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Know what’s happening on campus by following the News Section of The Montclarion. Find out about tuition increases, potential budget cuts, weather advisories, construction news and important meetings such as SGA and Board of Trustees meetings.

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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? Doubt 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 the latest update for the ongoing construction on campus, along with thorough coverage of devastating global occurrences such as the recent bombing in Madrid 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...It is also a fantastic home for those who are investigators at heart. The section provides its reporters with skills in newsgathering, 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.

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Very often, we here at The Montclarion are approached and asked to decipher the essence of the Feature section. We are practically drenched with questions such as: What does the features page cover? And how does it present its articles?

Besides events, feature page writers have the freedom to take any subject and write about it as long as it has an interesting, story-like angle.

For example, just this past semester during Spring 2004, the Feature section began printing articles written by James Carpentier, a certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. His articles consisted of tips about everything from Obsessive Overtraining scheme to an end now.

Apparently, we have to make room for pictures. But here’s a revision of what this article means to portray: JOIN THE FEATURE SECTION!

Our writers are researching, reporting, networking, creating, and expanding their horizons every single day. Plus, they get to go to events and concerts for free with the intention of reviewing them for the paper and say its all a part of journalism.

Not to say that it is one big party mind you, because a lot of pain and sweat goes into giving the page a unique style and allure. We’re looking for hard working, committed, self-starters who enjoy challenges, and new opportunities.

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By the way, just for the record, no matter how much any other editor patronizes his/her own page, this much remains true - The Feature section kicks butt like nobody’s business.

And for once, if you’d like to be the one making the news instead of the one reading it, join us in this collaboration. Your experience here is going to be one you will never forget.
Have the need to venture in on fun and exciting things on campus? The Arts and Entertainment section of The Montclarion covers all those bases, as well as much more. We investigate and review all the latest University plays from the theater and dance school, promoting our undiscovered talent hidden in our great walls. Some of the great work we covered last year ranged from the off-Broadway Smash Musicals BatBoy and Working to the immensely dramatic plays like The Shape of Things where Montclair students attend free admission. We also cover events done by clubs on campus like the Players’ yearly tribute to Halloween in the musical The Rocky Horror Picture Show. There are always live shows performed by undiscovered bands or hip-hop artists. This gives writers the opportunity to meet and greet underground artists and give them exposure by reviewing a show performed on campus and rating their entertainment skills. This year we would like to take it up a notch help introduce bands of all musical backgrounds hidden within the student body and focus on them by helping to promote their talents.

Here is where the student body is informed about all the latest movies and album reviews, including commercial or underground, giving each flick or tune a rating out of five stars. Every week there is also the added bonus of knowing the releases of some of your favorite bands and movies. If your favorite bands are in a near town, here is where you can locate them every week. Last year A & E added a new element to the section called the Entertainer of the Week which is a weekly column covering the most entertaining person of the week in the pop culture, whether a be music, movie or moguls such Donald Trump, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, and American Idol’s William Hung. This has become a popular part of this section and we hope to keep this up and add more to the creative aspect of the Arts in this Section.

The A&E section looks for writers with the creative flare for artistic writing, but who also have the basic skills writing ability to inform on all these events and activities. Even if you never considered yourself as a writer, but always enjoyed the watching, listening, and living the artistic lifestyle, this is perfect way to develop those masked talents and improve your writing skills. This year I want writers to help develop a much more artistic flavor, by reviewing more books, uncovering our own University’s artists, and educating on a wider range of musical choices that represent the diversity of Montclair State. We are the most creative part of the paper. Take advantage of this great way to express yourself to your school’s artistic community. Hope to see you in the fall.

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For those of you lucky enough to be reading this paper, welcome. Welcome to the campus paper filled with the most powerful form of expression, writing.

Not only is writing powerful, so is your opinion.

Yes, your very own, thought out, independent, powerful opinion that can never be wrong.

If you always had that urge to be active, here is your chance. The Montclarion is looking for you to contribute your very unique thoughts and ideas to be printed for the MSU Campus to read.

The opinion section is full of many different articles with a fair look at both sides of ideas. This is the home of controversial ideas involving politics, campus conditions, suggestions, comments and anything having a personal or social effect, happy, sad, funny, serious or mad. All can be found in this section.

In times like these when the government is stripping away your freedom of speech, your voice must be heard. Stand up and use your social tool of free speech.

In this section you will find a Question of the Week asking students their opinion on a certain issue. There will be articles written about religion, politics, liberal and conservative views, along with an editorial and a cartoon. The Montclarion

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Mailbag is also available. The objective is to print your letters regarding certain issues without being a columnist. There will be a statistic of the week, and most importantly, articles from you.

Tired of being looked down on, of not being taken seriously, tired of society making you feel small and helpless? Well this is your paper and you finally have the opportunity to write about it.

If you are angry, happy, or just concerned about social or campus issues, get active and express it.

Contact montopinion@yahoo.com
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 person 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 twenty 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 champion 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.

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The Sports Guy says the Red Hawks had a successful year in sports, and will be ready to take their success even farther. The Sports Guy says he needs rough, tough, stick it to em, good ole honest sports fanatics! Writers need to like crunching numbers, watching games, and giving objective analysis.

MSU’s field hockey team had their most successful season in the programs history. Beth Gottung led the Lady Red Hawks to the teams first NCAA Division III playoff birth.
PHOTO

A photo pauses time, captures a moment and has the ability to tell a story in a way no text can illustrate. A picture is worth 1,000 words; this timeless statement fittingly defines the art of photojournalism. Photographers for The Montclarion are responsible for creating the images that capture the reader’s attention, accompany articles, catch news as it is being made, as well as covering the live action of MSU’s athletic events and all other facets of the university that make up our diverse community.

Becoming a photographer for The Montclarion is fun, easy, and rewarding opportunity, which any student attending MSU can find an interest in and enjoy. Staff photographers work according to their own availability and photography equipment will be provided.

Being a photographer for The Montclarion gives you an opportunity to attend all events on campus and to meet new students by attending a variety of social events on campus.
COPY EDITING

Calling all perfectionists, grammar-phobes, Where’s Waldo experts, and I Spy fanatics! If you can’t go to sleep at night until everything you did that day is perfect, we need you!

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If you can’t help but correct other people’s grammar, if you love to look at your friends’ essays so that you can correct the spelling and punctuation, we need you! And, if you love doing the Where’s Waldo and I Spy puzzles, this is definitely the job for you!

Copy editing is a job for people who love to correct other people’s mistakes. It is the responsibility of the copy editor to read all the articles that go into the paper each week and make sure all the spelling, punctuation, and grammar are correct, as well as making sure the article flows in a way that is easy to understand by readers.

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Is that easy to read? No! That is the job of the copy editor. So if you are a hard working perfectionist, this is the perfect place for you!

The Montclarion is a great place to meet awesome people and make friends while you contribute to a worthwhile campus organization.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

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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 graphically, it 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.

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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 headers, 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. At 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 designing each week or only contribute once in a while. And, the more graphics and layouts you choose to design, the more you have to fill up your resume.

What we give you is a blank space. What you do is fill it up with 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 willingness to learn and a creative mind.
Discover New Voices in American Theatre
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Sunday @ 3pm

Wildlife
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DIRECTED BY John J. Wooten
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issues of faith as they travel to a remote
island in Maine to investigate the
disappearance of a young priest.

July 15 through August 1
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Sundays @ 3pm

Proof
BY David Auburn
Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize
and Tony Award for Best New
Play, Proof treads the seemingly
thin boundary between genius and madness.
A fascinating story of a prodigal
young woman haunted by the
passing of her brilliant but
unbalanced father. As she
explores a mathematical riddle
he may have left behind, she
encounters her own mysteries
of truth, love and trust.

September 2 through 12
Wednesday through Saturday @ 8pm
Friday Matinees @ 2pm
Sundays @ 3pm

A Message From Your SGA President

As equally as MSU is an academic institution, it is a campus community. With that, I welcome you to the campus community that is Montclair State University! Let me assure you that as New Jersey's premiere state university, our campus will offer you a tremendous amount of opportunity to grow as a person and experience new things. With campus life expanding 100 SGA organizations and programs available for you to choose from, you will never be short of an opportunity to experiment with your interests, make new friends and build your resume for when you leave MSU.

Also, our campus is home to one of the most unique student governments of any state institution in our area. As an incorporated body parenting all student organizations, the SGA is charged with promoting your welfare as a student by providing eventful programming and fighting for the rights of the student body. This coming year the branches of the SGA will continue to uphold the SGA's long history of standing up for student interests.

In short, MSU's campus is fraught with opportunity and promise. So please join a club, rush a Greek organization, or join the SGA Legislature today. Today is the day you become part of the campus community that is Montclair State University!

Wishing you the best of luck,

Jacob V. Hudnut
SGA President

SGA Executive Board
2004-2005

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SERVICES OF THE SGA

In addition to parenting student organizations and promoting student welfare, the SGA offers services. A service of the SGA is either an organization or convenience offered to the students of MSU and authorized by the Executive Branch of the SGA.

La Campana Yearbook
MSU's yearbook is paid for and distributed by the SGA and is put together by a staff of dedicated students. Join today, call x4346!

Copy Machine
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 of campus. Machines are available during normal operating hours in the SGA office.

International Buddy System
In conjunction with the Office of International Services the SGA pair volunteering American students with visiting international students. The pairs are expected to meet casually and assist each other in understanding the others' culture.

Discount Cards
SGA Discount cards are available with discounts to local hotspots such as restaurants, diners, video stores, tanning salon and more. It fits in your wallet and is available in the SGA office.

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

College Life Union Board (CLUB)
Many of our campus's large scale events are managed by the SGA, including Homecoming Week and Spring Week. This extension of the SGA executive is responsible for organizing such efforts. Join today, call x2621!

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. Forms are available in the SGA office.

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.

Discount Movie Tickets
A newer SGA service, students may purchase tickets to any AMC theatre for only five dollars each. They are available for sale in the SGA office.

Free Condoms
The SGA promotes safe sex practices. Free condoms are available in the SGA office to those who ask.

Fax Machine
The SGA office offers student use of a free face machine. This is offered during normal operating hours.

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THE NORTH JERSEY CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY AND FERTILITY CENTER IS SEEKING EGG DONORS OF ALL ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 21-32.

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Meet the Class One Organizations of the SGA

Organization of Students For African Unity (OSAU)

"We are African, wherever we are: Reading Our Past to Write Our Future"
2004-2005

Our History: Established during the civil rights movement in 1967, OSAU was established to protect the interests of African American students, and serve as an integral force in preserving the diversity, educational integrity, and equality. Today, we endeavor to educate the campus of past tribulations and promote a brighter future.

Our Purpose: OSAU strives to educate the entire campus community on issues affecting the African Diaspora through educational, social, philanthropic, and cultural programming. OSAU benefits the campus community by promoting cultural awareness and racial, geopolitical, and ethnic tolerance of all peoples.


Membership: Anyone and everyone and all backgrounds!

When: Every Tuesday
Time: 7:30pm
Where: Student Center, Café C

For more information, please contact:
OSAU
Student Center Annex Rm. 119
973 655 4198

Latin American Student Organization (LASO)

LASO Mission Statement

"With the reality that the Latin American student population is expanding, LASO deems it necessary to expose and stimulate the college community to Latin American influences in music, art, literature, history, and cuisine. Through active participation in educational and sociopolitical concerns, this organization shall provide the members of this institution and surrounding communities with a better understanding and acceptance of the Latin American culture."

General Membership Meetings
On
Tuesday’s at 3:30pm

Message from the LASO Executive Board:

We wish to provide our peers with an organization that would offer educational and social support. An organization where you can attend a meeting and learn about all the beautiful cultures of Latin America and all that is involved in it. Also, provide the MSU community with programs where they can enjoy our food, our music and our sense of entertainment.

So come to our General Membership Meetings and embark on a journey of unity, friendship and knowledge.

Class One Concerts

Class One Concerts provides the campus community with many concerts and events held all year round, climaxing with Montclairfest in late April.

As a member of C1C, you will be exposed to every aspect of putting on a concert, from booking bands to building stages, and everything in between.

In previous years the likes of The Red Chord, Immortal Technique, Bounty Killa, Joe Budden, Terror Squad 2, Catch 22, and Alkaline Trio have graced the stages of MSU.

Class One Concerts will definitely rock your world.
Active Students in Society Together (ASSIST)

International Student Organization

WMSC-FM

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Steve Miller / The Montclarion

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CLASS II & CLASS III ORGANIZATIONS

Introducing the Class II, III, and IV Organizations

A Class II, III, or IV Organization is chartered under the SGA as a group that appeals to a specific segment of MSU’s population

Class II Organizations

Arab Student Organization: The purpose of this organization is to expand the awareness of the Arab world and political situation and to educate students on Arabic history and culture. A.S.O. is committed to organizing student activities and fundraising to enhance the leadership capabilities of the academic and social standing of all participating students.

Caribbean Student 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 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.

Haitian Student Organization: The purpose of this organization is to promote the awareness, respect and better understanding of the Haitian history, culture and traditions via social, cultural programs designed to further educate the campus.

Human Relations & Leadership Development Association: The purpose of the HRLDA is to prepare a network of leaders who can be “Shaped of what might be, rather than servants of what is.”

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.

Native African Student Organization (NASO) Sexuality, Pride, Education, Truth, Respect, and Unity (SPECTRUMS)

Class III Organizations

American String Teachers Organization Management Club
Classics Club Medieval Society
Commuter Student Union Minority Teachers Candidate Association
Democratic Organization of College Students MSU Billiards Club
Economics and Finance Society MSU College Republicans
Fashion Club MSU Dietetics Association
Financial Management Club MSU Greens
Gallery 3 1/2 Music Therapy Student Organization
Geo Club NAACP
German Club Newman Catholic Ministry
Helping Each Other and Redefining Tomorrow Non-Traditional Student Organization
Hillel (Jewish Club) Pagan Student Union
International Business Society Pakistani Youth of American Society
Japanese Club Polish Student Organization
Justics Studies Club Psychology Club
Korean Student Organization Recreational Professions Club
Le Cercle Francais (French Club) Red Hawk Records
Linguistic Association Sowers of the Word Christian Fellowship

Spanish Club
Teaching Athletes Leadership Opportunities Now (TALON)
United Asian American Student Organization
Voices
NJ Community Water Watch
Women Achieving Victory, Equality, and Solidarity (WAVES)
Team Infinite
Wind Players Percussion Organization

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Welcome to the most EXCITING campus in New Jersey!! There is so much to do at Montclair State University that it is impossible to be bored.

I am happy to welcome you as the Advisor to the Fraternities, Sororities and Social Fellowships here at MSU. We have one of the largest Greek and Social Fellowship communities in the state and we are arguably the most diverse. There is at least one organization on campus that you may be perfect for. And even if you’re not, they all are very important part of campus life and student programming. We have 32 organizations on campus and they are responsible for the greatest programs here in the Home of the Red Hawk! Their members are athletes, scholars, activists and generally very interesting fellow students.

We know that as you start the scary world of college life that you probably have an impression of Greek life that might be a little skewed. We know that there have been shows like Fraternity/Sorority Life and movies like Animal House and Old School that depict our beloved organizations in an unflattering light. I recommend that you take the time to really look at us and understand what we’re about. You’ll find that we do more community service than any other group of students. We have a strong network that results in a higher retention rate than the rest of the campus. But generally, we are people who care about Montclair State University and want to make it a better place. So I implore you to join us as we SHAKE THIS CAMPUS UP!!!

And remember: you’re in Red Hawk Country NOW!!!! Enjoy your time here!

For more information on The Greek Council and its members go to:

www.montclair.edu/pages/greekaffairs

JOIN THE MONTCLARION!

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Montclarion@mail.montclair.edu or call us at:

(973) 655-5230 on campus ext. 5230

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Class IV Organizations

Alpha Iota Chi
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Alpha Kappa Psi
Alpha Omega
Chi Upsilon Sigma
Delta Chi
Delta phi Epsilon
Delta Xi Delta
Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Mu Alpha
Phi Sigma Pi
Phi Sigma Sigma
Groove Phi Groove
Iota Phi Theta
Kappa Alpha Psi Lambda Theta Alpha Lambda Theta Phi Lambda Tau Omega Lambda Sigma Upsilon Mu Sigma Upsilon Pi Kappa Alpha Sigma Delta Phi Sigma Delta Tau Sigma Gamma Rho Sigma Phi Epsilon Sigma Sigma Sigma Swing Phi Swing Tau Kappa Epsilon Tau Phi Beta Theta Kappa Chi Theta Xi Zeta Phi Beta
Dear New Student and Family Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Montclair State University community. This is a remarkable time to be at Montclair. You'll find new buildings being constructed and the introduction of new academic programs along with Montclair’s continued commitment to teaching.

Starting a University education is an adventure. You will engage in many new experiences, have greater independence, and be offered the opportunity to participate in a vast array of academic and social opportunities at Montclair State University. I'd like to encourage you to do the following four things to make the most of your experience.

1. Remain connected with the Office of New Student Experience. All freshmen are assigned a First Year Counselor. Your Counselor will provide you with academic and transitional support. You'll meet with them during Orientation and I hope you'll stay connected with them during the year. They are knowledgeable and caring staff members who are focused on your success. They know about the many resources available to you and are able to connect you with the network of dedicated faculty and professional staff. You should also get to know your First Year Peer Leader. These current Montclair State University students have demonstrated success both academically and socially through various campus activities.

2. Be active in the process of getting to know and becoming a part of the Montclair State University community. Be sure to spend some time getting to know MSU by participating in events and asking a lot of questions. In addition to participating in Orientation, be sure to read your Montclair e-mail, attend all your classes, keep up with your work, get to know your professors, attend campus activities, and join a club or organization.

3. Ask for help the moment you think you might need it. Most students find themselves in academic and/or personal difficulty at least once during the course of their University experience. At Montclair, you are surrounded by committed and caring faculty and professional staff. Reach out to these resources at the first sign of difficulty. We can help you overcome any challenge.

4. Challenge yourself to learn and embrace the pursuit of knowledge. University study is about gaining knowledge and skills that will help you realize your future plans. University study is not about taking the easiest courses or taking short cuts. You only short-change yourself and your investment in your future by not taking advantage of the many opportunities to expand your knowledge. Explore course work and learning opportunities that you’ve never considered before and reap the many benefits.

I hope you enjoy your Orientation and achieve great success at Montclair State University.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Chartrand
Director, New Student Experience
Some Advice From The First Year
Peer Leaders...

ALISHA TILLMAN

“Each time someone offers you the chance to be a part of something, no matter how small you think that part may be—take that chance. Sometimes a lot of small chances will lead you to a big one.”

MARION E. NOYES

“Study—This seems like a simple word to the wise, but so many don’t do it to the extent they need to.”

STEPHEN MILLER

“You will walk away from your college experience only with what you put in to it, so get involved.”

MARIA SOARES

“College is fun, but don’t forget the real reason why you are here: to graduate and get your degree.”

MEGHAN MORTARA

“It is easier to meet new people by getting involved rather than just sitting in a classroom listening to a lecture.”

TOP 10 REASONS
To Get Involved On Campus At Montclair State University!

1. There are over ONE HUNDRED clubs and organizations you can join like the Financial Management Club, MSU Cheerleading, MSU Radio Station, or even MSU WaterWatch.

2. Meet friends by participating in intramurals in any or all of these sports: Volleyball, bowling, flag football, badminton, wiffleball, kickball, soccer, tennis, softball, basketball, and innertube water polo (yes, we’re serious, there really is innertube water polo here!).

3. There are academic and service Greek organizations to get involved with as well as social fraternities and sororities.

4. Build your resume and leadership skills by participating in seminars and workshops focused on developing strong leaders for the future.

5. Even commuter students need love through the CARS program and a commuter lounge they can relax in.

6. You can avoid the dreaded “Freshman 15” by utilizing the Fitness Center, Pool, Panzer Gymnasium, and Floyd Hall Arena: Stay in shape!

7. Students who get involved on campus are more likely to get better grades in school!

8. There are tons of events that revolve around Homecoming: Float building, the Homecoming Parade, the Homecoming Court, tailgates, and the football game!

9. Be a part of the movers and shakers at Montclair State University through the Student Government Association, “Students for Students!”

10. Finally, because students at Montclair State have been doing it since 1908.
TOP 5 THINGS
Successful MSU Freshman Need To Know

1. Time-management is the key to your success. Keeping track of homework assignments, tests, study groups, and campus activities can be challenging. Find a way that works for you to track important deadlines. Be sure to make time to study, eat, sleep, exercise and get involved!

Learn to manage your finances. Stick to a budget and use credit cards only for emergencies. If you need some extra money, consider working on campus. On campus employers have your best interest in mind and understand student needs and schedules. It may be shocking to know that the average undergraduate has $2,200 in credit card debt, which can take over 10 years to repay if you only make minimum payments. This doesn’t include any student loans you may incur while at MSU.

2. Join a club or organization. MSU has over 100 clubs, organizations and activities. Make lifelong friends, develop leadership skills, and network!

Don’t skip class! The most important academic strategy any student can employ is going to every class. This shows the professor that you care about the course. It is also the best way for you to be sure you are learning. You’ll also know about any course requirements including exams! And did you know, you also save money. Skipping just one class wastes about $23. Protect your investment and go to class.

3. Be proactive and meet your professors in the first week. It is natural to feel anxious about speaking to your professors so getting to know them by introducing yourself makes a great impression. This can benefit you when you need help you in your classes - you won’t be intimidated to visit during office hours. Professors are passionate about knowledge and learning and they are here to help you succeed!

4. Read the student experience in the next section for more advice on how to make the most out of your time at MSU.

5. Read this AND SAVE IT

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September 2004

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80's Re-Load
Wednesdays

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80's dance • new wave • synth • EBM • electro • punk

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Blanton Hall (First Floor); M,T,Th: 9-8; W,F: 9-5
973.655.4361 Call for an appointment

Counseling & Psychological Services
Gilbreth House; M-Th: 9-5; F: 8:30-4:30
973.655.5211 Call for an appointment

Alcohol & Drug Program
Gilbreth House; M-Th: 9-5; F: 8:30-4:30
973.655.5211 Call for an appointment

Services for Students with disabilities
Morehead Hall (Suite 305); M,Th: 8:30-7; T,W,F: 8:30-4:30
973.655.5308

Wellness Education
Bohn Hall (Street Level); M-F: 8:30-4:30
973.655.6977

The Drop-In Center
Adjacent to Student Center; see Wellness Services Web Site for hours; 973.655.5271

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