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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Initiatives that focused on academic success, student retention and engagement, and community outreach guided the work of the Campus community during the past year. A major initiative was the work of the Rockville Campus Expansion Task Force.

Campus Mission and Vision

The Campus embraces the College's mission to change lives and to serve as the community's college. The Campus vision encourages us to lead, motivate and inspire our students and partners as we respond to challenges of a global society.

Campus Demographics

- Approximately 15,000 students each semester, with the largest number of international students coming from Peru, Korea, India, Ethiopia, China, El Salvador, Cameroon, Iran, Vietnam, and Columbia.

2007 Campus Highlights

- Ms. Vanessa Coleman, a Biomedical Scholar and former College Trustee, was named to the 2007 First Team of the All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team.

Area Highlights

Business, Hospitality Management, and Information Science

Area faculty and staff participated in the Winter Session 2007 pilot, and revised curricula in Computer Applications and Computer Science. The Marriott Hospitality Center hosted a program for 55 Thomas Edison High School hospitality students. Articles about the Gaming program appeared in the various media and an articulation agreement was signed with the University of Baltimore in Computer Gaming Simulation and Hospitality Management and Business faculty served on MC/MCPS Cluster Advisory Boards.

Fine, Performing and Visual Arts and The Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

The Area received a \$500,000 grant to renovate the art gallery and initiated articulation agreements with the Savannah College of Art and Design and with the Columbus College of Art and Design. The School of Art and Design began the year in the new Cafritz Arts Center. The Communication Arts Technologies department completed over thirty curriculum actions. The Speech, Dance, and Theatre Department joined the community in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Summer Dinner Theatre. One Music department faculty member and four Music students participated in the Arts Institute Study Abroad program in Italy.

Social Sciences, History, Education, Health Enhancement, Exercise Science and Physical Education

Area faculty in Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice held articulation discussions with the UMBC at Shady Grove. The School of Education's Early Childhood Model Classroom opened, and School of Education faculty made presentations about the Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers. The Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice Department and the History and Political Science Department developed two new courses and a new Letter of Recognition and Certificate in Ethnic Social Studies. Anthropology faculty and students dug at two main archaeology project sites, the prehistoric Nursery Site in Rock Creek Park, and the Watts Branch site.

Humanities

The Area offered 73,555 credit hours in courses throughout eighteen disciplines. SN103, Spanish for Native Speakers, was developed and approved to provide appropriate instruction to native Spanish speakers. Outcomes Assessment Projects in EN 109 and PL 201 were completed. The Writing and Reading Center/Language Lab re-instituted a tutor professional development program, and a digital language lab to support all world languages was installed in the Language Lab. The collegewide *Potomac Review* was integrated into the creative writing curriculum. For the eleventh consecutive year, the Area provided leadership for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference.

Science, Engineering and Mathematics

The Science, Engineering and Mathematics (SEM) area was awarded a three-year grant totaling \$471,142 for *Project Portal to Success in Engineering* that includes mentoring, academic coaching, supplemental instruction, and undergraduate research for women and minorities. Area faculty and staff participated in the SEM Exchange, which included a presentation by Norman Augustine. The Area hosted the Maryland Regional Science Bowl, and supported the Biomedical Scholars, the CSEM Scholars, and the *Montgomery College Student Journal of Science and Mathematics*. Planning continued for the new Science Center.

Student Development

The women's tennis team finished second in the nation, and the Men's golf team won the 2007 Maryland Junior College Regional Golf Tournament. The Office of Student Life and the Office of Volunteerism & Service Learning sponsored MC Shadow Day. The Student Support Services Trio Program expanded tutoring services, and counseling faculty completed the online version of the MAP. Disability Support Services identified 20 students to receive services from the Governor's Community College Initiative for Students with Learning Disabilities Grant. The campus community participated in International Student Day during International Education Week.

Applied Technologies and The Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education

The Applied Technologies department presented a Green Week program to promote energy conservation and sustainable design. Automotive Technology faculty and the College president met with members of the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association. The Student Constructors Club received national recognition from the Associated Builders and Contractors Association. The Computer Publishing/Printing program worked with the Maryland State Department of Education and the Printing and Graphics Association Mid-Atlantic to offer technical enhancement and staff development seminars for graphics and printing program instructors.

Collegewide Programs

- Eight honor students served as interns in art preservation and restoration at the National Gallery of Art in an internship program administered by the Arts Institute.
- The Smithsonian Faculty Fellows Program provided opportunities for eight collegewide faculty members to conduct research.
- The Gateway to College program enrolled 208 students in the spring; ten students graduated from high school and either continued at MC or transferred to four-year institutions.

INTRODUCTION



Judy E. Ackerman, Ph.D.
Vice President and Provost

I sometimes ask faculty, staff and students, “What’s so special about the Rockville Campus?” and their answers usually revolve around a recurring theme: community. When I reflect on the past year, I am proud of many things, but what impresses me most is the collective strength and commitment of our campus community. Whether the topic is student engagement, or ways to support those who survived the tragedy last spring at Virginia Tech, at Rockville we believe in the power and efficacy of community. During the year, we participated in several different forums designed to engage our students, to share information, to solve problems, and to simply communicate more openly and often. Each semester I enjoyed sharing ideas at my “What’s On Your Mind?” sessions (topics included safety and crisis management,

environmental issues, becoming a smoke free campus, encouraging civility) and Brown Bag lunch time discussions about academic innovations and technology in the classroom. Campus leaders participated in an all-day spring retreat dedicated to strategic planning, communication, creativity, and team building.

Special programs were presented throughout the year, including an exciting Poster Session by Sociology students with topics illustrated by Advertising Art students; *WILLPOWER!*, a weeklong Shakespearean celebration of plays, lectures, and workshops; the 30th anniversary season of the crowd-pleasing Summer Dinner Theatre, the Maryland Regional Science Bowl, a festive End of Year Awards Banquet jointly sponsored by Student Life and Athletics, and the regional 11th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference. Communication was enhanced through meetings with the Rockville Faculty Council, the Staff Senate, and the Student Senate.

Among sporting events, plays, concerts, and book club sessions, faculty and staff presented research and best practices in programs such as the *SEM Exchange* lecture series and gave exhibit talks in the Art Gallery, soon to be renovated thanks to a generous gift from Ms. Sarah Silberman, a renowned sculptor and longtime student at the Rockville Campus. A high point of the year was working with the Rockville Campus Expansion Task Force, collaborating with representatives from neighborhood associations, business, government and civic organizations, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the College. The Task Force met for nine months beginning in October to address campus overcrowding; a draft of its report is available at www.montgomerycollege.edu/rvexpansion. What’s special about the Rockville Campus? For me, the answer comes easily: working with the campus community to help thousands of students meet their academic goals in a world that is increasingly flat.

The 2007 Rockville Campus Annual Report includes Area Highlights, updates on collegewide programs administered at the Campus, Academic Area Challenges identified by the Rockville Leadership Team; and Campus Highlights, selected accomplishments by Campus community members. Selected Student Information and Selected Employee Information from the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis are in the appendices.

Campus Mission and Vision

We share the Montgomery College mission to change lives, to offer access, opportunity, and support for students, faculty, and staff; to serve as the community’s college by creating and offering a rich cultural, intellectual, and health-promoting environment, and by contributing to the education and economic life of the larger community. At Rockville, through accountability, we strive for excellence and are proud of our community.

Our Campus vision is to lead, motivate and inspire our students and partners. As the College’s largest and most comprehensive campus, we will remain in the forefront by providing premier learning opportunities for a diverse, dynamic population, offering exciting signature academic and cultural programs, and creating a state-of-the art, welcoming campus. As the vibrant heart of the College and community, the Rockville Campus strives to never skip a beat in responding to the challenges of our global society.

Campus Demographics

- Approximately 15,000 students each semester; the largest number of international students come from South Korea, Peru, El Salvador, Cameroon, India, Ethiopia, Iran, China, Vietnam, and Brazil
- 964 administrators, full-time faculty, part-time faculty, and associate and support staff, including Central employees; 25% of full-time faculty members are minority

Academic Area Challenges

Business, Hospitality Management, and Information Science

- Working with unit faculty and staff to maintain our momentum and continue to make progress on various academic initiatives.

Fine, Performing, and Visual Arts and the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

- Developing “one-college” cooperation in the Arts among multiple departments, disciplines, and campuses with varying reporting structures

Social Science, History, Education, Health and Physical Education

- Providing adequate space for the Evening and Weekend Office Program for campus adjunct faculty

Humanities

- Hiring and retaining enough qualified full-time and part-time faculty members to meet enrollment demands in English, ESL, and World Languages
- Maintaining discipline unity and common outcomes when faculty members are located throughout the campus and College

Science, Engineering and Mathematics

- Keeping up with the changes in science instruction to align our courses with four-year schools
- Keeping up with the enrollment growth in our existing facilities

Student Development

- Providing a comprehensive student development program with inadequate space for student use and student service-oriented departments
- Planning for the future when numerous positions are currently held by individuals in acting capacities

Applied Technologies and The Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education

- Growing and meeting the needs of students, the business community, and transfer institutions while maintaining quality programs
- Identifying qualified adjuncts and space

Academic Initiatives

- Defining and orienting the MC-MCPS Partnership to maximize support to students, ensuring their academic success in high school, and preparing them for college

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

Business, Hospitality Management, and Information Science



- Area faculty and staff were involved in several major initiatives during the year, including participation in the Winter Session 2007 pilot. A designated classroom for Hospitality Management was funded by the Marriott Foundation to serve as the central place for hospitality management classes, guest lectures, events, and meetings.
- Marriott Hospitality Center hosted a program for 55 hospitality students from Thomas Edison High School to introduce them to the hospitality program at MC and careers in the field.

Patricia M. Bartlett, Ph.D.

- Significant curriculum revisions in response to the academic Area Review (AAR) recommendations occurred in Computer Applications (CA) and Computer Science (CS): six courses were deleted, three courses were added, ten courses were revised; CA certificates and degrees were revised; a database certificate and degree track were added. Articles about the relatively new Gaming program appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Voice of America TV and Radio*, *Gazette*, *DC Examiner*.
- An articulation agreement was signed with University of Baltimore in Computer Gaming Simulation. In Business curricular actions, accounting courses, AC 213 and AC 214, were expanded to four semester hours, an AC 201 honors section was added, and EC 105 and BA 210 were revised. Hospitality Management and Business faculty served on MC/MCPS Cluster Advisory Boards, and the Computer Science and Technologies Department offered a Java programming competition for 51 MCPS students.

Collegewide Initiative within the Business, Hospitality Management, and Information Science Area

The Gordon and Marilyn Macklin Business Institute (MBI) at Montgomery College

- The MBI Expansion Proposal was finalized and funding was identified to expand the MBI program from a one-year, sophomore level program to a two-year program beginning in fall 2008.
- MBI students managed the MBI Café and generated nearly \$90,000 in revenues, a \$20,000 increase over last year. They participated in the first "Macklin Apprentice" competition by designing a new product launch, a MBI Café travel coffee mug, and generated nearly \$6,000 in revenues and \$2,500 in profits over the four days that the new MBI Café travel coffee mugs were available.
- The MBI Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team were named a Regional Champion at the SIFE Regional in Philadelphia. They also represented the College at the SIFE National Exposition in Dallas.
- MBI students traveled to Los Angeles as the only two-year college participating in the Loyola Marymount University Business Ethics Competition.
- The weekly MBI seminar was enhanced to include student-run board meetings, case studies and presentations by various faculty members, and guest speakers from the local business community. Eight seminars were open to the College community to broaden the reach and impact of the MBI program.

Fine, Performing and Visual Arts and The Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

- The Area received a \$500,000 grant from the Sarah Silberman Family to renovate the art gallery in the Paul Peck Visual Arts Building. The gallery will reopen in the fall.
- Articulation agreements were initiated with the Savannah College of Art and Design and with the Columbus College of Art and Design.
- The School of Art and Design (SA+D) experienced enrollment growth for the third consecutive year and began the 2007 academic year in the new Cafritz Arts Center.
- The Communication Arts Technologies department completed over thirty curriculum actions this year to eliminate curriculum overlap and reflect the changing industry by changing the name of the discipline of Advertising Art to Graphic Design.
- The Speech, Dance, and Theatre Department joined the community in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Summer Dinner Theatre.
- The Music Department sent four students and one faculty member to Italy to participate in the Arts Institute Study Abroad Scholar program.
- The Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center produced a year of excellent programming, highlighted by a sold-out Smokey Robinson concert.



Deborah E. Preston, Ph.D.

Social Sciences, History, Education, Health Enhancement, Exercise Science and Physical Education



- Political Science faculty held articulation discussions with the UMBC at Shady Grove, served as faculty advisors for a new International Studies student club and for a new History and Political Science Club, provided coordination for Jefferson Cafes political discussions, and hosted State and Local government speakers.
- The School of Education's Early Childhood Model Classroom opened in fall 2006.
- The Psychology Department successfully offered two sections of General psychology during Winter Session 2006 with an enrollment of 54 students.

Gail D. Montgomery, Ph.D.

- The Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice Department and the History and Political Science Department developed a new Letter of Recognition and Certificate in Ethnic Social Studies. Two new courses, *Race and Ethnicity in US Politics*, and *Globalization Issues*, were developed.
- The Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice department continued articulation discussions with UMBC Shady Grove's Social Work faculty, and presented the second annual (illustrated) Poster Session in conjunction with Advertising Art faculty and students.

- Health Enhancement, Exercise Science, and Physical Education faculty co-sponsored a Health Fair and participated in Healthy Campus advocacy to assist the campus environment in becoming smoke free.
- Anthropology faculty and students dug at two main archaeology projects, the prehistoric Nursery Site in Rock Creek Park, and the Watts Branch site.
- Criminal Justice faculty met with faculty from UMD College Park and UMD Shady Grove in order to make changes in current articulations and to create an AA degree in Criminal Justice. The new Criminal Justice (CJ) laboratory opened to provide students with CJ career materials and information about employment opportunities.
- School of Education faculty made several presentations about the Alternative Certification for Effective Teachers (ACET) program, which is partially funded by a grant from the Maryland State Department of Education and the federal *Troops to Teachers* program.

Humanities



Carolyn S. Terry

- The Humanities area offered 73,555 credit hours in courses throughout 18 disciplines.
- The World Languages offerings were expanded to include American Sign Language, which had been offered through the Speech, Dance, and Theatre department.
- The entire curriculum for literature courses was updated to reflect new pedagogies and an expanded canon of literary voices.
- A new course, SN 103 -- Spanish for Native Speakers, was developed and approved to provide appropriate language instruction to native Spanish speakers.



Rodney W. Redmond

- Outcomes Assessment Projects in EN 109 and PL 201 were successfully completed.
- The collegewide *Potomac Review*, an award-winning literary journal jointly sponsored by the Humanities Institute, Humanities (Rockville Campus), and the MC Foundation, was integrated into the creative writing curriculum through a "Make it Happen" grant that resulted in student internships with the journal.
- The Writing and Reading Center / Language Lab re-instituted a tutor professional development program. A digital language lab to support all world languages was installed in the Language Lab, and faculty participated in training to integrate the technology into the curriculum.
- For the eleventh consecutive year, the Area provided leadership for the annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference held at the Rockville Campus, this year honoring Pulitzer prize-winning author Jane Smiley.

Collegewide Initiatives within the Humanities Area

Honors Program

- Established an honors curriculum committee and an approval process for new honors course proposals.
- Implemented a Collegewide honors application and recognized Honors Program graduates in the 2007 Commencement program.
- Sponsored seven student presenters at the National Collegiate Honors Conference.
- Sent 17 students to the 2007 Beacon conference at Rockland Community College. Six of these students won the top honor in their categories; Montgomery College submitted the most papers, had the largest participation, and received the most awards of all the participating community colleges.

Montgomery Scholars

- Welcomed its 9th class of Montgomery Scholars and sent the Class of 2008 on their interdisciplinary experience at the University of Cambridge, England.
- Established a special alumni chapter for Montgomery Scholars and held the first annual "Scholars Jamboree" reunion.
- Celebrated the continuing success of past Scholars: 17 former scholars received bachelor's degrees; 2 received master's degrees; and 5 were accepted into master's degree programs.
- Dr. Mary Furgol, Montgomery Scholars director, was awarded a sabbatical to research the feasibility of replicating the features of the Scholars program for the general student body's first-year experience.

International Education Program

- Provided the opportunity for 33 faculty, students, alumni and MC friends to enroll in a two-week study abroad summer program, *Turkey: Land of Layered Civilizations*; five students were recipients of Study Abroad scholarships.
- Offered Theatre Cafes, an international book club, and film series.
- Established a fund with the Montgomery College Foundation for Study Abroad Scholarships, providing support to students studying in Berlin, Tokyo, Costa Rica, and the United Kingdom.

Women's Studies Program

- Celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Women's Studies program with an afternoon gala honoring Dr. Charlene Nunley.
- Expanded WS 101 offerings to eight sections collegewide.
- Forty-seven students and faculty members, including Professors Genevieve Carminati, Robert Giron, Brianne Friel, Tulin Levitas, Sumita Kim, and Denise Folwell, presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region Women's Studies Association Conference at Bucks County Community College.

Science, Engineering and Mathematics

- The Science, Engineering and Mathematics (SEM) area was awarded a three-year grant totaling \$471,142 from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) – Comprehensive Program. *Project Portal to Success in Engineering* aims to increase the numbers of women and minorities pursuing engineering degrees. The project includes mentoring, academic coaching, supplemental instruction, and undergraduate research as part of a holistic and integrated approach to student success.
- Area faculty and staff participated in the highly successful *SEM Exchange*, a series of presentations by College faculty and staff on recent advances and issues in the sciences and mathematics. Special *SEM Exchange* presentations were made by Norman Augustine, and a National Institutes of Health (NIH) panel on stem cell research.
- Other SEM highlights of the year included hosting the Maryland Regional Science Bowl, and supporting three major initiatives:
 - the Biomedical Scholars, a NIH-funded program for highly motivated students interested in natural science or biomedical science careers;
 - the CSEM Scholars, the National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded program for Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics majors; and the
 - *Montgomery College Student Journal of Science and Mathematics*, which publishes student papers selected for excellence in science or mathematics.
- Planning and design work continued for the new Rockville Science Center.



Sanjay Rai, Ph.D.

Student Development



Monica R. M. Brown

- The women's tennis team finished second in the nation at the 2007 NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Division III Women's Tennis Championship.
- The Men's golf team won the 2007 MDJUCO (Maryland Junior College) Regional Golf Tournament and competed in the NJCAA National Golf Tournament.
- The Office of Student Life and the Office of Volunteerism & Service Learning sponsored MC Shadow Day for high school students living in at-risk environments.
- Student Life and the Athletics department hosted a joint End of the Year Awards Banquet with Dr. Brian Johnson as the keynote speaker.
- The Student Support Services Trio Program offered academic management, career development, and leadership workshops and expanded services in tutoring, and applying for financial aid and scholarships.

- Counseling faculty completed the online version of the MAP and participated in the First-Year Experience (FYE) Program.
- Disability Support Services (DSS) identified 20 MC students to receive services from the *Governor's Community College Initiative for Students with Learning Disabilities Grant*. DSS faculty and staff worked with Information Technology to upgrade and track assistive technology use, and met with an external consultant to restructure the collegewide application of DSS services.
- In the fall, several hundred campus community members participated in International Student Day as part of International Education Week.



Helen C. Brewer

Applied Technologies and The Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education

- The Applied Technologies department presented a highly successful Green Week program to promote energy conservation and sustainable design



Edward J. Roberts

- Automotive Technology faculty and the College president met with Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association members to discuss technician training opportunities for regional dealerships and to celebrate the Association's partnership with Montgomery College.
- The Student Constructors Club received national recognition, an Award of Merit presented by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Association. Montgomery College was one of three award winners among a group of mostly four-year colleges and universities.
- The Computer Publishing/Printing program worked with the Maryland State Department of Education and the Printing and Graphics Association Mid-Atlantic (PGAMA) to offer technical enhancement and staff development seminars for graphics and printing program instructors. This collaboration facilitated printing education accreditation processes and allowed instructors to upgrade their skills in offset printing, graphic design software, color theory, and digital press technology.

COLLEGEWIDE PROGRAMS

The Arts Institute of Montgomery College

- Nine visual arts and four music students participated in the second year of the Arts Institute Study Abroad Scholar program in Italy
- Eight honor students served as interns in art preservation and restoration at the National Gallery of Art in an internship program administered by the Arts Institute.



David E. Phillips

- Events sponsored by the Arts Institute during the year included two Baltimore Symphony Orchestra chamber music groups, lectures by arts scholars and writers, the annual *WILLPOWER!* Shakespeare festival, the World Art Festival, and the concerts by professional jazz artists.
- Arts Institute promotional activities expanded significantly with collegewide arts publications and mailings, electronic calendars, recruitment advertising, exhibition notices, community outreach and partnerships, fundraising, and special projects.

The Paul Peck Humanities Institute at Montgomery College

- Smithsonian/Library of Congress Internship Program facilitated student internships at the National Air and Space Museum, the National Zoo, the National Museum of Natural History, and the National Science Resource Center.
- The Smithsonian Faculty Fellows Program provided opportunities for eight collegewide faculty members to conduct research on culture, scholarship, and technology.
- The *Books and Ideas* series received a \$1,200 grant from the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council and offered six master classes and lectures by local historians, critics, poets, and novelists. Events were held at all three campuses.
- The *Portraits of Life* exhibition received a \$5,000 travel grant from the Maryland Humanities Council and a \$50,000 grant from the Carl M. Freeman Foundation.
- Dr. Esther Schwartz-McKenzie was appointed as the new director of the Paul Peck Humanities Institute.

The MC/MCPS Partnership (Office of Academic Initiatives)

- The Office of Academic Initiatives conducted assessment testing in five high schools, with follow-up sessions to interpret the test results. Participating schools were Magruder, Watkins Mill, Walt Whitman, Walter Johnson, and Sherwood.
- In its third year, the Gateway to College program enrolled 208 students for the spring 2007 semester; ten students graduated and either continued their education at MC or transferred to four-year institutions.
- Engineering Science 100, the introductory engineering design course, was offered at Wheaton High School as part of its *Project Lead the Way* program.



Elena Saenz

2007 ROCKVILLE CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



Vanessa Coleman

- **Ms. Vanessa Coleman**, a Biomedical Scholar, former student member of the Board of Trustees, and recipient of the New Century Scholar Award, was named to the 2007 First Team of the All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team. The honor is given each year to only 20 students nationwide for their academic achievement and community and college involvement, and it carries with it a \$2,500 cash award for each honoree.
- **Gaming students** won second prize in the International Gaming Contest sponsored by the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy.
- A new **Student Activity Center** opened on the ground floor of Campus Center to provide additional space for students to meet, lounge, and study.
- **The Montgomery Advocate**, the student-run newspaper, began on-line publication at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/advocate>.
- **Professor William Coe**, mathematics professor, instructional associate in the Math/Science Center, Math Fast Track coordinator, and Gateway to College instructor, was awarded the Outstanding Developmental Educator of Maryland Award at the spring meeting of DEAM, Developmental Education Association of Maryland.
- **Professors Usha Venkatesh, Michael Berman, Henry Caballero, Sherrie Carroll, and Judith Gaines** collaborated on an article, *A Funny Thing Happened to Me on the Way to the Museum: from Collaborative Inquiry to Transformative Pedagogy*, for the three-volume series, Perspective on Community College ESL, published by TESOL.
- The **Montgomery Scholars Program** received the first-ever Innovative Program Award sponsored by the Maryland College Personnel Association. This award recognizes the most outstanding college-student focused program in Maryland higher education.
- **Mr. Donald J. Smith** was appointed as the new Director of the Evening/Weekend Office, providing administrative oversight for adjunct faculty services and for the Rockville Campus on evening and weekends.
- **Ms. Lisa Carvalho**, Office of Academic Initiatives, was honored at the MCPS Volunteer Recognition Tea for outstanding volunteers and volunteer programs for her work with the Division of Family and Community Partnerships.
- More than 300 people participated in the May 2007 **Spring Quest**, a professional development activity for the Rockville Campus community
- The **Maryland Science Bowl** competition was held on the Rockville Campus for 12 high school teams from across the state. Teams competed for the opportunity to advance to the 17th Annual National Science Bowl, sponsored by the US Department of Energy.



Donald J. Smith

- **Ms. Sarah Vandy**, a Macklin Business Institute Scholar and MC Ambassador, was selected for the All-Maryland First Team and for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
- Three **New Student Orientation (NSO) programs** held in August on the Rockville Campus were attended by more than 600 students and their families.
- The **Rockville Campus Expansion Task Force**, chaired by community leader Mr. Robert Anastasi and Instructional Dean Carolyn Terry, was appointed in October 2006 to address campus overcrowding and to recommend options for campus expansion. The Task Force approved and submitted a final report to the Vice President and Provost in June 2007.



Sarah Vandy

- The **Marriott Hospitality Center** hosted students from Thomas Edison Career and Technology High School for a half-day of activities for students interested in pursuing a career in the hospitality industry.
- **Ms. Holly Kent-Payne** was one of three MC students to receive the 2006 Mark Curtis Award, sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, for Excellence in the Humanities:
- **Mr. David Phillips**, Director of the Arts Institute, was appointed as Chair of the Board of Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras. He also participated on the Friends and Leadership Committee for *VisArts at Rockville*.
- **Professor Genevieve Carminati**, NWSA Community College Caucus Chair and Regional Chair, made four presentations at the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Conference in St. Charles, Illinois.
- **Dr. Judy E. Ackerman**, Vice President and Provost, was a panelist for *Building Success in Mathematics for All Community College Students* at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida. The panel highlighted *Beyond Crossroads*, a standards document that addresses the components of a learning environment that promotes the learning of mathematics such as sound instructional methodology informed by research, assessment and feedback cycles, and connections to the workplace and other disciplines.

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