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On behalf of Deloitte, congratulations to all the Montclair State University 2021 annual scholarship fundraiser honorees, including our former Chairman of the US Board of Directors Mike Fucci. Mike is a proud Montclair State University alumnus.

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The Montclair State University Foundation Annual Scholarship Dinner and Awards



*Our Sincere Congratulations to all of the 2021 Honorees
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Community Philanthropist
Mary Mochary and Michael Kasser Award for Philanthropic Leadership

DENISE ROVER '84 (co-honoree)

Account Manager, NBC Universal Owned Television Stations

AL PRIETO '84 (co-honoree)

Vice President, ABC News
Margaret and Herman Sokol Award for
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

While always a highly anticipated event, the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser is even more so this year, given all that has transpired as we navigate the pandemic. I am immensely grateful to be able to carry on this tradition, and I thank the Foundation Board, the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Committee, and everyone's efforts, along with the advances of science, that enable us to celebrate this evening. The annual scholarship event has become an important tradition at the University and is especially significant for me as

I approach my final weeks serving as president of the University.

By coming together for this event, we demonstrate our belief that education changes lives and is the very foundation of our democracy. When I came to Montclair State in 1998, I had a deep belief in the importance of public higher education in improving the quality of life and opportunities for fulfillment of the nation's people and in sustaining and

advancing our democracy. My belief in that principle is as strong today as it was then. Education is the foundation of opportunity, and scholarships are the way to launch Montclair State University students on their pathways to achievement.

We have the distinct honor this evening to celebrate the remarkable achievements of four of our alumni who have carried their Montclair State education forward to achieve greatness in their professions and in their communities.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Rose L. Cali '80 with the *Mary Mochary and Michael Kasser Award for Philanthropic Leadership*. Rose is a devoted alumna who has served the University in many capacities and dedicates herself to numerous philanthropic causes. Among many Cali gifts to the University, John and Rose Cali's gift to support the establishment of the John J. Cali School of Music has transformed the School with expanded programs, a brilliant faculty, and increased scholarship and performance opportunities for talented students.



We are co-honoring Denise Rover '84 and Al Prieto '84 with the *Margaret and Herman Sokol Award for Alumni Achievement and Civic Leadership*. As proud graduates, each has charted a successful career, Denise with NBCUniversal and Al at ABC News, and they remain connected by serving on advisory boards for the College of the Arts and the School of Communication and Media and sharing their professional expertise with students eager to prepare themselves for their careers.

As Chairman Emeritus of Deloitte, Michael J. Fucci '80 led a distinguished career as a transformational leader. We are presenting Mike with the *Rose and John J. Cali Award for Business Leadership and Community Engagement*, in recognition of his work in supporting the development of leaders in the workplace and the larger community, and we thank Mike for inspiring our students in their development as future business leaders.

Our honorees believe in the mission of Montclair State University and they all have demonstrated their pride in their alma mater, acknowledging the impact it made on their lives and the promise it holds for generations to come.

I thank them and all of you for your part in helping the University keep this promise alive for the thousands of hardworking and deserving students we serve.

I hope you enjoy the beauty of the campus, the talent of our College of the Arts students performing tonight, and the tradition of coming together to lift students up to create a brighter future for all. Our students could not accomplish all they do without your help. On their behalf and on behalf of the larger society we serve by investing in Montclair State students, I thank you most sincerely for your generous support.

Susan A. Cole

President, Montclair State University

2021 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER HONOREE

**Rose and John J. Cali Award for
Business Leadership and Community Engagement**

**Michael J. Fucci '80**

Mike Fucci is an experienced board leader and executive with 40 years as a practitioner and principal at Deloitte, including four years as the executive chairman of the board of the Deloitte US Firms. Before retiring as chairman and principal of Deloitte, Mike provided governance and operational leadership on priority matters such as strategy, leadership succession, risk mitigation, talent development, executive performance and compensation. He also led client engagements and is a thought leader within the HR consulting market – particularly in the areas of talent strategies,

succession management, HR transformation, and health-care merger integration.

Mike was elected chairman of the Deloitte US Board of Directors in 2015. During Mike's tenure as chairman, the Deloitte US Firms' revenue grew 19% to \$19B, and headcount grew 25% to over 5,500 partners and directors, and 100,000 employees. He redefined and communicated a clear vision of the role of the board as a governing body that upholds reputational excellence, cultivates leaders and successors, and capitalizes on individual differences.

Mike established and co-chaired the Board Leadership Forum, a coalition of Fortune 500 board chairs and lead directors who convene to discuss research, trends and perspectives pertinent to today's evolving business environment. He also served as chair of the Deloitte Foundation providing strategic oversight of a not-for-profit organization, which supports education initiatives in the U.S.

Mike promotes the benefits of leader-led sponsorship and diversity on boards. He served as a sponsoring executive for the U.S. 30% Club and participated as a mentor in their cross-industry mentoring program for high-talent women seeking corporate board positions. He has written and spoken extensively on these topics including features in Fortune, Huffington Post, NACD, CNBC and at numerous universities and conferences.

Mike attended Montclair State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics. He was a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), and an executive board member of the Council for Competitiveness. He supports the New Jersey Performing Arts Center by serving on the board of directors and as a member of the Human Resources committee. Mike resides in Far Hills, New Jersey, is married, and the father of three.

2021 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER HONOREE

**Margaret and Herman Sokol Award for
Alumni Achievement and Civic Leadership**

**Denise Rover '84**

Denise Rover is a 1984 magna cum laude graduate of Montclair State, receiving a bachelor's degree in Speech and Theatre, with a concentration in Broadcasting. A 35-year veteran of NBCUniversal Media, LLC, Denise has held various positions in sales, news and programming at WNBC-TV. She is an account manager in the sales unit of NBCUniversal Owned Television Stations.

Denise recently completed two consecutive two-year terms as president of the New York Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. In her 37 years as a member, she was elected to the Board of Governors of the New York chapter and also served as secretary and treasurer. Denise was elected as a trustee at the national level of the Academy for two terms, and was chair of the Moving Forward: Daytime Emmy® Awards Committee.

Skating has been a passion for most of Denise's life. She remains active with U.S. Figure Skating, a governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee. She has attended 23 World Figure Skating Championships, and several Winter Olympics. With her combined skating and media background, Denise often shares insight and ideas with skating officials on broadcasting and advertising matters.

Faith and philanthropy are important pillars to Denise. She serves on multiple committees for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, and was appointed to the Board of Overseers at Seton Hall University/Immaculate Conception Seminary. She was invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and has the rank of a Lady Commander. As a tribute to her late parents, Denise established the Rover Family Fund for Breast Cancer Research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Montclair State University, and specifically its School of Communication and Media, is especially important to Denise. She serves on the Advisory Board of the College of the Arts and has been an active donor to her alma mater over the years, through scholarship support and other areas.

2021 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER HONOREE

**Margaret and Herman Sokol Award
for Alumni Achievement and Civic Leadership**

**Al Prieto '84**

Al Prieto is vice president of NewsOne at ABC News. He started at ABC in 1983 as a researcher for *Good Morning America*. In his career at ABC News, he has also been a writer, producer, managing editor, director and executive director before he was promoted to vice president in 2008.

In his current role as vice president, Al oversees NewsOne, the ABC News feed service, which provides news content and services to more than 200 ABC affiliates as well as domestic and international partners. Al also oversees the international distribution of ABC News content.

Al graduated from Montclair State as a broadcasting major in 1984. Remaining connected to his alma mater, he gives back as a donor and by serving on the College of the Arts Advisory Board as well as the board for the School of Communication and Media.

In 2015, the College of the Arts honored Al with the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is also a volunteer and member of the advisory board at Toni's Kitchen, a soup kitchen and food ministry of St. Luke's Church in Montclair.

Al lives in Montclair with his wife, Kathie, and son, Will.

2021 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER HONOREE

Mary Mochary and Michael Kasser Award for Philanthropic Leadership

**Rose L. Cali '80**

Passionate in her support of education, social services and the arts, Rose Cali has distinguished herself as a decades-long advocate for community partnerships and educational causes. As a philanthropic leader, she is a well-known "connector," helping form partnerships between the many community organizations to which she devotes her time and talent.

A proud alumna of Montclair State University, Rose has kept close ties to the University and is intent on helping hardworking students from working-class families, what she feels embodies Montclair State's legacy. She has served the University in many capacities, getting involved in 1991 as a University Board of Trustees member and remaining active on the University and Foundation boards, serving as co-chair for multiple fundraising campaigns and advisory boards, and serving on the John J. Cali School of Music Advisory Board. She is the founder, former president and CEO of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center on campus, one of her most satisfying accomplishments.

Her loyalty and love for the University is a legacy through an endowed gift for music student scholarships that Rose and her late husband, John, established. Through the John J. Cali School of Music, the Cali family's generous support has forever changed the University's music program, improving its growth and excellence and transforming hundreds of students' lives through scholarships so they can deepen their passion for music and the arts and serve the community as performers, educators, scholars, music therapists and more.

She dedicates herself to many causes and is committed to the Montclair community, serving on the Montclair Art Museum (MAM) Board of Trustees, currently as board co-chair, and co-chairing the successful MAM Second Century Campaign, helping raise \$12.5 million. She has worked on numerous fundraising efforts for the Montclair Public Library, including in 1993 when she launched and managed "Booktoberfest" and co-chaired the Library's \$2.5 million capital campaign. Her extensive board service includes: Montclair Film Festival; Newark Mentoring Movement; the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education; NJPAC Arts Education Committee and Women's Association of NJPAC; St. Joseph's Children's Hospital; Liberty Science Center; National Italian American Foundation; Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Jersey and Essex, Hudson and Union Counties; Mental Health Association of Essex County; YWCA Montclair; Salvation Army of Montclair Advisory Board; Montclair Kimberly Academy; Unity Concerts of New Jersey; and Luna Stage.

As a young child, she learned firsthand the importance of helping others as the Salvation Army helped her mother raise her family in New Haven, Connecticut. Rose graduated magna cum laude from Montclair State University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology. She lives in Montclair and has five children and 11 grandchildren.



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Congratulations to this year's honorees, with special thanks to our fellow trustee, Rose L. Cali, for her philanthropic leadership and many contributions to the community, the board and Montclair State University.

We also join in recognizing President Susan A. Cole on her exemplary leadership and stellar legacy that has transformed the University to benefit generations of students.

Montclair State University Board of Trustees



It's a beautiful thing when people love what they do.

We salute Montclair State University for its commitment to preparing students for a lifetime of professional and personal success. We congratulate this year's honorees:

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Wolf Kahn, At Montclair State, 1983, Pastel on paper

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PRESIDENT SUSAN A. COLE

as a visionary and champion of the arts and education
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and

We applaud

ROSE L. CALI

for sharing her love of the arts and embodying the ideals
of the Mary Mochary and Michael Kasser
Award for Philanthropic Leadership

BRAVO!

The Kasser and Mochary Families

*Mary Mochary '59 and I. Michael Kasser '56
College High School at Montclair State*

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Congratulations

to four outstanding alumni honorees

Rose L. Cali '80

Denise Rover '84

Al Prieto '84

Michael J. Fucci '80

**With special acknowledgement of our
fellow board member Rose Cali for her
extraordinary contributions to
the University.**

**We thank and congratulate
President Susan A. Cole
for her distinguished leadership
and 23 years of remarkable service to
Montclair State University.**



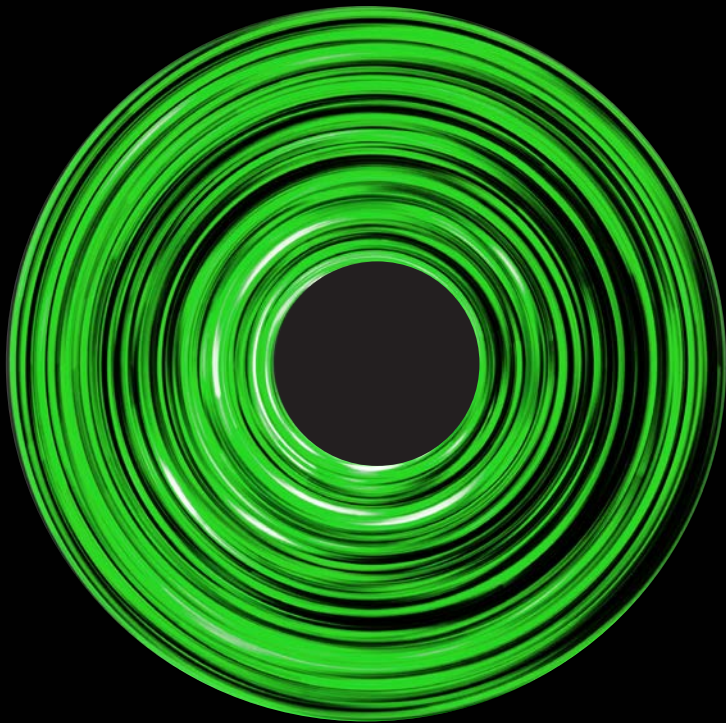
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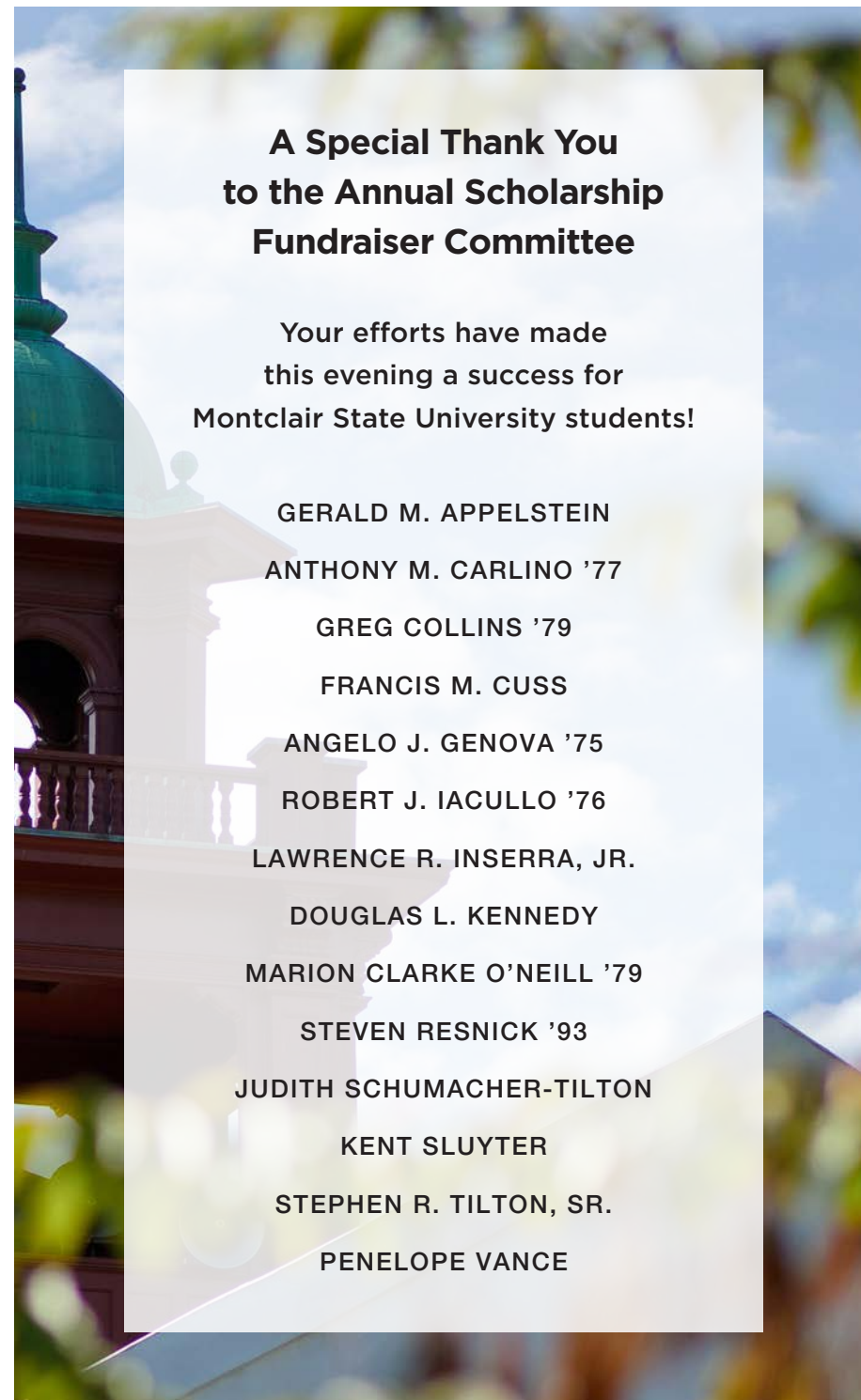


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DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE CHAIR'S NOTE

The Department of Theatre and Dance is excited to be a part of the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser. We look forward to participating in this event every year. In March of 2020 when Montclair State University cancelled all in-person classes and activities on campus, it was a shock to the students and faculty of our department. Like many, we had to pivot in an effort to allow our students instruction, performance and presentation opportunities. In the fall of 2020, our students, faculty and staff were immediately challenged to develop new and creative ways to present their work to our University community and patrons. So, instead of live performances, the productions of the 2020-2021 school year are entirely virtual, viewed in a number of different formats: Zoom, recorded, filmed and edited, and online viewing. What didn't change was the enthusiasm and dedication of our students' artistic ability.

What you will be watching tonight is a year's worth of our students' commitment to the process of "putting on a show." They have rehearsed virtually, recorded voice and music over Zoom, and they follow distancing protocols when in person, singing, dancing and doing all of this while wearing a mask.

Tonight's show will be the first time these students have performed in front of an audience in more than a year. And we could not be happier to do so for you. This year we are presenting selected numbers from *Brigadoon*, *Working* and *Titanic*.

Thank you for your wonderful support of our students. We really appreciate it and hope you ENJOY THE SHOW.

Randy Mugleston
Chair of Theatre and Dance

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

Cocktail Reception

Outdoor Tent at College Hall

Video Presentation

Pathway To Achievement

Welcome Address

Susan A. Cole, President, Montclair State University

Department of Theatre and Dance Student Performance

Selections from *WORKING*, A Musical

Honoree

Michael J. Fucci '80, Chairman Emeritus, Deloitte

Rose and John J. Cali Award for Business Leadership and Community Engagement

Department of Theatre and Dance Student Performance

Selections from *LERNER AND LOEWE'S BRIGADOON*

Co-Honorees

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&

Al Prieto '84, Vice President, ABC News

Margaret and Herman Sokol Award for Alumni Achievement and Civic Leadership

Department of Theatre and Dance Student Performance

Selections from *TITANIC*, The Musical

Honoree

Rose L. Cali '80, Community Philanthropist

Mary Mochary and Michael Kasser Award for Philanthropic Leadership

Tribute to President Susan A. Cole

Francis M. Cuss, Chair, Montclair State University Board of Trustees

Dessert Reception

Outdoor Tent at College Hall

Selections from

WORKING, A Musical

From the book by STUDS TERKEL
Adapted by STEPHEN SCHWARTZ and NINA FASO
With additional contributions by Gordon Greenberg

Songs by
CRAIG CARNELIA
MICKI GRANT
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA
MARY RODGERS and SUSAN BIRKENHEAD
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ
JAMES TAYLOR

Director..... Peter Flynn
Choreographer.....Hollie E. Wright
Music Director Sarah Brett England
OrchestrationsAlex Lacamoire
Stage Managers.....Angela Argese, Eponine Myles,
Allison McLain, Drew Belen

LERNER AND LOEWE'S BRIGADOON

Book and Lyrics by ALAN JAY LERNER
Music by FREDERICK LOEWE

Director Andréa Burns
Choreographer.....Marcos Santana
Music Director Matthew Lowy
Stage Managers.....Brianne O'Callaghan, Johanna Baronowitz,
Izabella Roman

TITANIC, The Musical

Story and Book by Peter Stone
Music and Lyrics by Maury Yeston

Director..... Mark Hardy
Choreographer.....Kim Whittam
Music DirectorKevin Stites
Music SupervisorGregory J. Dlugos
Stage Managers.....Johanna Baronowitz, Kyras Michael,
Jordyn David

Department of Theatre and Dance

Musical Numbers

From **WORKING**
All the Livelong Day
Something To Point To

From **LERNER AND LOEWE'S BRIGADOON**

Brigadoon
Waitin' For My Dearie
Almost Like Being in Love

From **TITANIC, THE MUSICAL**

How Did They Build Titanic
There She Is
I Must Get On That Ship
Godspeed Titanic

For tonight's performance

Cast

Zack Abbey	Liam Driscoll	Grace Rivera
Nathan Angelo	Chase Fontenot	Amber Ruffin
Duane Banks	Tiffany Furicchia	Eric Sebek
Alex Birchwale	Madeline Gambon	Griffin Shoemaker
Jenny Brady	Brandon Grajales	Harrison Smith
Alyssa Burns	Gianna Grosso	Ben Strong
Richie Cardile	David Hartway	Justin Sudderth
Joshua Cellar	Aidan Havens	Kevin Wang
Joey Cooper	Maggie Likcani	Amaya White
Harry Cornelio	Justin Lopez	Emma Wilcox
Ben Daniel	Kate Mazza	Miranda Wolf
Anthony DaSilva	Michael Mottram	Crystal Wright
Jordyn David	Avery-Claire Nugent	Jason Yanto
Katie Davis	Maya Petropoulos	
Lexie DeBlasio	Ariana Rivera	



Department of Theatre and Dance

For tonight's performance

Production Supervision

Clay James

Music Supervision

Gregory J. Dlugos

Musical Orchestrations

Michael Mahadeen

Stage Manager

Jennifer Motta

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Susan A. Cole, President

Daniel Gurskis, Dean, College of the Arts

Department of Theatre and Dance

Randy Mugleston, Chair

John J. Cali School of Music

Anthony Mazzocchi, Director

Coordinator of Musical Theatre.....Clay James
 Music Supervisor Gregory J. Dlugos
 Scenic Supervisor Erhard Rom
 Costume Supervisor Debra Otte
 Lighting Supervisor Cecilia Durbin
 Sound Supervisor Megan Culley
 Stage Management Supervisor Mysti Stay
 Technical Director Ben Merrick
 Costume Shop Supervisor Judith Evans
 Production Manager Peter J. Davis

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Congratulations to my fellow honorees.

Tonight's gathering is a special celebration for all of us.

The pandemic reset the world!

Instead, together, we reset Montclair State.

Susan's vision, dedication and inspiration for 23 years
 raised the bar for our students!

It is an honor to continue sharing our bounty by giving.

- Rose Cali

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THANK YOU FROM THE
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Dear Friends, Colleagues and Alumni:

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Trustees, I am excited to welcome you to this year's Annual Scholarship Fundraiser. It is an honor to be part of this event, and I thank everyone involved, especially the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Committee members, whose tireless efforts ensured we could host a successful event this year.

We have adapted to meet the challenges of the times, but our purpose remains the same: we are committed to providing financial support to help students attain their educational goals and prepare for successful careers. It is especially meaningful to come together this year as we recognize four distinguished alumni as our honorees, along with Dr. Cole, who has led the growth of this University into a thriving, diverse and supportive educational community. As a proud alumnus, I believe in the incredible opportunities students have at Montclair State and am thankful that the support we are generating tonight will make more opportunities possible.

Together, we are giving students the chance to earn an education that influences the rest of their lives. Thank you for helping us invest in scholarships that set students on their path to success.

Sincerely,

Greg Collins '79

Chair, Montclair State University Foundation Board of Trustees

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THANK YOU FROM THE
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Dear Friends,

Montclair State University continues to advance on its path of excellence, and the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser helps students have access to this excellent educational experience. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for supporting this ever-important effort.

This year's event takes on added significance as we pay tribute to President Susan Cole, who has led the University through a remarkable period of growth and transformation. Thanks to her vision, her leadership, and her tireless efforts over the past two decades, the University is well prepared for continuing academic progress and a bright future. A Montclair State education can transform a student's life, and the four alumni being honored tonight are a testament to what it can mean.

We are committed to providing educational excellence and affordability to fulfill our mission as a public institution of higher education. Thank you for supporting scholarships and enabling students to receive the education they deserve and need to contribute fully to our society.

Sincerely,

Dr. Francis M. Cuss

Chair, Montclair State University Board of Trustees

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- Gandhi

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Thank you Dr. Cole for all you have
done to make this place special.

The Fucci Family

Liz, Mike, Taryn, Brendan and Ryan



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Michael J. Fucci. We honor your commitment
to helping students pursue their dreams.

Special thanks to President Susan Cole for her
dedication to student scholarship and success.

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University honorees. We are proud of our sister,
Denise, for her accomplishments in her 36+ year
career at NBCUniversal Media and as a two term
President of The National Academy of Television
Arts & Sciences, New York Chapter.*

*We also salute Dr. Susan Cole for her outstanding
contributions to Montclair State University.*

*May Montclair State University and its family
continue to soar.*



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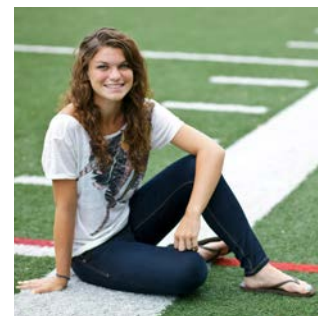
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PATHWAY TO ACHIEVEMENT

Scholarships help Montclair State University students chart their successful futures. Here's a look at three alumni and where they are now. They are grateful for their Montclair State journeys and the scholarship support that enabled them to pursue their aspirations.



EMILY BURD '15

Emily Burd came to Montclair State from Newton High School, where, in addition to a demanding academic schedule, she pursued a wide range of extracurricular activities, volunteer work and a part-time job. She pursued a rigorous program at Montclair State, and her outstanding academic achievements earned Emily a place in the highly competitive, seven-year, combined BS/PharmD program, for which only 18 students were selected her freshman year.

*Emily as an incoming
freshman, 2011*

She graduated in 2015 with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Business and completed her doctorate in 2018 through Rutgers University. In addition to her challenging academic coursework, Emily stood out as an athlete and was part of the Montclair State women's field hockey team that in 2012 became the first women's team in Montclair State's history to compete in the National Championship Games. "Field hockey is a true passion of mine. When I look back on my time at Montclair State, that's where my heart is."

She now works as a manager in Global Regulatory Strategy for LEO Pharma in Madison, New Jersey. She has remained heavily involved in the field hockey community and serves as the Director of Field Hockey for Centercourt in Morristown, with a coaching staff consisting of former Montclair State teammates, teaching young girls the value of teamwork.

"The scholarship support I received at Montclair State gave me peace of mind and allowed me to worry less about debt going forward and allowed me to focus on my academic schedule to achieve my goals. I'd like to thank Montclair State for making my time here truly life-changing."

PATHWAY TO ACHIEVEMENT

**JOSH DELA CRUZ '11**

Josh Dela Cruz graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Montclair State University in 2011 as a Musical Theatre major in the College of the Arts.

He now stars as Josh, the host of Nickelodeon's *Blue's Clues & You!*, which marks Josh's debut as a television series regular. He has fond childhood memories of watching the original *Blue's Clues* with his younger sister and cites the show as his catalyst to becoming an actor.

A powerhouse triple threat, Josh has appeared in Disney's Broadway production of *Aladdin* as the understudy for Aladdin and as a member of the ensemble. Other notable theatre credits include David Byrne's *Here Lies Love*, under

Josh as an incoming freshman, 2007

the direction of Alex Timbers, at the prestigious Public Theatre and *Merrily We Roll Along* at New York City Center Encores! He has also appeared in CBS' *Bull* and ABC's *Time After Time*.

Raised in New Jersey, Josh's trajectory toward a performing arts career began in New Milford High School when his older sister encouraged him to get involved in extracurricular activities like musical theater. He received a scholarship in high school to go to Paper Mill Playhouse's Summer Conservatory, which changed his life. He was named a Paper Mill Rising Star as "Best Actor in a Leading Role" and chose to attend Montclair State after training at the University for the summer program and experiencing first-hand the excellent instruction of the University's faculty.

Josh met his wife, Amanda, when they were students at Montclair State. She also is an actor, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre and has starred in *Jersey Boys* on Broadway and guest starred on *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* for Amazon Prime.

"I don't think any of this would have happened had I not gone to Montclair State. It's something that I never take for granted, that I was able to get a great education...and be able to afford it. I would not be where I am now if it had not been for the affordability, the accessibility and the quality that a Montclair State education provided. I would like to thank Montclair State for keeping every door open to me."

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**PAMELA EMENUGA '14**

Pamela Emenuka graduated Montclair State University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She had a distinguished high school career at East Orange Campus High School, maintaining a 3.9 grade point average and participating in the National Honor Society, Science Club, student government, varsity track and field, and extensive volunteer activities.

Pamela as an incoming freshman, 2010

"Being the only girl in a large family, I became the family caretaker early in life. I found that helping others, who could not necessarily help themselves, was exhilarating to me. I took advantage of many community outreach events throughout high school. I was able to be a part of medical missions abroad and various rescue missions in New Jersey. There was no coincidence that I decided to choose a career path that brought comfort to others in need."

She was part of the University's Health Careers Program, which prepares undergraduates for admission to health profession schools and careers in the sciences and is designed for highly motivated and academically capable students from financially and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. "I found great interest in the program for its commitment to helping students, like myself, accomplish their dreams of becoming a medical professional."

One of her most rewarding experiences at Montclair State was volunteering with the University Emergency Medical Services (EMS) squad. After graduating Montclair State, Pam went on to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She earned a BSN from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) and became a registered nurse at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, where she now works in the maternity unit.

Pamela's love for community welfare remains the same, as she still attends medical missions and maintains involvement in various rescue missions and health screenings. She plans to go back to school to get a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and start a foundation abroad for abandoned children. Pamela's husband has joined in her Red Hawk pride, currently enrolled at the University as a graduate student.

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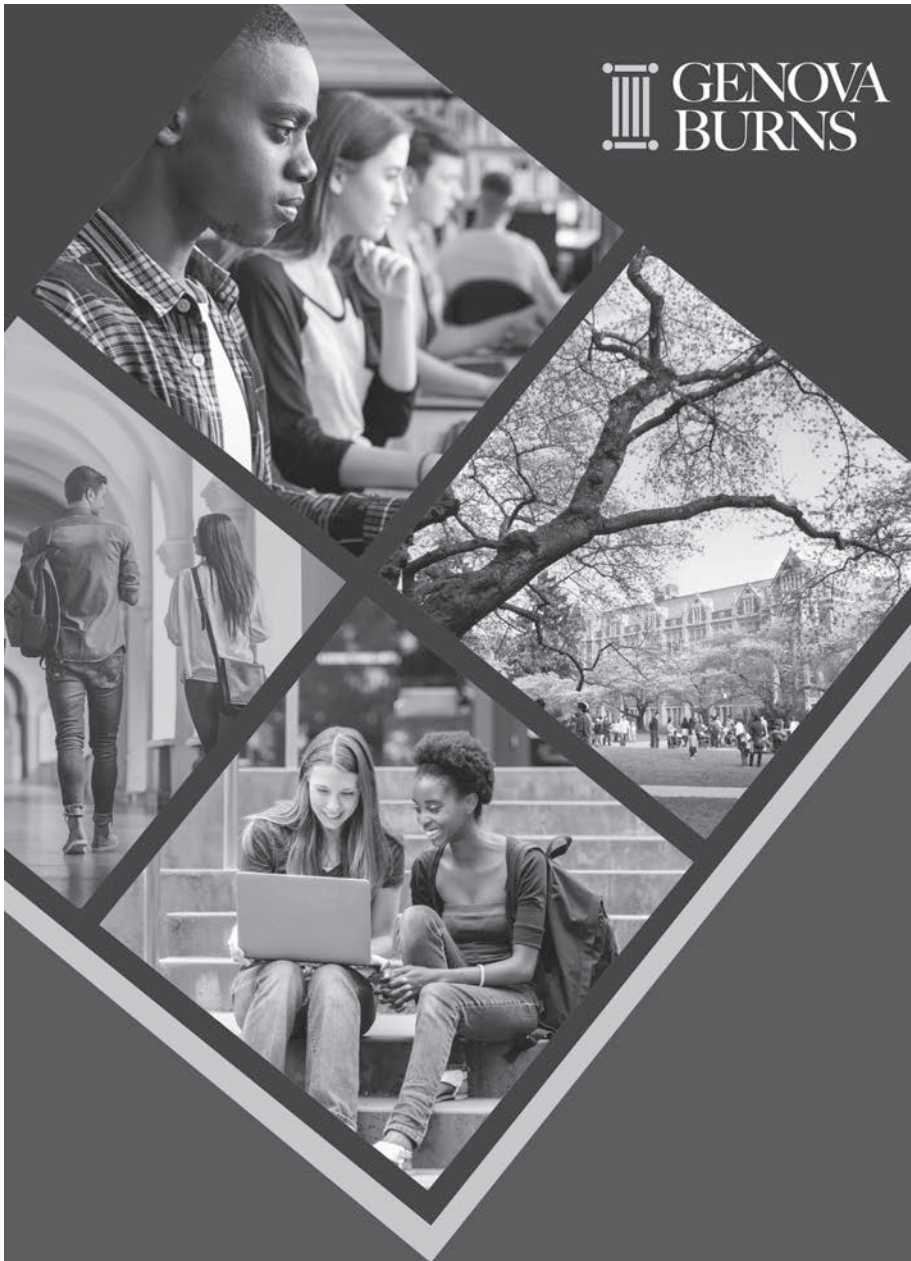
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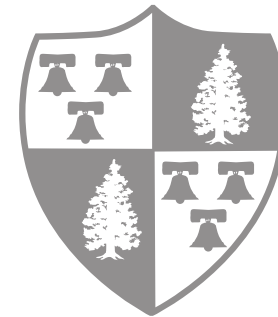
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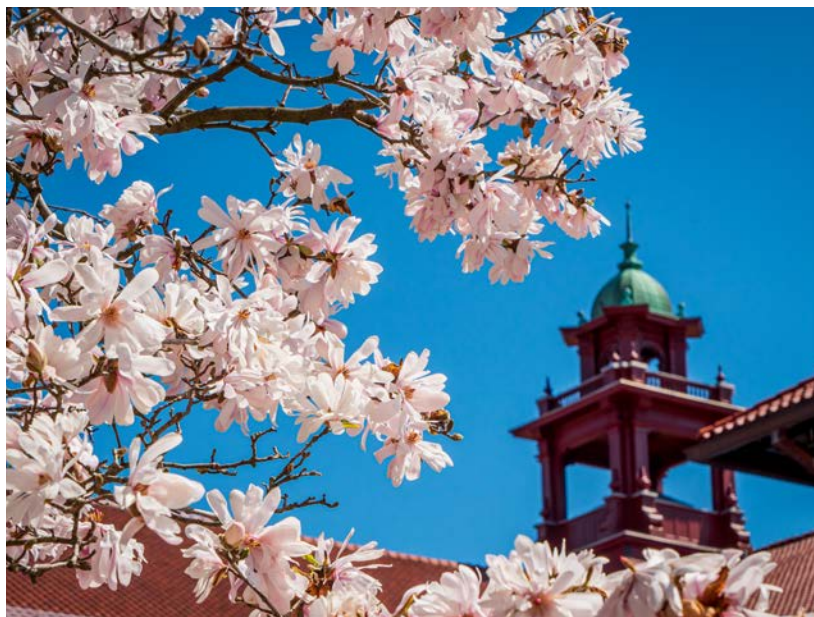
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