino Male Scholars

In 2022, Montclair State University launched the Male Enrollment and Graduation Alliance (MEGA), a task force composed of faculty and staff, charged with examining and developing a plan of action to improve male student outcomes with a focus on Hispanic/Latino and Black males. MEGA will examine the “from prospect to active alumnus” pipeline to understand how best to recruit, enroll, retain and graduate Black and Hispanic males. [\[View Full Story\]](#)

Upcoming Events

January 19

[Webinar: Analytics MS and Certificate Programs](#)

January 23

[Webinar: MBA, Dual Programs, and Graduate Business Certificates](#)

January 25

[Cali Immersive Residency: Christian McBride](#)

January 28

[University Opera with University Symphony Orchestra | Gianni Schicci & Buosco's Ghost](#)

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

[PEAK Performances 2022-23 Season Is Here!](#)



FCE+I Ignite Entrepreneurs



Do you have a unique business idea you'd like to launch? Or, do you have



Celebrating Black Heritage at Montclair State University

As Black History Month approaches, the Department of African American Studies, the African American Caucus, the Black Alumni Advisory Council and a coalition of campus partners have put together a series of programs and activities to honor Black heritage and foster solution-focused dialogues about a range of social justice topics.

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an existing business that you'd like to grow?

The Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship + Innovation is a diverse and dynamic community of entrepreneurs and innovators bringing together a business design platform, mentorship, and funding, to support you as you launch and grow your idea or business.

We are now accepting inquiries to apply for the Spring 2023 cohort of the Ignite Entrepreneurs @ Montclair program, which will run from May 2023 - October 2023.

Through this program, students and community members will gain the practical knowledge and experience necessary to take their idea from concept to reality or take their existing business to the next level. At the very least, participants will learn how to think more like an entrepreneur!

Please complete this [brief survey](#) if you're interested in learning more.

Public Relations Student Society of America Honors Alumni



The Montclair State University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) hosted the 5th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards at the School of Communication and Media on Thursday, December 15. Students, staff, and faculty gathered for the event, which celebrates the achievements of the honorees, educates students about their professional journeys and provides an opportunity for students to network with professionals in the field.

2022 was full of progress -- a year in which Montclair forged new partnerships, opened an Office of Student Belonging, celebrated the investiture of its ninth president, made news with groundbreaking research, welcomed its largest incoming freshman class and much more.

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Setting New Teachers Up for Success

A growing teacher shortage is a concern nationally and in New Jersey, where fewer people are entering the profession Montclair has stepped up to help solve the problems schools have in hiring and retaining teachers.

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[Charter School Research](#) New research highlights the need for greater emphasis on underserved populations when authorizing new schools

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PRSSA Faculty Advisor Professor Mary Scott commented, "The evening in a word was... Inspirational." The accomplishment of our six impressive honorees, all of whom have very different roles in the communications industry, was important to celebrate and showcase to our current students. It was a pleasure to welcome them back to Montclair, many for the first time since they graduated, and show them the new SCM facility.

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Join the Recent Alumni Network Today



[The Recent Alumni Network \(RAN\)](#)

works to meet the needs and interests of alumni from the past ten graduating classes. Working with Alumni Engagement, the **RAN Committee**, representing the Classes of 2013 – 2023, will lead the charge in developing, planning, promoting, and delivering quality programs designed to engage recent graduates in the Montclair State University community.

If you are interested in joining the network or serving on the planning committee, please complete this brief [survey](#) to tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests and your thoughts on developing future activities.

To [learn more about RAN](#) please visit our website.



Support the Emergency Book Fund

As we head into the spring semester, once again our classrooms will be filled with eager students ready to fulfill their dreams of a college education. Please [support the Emergency Book Fund](#), which provides assistance for students who would otherwise be unable to purchase needed textbooks due to financial hardship. We need your help! Join us and [make your gift today](#) to ensure our students can focus on their studies.

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Athletics News



Attorney Alumni Network (AAN)



The Office of Alumni Engagement, in conjunction with the new Pre-Law Program, is relaunching the **Attorney Alumni Network (AAN)**

As a member of the AAN, you may attend networking gatherings, serve as a guest speaker for a Pre-Law Society event, and help students learn about the trial process as a Mock Trial coach. Members may also serve as mentors and/or provide internship opportunities to current pre-law students.

If you are interested in joining the Network or serving on the AAN planning committee, please complete this [brief survey](#) to tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests, and your thoughts on developing future activities for alumni in the field of law.

Career Corner



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Given all the competing responsibilities consuming our time, it can be difficult to remain informed on the ever-evolving job market. Who to follow, who to listen to, what

2nd Half Surge sends Men's Basketball past Rutgers-Newark

Kyree Henry scored a team-high 17 points as the Montclair men's basketball team outscored Rutgers-Newark 43-24 in the second half despite finding themselves in a nine-point 1st-half deficit.

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Carter, Vero Lead Women's Basketball To NJAC Win Over Rowan

Nickie Carter scored a game-high 31 points as Montclair women's basketball took a 19-point lead into halftime en route to a 73-67 win over Rowan Wednesday. Montclair State (8-7, 5-3 NJAC) outscored Rowan 50-31 over the first 20 minutes to earn the victory.

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Alumni Spotlights

outlets provide the most accurate info? It's hard to say, but [The Work Shift](#), penned by LinkedIn Editor [Taylor Borden](#), does a fantastic job of addressing the world of work in an easy-to-digest (5 min read) weekly email. Data-driven insights are developed from trending topics, [Labor Dept surveys](#), and the [CPI](#) to help us make sense of the economy.

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Julián Omar Morales '12 '17
Steps Forward with Courage and Grace

Julián Omar Morales '12 '17 couldn't fathom where his future would take him. A Purple Heart honoree, faced with the mental and emotional effects of war, needed to find a new direction in life. By listening to his heart and following his calling one step at a time, he is choreographing a fascinating, at times painful but always meaningful, journey.

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Raena Loper '16
Brings Her Expertise to Forbes

Forbes Weekend Updates Editor Raena Loper '16 brings an eye for good design as well as a commitment to inclusivity to her work. Her thoughtful reviews of products ranging from laptops and vacuum cleaners to

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