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Changing Landscape

New Construction Will Alter Face of Germantown Campus and County

Montgomery College's Germantown Campus is on the brink of a construction boom that will bring a new academic building, a science and technology park, and a new hospital to the upcounty area.

Germantown Development Project Sparks Scientific Innovation and New Jobs

The College will create a continuum of bioscience and technology education and training from middle school to postdoctoral levels in an integrated academic, business, and research environment. For the College's partners—Montgomery County, the state of Maryland, the federal government, the Montgomery College Foundation, and businesses—the future facilities are an investment in the future, providing education and career opportunities to the community.

"Maryland sits at the epicenter of brilliant science, innovative technology, and remarkable discoveries—our own cutting edge of history," said Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, speaking at a March 7 groundbreaking for a 127,000-square-foot Bioscience Education Center at the Germantown Campus.

The new facility, housing programs in the life sciences, will feature 18 science labs, including space for



Sanjay Suchak

A who's who of Maryland's movers and shakers attended a virtual groundbreaking for the Bioscience Education Center in March. From left to right: Jenny Forehand, Maryland state senator; Nancy King, Maryland state senator; Chris Van Hollen, congressman, U.S. House of Representatives; Martin O'Malley, governor, state of Maryland; Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president, Montgomery College; Ike Leggett, Montgomery County executive; Kevin Sexton, president and CEO, Holy Cross Hospital.

robotics and biomanufacturing, instrumentation labs, student project labs, recitation rooms, and lab service and support rooms. The center is scheduled to open in 2013.

"Within the next decade, the number of biotech jobs in Montgomery County is expected to increase two to three times their 2000 level," said O'Malley. "That means there will be as many as 50,000 biotech jobs in Montgomery County by 2020. The new Bioscience Education Center will help us create a world-class workforce to meet that need, and to

continue to grow our competitive advantage in the biosciences. During its construction, it will create or support about 2,000 jobs," he said.

Maryland Senator Nancy J. King underscored O'Malley's remarks: "The Germantown Bioscience Education Center is a significant component in advancing the state and county's economic development goals, to further the growth in the technology and life sciences industry. State funding on this project demonstrates our commitment to ensuring Maryland's

position as a global player in the biosciences."

"Montgomery College's Bioscience Education Center is one more critical link in strengthening this county's future in the biosciences," said Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, also speaking at the groundbreaking. "That means more life-saving research, more good-quality jobs, and a better tomorrow for us all."

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Ian Bradshaw

Biotechnology students will be primary beneficiaries of the development project.

“Montgomery County is committed to advancing bioscience research and development, so we have to provide our students with the tools to make that next great discovery,” said Montgomery County Council President Valerie Ervin. “Montgomery College’s new facility will have a tremendous impact.”

Also part of the campus plans, a county-operated business incubator, known as the Germantown Innovation Center, opened adjacent to the campus in 2008, housing academic space for the College as well as 20 start-up firms specializing in the areas of stem cell research, health care information technology, solar energy, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and information technology.

A science and technology park, set to break ground in late 2011, is a business park that could potentially grow to more than three million square feet on 40 acres of the Germantown Campus. It is anticipated that successful start-up businesses originating in the incubator will join established businesses that locate in the park.

“The park will provide an opportunity for students to combine learning with employment opportunities by simultaneously taking courses at the Bioscience Education Center and working in the park and incubator,” said Dr. Sanjay Rai, vice president and provost of the Germantown Campus.

“The gap that often has existed between industry/research and classroom life science education is much wider today,” said Rai. “Having



Courtesy Holy Cross Hospital

Holy Cross Hospital will be the anchor tenant in the science and technology park. Set to open in 2014, the hospital will provide new opportunities for students in the health sciences to gain hands-on experience.

the science and technology park on Montgomery College’s campus will provide improved alignment of the life sciences curriculum with industry and four-year universities.”

Holy Cross to Be Park’s Anchor Tenant

The anchor tenant in the science and technology park will be Holy Cross Hospital, which was awarded a certificate of need to build a new health care facility by the Maryland Health Care Commission in January. The hospital is scheduled to open in 2014.

“As our park’s anchor tenant, Holy Cross Hospital will attract other medical, bioscience, and technology companies to the park, which will provide many new opportunities for employment as well as learning

experiences for our students,” said Montgomery College President DeRionne P. Pollard.

Students will have the opportunity to observe and interact with a working hospital on their campus and to pursue part-time jobs or internships. Most importantly, MC nursing students will soon have 64 total openings for clinical rotations at Holy Cross Hospital, which are critical to the College’s goal of doubling the number of nursing graduates to help address the severe shortage in Maryland.

Kevin J. Sexton, president and chief executive officer of Holy Cross Hospital, is equally enthusiastic: “We are extremely excited at the prospect of anchoring Montgomery College’s science and technology park with a new hospital that will serve the fastest growing and fastest aging part of Montgomery County,” he said. “The opportunities for educational and economic development from these activities are nearly limitless.”

“This action is a huge step forward, and the College looks forward to Holy Cross Hospital and the science and technology park becoming realities,” said Pollard.

For more information about the Germantown Development Project, contact Dr. Sanjay Rai at sanjay.rai@montgomerycollege.edu.

A Message from Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard President of Montgomery College



Sanjay Suchak

Central to the Montgomery College mission is the notion that we continually seek to enrich the communities in which we live. Recently, members of our community gathered at the Germantown Campus to break ground on a Bioscience Education Center, a facility that will train the next generation of scientists as well as advance new discoveries and cures. It will also help to create and retain jobs in the county’s booming life sciences industry.

Our mission of changing lives and enriching our community, however, does not stop at the borders of our campuses, the county line, or our own country. That is why we were honored to receive a \$195,000 grant from the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of

State to coordinate a national community college symposium in New Delhi, India; develop a student and faculty exchange program; and create a program to promote faculty development in India.

The College’s initiative in India will provide a unique opportunity to examine how the American community college mission must evolve to help our students succeed in today’s global economy.

This past March, I accompanied a team of faculty, administrators, and staff to India—a trip fully funded by the grant—to lay the foundation for the grant. Read more in this issue of *Montgomery College Today*, and also visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/indiainitiative.

I truly believe that Montgomery College has the best faculty in the nation, and on page 5 of this issue, you’ll read about two professors who prove me correct. Day in and day out, our professors help students realize their dreams. Patience Mbulu was one such student—now a professor here—and you can read about her amazing journey on page 4.

If you have a dream you would like to pursue, we are here for you. Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu or call 240-567-5000 to find out how we can help.

Best wishes,
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard

“Hire” Education Starts at Montgomery College

Whether you're interested in retooling your career, training for a promotion, or setting out after a period of time away from school, you'll find what you're looking for at Montgomery College. Choose from more than 130 degree and certificate programs as well as noncredit courses and programs offered by Workforce Development & Continuing Education.

**Not sure where to start?
Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/adultlearners.**

And while you're thinking about a career, take a look at these new programs—all designed to help you gain a competitive edge in today's tough job market.

Build a New Career as a Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician

The apartment building industry desperately needs skilled maintenance technicians. So if you are interested in gaining skills to enter this promising field, find out more about the Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician course, the result of a partnership between Workforce Development & Continuing Education and the National Apartment Association Education Institute (NAAEI).



Courtesy National Apartment Association

In just three weeks, you'll gain apartment maintenance and repair skills in electrical systems, plumbing, HVAC, appliances, and interior and exterior spaces.

You'll also receive instruction in, and take the Environmental Protection Agency certification exam

for chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) recovery, which ensures that you understand how to properly handle and dispose of refrigerant or air conditioning equipment.

For more information e-mail john.phillips@montgomerycollege.edu.

You Deserve Credit for Your Experience

Attend an Assessment of Prior Learning Information Seminar. Discover how to “package” your work experience for college credit or take an exam for what you know and earn college credit. Find out about our portfolio program, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and College Examination by Academic Departments (CE). Seminars will be held:

Saturday, April 23, 10–11:30 a.m.
Rockville Campus, Humanities Building, Room 011
Thursday, April 28, 4:30–6 p.m.
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center, Room 302



For more information, e-mail barbara.gleason@montgomerycollege.edu.

Now You Can Study Online for Greener Career Pastures

Interested in a green career? Then check out Introduction to Environmental and Social Sustainability, a 12-week online course offered by Workforce Development & Continuing Education. The new course will provide you with a solid understanding of how sustainability works, why it is important, and how to use sustainability as a lens for good business strategy. Topics include how to create a sustainability plan, employee engagement, energy and climate change, and sustainability reporting and communication.

The course is designed for college graduates who are seeking environmental leadership careers as well as those who want to transition to green careers or master new skills.

Scholarships funded by the Reznick Group of Bethesda, MD, are available to qualified individuals with



financial needs and/or small companies and nonprofits.

For more information contact Transcie Almonte at 240-567-3828 or e-mail transcie.almonte@montgomerycollege.edu. Also visit the green management and sustainability program at www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/bits/sustainability.html.

Take I-270 North to an Accelerated Business Degree

If you're interested in pursuing a business degree, but don't want to spend years earning it, get on the fast track with Montgomery College's new accelerated program (MCAP) in business.

This competitive program is designed for working adults who want to transfer to a four-year college in just two years and major in general business or a more specialized field such as finance, accounting, international business, marketing, or management.

Did You Know...

People with additional certifications and licenses in their fields earn up to 27 percent more than those with just bachelor's degrees.



You'll study with a cohort—the same group of students who advance through classes together—which provides a collaborative, supportive learning environment. Courses are held at the Germantown Campus, online, and in blended formats.

Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/mcap or call 240-567-6976 for more information.

Patience Triumphs, Gives Back to Montgomery College

Patience Mbulu, associate professor of nursing at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, has come full circle—from Montgomery College nursing student to Montgomery College nursing professor.

Mbulu arrived in the United States at age 18 with “one little box of belongings” and a lot of dreams. “One of my dreams was to get as much education as possible so that I could be a productive and contributing member of society, here in the United States, my adopted country, as well as back in Nigeria,” said Mbulu.

“When I think of Montgomery College, I think of a place where, if you dare to dream and work hard, your dream will become reality.”

Her dream of going to college, however, seemed a distant reality as she tended to her growing family here in the U.S. as well as those she left behind in Nigeria. It became harder and harder for Mbulu and her husband to make ends meet.

“I could not afford to devote the time and the money to complete a four-year degree program,” she said. “Montgomery College made it possible for me to receive higher education at a very reasonable rate, in a great location, and with support and encouragement from the faculty.”

Mbulu received her associate of science degree in nursing in May 2000 and

immediately sat for the nursing board examination, passing on the first try. One month later, she started work as a registered nurse at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park. In 2001 she won a cancer nursing fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.

Her Montgomery College credentials gave her an edge. “NIH told me: ‘We don’t hire new grads with associate’s degrees unless they have longtime work experience, but since you are an MC graduate we will see you for an interview. [MC graduates] have never disappointed us.’”

Mbulu started at NIH as a bedside nurse, but eventually advanced to clinical coordinator. Despite her demanding administrative tasks—she oversaw three employees and made schedules for several doctors—she remained the only nurse on staff able to perform certain procedures for urology patients.

She earned her B.S.N. in 2005, an M.S.N. in nursing administration, and a post-master’s certificate in teaching nursing and health professions in 2008, all from the University of Maryland. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in nursing from Walden University.

Her dream of becoming a nurse educator came true in 2009 when she became a full-time clinical and lab instructor at Montgomery College. In 2010 she became a full-time faculty member.

“It is my desire to give back to others the guidance I received at both Mont-



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Patience Mbulu, left, instructs nursing students on the finer points of wound care. Mbulu began her long journey as a Montgomery College student.

gomery College and the University of Maryland. The enriching and comprehensive learning experience I received from MC provided me with a very solid foundation that led me to where I am today in my nursing career,” said Mbulu.

Mbulu has amassed an impressive list of honors and awards over her nursing career, but perhaps the sweetest reward of all is the fact that her daughter, Christine, is working on pre-nursing courses at Montgomery

College and one day hopes to follow in her mother’s footsteps.

Reflecting on her journey from Nigeria to the United States, Mbulu concluded, “When I think of Montgomery College, I think of a place where, if you dare to dream and work hard, your dream will become a reality.”

For more information about the nursing program at Montgomery College, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/nursing.



Beth Homan

Margaret Latimer, associate dean for instructional programs at the Germantown Campus, observes a robotic project created by a student at the O.P. Jindal Institute of Technology.

Passage to India

Montgomery College received a \$195,000 grant from the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State to coordinate a national community college symposium in New Delhi, India; develop a student and faculty exchange program; and create a program to promote faculty development.

A team of College administrators, faculty, and staff representing such areas as automotive technology, building trades, construction management, biotechnology, student support services, and developmental education traveled to India in mid-March to lead the sym-

posium and to meet with faculty and staff from three partner institutions: the O.P. Jindal Institute of Technology, the Guru Gobind Singh Government Polytechnic, and the Industrial Training Institute.

For more information about the India Initiative, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/indiainitiative. There you’ll find news, blogs, photos, videos, and reflections from the Montgomery College team that traveled to India.



Economics Professor to Serve on Elite Committee to Promote Innovative Economic Education

Economics Professor Bruce Madariaga will serve on a committee of 20 leading economic educators from universities and community colleges around the country to promote innovative economic education at community colleges. The project is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Madariaga was selected for the honor based on his book, *Economics for Life: 101 Lessons You Can Use Every Day*, now in its third edition, and for his presentations at economic education conferences that promote innovative teaching methods.

Madariaga is an inspirational economics professor at Montgomery College. He dropped out of high school at the end of ninth grade, and received his general

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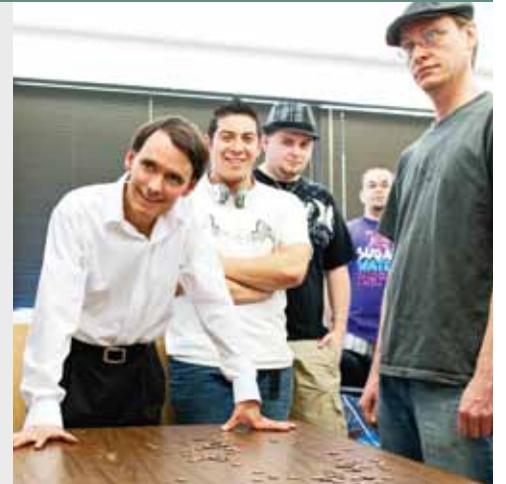
equivalency diploma while taking courses at Delaware County Community College (DCCC). He went on to earn his associate's degree at DCCC, a bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware, a master's degree at the University of Maryland, and a second master's degree at Harvard, where he graduated at the top of his class.

He worked as a senior economist with the U.S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency, where he analyzed the economic impacts of national pollution regulations, provided training for developing nations in environmental economics and policies, and conducted studies to influence EPA priorities.

Wanting to give back to the community college system that had nurtured him, he started working as a part-time economics professor at Montgomery College. In the fall of 2001, he left his job at the EPA, and became a full-time professor at the Germantown Campus.

"I believe in the mission of the community college," said Madariaga. "The system saved me, and I thought



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Professor Bruce Madariaga, left, devises creative activities to demonstrate economic principles.

I could offer an example—a story—to other students."

Psychology Professor Honored by Two National Organizations for Her Teaching Excellence and Passion

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) selected Dr. Deborah Stearns at Montgomery College as the 2010 Maryland Professor of the Year. Stearns was selected from more than 300 top professors in the United States.

The U.S. Professors of the Year program salutes the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country—and those who excel as teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students. It is recognized as one

of the most prestigious awards honoring professors.

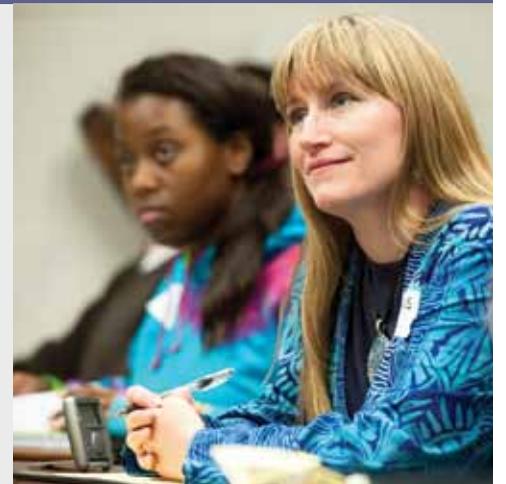
"If I can spark my students' curiosity and get them to want to learn more; if I can help them develop an appreciation for scientific research and evidence-based knowledge, then I have given them vital tools for success and personal growth," said Stearns.

"College is not just a place to learn theories and facts: It is where we learn to see the world in new ways, where we can find our passion for learning. It is a place of transformation, and my

mission is to facilitate positive change in my students' lives."

This is the fourth time in seven years that a Montgomery College professor has been named Maryland Professor of the Year. Dr. Mary Furgol, a history professor, received the honor in 2003. In 2006, Joanne Naake, an English professor, won the award. In 2009, the award went to Chemistry Professor Susan Bontems.

For information about the U.S. Professor of the Year program, visit www.carnegiefoundation.org/us-professors-year.



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Maryland Professor of Year Deborah Stearns, right, is passionate about teaching.



Rockville Knights Shine: Win Region XX Division III Men's Basketball Championship

The Montgomery College-Rockville (21-9) men's basketball team won the 2011 Region XX Division III men's basketball championship by defeating CCAC-Allegheny, 71-62, Friday, February 25. The Knights then hosted the District VII championship game one week later, where they faced



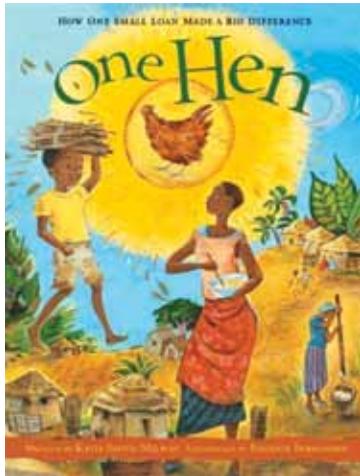
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Davidson County Community College (31-1), the top-ranked NJCAA Division III team in the nation.

In a nail-biter of a game, Davidson County narrowly beat the never-say-die Knights, 76-73.

Macklin Business Institute Students Help Hatch Global Awareness in County Schools

Students from the Macklin Business Institute (MBI), an honors-level business program at Montgomery College, took a break this past January from crunching numbers to teach public school students about the economic impact of microloans on individuals and their communities.



Using the book *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* as a basis, MBI students led hands-on activities for students at Clearspring Elementary School in Damascus, Springbrook High School in Wheaton, and Mary of Nazareth School in Darnestown. This is the second year that the College's business honors students have worked with the county's public school students.

The book tells the story of Kojo, a young boy from Ghana who uses part of a microloan to buy one hen, and then sells the eggs laid by the hen to grow his business. Eventually, Kojo becomes the largest chicken farmer in his country, paying wages to support many families in his community, and paying taxes that improve roads, schools, and other community services.

After reading the book together, the MBI students led the younger students in a role-playing activity where students picked an identity of a member in a microloan community, chose a business based on what they believed would be successful for the country's economy, and then experienced a variety of economic challenges in their businesses.

"The kids loved it," said MBI team leader Paola Castillo. "They worked together so their group could pay back the loan. There was lots of heated debate. They definitely understood the concept."

When the role playing ended, the MBI team helped the younger students research prospective microloans at KIVA (www.kiva.org), a Web site devoted to microlending, and allowed the students to make decisions on how to distribute \$150 supplied by the Mont-



Paola Castillo

Macklin Business Institute honors students led Mary of Nazareth School students in fun activities to help them learn about the basics of microlending.

gomery College Foundation to fund microloans around the world.

"MBI totally enjoyed being with the kids, and they enjoyed it, too," said Castillo. "We learned just as much about microlending as they did."

In 2010, the MBI students were named regional champions in the market economics category at the

Students in Free Enterprise competition in Philadelphia for the One Hen project. The team then advanced to the national competition in Minneapolis, where they made it to the semifinal rounds.

Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/macklin for more information about the Macklin Business Institute.

From a Student Trustee: Gifts to Montgomery College Foundation Are Transformational

After she stopped attending high school in her junior year, Christina Cieplak discovered Gateway to College, a program funded by Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Montgomery County Council. Gateway to College enables students to earn a high school diploma while transitioning to a college campus. After being released from the Gateway program for poor attendance, Cieplak appealed to be readmitted in spring 2008, vowing to "reinvent myself—and ultimately flourish."

Three years later, Cieplak has reinvented herself. She sailed through the Gateway program and enrolled in classes in Germantown and Rockville.



Sanjay Suchak

In her speech at the inauguration of Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, student trustee Christina Cieplak said her experience at the College led her to mature intellectually, socially, and professionally.

Driven by a genuine concern for the welfare of MC students, Cieplak applied for—and received—a position as the student member of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees. "Montgomery College has truly transformed my life," said Cieplak.

Through her experiences in the Gateway to College program and on the Montgomery College Board of Trustees, Cieplak is "intensely aware of both the students' and Montgomery College's financial obligation and the difficulties they both face" in the current economic climate.

Although Cieplak appreciates the assistance she received, she realizes that for every student like her, two other

students lack financial aid needed to enroll at Montgomery College. Gifts of any size, when pooled together, have a life-changing impact on our students. Join hundreds of Montgomery College friends and alumni who demonstrate their commitment to students like Christina Cieplak when you give a gift to the annual fund.

For more information on making a gift to the annual fund, e-mail Kathy Stevens, annual fund director: kathy.stevens@montgomerycollege.edu; call 240-567-4108; or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/giving to make a gift. To find more about the critical work of the Montgomery College Foundation, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/foundation.

College Recognized for Efforts to Smooth Veterans' Transition to Higher Education

The Montgomery County Mental Health Association (MHA) selected Montgomery College as the recipient of its 2010 Mental Health Bell Award, which is given to an individual or organization that embodies continued support and dedication to mental health and stigma reduction. The MHA applauded the College for assisting specialized populations such as veterans and military service members with their transition to college through the Combat2College (C2C) program.

“Over the years, the Mental Health Association has noted the College’s commitment to the education of the ‘whole’ student and the many ways in which the College has offered social and emotional supports that assure academic success,” said Sharon Friedman, executive director of the MHA. “Your innovative partnerships... have demonstrated again and again your commitment to meeting the broad spectrum of student needs.”

The initial planning and implementation of Combat2College came out of a collaborative effort between the Col-



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Combat2College students work out in the Physical Education Center at the Rockville Campus during specially designed sessions.

lege’s Disability Support Services counseling faculty at the Rockville Campus and partners at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, the Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

At the awards presentation, MHA also recognized the College’s Mental Health First Aid program, an MHA offering delivered through Workforce Develop-

ment & Continuing Education. This program teaches citizen responders how to provide initial help to people who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

For more information about Combat2College, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/combata2college.

Help Put Vets at Ease

Montgomery College has joined forces with the Montgomery Alliance on a joint fundraising campaign to help student military veterans in the Combat2College program. The goal is to support the academic goals and learning experiences of the more than 700 student vets attending the College via such critical areas as scholarships; emergency assistance for books, course materials, and transportation; and specializing staffing, to name just a few.

Gifts to the Montgomery Alliance received by June 30, 2011 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Montgomery College Foundation.

To make a donation to the Montgomery Alliance/Montgomery College Foundation Combat2College Challenge, visit www.montgomeryalliance.org/html/pledge.php. For more information, e-mail kathy.stevens@montgomerycollege.edu.



Summer Youth Programs Are Like Camp—Only Better

If you and your children are looking for something really different this summer, check out our Summer Youth Programs, sponsored by Workforce Development & Continuing Education. Discover more than 200 fun-filled, totally unique courses for

students in grades K–12. Register early—programs fill quickly!

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TOP-FLIGHT FUN

FLYING KARAMAZOV BROTHERS

Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A unique blend of music, comedy, dance, theater, and juggling that is sure to dazzle young and old alike, 4PLAY features everybody's favorite vaudevillians at the apex of their ability. Come watch the Flying K's as they prove with each performance that chaos and unexpected events in our lives are the best part of being human.

Cultural Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Tickets for the 11 a.m. children's performance are \$7; \$6 for seniors and children. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance (adult innuendo) are \$35; \$25 for seniors and children. For more information, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/cac.



Zach Smith



Courtesy MPI Talent Agency

LEAP INTO SPRING

ROCKVILLE DANCE COMPANY

**Friday–Saturday, April 29–30 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m.**

Enjoy a program of exciting and original dance works by Montgomery College students and faculty as well as D.C.-area choreographers. Don't miss this dazzling display of dancing talent—a diverse showcase of ballet, jazz, and tap.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors and students. For more information, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC or call the box office at 240-567-5301.



Sergey Kurdin

FROM REFUGEE CAMP TO WORLD STAGE

SIERRA LEONE'S REFUGEE ALL STARS

Friday, May 27 at 8 p.m.

Six years ago, Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars were unknown musicians languishing in various refugee camps. Now they're the subject of an acclaimed documentary, touring the world to support their critically revered album, appearing on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, and sharing the stage and studio with international stars. The group will perform music from their current album *Rise & Shine*, which reflects their early days in the refugee camps and the band's desire to remain positive in the face of struggle.

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. Tickets are \$18; \$16 for seniors and students. For more information, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC or call the box office at 240-567-5301.

JOURNEY FROM ANCIENT EGYPT TO TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY ST. LOUIS WITH SUMMER DINNER THEATRE

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June 17, 18, 24, 25, 26

July 1, 2, 3

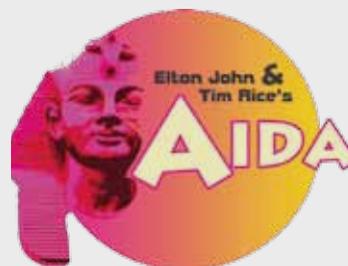
Elton John and Tim Rice's classic story of a love triangle complicated by mistaken identity and betrayal set in ancient Egypt. Don't miss this innovative take on the Verdi opera, with its tender ballads, energized dancing, and chorus numbers.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

July 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

The 1904 World's Fair is about to open and everyone is happy to be living in the perfect place...that is, until Dad announces the family will be moving to New York. The score includes some of theatre's greatest show tunes: "The Trolley Song," "The Boy Next Door," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and, of course, "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Theatre Arts Building, Rockville Campus. For more information or to order tickets online, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt. For more information, call 240-567-7676.



Free!

CIVIL WAR HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT CHAUTAUQUA 2011

Montgomery College, in association with the Maryland Humanities Council, presents Jefferson Davis, Abraham Lincoln, and Harriet Tubman in "The American Civil War: A House Divided," a summer series of three evening performances held in Globe Hall this July at the Germantown Campus. Performances start at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

At a Chautauqua, scholar/actors portray a historical character, complete with costume, props, mannerisms, and accents. After the presentation, the performer answers the audience's questions, first in character, then as him- or herself.

CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 6

An Evening with Jefferson Davis
by Doug Mishler

Thursday, July 7

An Evening with Abraham Lincoln
by Jim Getty

Friday, July 8

An Evening with Harriet Tubman
by Gwendolyn Briley-Strand



Caricature by Tom Chalkley

For more information about Chautauqua 2011 call 240-567-7746.