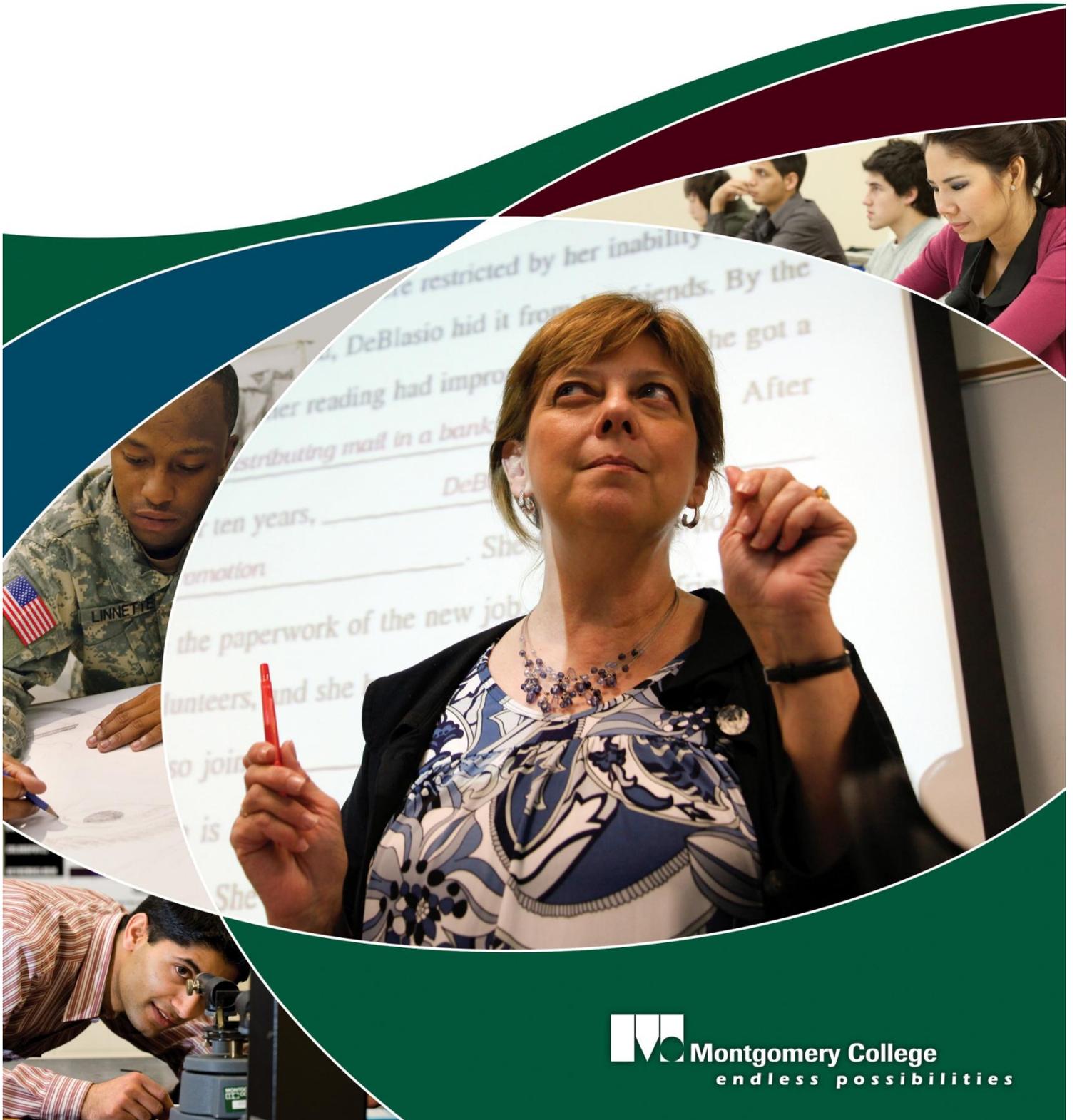


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Celebrating Students

[Eight Montgomery College biology students](#) will remember spring and summer 2011 for their tenure as Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Scholars. Activities kicked off in the spring semester with a seminar taught at the Germantown Campus by Biology Professor Carol Allen. The seminar prepared the scholars for the 10-week internship in biology research labs at Georgetown University. Montgomery College and Georgetown HHMI scholars lived together on campus, took a class together, did daily lab research, and enjoyed evening outings. On July 27, the entire HHMI cohort held a public symposium on the results of their summer research. This event marked the conclusion of the successful first year of a four-year collaborative grant from HHMI to Georgetown University and Montgomery College. The grant is the first in its kind to include community college student participation in such a way. It aims to encourage students, especially underrepresented minority students, to consider careers in biology research.

Thirty students from the College's [Citizenship Preparation Program](#) became naturalized citizens during the month of August.

Donald E. Hatley Jr., an administrator at the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP) and the American College of Radiology, wrote a letter to Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard praising the work of **Kiflu Tecklebirhan**, a student in the [radiologic technology program](#). He called Mr. Tecklebirhan, "a credit to the quality and knowledge of the radiology technologist program at Montgomery College." During Mr. Tecklebirhan's trial internship program with AIRP, he reviewed more than 500 cases and thousands of images with no errors and significantly increased the quality of the AIRP archive. Because of this outstanding performance, the institute says it will continue to offer internship opportunities to Montgomery College students.

Student work from the [2011 Visual Art and Design Student Art Show](#) was selected for display at the opening of the new Achieving the Dream headquarters in Silver Spring.

Sara Kibrom, a former biomedical scholar at Montgomery College, is attending Dartmouth Medical School. She states that, as a first-generation college student, she will always be grateful to MC for the mentorship and guidance she received.

Two student athletes received national recognition for their superior academic achievement: [Sarah Chan](#) for women's basketball and [Lauren Hart](#) for women's soccer.

The Rockville Campus **women's soccer team** has a [National Junior College Athletic Association \(NJCAA\)](#) pre-season ranking of 3. The campus' volleyball team has a NJCAA pre-season ranking of 15.



Art student **Chloe Bush** worked with English chair Robert Giron on *The Sligo Journal* to prepare the [first issue](#). They are hopeful that the soft cover book will be ready in early October.

Celebrating College Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

Twenty citizenship instructors and integration advocate volunteers from Workforce Development & Continuing Education's Citizenship Preparation Program received certificates of appreciation from Governor Martin O'Malley at a Citizenship Gala evening. During the event, students from the program also received recognitions for their educational achievements and contributions to the local community.

Dr. Brad Stewart and the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus welcomed new administrators this month. [Dr. Tony Hawkins](#) moved from the Germantown Campus to assume leadership of the Division of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (AHSS) as interim dean. Joining him in AHSS as interim associate dean is **Dr. Esther Schwartz-McKinzie**, who was formerly the director of the Paul Peck Humanities Institute at the Rockville Campus. [Dr. Jim Sniezek](#), former chair of biology at Rockville, is serving as interim dean of the Natural and Applied Sciences, Business, Management, and Information Sciences (NASBMIS) division due to the appointment of [Dr. Stephen Cain](#) as chief of staff/chief strategy officer for the College president. The new deans are overseeing growing enrollment in their units: AHSS is expected to exceed projected enrollments in many disciplines; enrollment in NASBMIS is up four percent; math enrollments are up ten percent; physical science is up six percent.

Professor [Joan Naake](#), former Carnegie Teacher of the Year, was appointed acting dean for Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education (replacing Tony Hawkins at Germantown). **Jamin Bartolomeo** moved from his position as chair of Counseling and Advising at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus to interim associate dean in Student Development at Germantown.

The Rockville Campus welcomed [Dr. Eun-Woo Chang](#) as dean of Science, Engineering, and Math. Most recently he served as a program officer at the National Science Foundation.

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has [selected three faculty members](#) as faculty associates for the upcoming academic year: **Jill Kronstadt**, Germantown English; **Nawal Benmouna**, Rockville physics; and **Lauralyn McWilliams**, Takoma Park/Silver Spring communication and performing arts. According to interim CTL Director Dr. Michael Mills, the associates will work with colleagues on creating professional development activities and workshops to meet the campus needs. The CTL selected these three associates after reading glowing letters of nomination from each of their respective campus deans. The creation of faculty associates at each campus was recommended by the CTL Transition Advisory Group.

Dr. Sanjay Rai has received appointments to the Board of Directors for [Leadership Montgomery](#) and to the BlackRock Center for the Arts. Dr. Rai also serves on the board of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce and is a member of its executive committee. This past



year, the chamber gave \$12,500 in scholarships to our engineering students, with the hope of doubling that amount in 2012. Dr. Rai also serves on the board for Global Alliance for Indian Biomedical Professionals.

Ann Evans, Lifelong Learning Institute program director, has been selected to the 2011–2012 class of [Senior Leadership Montgomery](#). Ms. Evans is a long-time advocate for seniors in Montgomery County. Prior to joining the College two years ago, she served as director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center. She holds a degree in Gerontology from the University of Maryland University College and is a long-time member of the Montgomery County Health and Human Services Vital Living Committee.

Dr. Lucy Laufe, professor of anthropology, served as a final round judge for Phi Theta Kappa's 2011 [Hites Transfer Scholarship](#) competition, the organization's most prestigious scholarship program. The awards help outstanding society members complete baccalaureate degrees at senior colleges. Each of the 10 Hites scholars, which include Germantown's 2011 Board of Trustees Scholar and Renaissance Scholar [Janet Burke](#), received a \$7,500 scholarship. This is the second year of the scholarship, and Dr. Laufe's second invitation to serve as a final round judge.

Dr. Michael Mills, director of Distance Education and Learning Technologies, and **Dr. Buddy Muse**, associate director, have been [elected to the board](#) of the Maryland Distance Learning Association (MDLA). The board elected Dr. Mills as president and Dr. Muse as treasurer; both assumed their positions July 1. In addition, Dawn Downey, assistant professor of English, was named to the MDLA Advisory Council. MDLA's mission is to advocate and promote the coordination and use of distance education in Maryland and throughout the region.

[Dr. Jeanann Boyce](#) was elected to the National Committee on Cybersecurity Education. Dr. Boyce also traveled to Indore, India, in July to lecture on cloud computing at the International Business conference and to Basel, Switzerland, to attend the International Society of Business Education as a U.S. delegate.

Counselor **Evelyn Gonzalez-Mills**, a board member of the Montgomery Sister Cities Program, coordinated a delegation of 66 county residents [to visit Morazán, El Salvador](#), during the summer. The purpose of the trip was for County Executive Isiah Leggett and Governor of Morazán Miguel Angel Ventura to sign a Sister Cities agreement. Morazán, El Salvador is the first Sister Cities partner for Montgomery County. Members of the delegation engaged in community service, met with government, business, and community leaders, and visited several historic sites. Members included County Executive Leggett, County Councilmember George Leventhal, former U.S. Congresswoman Connie Morella, Maryland State Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez, MC Political Science Professor Karl Smith, and many business and county employees. The U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Mari Carmen Aponte attended the signing ceremony.



Nursing Professor **Dianna Matthews** recently became a member of the newly-formed [Patient Family Advisory Council](#) for Montgomery General Hospital. The council meets monthly to discuss patient, family, and hospital issues. This sort of community outreach is critical to maintaining and strengthening partnerships between Montgomery College Health Sciences programs and local health care providers.

Galina Lubyantskay, data entry clerk with the Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages and Literacy Program, passed her naturalization test and is now a citizen of the United States.

Members of the College's Assessment Centers received degrees recently: **Folashade Akinrimisi** received a master of science degree in bioscience regulatory affairs; **Roberto Calderon** received an associate of arts degree from Montgomery College and is now majoring in psychology at the University of Maryland; **Jackie (Steve) Russell** received a master of arts in adult education and training.

Workforce Development & Continuing Education adjunct faculty completed pilot professional development programs during the summer. Adult ESOL & Literacy–GED Program instructors completed online professional development courses, including Adult Multiple Intelligence Theory, Reading Profiles & Ideas for Teaching Reading, and Helping Adult Students Persist. Additionally Adult Basic Education instructors participated in an online math course, “Number Sense.” Both professional development activities will be considered as a part of the program's professional development yearly plan.

Deborah Taylor, associate professor of English, and **Dr. Avis Jones-Petlane**, professor of English as a Second Language, participated in a professional development experience in the Chinese province of Macau this summer as teachers in the exchange program between Montgomery College and the Macau Millennial College.

Visual Arts and Design will say goodbye to several brilliant adjuncts and aides: Instructional Aide **John Deamond** will pursue an M.F.A. in photography at Parsons School of Design in New York; long-term Adjunct Professor **Jefferson Pinder** accepted a full-time, tenured position at the Art Institute of Chicago; Adjunct Professor **Billy Colbert** accepted a full-time position as professor of new media at Delaware State University.

Artist **Ellen Hill** will be the [new artist working](#) in the Artist-In- Residence (AIR) program at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. The program is designed to support and enhance the artistic and educational environment within The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center. While at the College, Hill will create a new body of mixed media works and will engage the community with an interactive collaborative project in which interested students and members of the College will be invited to participate in working with 5"x5" wood panels and media of their choice to create images arising from a common theme. These panels will be assembled and displayed with a selection of Hill's residency works in an exhibit titled “Tactile Learning.”



Paul Zdepski, adjunct professor in the School of Art + Design Continuing Education Program, contributed his artistic skills to the book [Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection](#). The book received a nomination for Best Anthology at the Eisner Awards in San Diego's Comicon. It is the first graphic anthology of Native American trickster tales and brings together Native American folklore and the world of comics. In the book, more than 20 Native American tales are cleverly adapted into comic form: each story is written by a different Native American storyteller who worked closely with a selected illustrator.

Dr. Eun-Woo Chang, instructional dean of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics, participated in a summit planning meeting of The National Academies' Committee on Evolving Relationships and Dynamics Between Two- and Four-Year Colleges and Universities. About 100 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics educators from across the country, including Dr. Chang, will receive invitations to the summit, which will be held in Washington, D.C., on December 15, 2011.

Theatre Professor **KenYatta Rogers** is appearing in *A Raisin in the Sun* at [Everyman Theatre](#) on North Charles Street in Baltimore between September 7 and October 9, 2011.

Biology Professor **Dr. Vedham Karpakakunjaram** and Engineering Professor **Dr. Charles Kung** [participated](#) in a National Science Foundation-funded Research Experience for Teachers program at the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland.

Biotechnology Professor **Dr. Lori Kelman** [chaired a session](#) on "Replication, Recombination, and Repair" at the Gordon Research Conference on Archaea: Ecology, Metabolism & Molecular Biology, held during the summer in New Hampshire.

Each of the three campus faculty councils held elections at the end of the academic year last spring and elected **Dr. John Coliton**, professor of computer applications, as the Germantown chair; **Dr. Atul N. Roy**, professor of mathematics as the Rockville chair, and **Dr. Mary Kay Abbey**, professor of mathematics as the Takoma Park/Silver Spring chair. The council chairs serve as advisers to their respective campus vice president and provosts on campus academic issues; they also serve as leaders on collegewide committees for the Academic Assembly.

Campus Accomplishments

The [dedication of the new Science Center](#) at the Rockville Campus will take place on September 23. This event will mark an opportunity to thank all the elected officials who helped to bring funding together, and to recognize the many faculty and staff who participated in the building's planning, designing, construction, and move-in facilitation.



The Rockville Math/Science Center's Tutor Training Program is now certified by the College Reading and Learning Association at three levels. The College is one of the few community colleges in the country that is certified at every level.

[The Gordon and Marilyn Macklin Business Institute \(MBI\)](#) welcomed eight freshmen from five Montgomery County Public Schools. Eight sophomores joined the program as second-year students. Together, they join seven returning students from last year for a total of 20 MBI scholars.

The Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses opened new computer classrooms and computer labs to serve Mathematics Prep (MA094) students who are enrolled in the redesigned developmental math course. Germantown enrolled 712 students in the program this fall; Rockville's 54 sections comprised a total of 1,399 students; Takoma Park/Silver Spring enrolled 615 students. The campuses had to add new sections after the start of classes to meet the demand. The dedicated labs are now full to capacity. The redesigned developmental math program will shorten the path from developmental to college-level math courses through the use of interactive technology that supports self-paced learning. An embedded Early Alert program will assist faculty to more quickly identify and intervene with students at risk of not succeeding.

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus [Cultural Arts Center \(CAC\)](#) strives to present vibrant multicultural programming in order to improve cultural literacy and build bridges between the varied academic disciplines for the campus and surrounding community. Two of CAC's highlights this semester will include *Peter Mawanga and the Amaravi Movement* from Malawi, a fusion of traditional African rhythms with a modern flavor, and the dance theatre performance of *Native Pride*, which focuses on living history through rituals of the American Indians and dazzles audiences with high energy fancy dances, costumes, sacred songs, and storytelling.

Some highlights for the upcoming semester at the [Parilla Performing Arts Center](#) on the Rockville Campus include Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees the *Yardbirds*, known for famous members Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, and Jimmy Page, and a special performance by Darlene Love to celebrate the holiday season. Ms. Love is a 2011 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and has blazed a trail of success in the music industry since her first number-one song was produced by the legendary Phil Spector.

This fall, the Germantown Campus will initiate Athenaeum Symposia, Fall 2011 Speaker Series. Speakers will include Ira Berlin, Fulbright professor, noted historian, author, and researcher, on slavery in America, and Lilly Ledbetter, social justice advocate and political activist, on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first bill President Obama signed into law. Additionally, Lise Bruneau and Marcus Kyd will perform scenes from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Lise Bruneau, trained at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and Marcus Kyd trained at The Academy for Classical Acting and the Shakespeare Theatre at the George Washington University.



Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WD&CE), the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and Arbor Education and Training and Partners are working together to fill the community need for early childhood education and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparation. The partners adapted a 90-hour Early Childhood Education curriculum for a summer pilot program consisting of two classes: Child Growth and Development and Planning Curricula for Childcare. These classes provide the classroom hours needed for students to become senior staff in programs licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education's Office of Child Care Credentialing. Students still must pass a certification test. DHHS offered funding for clients to enroll in the summer pilot program. During June and early July, the College held six information sessions for more than 40 potential participants in Silver Spring and Gaithersburg. Additionally, members of the College's Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages and Literacy-GED Program team were on hand to present. The first class launched in July with 11 students. The second course is planned for September. Members from WD&CE working on the project include George Payne, vice president; Dorothy Umans, instructional dean; Cathy Giovannetti, finance director; JoAnne Hanlon, operations director; Dr. Betty McLeod, early childhood program director; Tracy Singleton, senior program assistant; and Kenneth Nelson, business and community outreach director.

The Rockville Counseling Department recently began partnering with Another Look at Healing, a counseling center in Gaithersburg, to provide mental health depression screening tools and personnel at the MC Wellness Fair. The Campus plans to continue this partnership into 2012.

This fall, Workforce Development & Continuing Education launched several new programs to respond to changing community and economic needs, including:

- The [Federal Contracting Academy](#) to offer students the ability to start or improve their federal contracting business. Courses include Introduction to Federal Contracting, Introduction to GSA Schedules, and Introduction to Federal Procurement Law.
- [Cosmetology Test Preparation](#) is a refresher course for students who want to review and prepare for the Maryland State Board of Cosmetology Examination. This preparation course will provide students who have completed their 1,500 hours of cosmetology training with an intense overview of the theory and expectations of the practical exam. Topics will include additional review on safety and sanitation, applied anatomy, physical sciences, chemical service, hairstyling, and state laws and regulations.

Speakers and Events

July

[The annual Chautauqua](#) was a huge success this summer. With Germantown's Globe Hall almost filled to capacity, this year's presentation broke attendance records throughout the



state. Furthermore, audiences contributed \$2,222 to the Maryland Humanities Council, resulting in the council giving \$250 to the Montgomery County Historical Society.

During the last two weeks of July, the Germantown Campus held two sessions of the [2011 Young Science Explorers Program \(YSEP\)](#), hosted by Montgomery College and the MdBio Foundation, Inc., with financial support from MedImmune and Human Genome Sciences. From examining sea life to diagnosing patients with sickle cell disease, the YSEP activities introduced 40 middle school students to the exciting field of bioscience. Much of the work happened at the College, but the program also included field trips to several local science organizations, including MedImmune, Qiagen, the J. Craig Venter Institute, Emergent, and Suburban Hospital. Each student received a \$350 scholarship that covered all meals, laboratory activities, and transportation.

The Rockville Campus continued its tradition of supporting [Summer Dinner Theatre](#) with its annual Rockville Campus night at Summer Dinner Theatre for a production of *Meet Me in St. Louis* on July 22.

August

[At a press conference](#) at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, the College and Discovery Communications recently announced the creation of a new partnership aimed at job skills development and improved student workforce preparation. The partnership will include internships, guest lecturers, resume development, and other programs designed to provide students with marketable job skills. Discovery Communications simultaneously announced the expansion of its 'Discover Your Skills' public affairs job skills program and the airing of eight public service announcements across its U.S. networks and digital platforms. The program and marketing efforts will highlight career opportunities in the skilled trades and the importance of training workers to fill critical jobs in manufacturing, health care, energy, technology, construction, and other industries. Speakers at the event included U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Maryland Labor Secretary Alexander M. Sanchez, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, Advisory Board Chair of Skills for America's Future Penny Pritzker, Discovery President and CEO David Zaslav, and our own Dr. DeRionne Pollard.

[New student orientation](#) was a success this year on all three campuses. The Germantown Campus hosted three sessions of new student orientation, which approximately 400 students attended. The opening session included a welcome by the dean of students, a student leader, and a faculty member. Approximately 360 students attended orientation on the Rockville Campus, and approximately 75 parents and family members participated in an overview session as part of orientation. On the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, more than 800 students attended orientation with Student Life Director Jim Walters, Vice President and Provost Brad Stewart, and Dean of Student Development Clemmie Solomon.



All three campuses hosted their own Fall Opening Meetings on August 24.

Germantown's meeting included:

- Dr. Carol Allen and student William Yeguech summarizing the experiences of the Montgomery College students who spent part of the summer at Georgetown University participating in biomedical research sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute;
- Professor Bruce Madariaga reporting on his experiences at Stanford University sponsored by the National Science Foundation with other teachers of economics from across the country who are searching for ways to improve the teaching of economics;
- Acting Dean Joan Naake reporting on the record-breaking attendance this summer at *Chautauqua* and on the work over the summer to create an Early Childhood Education lab model classroom, the first archaeology lab on campus, and the expansion of space to display art;
- Dean Karen Roseberry introducing new student development personnel Jamin Bartolomeo and Martuza Ali, as well as reviewing the purpose of the Behavioral Intervention Teams and announcing the success of the summer pilot tutoring program called Advancer Plus.

Rockville's meeting included:

- Dr. Genie Robinson speaking about her experiences studying the archeology in the Guatemalan Highlands this summer;
- Tom Warning discussing the effort and collaborations between lab coordinators and faculty members who were involved in the move from Science East into the Science Center this summer;
- Dr. Timothy McWhirter and Professor Randy Steiner speaking about a new campus and College initiative, MC Green Team;
- Zolani Ncube presenting on her experience as a student intern at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Ms. Ncube highly praised MC faculty based on her own experiences with them, and their ability to change students lives.

Takoma Park/Silver Spring's meeting included:

- Dr. Brad Stewart presenting on the dimensions of college readiness, specifically how campus faculty and staff can help students master the self-management skills that ensure student success and completion, and insulate the education pipeline for first-generation and at-risk students;
- Dr. Mary Kay Abbey, faculty council chair, encouraging faculty to become energetically engaged in the new collegewide governance processes, as well lend their voices and perspectives to the innovative programs and initiatives that Dr. Pollard outlined in the collegewide opening meeting.

