

ATHLETICS

Montclair State University participates in 17 varsity sports that compete on the intercollegiate level. The Red Hawks compete on the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III level, and are also members of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC).

The Montclair State field hockey team made its second appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament advancing to the second round. The Red Hawks posted the best season in school history as they recorded a 17-3 mark and were ranked in the Top 10 throughout the year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA). Senior Alexandria Kelly was named the NJAC Attack Player of the Year and earned a spot on the NFHCA Division III All-American Team along with fellow classmate Robyn Apicelli..

Junior defensive back Derrick Simmons led all of Division III football with a school record 22 pass breakups as he helped the MSU football team to the ECAC Division III South Atlantic Championship Game. Simmons and kicker Vin Doffont were each named All-Americans as Montclair placed 17 players on the All-New Jersey Athletic Conference squad.

Senior Gian Paul Gonzalez put together one of the finest seasons in MSU men's basketball history as he became just the third player to be named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III All-American Team. Gonzalez, was named a finalist for the Josten's Trophy presented to the top player in Division III. He would be named the New Jersey Athletic Conference, ECAC and Metropolitan Writers' Player of the Year as well as being named the Atlantic Region Player of the Year. Gonzalez, who averaged a school record 27 points per game, was also selected as the 2005-06 NJAC Male Athlete of the Year.

The Montclair State women's basketball team reached the semifinals of the ECAC Division III Metro Tournament. Led by junior Stephanie Machin, the Red Hawks finished second in the New Jersey Athletic Conference, their best league showing since 1999. Machin was named the NJAC Player of the Year and became just the fifth women's player to earn All-American honors by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

Montclair State's women's lacrosse team registered the best record in program history as MSU went 15-3 and captured both the inaugural Skyline Conference and ECAC Division III Upstate championships. Junior Brianna Gillin, was named the Most Valuable Player of the Skyline Tournament while junior Kristin Kuhmann was chosen as the MVP of the ECAC Tournament. Junior Shauna Brocklebank was selected as the Skyline Conference Player of the Year and garnered a spot on the IWLCFA Division III Boardwalk All-Region Team along with Gillin, Kuhmann and Patti Flanagan.

MSU's softball team captured their seventh straight ECAC Division III South championship. Led by senior Athanasia Totaro, the Red Hawks bounced back from an opening round loss and won three games on the final day to take the title. Totaro, the NJAC Player of the Year, was named the Most Valuable Player for the third time. Freshman Jennifer Jimenez connected on a school-record 15 home runs and was named the NJAC Rookie of the Year.

Putting together one of the most improbable runs in program history, the Montclair State baseball team reached the NCAA Division III World Series for the 17th time. After losing its first game of the NCAA Boyertown Regional, Montclair reeled off six wins over the next four days, including a pair of triumphs against top-ranked The College of New Jersey. The Red Hawks won the regional title game, 5-1 behind a masterful pitching performance from Tim Stringer, who pitched a three-hitter on one day's rest. At the World Series, Montclair placed fourth, its ninth Top 4 finish at the tournament. Designated hitter Rob Bowness was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-American Team.

Gonzalez and softball player Dana Warnock were each named to ESPN The Magazine Division III Academic All-District Teams. Montclair had 11 members named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad and inducted 20 student-athletes into the National College Athlete Honor Society (Chi Alpha Sigma) in 2006.

Sixteen MSU athletes in all earned All-America accolades and four coaches were named Coach of the Year (Beth O'Boyle – NJAC; Nicol Parcelluzzi – Skyline; Norm Schoenig – NJ Collegiate Baseball/ABCA Mid-Atlantic Regional).

The University sponsors the following sports:

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Conference</i>
Baseball	X		New Jersey Athletic Conference
Basketball	X	X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Field Hockey		X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Football	X		New Jersey Athletic Conference
Indoor Track & Field	X	X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Lacrosse	X	X	Knickerbocker / Skyline Conference
Soccer	X	X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Softball		X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Swimming/Diving	X	X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Outdoor Track & Field	X	X	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Volleyball		X	New Jersey Athletic Conference