



# AlumniConnections

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**MONTCLAIR**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

## Alumni News

## Upcoming Events



### Join the Women's Initiative Network (WIN)

With the mission of engaging the more than 93,000 Montclair State University alumnae in the intellectual, cultural and educational life of the University, the Women's Initiative Network (WIN) is looking to expand membership as it builds a vibrant community to inspire and empower women to become leading volunteers and visionary donors.

[\[View the full story\]](#)



## Tees to Success

With the backdrop of a classic fall day, the 11th annual Red Hawk Open welcomed 116 golfers to tee off and raise more than \$110,000 for Montclair State University student-athletes and programs. Attendees enjoyed a day on the links that included a BBQ lunch and dinner reception, along with raffles and prizes.

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## University News



## Red Hawks Soar at Homecoming – Literally!

Despite a rain delay, Saturday marked another Homecoming filled with fun games, good food, tailgating, a street fair and the return of hundreds of Montclair alumni and their families. As always, the Student Showcase did

**October 19**

[Getting to Know  
MONTCLAIRconnect \(Virtual\)](#)

**October 22**

[Virtual Graduate Open House](#)

**October 23**

[Are You LinkedIn? Intro to Your  
Professional Profile & Digital  
Footprint](#)

**October 24**

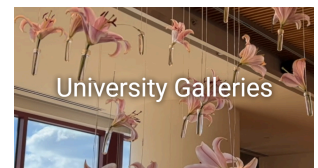
[Director JULIA WEIST  
Screening "Governing Body"](#)

**October 29**

[University Jazz Ensemble](#)

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

[University Galleries Unveil  
Fall 2023 Exhibitions](#)



[PEAK Performances 23-24  
Season Is Here!](#)



[Join us for a Fall Social  
October 26!](#)





not disappoint, and this year there was even a zipline for the adventurous at heart. And to top it all off, the Red Hawks beat the TCNJ Lions 42-7 in their football matchup.

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## University Renames Science Hall to Honor Former President Irvin D. Reid

Montclair State University dedicated the naming of Irvin D. Reid Hall on September 20 in honor of the former president who three decades ago was the driving force behind Montclair achieving university status.

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## More University News...

### [\\$720K in Funding Will Create Inclusion Support for Preschool Children with Disabilities](#)

Collaboration between the University and the N.J. Department of Education to support early childhood inclusive education.

### [University Names Kieran Barrett Chief of Police](#)

Barrett has served on the University Police Department for 25 years, most recently as Interim Police Chief.

## Giving News

Join us at Shannon Rose! Catch up with fellow Montclair Red Hawks. Take some time to expand your network and hear about updates. Help us as we grow the alumni network and develop new opportunities to connect.

Spread the word to fellow alumni! Your first drink is free and complimentary appetizers will be served. **Must be 21 or older to attend.**

**Registration is required.**

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

This event is sponsored by Recent Alumni Network (RAN) - a networking group that creates opportunities for alumni from the past ten graduating classes, including networking, community service, cultural and professional development activities.

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## GIVE NOW: It's easy from a Donor Advised Fund

Realize the benefits of giving to Montclair State University through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Simply click the button below and enter your fund provider name to get started.

Our tool makes it easy, and your gift makes a big impact!

[Make a Gift](#)

## Career Corner



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

Developing emotional intelligence in the workplace is crucial for personal and professional growth. Practicing self-awareness is key, along with acknowledging your own emotions and triggers. Engage in active listening to understand the feelings and perspectives of colleagues. Cultivate empathy by putting yourself in their shoes and showing genuine concern. Manage stress through relaxation techniques and maintain a positive attitude. Finally, enhance interpersonal skills by offering constructive feedback and resolving conflicts constructively. By focusing on these aspects, you can nurture emotional intelligence, leading to better relationships, teamwork and overall success in your career.

## Homecoming 2023: Show Your Red Hawk Pride!

You made Homecoming special, Montclair! Let's keep the Red Hawk pride alive! Join fellow alumni with a gift in support of our students to the Fund for Montclair State University. **Make a gift of \$10** and as a special thank you, receive a limited edition Montclair magnet picture frame. **Make a gift of \$20**, and you will receive the magnetic picture frame as well as a pair of our limited edition Montclair alumni socks. What better way to do your part to support student success at Montclair and represent your alma mater!

**Make a Gift**

Please note: If you would like to make a gift to The Bloomfield College Fund, please [click here](#).

## Athletics News

**Sign onto  
MONTCLAIRconnect!**



[Create your profile](#) to start making connections today!

- Expand your network and connect with fellow graduates.





## Yogi Berra Stadium To Get Upgraded/Renovated

Exciting times await the Montclair State University baseball team as Yogi Berra Stadium undergoes extensive renovations and upgrades! Yogi Berra Stadium will soon be the ultimate home for Red Hawk Baseball.

[\[View the full story\]](#)

- Access Handshake to post a job or search for a job with the click of a button!
- Check out the calendar of events for upcoming digital and in-person opportunities.

Check out our  
**MONTCLAIRconnect Group of the Month:**

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## MONTCLAIR ROLLS OUT NEW PLAN FOR TRACK AND FIELD

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## Montclair Rolls Out New Plan For Track & Field

The Montclair State University Department of Athletics has announced that beginning this winter, both the men's and women's track programs will have their own independent coaching staff.

[\[View the full story\]](#)



Stream some of the Montclair School of Communication and Media's (SCM) best content on [Hawk+](#), a free digital streaming platform that curates video content from across the University.

Check out the Montclair News Lab's coverage from  
**Homecoming 2023**

[Stream Hawk+](#)

**Need Student Loan Repayment Help?**

# Alumni Spotlights



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Domonique Walker '09**

### Domonique Walker '09 Encouraging Children to Raise their Voices

After finding her voice in the 11th grade, Newark Public Schools Choir Director Domonique Walker '09 had to catch up with peers whose vocal training began in childhood. But when she discovered her love for education, she knew she was in the right place at exactly the right time.

[\[View full story\]](#)



## BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**John Skowronski '91**

### John Skowronski '91 From Lost Student to Alumni Leader

After leaving a large university where he felt lost as a student, John Skowronski '91 found his way back to academia at the close-knit campus

Introducing our new student loan repayment support Toll-Free Hotline and GradReady online financial literacy tool.

Montclair State University has partnered with Ascendium Education Solutions®, a leader in student loan repayment support to address any questions or concerns you may have about your federal student loans. This is a FREE service for Montclair alumni.

833-707-1220

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

[RepaymentSupport@  
ascendiumeducation.org](mailto:RepaymentSupport@ascendiumeducation.org)

[Click Here for Additional  
Resources](#)

## Dental Insurance



The Montclair State University Foundation has partnered with AMBA and Ameritas to offer quality dental plans at affordable prices, so alumni can find the best dental insurance plan for you and your family.

The Ameritas Dental Network is one of the largest in the nation, making it easier for policy holders across the country to see the dentist of their choice. Plans also feature next-day coverage, no enrollment fees and preventive visits, such as dental exams and cleanings, which are covered up to 100%.



experience offered at Bloomfield College. It was here that he bloomed and found his passion in accounting and taxation. [\[View full story\]](#)

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