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**Montgomery College's Macklin Business Institute Students Earn Top Honor
at Loyola Marymount University's Business Ethics Competition**
MC Team Wins First-Ever Emmons Award as the Overall Champion

A team of students from Montgomery College's Macklin Business Institute (MBI) honors program received the 2009 Emmons Award as the overall champion at the Loyola Marymount University/Ethics & Compliance Officer Association Invitational Intercollegiate Business Ethics Case Competition in Chicago. The competition challenges students to select a current ethical issue facing a company and analyze the issue from legal, financial, and ethical perspectives.

The MBI team consisted of sophomores Ksenia Prokunina, Crystal Quinones, Ricardo Camacho, and Andrew O'Connor. This was the first year that the competition was invitational, requiring the MBI students to compete in the preliminary round against both undergraduate and graduate-level students. The final round came down to Montgomery College, LaSalle University (five juniors), and St. Thomas University (three second-year MBA students and one MBA alumnus).

"This was another great team effort and we are proud of this accomplishment, not only for the Macklin Business Institute, but for Montgomery College," said MBI Director Steve Lang.

The preliminary round consisted of a 30-minute presentation to the judges followed by a question and answer session. The final round's presentation focused on the ethics surrounding their issue. At the awards banquet, the MBI students were named the overall competition winner and reprised their 10-minute presentation on stage in front of the entire Ethics Compliance Officers Association conference.

"We take a lot of pride in our recent win in Chicago as we were the only two-year school represented," said Montgomery College student and MBI team member Andrew O'Connor. "Credit is due to our advisors, Steve Lang and Professor Brian Baick, who had seen this competition and others like it many times before. Their knowledge and perspective were invaluable to our preparation... It was a great experience."

MBI was established 10 years ago with a \$1.26 million contribution by Gordon Macklin, founder of NASDAQ—the largest endowment to a community college at the time. Over the past decade, approximately 170 students have graduated as MBI scholars, with nearly 100 percent continuing their business education at four-year institutions such as Georgetown, Cornell, NYU, and the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, to name a few.

For more information about the Macklin Business Institute, visit <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/macbus>.

For more information about the competition, please click the link below:

http://cba.lmu.edu/academicprograms/centers/ethicsandbusiness/news/2009_Invitational_Award_Winners.htm

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