



Dear Sophomore:

Welcome to your sophomore year at Montclair State University! Because you have successfully completed at least 30 credits, you have achieved sophomore standing. If you have not yet seen your advisor for a review of your course schedule for the fall '08 semester, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. If you are unsure of the name of your advisor, check your WESS account (and click on the word "advisor" in the lower left corner of the WESS screen) or contact the Departmental Secretary.

The sophomore year is a time for you to clarify interests and goals, and a time to explore more focused academic possibilities. You may experience a bit more pressure to work harder, perform at a higher academic level and delve more fully into or decide on your major. By the end of your sophomore year it is expected that you will have developed a more meaningful and fulfilling academic plan for your final years at the University.

There are a number of co-curricular programs that have been designed by the University to assist you throughout the year. These programs include:

### **FALL 2008**

*CSAM specific programs including* **Traumatic Brain Injury Symposium** (October 13), **Passaic River Symposium** (October 16), the **Margaret & Herman Sokol Science Lecture** (October 21) and various departmental seminars as well as professional speakers throughout the semesters.

#### **Study Aboard - Why You Can and Should?**

Wednesday, September 12 from 12:30pm - 1:30pm in SC 417

Learn all you need to know about the exciting opportunities of studying aboard.

#### **On-Campus Job Fair**

Thursday, September 13 from 11am – 2pm in SC Ballrooms

Need a job? Consider working on-campus. Meet the different departments looking for student workers.

#### **I've Been Here A Year – What Don't I Know or Remember?**

Wednesday, September 26 from 4pm - 5pm in SC 417

This session will answer questions about the University and serve as a refresher about available programs and services.

#### **Majors Fair**

Wednesday, October 24 from 1pm - 3pm in SC Ballrooms

If you are considering changing your major or adding a second major or minor, come talk to faculty about different majors and programs available at MSU.

#### **Financial Planning I**

Wednesday, November 28 from 4pm - 5pm -- Location to be announced

Tips on how to secure your college financing, the importance of managing your credit, and other financial matters critical during your college years.

### **Considering an Internship – Why You Should?**

November 27 from 2pm - 3pm in MO 337

Learn about internships: why they are important and how to identify and obtain one.

### **SPRING 2009**

Among the various MSU events made available to students each year, CSAM students should particularly take advantage of activities specifically planned for our students throughout the academic year including the Science Professional Speaker Series, CSAM Seminars, and Sokol Science Lecture Series. Check the website at <http://csam.montclair.edu/> for more information and details.

### **Career Choices**

Date, time and location to be announced

An opportunity to meet with MSU alumni and discuss their positions and how they got there.

Co-curricular program updates as well as other important student messages regarding scholarships and or internships/employment opportunities will be sent to your montclair.edu account as they are available. Many important notices and deadlines will also be communicated to you via that account, so it is important that if you have a personal account (gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc.) you link your Montclair address to it so that you don't miss essential University information. Be sure to check the academic calendar for important dates that might affect your progress at the University. These can be found at <http://www.montclair.edu/newsinfo/acadcal.html>.

Should you need any assistance throughout the year, along with your academic advisor there are many individuals at the University who will be willing to assist you. Below is a list of names and phone numbers for your convenience.

Best wishes for a terrific sophomore year!

Sincerely,



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Dean of Students	(973) 655-4118 or 4206
Academic Advising	(973) 655-7114
Career Development	(973) 655-5194
Counseling and Psychological Services	(973) 655-5211
Health Center	(973) 655-4361
Student Government Association	(973) 655-4202