

Unique characteristics of the school/academic component

Montclair State University has increased its enrollment by one-third during the past decade to about 18,000 and is New Jersey's second largest public institution of higher learning. The Forbes' annual list of the best colleges and universities in the nation (America's Best Colleges list) ranked MSU as the number one public institution in New Jersey, and the state's third best college or university overall (http://www.forbes.com/lists/2009/94/colleges-09_Americas-Best-Colleges_State.html). The expanding mission of the University positions the institution to advance its commitment to quality scientific research.

