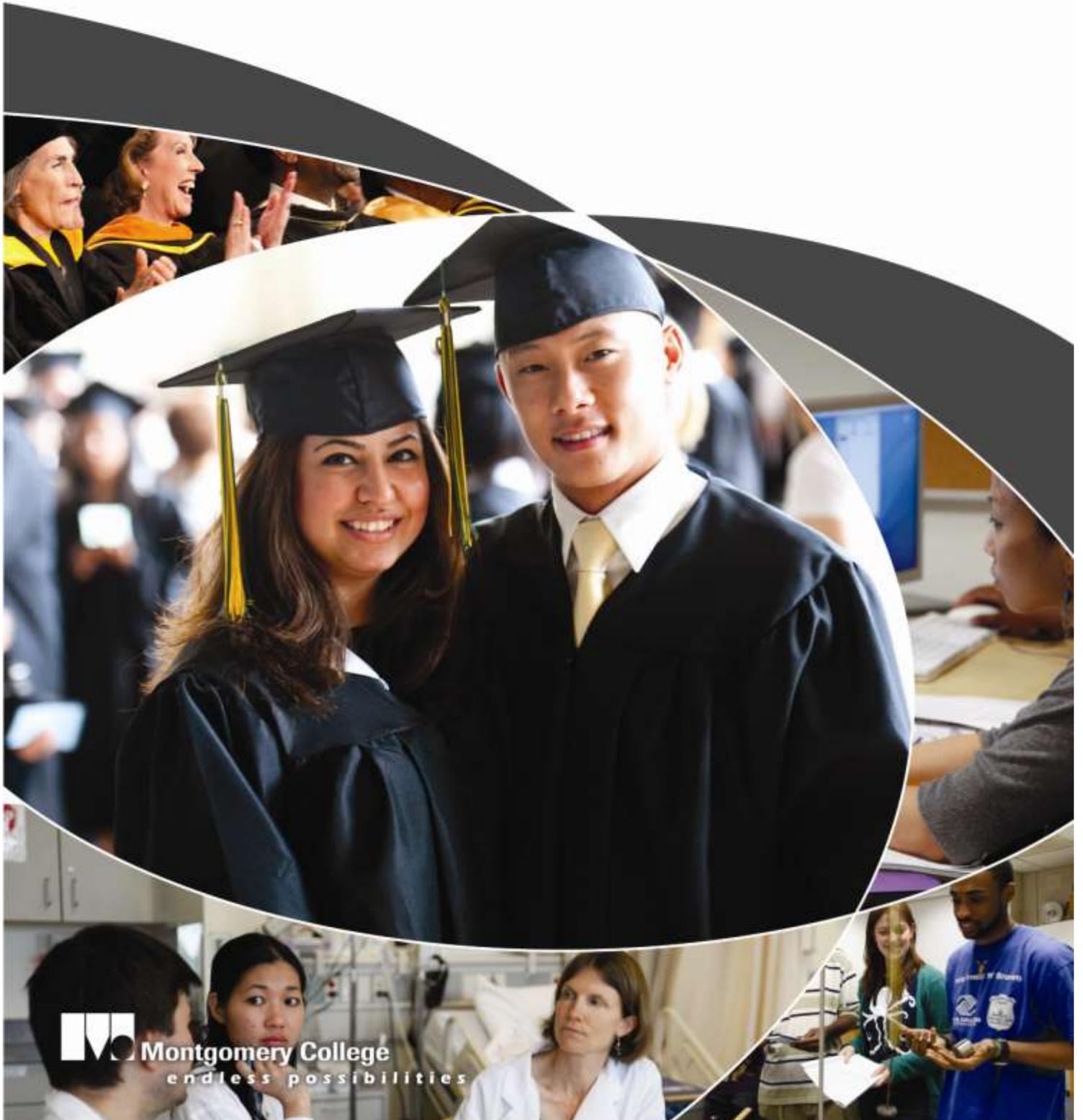


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An Attitude of Gratitude

As some in the College community may be aware, I keep a daily gratitude journal to reflect upon all of the positive opportunities— grand or small—that take place in my everyday life. Granted, there are days when the lists are much shorter than others, but I always think of something, anything, that proves that the work I do and the institution that I lead are making a difference in the community. Doing so helps me keep everything in perspective as I go about addressing the challenging moments I face in my life.

From my first day here at Montgomery College, I have received a warm welcome and supportive feedback from students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The support from Board of Trustees members and my senior administrators has been invaluable as I help lead us into a future of innovation and student success.

After my inauguration last month, I was deeply grateful for a beautiful ceremony that not only recognized my role as a steward of this institution but celebrated the revered position the College holds as a leader in the community, the state, and the national community college movement.

As we prepare to enter a difficult budget advocacy process, I want to use my monthly report to highlight how we, as a College, can take inventory of our own best practices. Before we can make others recognize our valuable role in the community, we need to realize it deep within ourselves. We have much to be grateful for: we are changing lives.

Recognizing our success is the perfect way to tend to our internal spirit. In a recent PEC meeting I tasked David Sears, vice president of advancement, with focusing on collegewide strategies to boost morale and help us maintain our outstanding support to the students we serve. And as we focus on collective efforts, let us remember the small ways employees can boost each other up. I heard recently that one office at the College has each employee take turns announcing the daily accomplishments of one of his or her colleagues. The extra peer recognition has been energizing within that office.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, we have another opportunity to recognize our accomplishments. As a College, we should take to reflect on our reasons for gratitude before November 25, and I hope it becomes a regular practice throughout the year.

Board Discussion Questions:

1. As board members and College leaders, what do you hear from the community about what Montgomery College does best?
2. How should Montgomery College capitalize on these strengths as we plan for the future?

From the Field: Gratitude for Excellence

Recognizing Heroes

On Thursday, October 28, The Paul Peck Humanities Institute hosted a luncheon to thank Holocaust survivors who allowed their stories and images to be collected for *Portraits of Life, Holocaust Survivors of Montgomery County*. Over the past three years, survivors have generously given their time to the Institute's MCPS Holocaust education initiative, speaking to over 5,000 students in more than a dozen schools. To honor survivors, Eastern Middle School students Ankita Reddy, Rachel Gold, and Mikal Walcott, Montgomery Blair High School sophomore Noah McKinzie and Montgomery College's Brian Horowitz spoke about what it meant to them to hear firsthand accounts of the Holocaust, and acknowledged what a powerful, generous gift they had been given. It has truly been an honor for all of us at Montgomery College who have been involved with this project or who have participated in the annual Holocaust commemoration to hear the survivor's stories and to get to know these special individuals.

Innovative Faculty

During final exams in December 2009, the spring 2010 semester, and again during the second summer session this past summer, it was necessary to close either all or part of the Rockville Campus because of snow and/or power outages. Faculty, staff, and administrators went above and beyond to assist students with the completion of their syllabi and, when necessary, provided flexibility about scheduling postponed final exams. Faculty members shared ways to make up lost time and how to keep in touch with their students when the campus was closed. When classes were moved to alternate locations without the necessary equipment, faculty members showed ingenuity in how they structured their classes.

Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology Disciplines

The vibrant Germantown Math Club won first place at the Second Annual Prince George's Community College Mathematics Competition earlier this spring.

Next spring, Germantown students will earn Georgetown University credit for a seminar course taught on the Germantown Campus as part of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program. In the summer, students will conduct original research in a Georgetown University laboratory, under faculty supervision, and earn a \$3,500 stipend. Additionally, Germantown faculty members participated in summer workshops and are currently revising their curricula to improve teaching and learning about global climate change in their liberal arts programs.

As the program chair for the MD/DC/VA section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Mathematics Professor John Hamman was responsible for a section meeting held November 5 and 6 at George Mason University. During his three-year assignment, he will be responsible for planning two section meetings a year and will serve on the section's executive board.

Associate Dean Margaret Latimer, in addition to her other responsibilities, is teaching a five-ESH MA 181 course in the evenings for no additional compensation. She has become the campus' most active grant writer and is on the Math Redesign Task Force. Her door is always open to students, and she often is seen helping students at a table outside her office.

In the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Math Learning Center, the campus calculator lending program is in full swing with 30 graphing calculators in the hands of students this fall. The calculators were purchased with a donation from an alumnus who matched department funds to acquire the machines. In another example of technology benefitting students, the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Science Learning Center was equipped with new computers this year and students are benefitting from them. In addition, with the transition that was made in establishing a Discrete Math Learning Center, there has been an increase in science students receiving service in the Science Learning Center.



Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Disciplines

Montgomery College and the BlackRock Center for the Arts have developed a close collaboration to support the arts through concert sponsorship, the sharing of faculty, an arts education mission, exhibition of work, and reduced tickets and subscription prices for MC students.

The Montgomery County Historical Society will present the fifth Annual Montgomery County History Conference on the Germantown Campus in January 2011. Originally intended to focus on the training needs of volunteers with county history and heritage organizations, the target audience has shifted to include a broad range of researchers, historians, and the generally curious community members. The keynote speaker for 2011 is Dr. Royce Hanson, retired chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board; Dr. Hanson is considered the architect of the county's Agricultural Reserve.

For the last three years, the English Department has offered a sequence of courses beginning with EN 002 Basic English II for seven weeks and continuing with another attempt at EN 002 or EN 101A for students who successfully complete the basic English course. The schedule allows student to move through developmental EN and RD rapidly and responsibly and, therefore, increase the likelihood of student success. Early skeptics of this redesign now understand its value and support it.

The Writing Center recorded an increase in the number of student visits (39,009) over the same period the previous year (34,611), reflecting a similar increase in campus enrollment.

Health Sciences Credit and Noncredit Programs

The Health Sciences programs are grateful to the many community partners whose generosity has helped MC students to succeed. Health Sciences students and faculty have been getting free flu immunizations from Holy Cross, Shady Grove Adventist, Washington Adventist, Doctors Community, and Suburban Hospitals. Without up-to-date flu shots, students would be unable to provide patient care when they are at clinical sites. The cost of shots can be a deterrent to many students.

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Public Safety Training Academy has provided classroom space for Montgomery College EMT classes. MC classes have been held at the facility for the past 10 years and over 500 students have trained as EMT-Bs.

Physical Therapy students have benefitted from the generosity of guest lecturers coming to campus. Janice Taylor, a physical therapist from Doctor's Community Hospital, presented on lymphadema care, and Brooks Bolte and Andria Tate from Patterson Medical did a lecture and demonstration on laser therapy.

Holy Cross Hospital donated custom surgical packs and supplies to the Surgical Technology Program that totaled approximately \$5,000. The savings in donated supplies to all of the Health Sciences programs has freed the departments to spend money on innovative software to help prepare students for licensing exams.

Shady Grove Hospital and Metropolitan Orthopedic and Sport Therapy recently provided clinical lab space for the students from Montgomery County Health and Human Services contract courses in Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Aide. Entry-Level Health Career programs are thankful for our training partnership with Condensed Curriculum International (CCI). CCI has been reliable and generous with information and supplies for the students and they pay for the motivational speaker each semester at graduation. At no charge to the College, CCI offers a two-day review session each term for all of the students who take the Pharmacy Technician Career Training and are ready to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

The College is also fortunate to have a large number of classroom sites for its Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) program, including Montgomery Village Health Care, Asbury Methodist Village, and the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. They have provided classroom space to MC students, which gives them an opportunity to see first-hand what a long-term care facility looks like while attending the course. Sligo Creek Nursing Home has provided another



clinical site for our students. Without the support of these facilities the College could not train the almost 200 certified nursing assistants every year.

Student Development

This was the second full year for the Germantown Options for Adult Learners, or G.O.A.L Program. G.O.A.L hosted many activities for adult students and produced a monthly newsletter full of pertinent information for the adult students.

Student Employment Services, a collegewide unit that helps students find jobs, now services 1,250 students a month. Just through the e-jobs Web site alone, 1,638 employers and 2,048 students were assisted in finding an employee or employment. Likewise, 76 students were placed into internship opportunities through the Cooperative Education and Internship Program. An excellent example of the key role Student Employment Services plays in helping students with disabilities find internships—and ultimately employment—is through the Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities where last year MC had 28 students accepted for summer internships with the federal government.

With the help of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring (TP/SS) Office of Service-Learning, the H.E.R.O. (Helping Everyone Reach Out) Club on campus is participating in a number of service activities this semester. The students are planning a bake sale to raise funds for the Children's Inn at the National Institute of Health. Monies raised will go to purchasing small toys to give to the sick children at the Inn. Additionally, every Wednesday, H.E.R.O.s club members participate in the Manna Food's "Smart Sacks" program. Students put together bags of food for children at Broad Acres Elementary School who receive free or reduced-price lunch, so that they can have nutritious meals on the weekends.

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Office of Service-Learning and the H.E.R.O. Club are also currently running a winter coat drive for the men, women, and children who attend classes at the Refugee Center located on the TP/SS Campus. Many of the clients at the Refugee Center come from warm climates and are unable to afford outerwear necessary for the cold Maryland winter. H.E.R.O. Club members are supporting this club project by advertising the drive across campus, setting out collection boxes for donations from the campus community, and sharing information about the drive at home and in their neighborhoods and local communities.

Part-Time Faculty Support

The College has many reasons to celebrate the work done by the Rockville Evening Weekend Office to expand their newsletter, the *Evening Weekend News*, from a one-campus newsletter to an informative newsletter for part-time faculty from all three campuses. Part-time faculty members are profiled and author articles and information about College procedures and professional development opportunities are highlighted. Thanks go to the editor, Professor Charlotte Jacobsen, and layout editor Katie Torkasvan.

Community Partnerships

Workforce Development & Continuing Education is making significant headway in preparing a newly configured Nonprofit Leadership Institute, thanks to the support of incredible nonprofit organizational partners. The Institute is scheduled for April 2011 and, with the assistance of the partners, Montgomery College will provide linkages and expertise to nonprofits seeking to grow personnel and ensure survival of their organizations which, in turn, improves and affects the lives of those in our communities and worlds.

Holy Cross Hospital also offers the College classroom space twice a year for our Nurse Refresher class. The class meets three times a week for 100 hours. This year we have seen a surge in nurses wanting to return to their profession and the support of Holy Cross has been invaluable. Adventist Behavioral Health, Suburban Hospital and Shady Grove Hospital have also significantly aided the College in providing clinical experiences for the 42 nurses in our program this year.



Celebrating Students

Ms. Hunter Schallhorn, volleyball player for Montgomery College-Rockville, was selected as the September 2010 Student Athletes of the Month by the Maryland Junior College Athletic Conference. Ms. Schallhorn is an outside hitter for the volleyball team, which was ranked ninth in the NJCAA Division III poll at the end of the month. She is the team captain for the second straight year, leading the team to a 9–1 match record during the month. She is an outstanding all-around player.

Ms. Emeraude Mongo, a second-year student at Germantown received a \$500 scholarship from the local chapter of American Association of University Women to attend the 2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Ms. Mongo is majoring in biology and plans to transfer to a four-year institution to complete studies as a pre-med student.

Ms. Tierra Washington, a second-year communications major and student assistant in the Office of the Vice President and Provost, was selected to participate in the MTV/BET/CMT televised Town Hall Meeting with President Obama. Ms. Washington participates in a campus-based leadership program, is a blogger for Montgomery College, and works as an intern for Representative Donna Edwards. She had to go through a series of interviews to be selected as an audience member for the town hall. During her final interview, the selection panel was so impressed by her poise and presence that they asked her to be one of a handful of audience members to ask the president a question. Ms. Washington asked a question related to the affordability of higher education and how high schools can better prepare students to be successful in college.

Montgomery County's Business Club and Professional Women's Club, Inc. (MC BPW) awarded six scholarships to Montgomery College students this year, including the Susan Christen scholarship and the Kitty Strickland Shore scholarship. These clubs promote equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. The MC BPW provides its members with the opportunity to upgrade their personal and professional career development and increase business relationships through networking.

On October 8, Germantown biology and biotechnology staff and student volunteers participated in Frontiers in Science and Medicine Day. Six hundred students from Montgomery Village and Julius West Middle Schools visited the Shady Grove Campus of Johns Hopkins University (JHU), participated in hands-on science activities, and had the opportunity to visit Shady Grove Hospital or a lab at a biotech company. Dr. Tacy Holliday, supervisor of the Science Learning Center, and Janine Askins, instructional lab coordinator for biotechnology, spearheaded the Germantown DNA necklace activity in which students isolated some of their own DNA and placed it in a small vial that could be worn as a necklace. Dr. Holliday and Germantown biotech student volunteers engaged seventh graders in discussion throughout the process. Back by popular demand at this second annual Frontier Day, the activity generated a long line of interested seventh graders. This collaborative effort between JHU, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, MC, and area biotech companies is an opportunity for middle school students to become engaged with and excited about science research and the career prospects in science, engineering, and healthcare—all of which are possible to pursue in Montgomery County.

Celebrating College Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

Montgomery College has been nominated for the prestigious 2011 Bellwether Award, thanks to the efforts of Carol Burbage, Math and Science Center supervisor, and Christina LaValle, instructional associate. Ms. Burbage and Ms. LaValle delivered a provocative presentation, "Enhancing Tutoring Services: A Blueprint for Success," last April at the On Course National Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, made the College eligible to compete for a Bellwether Award. Sponsored by the Community College Futures Assembly, the Bellwether Awards annually recognize outstanding, replicable, and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future.



Professor Jon Scott from the Germantown Mathematics Department participated in the National Science Foundation's Panel Review, the Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (TUES) program held at the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, Va., July 29–30, 2010. Contributions made by reviewers like Professor Scott are essential for NSF to make informed choices while funding grant proposals.

Associate Professor Kathleen Dayton, program coordinator for Fire Science-EMS and Emergency Preparedness Management at Takoma Park/Silver Spring, has been working with the Montgomery County Public Schools to develop a Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services Career Pathway curricula for the high school students to progress from secondary fire science curriculum to the postsecondary level at Montgomery College.

In Health Sciences, six new nursing faculty and clinical instructors were approved for faculty fellowships funded by the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Another four faculty members have completed all three years of the fellowship. The total amount awarded was \$310,000, including the remaining amounts for each of the three years. This fellowship grant has been invaluable with the current budget limitations, since it has allowed nursing faculty and clinical instructors to continue their education, as well as obtain needed professional development in nursing education. There are currently four faculty members with doctorates, and five in process. One of the clinical instructors is now enrolled in a master's degree program. Almost half of the nursing faculty members have been able to take advantage of this extraordinary fellowship opportunity.

Rockville Art Professor Komelia Okim exhibited her works at an invitational one-person show, "Komelia Hongja Okim's Recent Metal Works," at the MK Gallery in McLean, Va., from September 17 through October 30. Professor Okim also presented a PowerPoint lecture, "20 Korean-American Female Artists," at the annual conference of Ewha Women's University Alumnae Association of North America (EWUAA NA) in Las Vegas on October 25.

Professor Sumita Kim, chair of the Rockville Art Department, is holding a one-person show until November 16, entitled "Fragmentary Devotions," at the Orchard Gallery in Bethesda, which features her recent paintings.

Rockville Adjunct Art Professor Maggie Gourlay exhibited paintings and screen prints as part of a three-person exhibit, "2010 Juried Exhibition Series," in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, from September 1 through October 29. The Chapel Hill Public Art Office sponsored the exhibit.

Dr. Claudia Rousseau, art professor at Takoma Park/Silver Spring, was voted in as a member of the Association Internationale des Critiques d'Art (AICA, International Association of Art Critics) for her work as an art critic and art writer. The AICA is a prestigious and internationally recognized organization founded in Paris with a branch in NYC (AICA-United States). Dr. Rousseau also wrote a major essay on the bronze sculpture of Carol Brown Goldberg, which will be published in a book on the artist in New York early next year.

For the first time, the noncredit program of the School of Art + Design has offered an adult fine arts course taught entirely in French. Atelier de Peinture à L'huile: de L'abstraction au Realism (Introduction to Oil Painting: From Abstraction to Realism—"L'Atelier de Peinture") is the idea of instructor Dr. Kaltoum Maroufi-Colle who is French-American. She has taught art courses to French-speaking groups at the Embassy of France and to noncredit students at the School of Art + Design.

Dr. Jeanann Boyce, professor in computer science at Takoma Park/Silver Spring, was asked to serve on the external review committee for the Computer Science Technology program at the Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC). CCDC is in the midst of conducting program reviews and was in need of community college educators and industry representatives to assist the college in assessing the quality and relevance of its program. The external review committee will identify program strengths on which to capitalize and weaknesses or challenges. The committee typically consists of three to four members representing industry and community college educators.



This year, 11 full-time faculty fellows will work with Dr. Joseph Nwoye, instructional designer for the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Jorge Hernandez-Fujigaki, Rockville history professor, who will facilitate “Culturally Responsive Teaching” as a blended teaching and learning professional development opportunity.

Dr. Lucy Laufe, Germantown anthropology professor, was a presenter at the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Conference “Partnerships that Promote Success: Transfer from Community Colleges to Selective Four-Year Institutions,” held September 15–17, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Her panel presentation was entitled, “Strategic Transfer Partnerships: Building a Four-Year Model,” and Dr. Laufe presented with Stephanie Balmer, dean of admissions at Dickinson College; Norm Jones, assistant to the president, Dickinson College; Dorothy Plantz, director of the Transfer Center at Howard Community College; and Nadia ElFallah, a senior at Dickinson who is a former Germantown Renaissance Scholar and former vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. Ms. ElFallah is majoring in Middle Eastern studies and is the first transfer from a community college to be recognized as one of the top 10 senior women at Dickinson with respect to volunteer and community service.

Counseling Professor Debi Higbie-Holmes, director of student life, presented at the Maryland Community College Activities Directors Association Student Leadership Conference on October 8, 2010, at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, Md. Professor Higbie-Holmes’ presentation was entitled, “Let Your True Colors Shine,” and was an interactive, fun-filled workshop that concentrated on teaching students how to bring relationships to a whole new level. Focused on helping students express their own uniqueness in order to increase the understanding of others, students learned how to turn irritation into appreciation and conflict into cooperation by opening up lines of communication while embracing differences and bringing out the best in everyone.

Ms. Laura Stagnaro-Green, Montgomery College TP/SS Service-Learning Program coordinator, presented at the Civic Literacy conference at Anne Arundel Community College. Her presentation title was “Access and Success through Service-Learning: How to build a model program with your higher education partner.” In this interactive workshop, participants were able to discuss and prepare to build a relationship between their K–12 classroom and their higher education partner. Montgomery College, in conjunction with its community partner Montgomery County Public Schools, shared its very successful model program and ways for other institutions to establish a program of their own to engage first-generation and ESOL students in improving their own communities through service-learning.

Ms. Eunice Montilla, program assistant in Workforce Development & Continuing Education, continues to build the new partnership with the Montgomery Works by providing weekly information to job seekers who attend the Montgomery Works one-stop workforce center in Wheaton. Ms. Montilla has started explaining educational opportunities with job seekers, and the Montgomery Works staff has invited her to attend weekly staff meeting. This type of coordination and support is an encouraging link between Montgomery College, Montgomery Works, and prospective students anxious to re-enter the workforce. Each year, the center serves more than 11,000 people who are job seekers in career transition or who are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce. Ms. Montilla will provide Montgomery Works clients information on all the training and courses that Montgomery College offers and specifically about many of the short format courses that WD&CE offers and how our programs can help them advance along their chosen career pathways. In a similar approach, Ms. Shannye Carroll, program assistant in Workforce Development & Continuing Education is also hosting an information table at the Montgomery Works location in Germantown twice a month.

Academic News

In January 2011, the Germantown Campus will offer winter term courses for the first time. Winter session was piloted in 2007 at the Rockville Campus. Since then, enrollment has grown from 459 to 1,249 students, and credit hours have tripled to 3,462. In order to accommodate the growing demand and to better serve Germantown students, 12 courses will be offered in a variety of disciplines: business, computer application, economics, English, health, math, networking, reading, and sociology. The courses will be scheduled to minimize the demand on facilities.



The Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies (DELT) has won first place for the Communications Suite from the Center for Transforming Student Services Innovations Awards for its Course Information Pages. The awards recognize schools that provide students with innovative online and mobile services. The Course Information Pages are used by students interested in distance education classes to find out about textbooks, course prerequisites, and faculty contact information. The Course Information Pages reside on the DELT Web site and contain information provided by faculty. The Center for Transforming Student Services (CENTSS) provides educational institutions with the tools and training they need to develop and deliver high-quality student services online. Effectively implemented student services are a critical component of student retention, engagement, and satisfaction. Through CENTSS, institutions are able to blend the power of technology with the personal attention of traditional support services.

The Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies has also begun the process of having courses go through the Quality Matters peer review process and become QM-recognized. It is expected that three courses will be reviewed this semester. In addition, faculty members continue to be trained as QM Peer Reviewers. To date, 19 MC individuals are Peer Reviewers and two are Master Peer Reviewers. The department has hosted several webinars offered by the Maryland Distance Learning Association. The webinars, offered through MC's Illuminate system, have included MarylandOnline's Certificate for Online Adjunct Teaching Project, Selecting a New LMS: UB's Approach (Sakai), and Enhancing Social Presence by Using Video.

The Germantown Library hosted its fifth "Coming Together @ the Library" orientations for international students October 25–27. These orientations were held in the library in collaboration with the American English Language Program and Reading Departments as well as the International and Multicultural Center. These orientations serve as an opportunity for international students to become better acquainted with the library's resources and services. They learn more about what a library can do for them, since some do come from countries where they are more familiar with a bookstore than a library. Also, the library staff welcomed the addition of Lisa Clarke, library instruction librarian, and Lemuel Espinosa, library technical assistant.

A new program in apartment maintenance through the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education has been well received by students. Sixteen students enrolled for a three-week, 120-hour program that provides a nationally recognized credential. Local apartment trade associations and large property management companies are coming to the class to recruit students for immediate jobs.

External Support and Recognition

The Germantown Campus has been selected to receive a research and diagnostic instrument from QIAGEN, a global biotechnology industry leader and one of Montgomery County's fast-growing biotech companies. At a September 24 celebration to break ground for a major expansion of its Germantown Center, Qiagen announced that it was donating to the Germantown Campus a QIAcube for use in biotechnology and biology programs. The QIAcube, which has a list price of \$16,800, is a closed architecture liquid handling platform that is capable of almost fully automating the processing of 12 samples per run. The Germantown Campus and the biotechnology program are very grateful for QIAGEN's generosity in the donation of this state-of-the-art biotechnology equipment.

The Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) expressed appreciation to the College during its annual transitions to independence programs on October 28. MC provided courses for HOC residents at various locations throughout the county, as well as the next step for many HOC residents who chose to continue their studies at Montgomery College.



Community Outreach

On October 16, Montgomery College's Developmental Education/Workforce Access and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Service celebrated Disability Awareness Month by hosting the Transition Resource Fair on the Rockville Campus. The fair provide information and resources to families of individuals with disabilities, including more than 270 attendees, 50 exhibitors, and 6 rotating seminar sessions for families.

In collaboration with Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WD&CE), under Senior Program Director Dr. Ed Palaszynski's direction, Rockville's Computer Science and Information and Interactive Department has provided UNIX training for staff members at MedImmune Headquarters in Gaithersburg. Department Chair Dr. Andy Yao developed a training manual that was used, and two faculty members, Dr. Grigoriy Grinberg and Professor Alla Webb, delivered the training to 30 MedImmune staff in September.

At a recent County Executive press conference on innovation, Dr. Sanjay Rai, vice president and provost, described a new program, Chief Science Officer, which will debut at the Germantown Campus in January 2011. This one-semester, noncredit course, offered via WD&CE, will help those who are trying to land their first job in industry or make the jump to their dream job. The course will teach five business fundamentals: leadership, project management, first-line supervision, negotiation, and finance. These are critical competencies necessary to ensure Montgomery County businesses will be competitive and successful. Montgomery College is pleased to be one of the first community colleges to offer this program.

Workforce Development & Continuing Education is offering three new courses in Leadership Energy Environmental Design (LEED) this fall at the Rockville Campus. The course discusses green building laws in Maryland, green leases, and Maryland local government green building laws. Courses are open to all and are approved by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), United States Green Building Council (USGBC), and Maryland Real Estate Commission for continuing education for LEED APs and associates as well as real estate agents.

Speakers and Events

Dr. Amy Bug, professor of physics at Swarthmore College, was the guest lecturer at the October 12 Spectrum Lecture series held in Globe Hall at the Germantown Campus. Her lecture, "Gender Bias in Science," focused on the double standard of student evaluations for men and women teaching physics. Dr. Bug earned her bachelor's degree in math and physics from Williams College and her Ph.D. in physics from M.I.T. She is currently the chair elect of the Division of Computational Physics of the American Physical Society and does research on condensed matter physics and issues of gender in science. Like all Spectrum Lectures, this presentation was aimed at a general audience and admission was free.

A forum entitled, "Sensitive Language in the Classroom," was held on October 13. The event was moderated by Dr. Darrin Campen, dean of social sciences, history, education, health enhancement, exercise science and physical education, and the program focused on diverse perspectives related to this topic. Participants included Dr. Andrea Brown, psychology professor; Lucy Hayes, NAACP; Andrew Ryan, hip-hop scholar; Roberta Kelley, MC student; and Dr. Alonzo Smith, history professor.

The tenth anniversary reception of TechLeap was held October 28 at the Germantown Campus. The event drew nearly 100 former students, employers, internship sponsors, and College staff to the event. A student scholarship fund was initiated by a gift from a Montgomery College faculty member. MC Television produced two videos for the event.

Douglas R. Egerton came to the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus on November 1 to speak on his new book about the 1860 Election, *Year of Meteors: Stephen Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and the Election that Brought On the Civil War*.



Professor Egerton works at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, and is well-known amongst historians for his work on slave rebellions and the intersection of slave agency and politics.

The Hon. Louis Stokes, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio, spoke on November 8 about “A Look at Congress and America's Elections.” Mr. Stokes played a pivotal role in the quest for civil rights, equality, and social and economic justice throughout his career as a lawyer and congressman. This was the first in a new student-oriented series, “Profiles in Public Life.” These conversations will have the dual purpose of (1) providing information about how political, economic, and cultural institutions of our country work from the perspective of “insiders” and (2) encouraging attendees to become more involved—and possibly consider careers—in public life.

November is Native American Indian Heritage Month. In collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, the Paul Peck Humanities Institute hosted “Redefining America's First People: Lectures and Performances by Leading Museum Professionals from the Smithsonian Institution,” Monday, November 1 in the Theatre Arts Arena on the Rockville Campus. This event featured traditional storytelling and a lecture by Denis Zotigh, community events coordinator, and Emil Her Many Horses, curator in the Office of Museum Research, both from the National Museum of the American Indian.

The very photogenic Cultural Arts Center once again hosted a media event that raised awareness of the extraordinary space as well as the new “face” of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Holly Morris from Fox 5 was on campus for live interviews, interaction, and demonstrations on the morning of Wednesday, November 10, to interview members of the Paul Taylor Dance troupe as well as Vice President and Provost Dr. Brad Stewart and Cultural Arts Center Coordinator Perry Schwartz. The Paul Taylor Dance Company is one of the world's most highly respected and sought-after modern dance ensembles and performed at The Cultural Arts Center on November 11 and November 12. The New York Times called Taylor 2 “a kind of a miracle... All of the dancers are considerable talents [who] unite fearlessness with skill.”

Montgomery College and Adventure Theatre are producing the Harry Connick Jr. musical, *The Happy Elf*, in the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center and will be offering 20 performances over three weekends in November. Along with nine professional actors, 11 Montgomery College students will be performing, and 12 students will be working in technical areas back stage during the performances. The show will be directed by Tony Award-winning director John Rando and will feature Tony Award-winning actor Michael Rupert.

The Montgomery College Dance Company begins its community annual tour at Gaithersburg High School on November 16. The company will also be performing at two other Montgomery County Public Schools and the College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. On November 30, a special dance scholarship fundraiser will take place at the Performing Arts Center at Rockville, where the Dance Company is scheduled to make a special performance.

Mr. Jamahal Johnson, Society for Financial Education and Professional Development, was a guest speaker for Professor Jackie Middleton's Introduction to Business and Personal Finance classes. Mr. Johnson spoke about credit management and presented each student with a book entitled, “Your Future Counts.” Mr. Johnson has a degree in finance from Howard University, and an MBA from Southern Illinois University. He is owner of the Johnson Family Insurance Company, located in Washington, D.C., and he is a certified financial planner.

Mr. Drew Hurley, a former student of Professor Jackie Middleton, was also guest speaker in Professor Middleton's Personal Finance class. Mr. Hurley received his business degree from the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business and is now the manager of the Germantown branch of Wachovia Bank.

“An Interfaith Dialogue: Peace and Justice in Our Community” program, sponsored by the First Year Experience (FYE) Team at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus as part of the 2010–2011 peace and justice theme, brought together religious and secular leaders of faith and ethics to answer the following question: “How do people of different spiritual and philosophical traditions think and act upon their beliefs regarding peace and justice?” Students, faculty, staff, and



community members explored what brings different spiritual, religious, and philosophically based people together for a common purpose, such as providing food, shelter, and support for those in need.

Montgomery College's Developmental Education Department and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disabilities' services will launch an all-day training seminar for parents, students, caregivers, professionals, and educators on the Rockville Campus for Autism Awareness Month on April 6, 2011. Professional speakers will be provided from the Talk About Curing, Pathfinders for Autism, the Autism Society of Montgomery County Maryland.

In May of 2011 the Developmental Education Department and Montgomery County Resource Coordination will host an annual Self Advocacy and Self Determination Day on the Rockville Campus. It is the belief that individuals with disabilities have the right and ability to choose and control their own quality of life, their own goals and dreams, and wants.