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You've got questions... we've got answers. Can you count the number of times you've wondered how the University is spending your tuition money? Or, doubting whether or not an organization or one of its elected officials is actually catering to your needs like they should? Where is the one place you would go to find information regarding the future of MSU tuition rate increases, mounting problems such as last year's rise in car thefts or the tardiness of the much needed MSU shuttle bus services?

If you thought about the News Section of The Montclarion, then you're absolutely right. Bringing MSU students and University staff members weekly, in-depth, current and conclusive coverage, the News Section of the student run newspaper serves as the number one informant to our college community.

Topics covered in this section range from recently hired administration officials and awards received by MSU faculty to state-wide events, such as Governor McGreevy's first town council meeting held on campus, along with thorough coverage of devastating global occurrences such as the events of September 11 and the concerns it caused the MSU community.

Writing for the News Section is not only a great opportunity for those pursuing a job in the field of journalism or students wanting to sharpen their writing skills, it is also a fantastic home for those who are investigators at heart.

The section provides its reporters with skills in gathering, interviewing, writing and editing techniques while working in a fun, fast-paced and exciting environment. This year, the News Section will once again continue its role, while expanding coverage to include more comprehensive and investigative pieces about major student concerns. It will do this while issuing its reporters to a beat system. This system will allow reporters to cover a story that they have had previous experience with, thus making their coverage inclusive and concrete.

So if you think you've got what it takes to be a reporter, or if you want to learn, come down to The Montclarion. Start asking the questions and getting the answers.
Congratulations on reading the first sentence of an article that will change your life. So how's that for a first sentence? You still there? Good. This is good because if your attention span was shorter than that, you may find that getting through college will prove extremely difficult. So, you're reading a newspaper, and what can be better than reading a newspaper than writing for a newspaper? And what's better than that? Writing for the Feature Section.

The Feature Section of The Montclarion is the section that looks into people's lives, covers events, and includes columns covering different aspects of the University. It is the Feature Section's responsibility to represent all the sides of MSU: the good, the bad, and the interesting.

Have you ever watched an in-depth interview that revealed something you would never know or expect, or have you seen television anchors going to fun events, dinners, or festivals? That's almost like writing for the Feature section, with the exception that ours are MSU events, which means more laughing.

This past year we covered wheelchair basketball games, club activities, music and talent shows, and some of MSU's most popular events: fashion shows. We are a very well-dressed campus.

In addition to events, the Feature Section looks into the lives of interesting people. Everyone has a story, and some of the better ones just happen to live and work on our very campus. Rumor has it that there may be some very random, yet intriguing guests appearing in our Spotlight column. So, if you feel tempted to play Barbara Walters (no, not look like her) and try out an interview, this may be something to look into.

Another part of the Feature Section is the columns. The columns appear weekly, biweekly, or monthly and represent many different parts of MSU. One discusses Latin American issues, another focuses on women, and another on Greek Life. One column covers health topics, while a particular column gives insights into different campus-life issues from a resident student's point of view.

These columns are fun to write, and are entertaining and informative to read. If there is an area of MSU that lacks coverage and would make for a good column, the doors are open to additions. For example, a new column voicing international students' issues will be added this year. Really, there is a little bit of the Dear Abby or Dave Barry in all of us.

Cover fashion shows, interview the most fascinating people on earth, write a hit column, or find other ways to outlet your writing creativity. Getting involved in the Feature Section can be as little as writing every once in awhile or being the next Clark Kent all-star reporter. Well, without the cape.
The Arts & Entertainment section is the perfect place for those who have an affinity for the creative process. Writers are encouraged to explore various artistic venues and are given freedom to express their viewpoints.

The Montclarion is looking for candidates with a proficiency in basic writing skills and a passion for the arts.

The Section is comprised of reviews, lists of local and campus entertainment events, and ideas for artistic ventures into the city.

Writers generally are asked to write within their field of interest, but are also given the flexibility to explore all aspects of the arts.

These venues may include movies, theater, visual art, live and recorded musical performances, poetry, and prose.

Perks: Offentimes, writers are provided with free tickets to movie reviews and theatrical performances both locally and on campus.

Such campus events are often sponsored by the Department of Theater and Dance, by the Players Organization, as well as by several other University departments.

Free CDs of up-and-coming musicians are commonly submitted for review and writers are always in the know about concerts and events.

Furthermore, writing for the arts is a sure-fire way to create ties with other artistic people and it certainly doesn’t hinder your resume.

If you choose to become a staff writer you determine your level of participation.

If you simply want to write for the paper, you don’t need to take one step into the office: articles can be emailed to the arts editor.

However, we do encourage our staff writers to become actively involved in all levels of production.

Attending staff meetings, collaborating with other writers, and simply showing your face in the main office is a good way to procure a place within the Montclair community.

Additionally, if you choose to become a staff writer, opportunities are limitless and you may find yourself undertaking an assistant position in a short time.

If you decide to stay with The Montclarion and to further your involvement, you may want to run for an editorial position in the future.

Even if you never thought yourself a writer, but you love music, drama, or art, you may be a perfect candidate for the Arts Section.

Critics and pop-culture aficionados are welcome!
It's right there in the first amendment: freedom of speech, or of the press, shall not be abridged.

How often do we take these freedoms for granted?

When you walk into your local convenience store or market, how many newspapers are there for sale, with how many different opinions?

In The New York Times alone, you can find Maureen Dowd railing against President Bush while, only two columns away, William Safire praises him. James William Fulbright said, "In a democracy, dissent is an act of faith," and newspaper editorials - the opinions of a paper's columnists and its staff in general - are at the core of this belief.

"Stay objective" is a major credo of journalism, but subjectivity is essential to any newspaper, and to any independent mind.

Not prejudice, not bias, but a solid conclusion based upon the evidence at hand.

Montclair students have, at their advantage, a free, weekly newspaper devoted to the issues they care about. Even better, all Montclair students can use the paper to express their opinions.

Upset about a recent student fee hike? Angry about the lack of available parking space? Concerned about an issue on a broader scale, national or even global? Let MSU know! That's what the Opinion Section is all about; the opinions of MSU's student body.

Without people like Maureen Dowd and William Safire, The New York Times would have no bite, no personality. And, without you - your thoughts, your ideas, your passion, your insights, your opinions - our paper will have no bite, no personality.

Show the readers of The Montclarion - MSU's students and faculty - how you think.

Christopher Hitchens, columnist for The Nation, who has used ink to rail against, among others, Bill Clinton and Mother Theresa, said, "The essence of the independent mind lies not in what it thinks, but in how it thinks."

The first amendment contains our most valuable freedoms; see that you take advantage of them!
Don't want to be stuck without a seat at an MSU sporting event? Better yet, want to get in for free? Want to get up-close and personal with the athletes, the coaches, and Rocky the Red Hawk? Want to follow the team from practice to playoffs?

Like sports, but have no athletic ability? Then write about it! Covering a college sporting event provides you with a great opportunity to get involved with both the athletic community and the Class One organizations. Whether you're just a sports enthusiast or searching for practical experience in the field of sports journalism, the Sports Section will help you develop the skills needed for whatever degree of interest you may have.

Montclair is a Division III school, involving over 20 different athletic teams that have seen many players continue on into both national major and minor leagues. Furthermore, many of MSU's sporting teams have achieved national championship titles, some of which include the football, softball and baseball teams.

If you write for The Montclarion Sports Section, you get the opportunity to select one or more sports to cover each season. When you cover an MSU team, you follow it through their season right alongside the team, receiving free tickets to each game, interviewing coaches, players and referees.

Writers will find that this is both a challenging and fulfilling choice, one that will virtually put you in the center of the action.
So, we got you to look at this page. The first part of our job is done. Now that we got you to look at it, the second part is to make sure that it's appealing, and even more importantly that it graphically makes sense.

In fact, every part of this page and even this entire newspaper was at some point influenced if not created by our Graphic Design Staff.

You like the design? Don't like it? Well, then come down and either be a part of it or begin to change it along with us.

The Graphic Design staff does everything from overseeing page layouts, to designing column headings, creating the weekly Main Editorial Cartoon, and creating special layouts. Furthermore, every week, there are several stories that require a graphic element to illustrate a component of the article visually and without the use of a photo.

As such, we create graphic concepts, be they graphs or otherwise, and place them alongside the stories.

If you’re looking for a future in Graphic Design, we’re a great place to start (or actually continue for some of you). You choose your level of involvement, whether you want to help us in design each week or only contribute once in a while. And, the more graphics and layouts you chose to design, the more you have to fill on your resume.

What you get is a blank space.

What you get to fill it with is your limitless capacity for creativity, innovation, and imagination.

You don’t have to know everything just yet.

The Graphic Design department provides full training using state-of-the-art software including Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop.

All you need is the willingness to learn and a creative mind.
Every time you open a newspaper, the first thing that captures your eye are the pictures. There are no newspapers without great photographs, and certainly not one that's worth reading. After all, photos say all the things you can't get across with words. At The Montclarion, pictures are obviously very important and we take great pride in them.

We photograph everything, from daily campus life and exciting on-campus events to special report assignments and NCAA sporting events. Last year's photos captured all that was important, eye-popping, and exhilarating on campus. When cars exploded in flames, we were there to capture the moment. And when Governor McGreevy was on campus, our camera got a front-seat pass to his visit. A female lacrosse player gets hit in the head by a lacrosse stick mid-game? We're there to capture that too.

Working for the Photography Department, you get a backstage pass to everything that's happening on campus. You get to choose your assignments, and schedule, and be right there where all the action is! The Photo Department's main function is to capture newsworthy campus events both on film and digitally. Then, the pictures are edited digitally and entered into the newspaper.

Our facilities include a fully functioning dark room, an office, and both film and digital cameras. Don't have a camera? No problem, we have our own staff cameras. And, if you want to learn anything, from shooting great shots to developing film, we're here to teach you.

If you are a fine arts major or you just love photography, The Montclarion Photo Department is a great place for you to gain professional experience and use state-of-the-art equipment. Let's let the photos speak for themselves....
COPY EDITING

Are you the person that all your friends come to when they need you to edit a paper they wrote?

Do you silently correct people’s grammar to the point where it annoys even you?

You may not be an English major, but grammar and punctuation has always come to you as second nature.

So, then maybe being part of the Copy Editing staff at The Montclarion is something you should consider.

As a member of The Montclarion, it’s like you’re a member of a second family.

And, at the end of each week, when a new issue of the paper comes out, you’ll remember why you spend so much time there.

It’s not just the friends you make, but the impact you have on our campus, and the joy obtained from something you have copy edited or written.

While other writers have one article to look to in the paper each week and be proud of, the Copy Editing staff has several, because each article has developed and become what it is because you were there to guide it along and perfect it.

So far this all sounds wonderful, I know.

But, you’re wondering what will you actually be doing all those hours at the paper.

As part of the staff you’ll spend time going over the articles that are to go into the paper.

You will check the grammar, the spelling, the punctuation and the style of each of the articles. Furthermore, you will check that everything makes sense.

You will ensure that each part of the article fits together and flows well into the other and that, in the end, you have a completed article that will serve the needs of our readers.

If you wish, you may also copy edit final pages for newspaper layout and style, getting a sneak-peak at the newspaper before anyone on campus sees it when it hits the stands on Thursday.

If you’re saying to yourself, ‘that doesn’t sound too hard,’ then this is the job for you.

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To the students of Montclair State University, those returning to us and to those joining us for a fresh start, welcome. My name is Chris Fitzpatrick, and I am your Student Government President.

One of the biggest pieces of advice I give to other students is that the next four (or five) years of your life will be the only time you will be able to have the undergraduate experience of attending college. The idea is to make the most of it, enjoy it, learn more than you ever thought possible, and meet hundreds of different people. You can experience diverse cultures, engage in hands on activities to improve the quality of education students receive here at MSU, and create networks you never dreamed would be reality.

A major stipulation of this advice, however, is that networks do not occur in cars driving home, or in residence hall rooms playing Sudoku. The only way to gain this experience is to get out and embrace it. That’s where we come in.

Dozens of people, from the moment you walk into orientation to the bitter end of the next four years will preach involvement as a method of success.

Studies show that students who become involved with their campus community perform better in classes, as well as later in life. Campus leadership is not only the bricks to lay the resume together, but also a chance to learn by doing, rather than reading a book, taking a test, or enduring a lecture.

Whatever you want to do to be successful in this life, it all revolves around people. You want to know, those you don’t know, and those you wish you didn’t know.

Embrace the change and become a part of the action. Don’t just read the book, become a part of the story.

At the risk of sounding parental or preachy, I leave you all with my last piece of advice. Whatever you are doing, make sure you are having fun.

Think free. Life is too short to be miserable. Don’t be afraid to ask for help from administrators and fellow students, that’s why we are here. Best of luck to you all, I hope to meet each of you. Remember, Break the Walls Down, Build the Bridges Up, and EXPERIENCE THE MADNESS!

My name is Orlando Cabrera and I am the Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA and I would like to welcome you to another year at Montclair State University. This year will be exciting and different from other years. Your SGA is the strongest it has been in more than ten years, thanks to our dedication and diversity of your fellow students. We have been working very hard to streamline the extensive student government we have here, with over 70 organizations and 30 Greek Letter Organizations (GLOs) and many services we provide.

In addition, the SGA Legislature will keep the amazing momentum it acquired last year with our very devoted SGA Legislators. While some of our most vibrant and visible Legislators were appointed to become Directors within the SGA Cabinet, there are still a strong number of returning Legislators to keep the drive of Students Serving Students.

I would like to offer a very special welcome to our freshman and transfer students. You have come to an extremely diverse school with many excellent opportunities for all.

We have student organizations that appeal to many different interests. If you are a service-oriented individual, then I invite you to join philanthropic organizations, such as ASSIST or HEART. If you want to have fun and input about what goes on campus, join CLUB. If one of your dreams has always been to be a DJ on a radio station, join WMASC-FM. There are many more organizations if the above do not necessarily appeal to you. You will meet interesting people as well as learn apart from your classes.

I challenge all of you to stop by the SGA office in the Student Center Annex, post the bookstore, to learn what your SGA can offer you.

To the returning students, welcome back. You should be happy to hear that this is not going to be “just another year” at Montclair State. With a student recreation center in the works, many programming ideas, and an administration that is for the students, there is progress for making this school better.

The SGA is working hard to better serve you this year. Our Director of Greek Affairs is looking to bring on-campus housing while the residents will once again be involved with the movie rental program. In addition, we have a new position, the Director of Commuter Affairs, to better serve our commuter needs.

While I am anticipating one of the best years in recent history, the SGA needs YOU to help serve your fellow students. I want to see students who have opinions of their own to become Legislators. If you do not think you will be interested in that, join an organization. If one does not suit your needs, then become the founder of an organization. Join a Greek-Lettered Organization. DO SOMETHING! Life’s too short and college is even shorter. Make the most of it. Thank You and remember this quote from the movie Gladiator: Brothers, what you do in life echoes in eternity.
My Fellow Students,

Let me first welcome you to Montclair State University. My name is Derek Macchia and I am the Treasurer of the Student Government Organization. This year is going to be one of the most exciting years for the University. You can expect much from the organizations in the form of bigger and better programming. Our goal has always been to serve the students and this year we plan to fulfill that goal in every way possible.

For those students who are new to Montclair State University, let me wish you the best of luck in the upcoming years. College is very exciting and different from high school. As a bit of advice, I would like to quote a professor here by saying, “Don’t just go to college, but get into college.” The most important thing to do is to be as involved as possible.

At MSU, there is a club for almost any interest you may have. And if for some reason there isn’t a club that interests you, then feel free to start up a new one. Remember, it’s you, the students, who make this campus interesting.

To all the returning students, I hope your summer was productive. As you continue in your pursuit of higher education, don’t forget to take advantage of many of the Student Government’s services. From copies at 5 cents apiece, to reduced movie ticket prices, the SGA will try its hardest to make life at college just a little bit easier on the wallet. Don’t forget to pick up the new discount card, also, to receive discounts at many of the vendors in the surrounding community.

College life can be difficult, but it can also be very enjoyable. How much you get out of your college experience depends on how much you put in. So get involved, have fun, and make the most of the year. Good luck to all in your future endeavors.

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Today is the start of a new chapter in your life, and I would first like to say welcome! When I listen to this song, I am reminded of the time when I was standing in your place. For me it was three years ago, and I realize what a pivotal time this is in your life. Montclair is an opportunity to have a lot of fun, along with getting an education. There is really only one piece of advice that I can give you, and that is to get involved. College has been such a great time, and it’s because I chose to get involved. Between the Student Government and all of its chartered organizations, there is something here to meet your needs. Go G.L.O.(Greek Lettered Organizations) and have an out of classroom experience. More importantly, don’t be afraid to ask questions, people will answer them.

My name is Colleen E. Halpin, and I am Secretary of the Student Government Association. My position includes keeping minutes at our meetings, and keeping up communication amongst our organizations. I also am in charge of helping publicize the SGA and any organization that wants my help. I will be happy to answer any of your questions, my office is in the Student Center, so feel free to stop by if you need any direction. If you can’t come in, just call my office at x7436, I need to hear your voices so “we” can make Montclair State University “the best of what’s around.”
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**To all the fine students of Montclair State University:**

Summer is finally here; the weather is getting warmer, the beaches are open, and still so many of us just can't get away. Classes never end, and long work hours make school seem at least, (I can't really say everyone is enjoying this time something worthwhile. I hope some reason or another, doing Classes never end, and long weather is getting warmer, the Board of Trustees Student Alternate: many of us just can't get away. be beaches are open, and still so

My Name is Al Fatale, III, Ok, whatever. Whoever is reading this on campus for years as your representative to serve you for the next two years as your representative to the Board of Trustees. So let me begin.

My Name is Maria Angela Tortoreto, and for the next year I'll be one of the two student representatives on the Board of Trustees. I am from Cherry Hill, NJ. I live on campus, and I have a brother, a sister, and two cats. I love going to the beach and the mall, I like to read magazines, and like the color pink, animals, and chocolate chip cookies. I am a senior, a Speech Communications major, and I am also a member of the Student Government Association, Delta Phi Epsilon National Sorority, the Honors Program, and also helped with 4 Walls literary magazine. So that about sums me up, and after reading this over I realize that I may sound like a big dark, but that’s OK. I am sometimes!

Now I realize that many students don't know what the Board of Trustees is or does. I have to admit that I had never heard of it until just last semester.

In simple terms, the Board of Trustees decides/approves of many important issues on campus, for example, if we wanted another student center, what facilities would be in it? Where would it be located? etc. They also decide on tuition, the minimum number of credits needed to graduate, and grant all the degrees and such. My job, as the student representative, is to ensure that the students are the primary beneficiaries of all of these decisions, because without students, there would be no university. "Duh!" you might think, but for non-students it can be easy to lose focus of this.

So that's about all I have to say for now. Good luck to everyone with whatever you are doing for the summer.

To all incoming students, have fun and GET INVOLVED!!!! And just a reminder, if anyone ever has any concerns/questions/comments about what is going on with the Board or anything at all, PLEASE do not hesitate to ask!

I urge you to contact Ms. Tortoreto and I at X4143 with any concerns. Also for more information on the Board visit [http://www.montclair.edu/SGA/administrationshtml](http://www.montclair.edu/SGA/administrationshtml). Enjoy your summer and when you return in September, become involved with the SGA. Whether you have one idea for the university or many, be sure that your government hears it. Help us today build the university of tomorrow.
The Legislative Body of the SGA

SGA General Meetings:
Wednesdays 4:00 P.M.
Student Center Rooms 411-414

Nobody I talk to or work with will ever deny this one fact: being a legislator for the Student Government Association is a huge responsibility. So much of what makes this school really "happen" does so because of the initiative a legislator or a group of legislators take.

Winston Churchill is quoted as saying "The price of greatness is responsibility." Well, the SGA and its legislative body are just that: great. A legislator makes a commitment to attend a weekly meeting that starts at 4 pm and runs until it finishes.

During that meeting, legislators enact, discuss, debate, and organize the events and decisions that allow our 1.3 million dollar corporation to run. It's no small task.

Aside from these meetings, the legislators run and sit on various decision-making committees and have to be accessible to the campus community in order to enact the changes that must be made. They investigate and report what happens in student life.

Legislators work to benefit the general welfare of the campus and its community. They are the representatives to the organizations that exist in the SGA. And yet you ask them, amidst all of the responsibility, if they enjoy it, and the response is unanimous. Being a legislator allows you to get to know the campus from top to bottom, and bestows upon you an opportunity to gain a mountain of respect at the collegiate level. The experience you gain is immense and invaluable. The rewards you feel are innumerable.

All it takes to become a member of one of the most respected organizations available is 150 signatures on our petition, the time to make meetings, a willingness to be available to your peers, and the drive to really make a difference.

Everybody wants to make a difference-the SGA Legislature is the way to do it.

-Chris W. Fitzpatrick
Executive Vice President

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INTRODUCING CLASS Two and Three Organizations

A class two or three organization is chartered under the SGA as a group that appeals to a specific segment of MSU’s population.

Class Two Organizations

Arab Student Organization

A.S.S.I.S.T: A.S.S.I.S.T. dedicates itself to civil consciousness and charity involvement. They pride themselves on helping the less fortunate on a local, national, and global level through its on campus event such as its famous coffee houses.

Caribbean Students Organization, “C.A.R.I.B.S.O.”: The purpose of this organization is to promote Caribbean culture by providing educational, social and cultural activities for its members and the campus community.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship: Chi Alpha’s purpose is to be witness for the lordship Jesus Christ, unify Christian students, and reflect a consciousness of Biblical principles. “Teamwork: together we can achieve the extraordinary.” -Anonymous

Indian Culture Club: The purpose of this organization is to promote fellowship among the Indian students in the campus community. This organization also wants to introduce the different aspects of the social, political and educational aspects of the Indian culture.

Muslim Student’s Association: The main purpose of the MSA is to introduce to the campus community of MSU the true meaning of Islam and what it teaches. MSA also wants to enhance the mutual understanding and respect between the Muslims and non-Muslim communities.

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SERVICES OF THE SGA

A service of the SGA is either an organization or convenience offered and authorized directly by the SGA to the Students of MSU

Drop-In Center
Confidential, one-on-one peer counseling service. Student run and operated. Runs 24/7 and is located next to the student center.

La Campana Yearbook
Montclair State University's yearbook is paid for and distributed by the SGA, and is put together by a staff of dedicated students. The yearbook includes senior photos, as well as group and candid photos from clubs, athletic teams, and campus events.

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College Rings
College just would not be college without the ring, and information on the rings is available in the SGA office, and often in the Student Center on the second floor, just outside the cafeteria.

Discount Cards
SGA Discount cards are available with discounts to such local hotspots as Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, Six Brothers Diner, McDonalds, TownVideo, and more. It fits in your wallet and is available in the SGA office.

Copy Machines
What's better than a ten-cent copy? A five-cent copy. The SGA offers black and white copies for only five cents each, the cheapest on campus. The SGA also has a color copier for such documents at seventy-five cents per copy. Machines are available during normal operating hours in the SGA office.

Fax Machine
The SGA offers student use of a free fax machine service in the SGA office. Offered during normal operating hours.

Notary Public
The SGA Corporate Secretary is available to certify legal documents in the SGA office during normal business hours.

Stamps, Envelopes, and Disks
For your convenience, the SGA sells US postage stamps, envelopes, and computer disks during normal hours in the SGA office. We also provide an outgoing mailbox.

Voter Registration Forms
Just turn 18? Forget to register last year? Well, now is the time to register yourself to vote and make your voice heard, and forms are available in the SGA office.

Discount Movie Tickets
A newer SGA service, students may purchase tickets to any General Cinema Theatre for only five dollars each! They are available in the SGA office during regular business hours.

Free Condoms
The SGA promotes safe sex and zero population growth, and as a result, we will give you a free condom just for stopping into the SGA office during normal operating hours and asking for one.

Residence Hall Movie Rental Service
Resident Students may now rent VHS films and soon DVD films from their hall's front desk for 24 hours at no charge. See your desk assistant for details.
Class One Organizations of the SGA

College Life Union Board (C.L.U.B.)

The College Life Union Board’s purpose on campus is to enrich the campus community by creating different activities that appeal to the entire student body. CLUB brings thrills to the campus by offering shows, games, and other exciting activities. They are also known for putting on events such as Homecoming, Spring Week, Drive In and Winter Ball.

Conservation Club

The Conservation Club is the environmentally friendly Class I Organization of the SGA. Our main goal as an organization is to educate the students of Montclair State University about the ever-changing world we live in. We aim to make students and faculty aware of the problems facing our environment and what they can do to help. We hold wild animal shows that are not only fun to watch but are also interactive and educational. We have also held camping trips and nighttime hikes to allow students the chance to take some time to enjoy nature. We have also held larger events such as a trip to Gloucester, Massachusetts to go whale watching for the weekend. All of the students who joined us for this trip had the pleasure of not only seeing dolphins swim alongside the boat, but whales diving and swimming with their young.

In previous years we have been visited by extraordinary animals such as an eighteen-foot albino snake, an albino soft shell turtle, poison dart frogs of the rain forest, and even a baby snow leopard. All of these animal shows not only allow students and staff to view animals they would otherwise never see, but gives them the chance to touch these animals, as well as ask questions so that they can gain knowledge of the animals they never knew existed.

In this upcoming year the Conservation Club plans on having more diverse animals visit the Montclair State campus. We have high hopes of having police dogs from not only New Jersey, but from the NYPD as well visit our campus to educate students about exactly what they do, and how they save lives. We are working with other organizations on campus so that along with our presentations they may be able to hold a fundraiser to raise money to outfit these heroic canines with more bulletproof vests.

This past year we treated the students of Montclair State to a visit at the Bronx Zoo. This year we are planning an overnight trip to the wonderful city of Philadelphia to visit the Camden Aquarium and the Philadelphia Museum of Natural History. We also plan to continue working with New Jersey Community Water Watch to clean up rivers and other bodies of water in North Jersey.

All of the exciting trips, interesting presentations, and exhilarating events we have planned for this upcoming year are sure to make it our best year ever. So if you like interacting with animals you’ve never heard of before, helping to make the Earth a little cleaner, and want to learn more about the environment and what you can do to make it better, then come check out the Conservation Club. We meet every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Center Commuter Lounge. For more information you can call us at (973) 655-5102.
Class One Concerts (C.1.C)

The purpose of Class One Concerts is to provide live musical entertainment for all genres, appealing to the diverse population here at Montclair State. Class One Concerts is directly involved with all phases of concert production. It offers a great opportunity for those interested in getting a "behind the scenes" look at how concerts are produced.

Internation Student Organization (I.S.O)

The International Student Organization (ISO) is committed to fostering interaction among the many cultures of Montclair’s student body. ISO offers quality programming like free movie nights and discount trips to attractions like Six Flags Great Adventure and ski resorts at very student friendly prices.

ISO also aims to help international exchange students meet American students, as to become comfortable with their stay in the US. This is possible through our newly created International Buddy System Program (IBSP). IBSP offers Americans a great opportunity to exercise their Citizenship of the World and help an international/exchange student adapt to our interesting society.

However, ISO isn’t just about the global differences among the students. It’s about the differences that make us who we are based on the traditions that may or may not come from nationality. Whether its ethnicity, sexuality, economics, or religion, ISO celebrates our differences and promotes a worldly community at MSU.

Simply drop us an email for more information about Montclair’s fastest growing multicultural, diversity supporting union.
Saludos! The Latin-American Student Organization (better known as L.A.S.O.) welcomes you to join us as we begin a new school year filled with exciting events, intriguing workshops, and unforgettable meetings. So what is L.A.S.O. and how do you join?

The Latin-American Student Organization was founded in 1970 by a group of Latino students at what was then known as Montclair State College. Its intent was to unify the relatively small Latino student population and to educate the rest of the college community on Latin American culture, ranging from history to cuisine. Since its inception 32 years ago as the first Latino student organization in the state of New Jersey, L.A.S.O. has expanded from its small status to the largest Latino organization in the state on a college campus. It now boasts 15 executive-board members, more than 50 general members, and holds a Class One status of the Student Government Association.

L.A.S.O.’s executive board consists of many members each with its own responsibilities. While the main executive board (president, assistant to president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary) plays a large role in how L.A.S.O. functions, the remaining committee chairs plan L.A.S.O.’s events for the year.

For example, the Latin Music chair will start off the year with a traditional L.A.S.O. band party to be held in September 2002. Former musical performers include Frankie Negron, Oro Solido, Amarfis, and Fulanito. After that, our assistant to president will be hard at work with preparations for Homecoming which includes a float, dance performances, and an undefeated four-year winning streak of Homecoming kings and queens.

Another visible committee will be Latin Pride, who runs Latin Pride Month from Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. This month will consist of flag-raising, an alumni dinner, and workshops and trips pertaining to Latino culture. Former events include a Latino Comedy Night, fashion shows, bomba y plena performances, and trips to Repertorio Español.

Be sure to search the Montclairian for Voices (or “Voices”), a bi-weekly section that discusses Latino issues on campus, in the community, or worldwide. If reading’s not your thing, stop by for free salsa lessons given by Latinisimo, L.A.S.O.’s own dance troupe. Other committees of L.A.S.O. include Latin Culture and Education, Publicity, and Historian, all of which contribute largely to our organization. Remember to ask our Historian about our free library! L.A.S.O. is not hard to join, and no, you don’t have to be Latino/a to join! Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center Cafè C. If you can’t make these meetings, make sure to stop by our office (Student Center Annex 100) to catch up on minutes, eat lunch, or just relax between classes. We look forward to meeting our new members in the fall as we strive to continue the L.A.S.O. tradition of strength in membership. ¡En la unidad está la fuerza! (In unity there is strength.)

Organization of Students for African Unity (O.S.A.U.)

OSAU 2002 - 2003
Executive Board
Monique Chadband - President
Schakia Eze - Vice President
Evette Johnson - Secretary
Carlo Cole - Representative
Committee Chairs
Pius Essandoh - African Heritage
Marie Guervil - Cultural Affairs
Deeroy Forbes / Jamar Neal - Citabu
Tamika Burgess - Performing Arts
Rafael Gordon - Publicity
Terry Baxter - Historian

Executive Board
Gretty D. Luciano - President
Gil Hernandez - Vice President
Jennifer Apolinario - Assistant to President
Kara Morilio - Chair of Committees
Paola Revecio - Treasurer
Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs
Stephanie Cambria - Latin Pride Chair
Oriana Pacheco - Latin Pride Co-Chair
Tonya Cavaco - Voces
Kathy Vega - Latin Music
Hector Wilson - Publicity Chair
Thayna Puyen - Publicity Co-Chair
Araceli Negron - Latinisimo
Engelina Rodriguez - Latin Culture & Education
Christian Llanos - Historian
Players

Players organization is probably one of the oldest class one organizations at Montclair State. Players was formed in 1919 to provide students at Montclair with an opportunity to participate and work with all of the different aspects of the theatre world. From its inception until the mid 1970’s Players was the only place on campus where students could participate in theatre due to the fact that the Theatre and Dance department had not been formed yet. Players has enjoyed a rich history including many different types of productions. Players members have enjoyed working on shows varying from contemporary American dramas, Shakespeare, musicals, and experimental theatre. Performing not your thing? You are also welcome in Players. Whether you enjoy seeing a show, doing construction, painting, or just hanging around with a great group of people, Players is still the place for you. Our past members include such famous people as Bruce Willis, Melba Moore, Val Kuklowksy, and many more.

Currently Players has approximately fifty members, and eight executive board positions, including box office, publicity, and historian. In our typical year we will produce 7 plays, 2 talent shows also known as cabaret nights, a musical, and our annual performance of Rocky Horror picture show. Our members do everything that is necessary to put on a show. We spend many long hours in our theatre, student center 126. Doing construction, rehearsing, hanging lights, and painting sets. To do as much as Players does each season is a lot of hard work, but worth every minute of it. Many of our members will spend time in our office, student center annex 112 hanging out with each other or just eating lunch with their friends. Players can provide you with the experience of many different aspects or the theatre world, and the best part is you don’t have to be a theatre major to enjoy it. So if you enjoy theatre in any way shape or form give us a try. Our meetings are Monday nights at six pm. If you have any questions call (973) 655-5159, or e-mail us at Msuplayers@yahoo.com Players Let us entertain you!

WMSC 90.3 FM

WMSC 90.3 FM provides the best in new and underground music today. WMSC also promotes events on campus as well as the surrounding areas. Our office line is (973)655-4257, and the request line is (973)655-4256. You can also visit our own web site at www.wmsc903.com

Executive Board
Johan - General Manager
Wuss - Operations Manager
Kevin Warne AKA dv - Business Manager
Gianfranco Bo - Administrative Assistant

Directors
Wuss - Music
Dolly Nino - Loud Rock
Kevin Warne - RPM
Treamyne Reid - Hip-Hop
Adam Winik - Program
Mike Smugula - Promotions
Matt Isler - Public Affairs
Kevin Warne - Production
Helpful Information for New Students
Courtesy of New Student Experience

College is very different from high school.

In high school, someone else planned almost everything you did: the courses, your schedule of classes, your readings, your meals, etc. In college, you’re on your own. You have complete freedom to become successful in your life, or you can fail out, all by yourself. For better or for worse, in college and in life, it’s all up to you.

Another change from high school is the diversity of students that you will meet.

Although in high school the similarities of students far outweighed the differences amongst students, in college you will have a variety of ages, races, backgrounds, beliefs, experiences, interests, and especially abilities in intelligence and learning. Don’t shelter yourself off from experiences with any of these students. That is the world coming to learn and you are a part of that world.

Never misspell the instructor’s name.

Nothing signals sloppy, lazy ineptitude to the instructor as much as when a student can’t even get his/her name correctly spelled. You should know how to address the instructors. Some instructors prefer to be formal, others are comfortable on a first name basis, let the instructor set the tone. If no address is offered, ask instructors how they wish to be addressed. If you do not know, always err on the side of formality, as in Professor (so and so) or Dr. (so and so). Just like everywhere else, flattery will get you everywhere.

Be polite in relation with faculty members.

Like it or not the ultimate power resides with the grade giver. Be very polite, but persistent. Don’t be afraid to ask questions – the same question again if necessary. If you can engage humor it will always be welcomed - but never at the instructor’s expense. Remember any positive feelings between you and your instructor can only benefit you as a student.

The first class meeting is very important.

The first class meeting sets the tone for the entire semester. The entire course is laid out: what it’s all about, what is required of students, when papers are due, what the assigned readings are, and what is and is not acceptable behavior. Handout sheets will be distributed. Don’t miss the first meeting. Some instructors give overviews of the course work others may just have informal introductions. But that is their choice. You should be ready for serious stuff because some instructors are ready to start. Well-prepared, conscientious instructors also know the importance of that first meeting. You may be conspicuous by your absence and set a tone with your instructor that may be hard to overcome.

You may be wondering what is the degree all about?

Normally, 60 credit hours will be required for an Associate’s degree, 128 credit hours for a Bachelor’s degree, a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours for a Master’s degree, and 90 graduate credit hour for the Doctorate of Philosophy degree (PhD).

Only graduate schools award master’s degrees and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees and admission to graduate schools requires the Bachelor’s degree. The Doctorate degree is the most advanced degree and is conferred for professional, research, or honorary achievement. In some fields the Master’s degree is considered the terminal, or highest level of degree achieved.

Here are some examples of degrees awarded at many institutions of higher education:

* A.A. Associate of Arts
* A.A.S. Associate of Applied Science
* A.S. Associate of Science
* B.A. Bachelor of Arts
* B.S. Bachelor of Science
* B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts
* M.A. Master of Arts
* M.S. Master of Science
* M.S.W. Master of Social Work
* Ed.D. Doctor of Education
* Psy.D. Doctor of Psychology
* Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy

Who Are We

New Student Experience provides services for all freshmen and transfer students. We are here to assist you in making a smooth transition to Montclair State University. We know the transition process can be complex. Our specialty is helping freshmen and transfer students meet their unique series of challenges and changes throughout their first year. The Office of New Student Experience facilitates a number of programs and services to assist you in becoming an active member of the Montclair State community.

A Mission Entirely Possible:

Our goal is to ensure that your first year at MSU provides a solid foundation on which you can achieve academic and personal success.

Our Director, Counselors, Orientation Workshop Leaders (OWL’s) and Support Staff are available to guide you during the first year of your college experience. Your first year connections are of paramount importance to us, which is why we provide New Student Orientation, Learning Communities, Freshman Seminar courses and First Year Counselors. Throughout the year we will meet with you and provide services based on your needs, provide appropriate referrals to various University departments, and assist you with your academic journey.

Remember to check our website during the year, email us or stop by our office located in the Academic Success Center!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS—THE TOP 5

Where is the Financial Aid Office?

College Hall, Financial Aid Office RM 321

Where do I go to get my e-mail computer account?

Computer Labs are located in the following buildings: Sprague Library, Blanton Hall, Dickson Hall, Morehead Hall, Chapin Hall, College Hall and Partridge Hall.

Where do I go to get my identification card?

Student Center, 1-Card Office

Where do I go to pay my tuition?

College Hall, Bursar Office RM 216

Where do I go to get a parking decal?

College Hall, Bursar Office RM 216