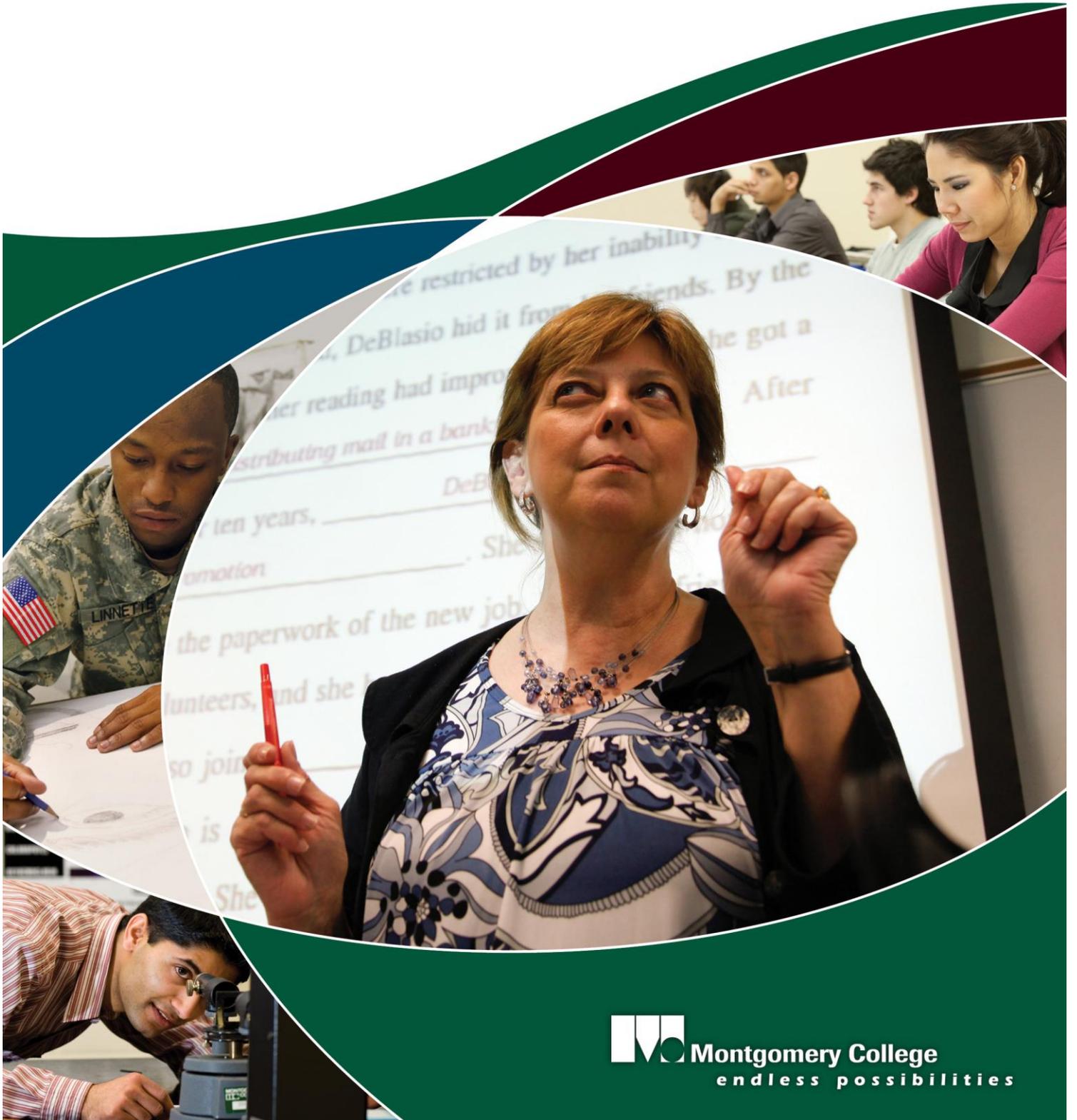


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Celebrating Students and Alumni

Iona Rozeal Brown, who both studied and taught art at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus in the mid-1990s, is one of 30 Americans featured in an exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art through February 2012. “The art program [at Montgomery College] is fantastic,” said Brown. “They deal with you as an artist. There’s an acknowledgement of the reciprocal relationship [between instructor and student]. It almost puts you on a level playing field.” Most of all, she recognizes the significant impact that her mentor, Art Professor Wilfred Brunner, had on her. “He’s a very solid force. He didn’t force me to paint in any one style. He was very freeing.”

“Reflections: Mentor and Protege, The Work of William B. Adair and His Mentors,” is currently on exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center through December 16, 2011. The exhibit features Montgomery College alumnus and master conservator, framer, and gilder William B. Adair, whose artwork has been paired with works created by his former professors at Montgomery College and the University of Maryland. The mentor-artists in the exhibit include Frank Bunts, Ellen Gelman (deceased), Kay Jackson, Mitchell Jamison (deceased), Henry Niese, and Joan Rosenstein.

The Germantown Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Kappa Omega, volunteered at the Sugarloaf Festival in October, and collected over \$2,500 to benefit Manna Food.

The Renaissance Scholars Program has been active with academic and extracurricular pursuits this semester, with 60 students currently enrolled. During the fall semester, students are taking one-credit honors seminars on such diverse subjects as “Infinity and Beyond (math),” “Natural History of Montgomery County through Photography (science),” “World History through *Star Trek* (humanities),” and “The Global Politics of Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation (political science).” Students have also had the opportunity to participate in academically-enriching activities, including a viewing and discussion of the film, *Invictus*, and a visit to the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The Rockville Campus Do Something Now! Club raised more than \$450 for Somalia relief.

Women’s volleyball player Tori Kenno was named Maryland Junior College Player (MD JUCO) of the Month for September. Soccer player Lauren Hart received the MD JUCO Student Athletes Academic Award. Montgomery College Rockville won the 2010–11 Maryland Junior College President’s Cup women’s competition. This award was for all women’s sports combined.

Former student Angela Godoy (A.A. studio art) exhibited her work at the Smithsonian Institution’s S. Dillon Ripley Center in Washington, D.C.

Iris Posner and Carol Moore, students of Professor John Carr, were selected to participate in the National Small Works Exhibition at the Washington Printmakers Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Rockville’s interior design students participated in the Historic Ellicott City Show House. The students created and installed design solutions in the show house.

Montgomery College was a visible force at the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) National Conference. Students, along with professors and counselors, presented on the topics ranging from student ambassador programs, academic advising, and two-year colleges. Associate Dean of Student Development Jamin Bartolomeo also attended the NACADA conference and, with counselors Julie Levinson and Tim Kirkner, presented on involving instructional faculty in the advising process.



Celebrating College Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

Georgetown University hosted the first United States-India Higher Education Summit on October 13, which was attended by more than 300 high-level government, education, and private sector leaders, including Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard and Germantown Vice President and Provost Sanjay Rai. The summit focused on collaborative initiatives to strengthen educational ties through academic exchanges and other sustainable partnerships. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Indian Minister of Human Resources Development Kapil Sibal co-chaired the event.

The day before the summit, a delegation from India visited the Germantown Campus for a pre-summit study tour. Dr. Pollard provided welcoming remarks and professors gave presentations focused on programs designed to provide high-demand workplace skills and prepare students for transfer. Dr. Collins Jones, biotechnology professor, was joined by Mr. Randy Maddux, associate director of technical services from Human Genome Sciences (HGS), to describe the biotechnology program and partnership with HGS. Dr. David Hall, networking professor, met the delegation in the networking lab/classroom to describe the cybersecurity program. Steve Greenfield, instructional dean of business, information technology, and safety in Workforce Development & Continuing Education, gave a presentation about the Chief Science Officer Program, and Associate Dean Margaret Latimer discussed the use of supporting software and interactive technology to support developmental education.

Nursing professor Sylvia Stevens was selected as the Ph.D. Student Award recipient by The Catholic University of America School of Nursing. She was selected for the award by faculty of the School of Nursing based on her grade point average and the significant contribution she has made at The Catholic University and the wider community.

The Cultural Arts Center hosted the East Coast premiere of “Sex and Education,” a play by Lissa Levin, directed by Professor Perry Schwartz and starring Professor Ellen Mansueto, Emily Thompson, and Jonathan Douglas. Music Professor Roger Coleman composed music and Production Manager Christopher Campanella designed the lights, while two students, Richard Yi and Colon Byrd, worked on the set construction crew. The comedy tells the story of a basketball star whose college scholarship is suddenly in jeopardy when his class note is intercepted by his high school English teacher. Levin describes the play as “a valentine to teachers and a valentine to the importance of English grammar.” The play received kudos in the Backstage column of *The Washington Post*.

Tacy Holliday, supervisor of the Germantown Science Learning Center, gave two presentations at the National College Learning Center Association’s National Conference. Her presentations were titled, “Tutoring and Student Success” and “At the Crossroads of Social Networking: If You Lead, Will They Follow?”

Dr. Lucy Laufé, coordinator of the collegewide honors program, gave two panel presentations at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, the national association for two- and four-year honors programs. The first presentation was about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation and the second was about scholarship application processes. At the conference, Dr. Laufé also convened the meeting of the Major Scholarship Committee, which she chairs.

Montgomery College’s Office of Equity and Diversity is sponsoring the 2011–12 Friday Forum Series, a unique opportunity for faculty, administrators, and staff to participate in facilitated, research-based, and robust roundtable discussions about relevant contemporary community college issues. The October forum was “Learning Strategies: Talking Across Disciplines, the Stories We Can Tell” with facilitators Dr. Mary Kay Abbey, mathematics professor, and Dr. Miller Newman, English professor.



English Professor Teresa Petro participated in two panels at Frostburg State University's Center for Creative Writing's Small Press Festival. She also hosted a literary submissions information session for this event.

Oktoberfest took a classical turn on October 15 when Dr. William Chang, pianist and adjunct music faculty member, performed works by German composers in the main theater at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown. Dr. Chang has taught Listening to Music (MU 110) at Germantown for six years.

Professor Ada Garcia-Casellas, counselor and advisor, has been appointed to the County Executive's Latin American Advisory Group. As a member of this group, Professor Garcia-Casellas will work closely with the county's Office of Community Partnerships.

In October, English Professor Katherine Smith published a piece of fiction, "Phantom," in *Gargoyle*.

Dr. Mike Eckert of the English Department presented a program at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville on Parker Palmer and the peace movement.

Professor Komelia Okim was a panelist for a symposium at the 2011 Cheonhju International Crafts Competition.

Dr. Judy Ackerman, Rockville Campus vice president and provost, served on the City of Rockville's Economic Summit Planning Committee, representing the education sector. She also served on the City of Rockville's Culture and Entertainment Plan Steering Committee. The Rockville mayor and council adopted the plan in October.

Professor Tendai Johnson will exhibit works at Ferrum College in Virginia, November 14–16.

Dr. Percy North delivered a presentation to the curatorial staff of the Baltimore Museum of Art, on her upcoming exhibition, "Max Weber: From the Matisse Class to Cubism."

Workforce Development & Continuing Education launched the first course of the Federal Contracting Academy in October with 19 students representing a range of the county's small businesses. Karen Ambrose, program director, pointed out that the series will assist local businesses in gaining or expanding federal contracting opportunities.

George Payne, vice president for Workforce Development & Continuing Education, extended congratulations to the 18th graduating class of the Housing Opportunities Commission's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, a federally-mandated program that helps families in Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs to achieve financial independence. Continuous education is a requirement of participation in the FSS program and more than half of the 441 individuals participating in this program each year attend Montgomery College.

Dr. Donna Kinerney, instructional dean in WD&CE, represented the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages professional organization at a meeting with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, to discuss strategies for creating national partnerships that maximize collective impact and change in the field of adult education.

Programmatic Updates

An October 26 *Gazette* article featured a new federally-funded training program cosponsored by Montgomery College at the Montgomery County Pre-Release Program. Officials say the program, funded through a



\$351,000 federal grant, will help inmates learn the digital skills they need to be successful in the workplace. The yearlong service is expected to train about 550 people in basic computer skills, and about 15 participants are expected to complete an industry-recognized certificate program at Montgomery College.

Germantown and Rockville faculty and administrators from the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Health, and Physical Education divisions recently gathered together for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the Model Ed Classroom, located in 216 Humanities and Social Sciences Building. Professor Marshall was commended for spearheading the effort that provides hands-on, experiential learning, made possible by a Perkins Grant, for students in Early Childhood Education programs. Classes began meeting in the room this fall, and student response has been overwhelmingly positive.

International Delegation Outreach

Led by Dr. Sanjay Rai, Germantown vice president and provost, Indian university officials visited the College for a seminar on the structure and operation of community colleges in the United States. Senior Vice President Cathy Jones briefed the group on the history, operation, and financial aspects of community colleges; Senior Vice President Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea outlined student support services, including opportunities for international students; Dr. Rai discussed overall college issues and academics, and several administrators and faculty explained their academic programs. At the request of the delegation, four students—Alexis Martinez, Hilary Sacks, Melissa Williamson, and Megan Hughes—shared about their experiences at Montgomery College.

On October 20, Dr. Michael Mills, director of the Office of Distance Education and Learning Technologies, hosted a 20-member delegation from China to discuss distance education at Montgomery College. Organized by Jiangsu Provincial Commission of Agriculture and elected from agricultural education and extension-related schools or government agencies, this delegation seeks to combine distance learning into traditional agriculture education to reach more farmers who have limited access to schools in cities.

Speakers and Events

The Center for International and Multicultural Students (CIMS) planned special events for students in the fall. On October 3, CIMS held a meet and greet for new students in the American English Language Program (AELP). In November, Ada Garcia-Casellas and Kimberley Talley led a discussion balancing school and personal lives for students in the International Club and AELP students. Also in November, CIMS counselors escorted students to the Smithsonian; and on December 6, a representative from the World Education Services will walk students through the process of getting their foreign credentials evaluated.

“Festival Peru” for the Gathering was held in October celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. It was a lively cultural festival of food, music, and dance.

In October, Student Employment Services kicked off its annual Workforce Recruitment Program that will run into December. The first seminar by Eric Myren, director of Student Employment Services, gave students a basic overview on how to successfully plan and prepare for job interviews. In November, Joe O’Hare, job opportunity coordinator, worked with students on how to create effective resumes.

A game kicked off this year’s “Math Talk” series at the Germantown Campus on October 10. Mathematics Professor Rick Penn packed in students and faculty to discuss the connection between his game and the applications to coding theory, computer science, and communications. The “Math Talk” series was developed and is coordinated by Mathematics Professor Steve Wheatley.



In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the World Languages Department showed the film *La Fiesta Del Chivo (The Feast of the Goat)* at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus in October. The showing was followed by a discussion moderated by Professors Cristina Daley and Maria Elvira Luna Escudero.

Common Cause, the League of Women Voters of Maryland, and the Paul Peck Institute for American Culture and Civic Engagement collaborated to bring the film *Gerrymandering* to the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus in October. The film was followed by a discussion of how politicians redraw legislative districts to manipulate voting results.

New York Times illustrator Ellen Forney came to the TP/SS Campus on October 12 to discuss her collaboration with author/screen writer/poet Sherman Alexie on his book *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Forney discussed the author-illustrator relationship, her stylistic choices, and the emergence of the graphic novel. The presentation was followed by a book signing and illustration workshop.

The exhibition, “Where Art Meets Science,” ran October 12–November 4 in the Sarah Silberman Art Gallery. It featured nationally recognized artists and was part of the 2011–12 collegewide arts celebration of the sciences.

“Spent Nuclear Fuel Management” was the subject of the Spectrum Lecture on October 14 in the Germantown Campus Globe Hall. Dan Stout, senior manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), discussed the critical issue facing the nuclear industry: what to do with spent (used) nuclear fuel.

Over 900 students were recognized at the College’s first Multi-Ethnic Student Academic Excellence Awards Program on October 14 at Globe Hall. This newly-launched awards program is a combination of the Dr. Harry Harden Jr. Black and African American Student Academic Awards, the Hispanic Student Academic Awards, and the Asian Student Academic Awards. Dr. Pollard served as the keynote speaker.

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus celebrated the inaugural issue of *The Sligo Journal* at The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center. The online campus and community-based journal of arts and letters features the art, photography, and literature of students and community members. Participants presented their work.

The Cultural Arts Center presented Bach Sinfonia Suoni Belli: Instrumental Wonders of the Italian Baroque to an appreciative full house on October 15. The event was preceded by an informal conversation with conductor and artistic director Daniel Abraham who discussed the music, composers, and social context of the works on the program.

The Athletics program kicked off the basketball season with Midnight Madness and the Montgomery College Basketball Tip-Off Classic on October 21. The College’s Service, Outreach, and Support committee coordinated with Midnight Madness and held a tailgate party that afternoon where students and employees had a chance to meet student athletes.

On October 22 the Cultural Arts Center presented the Around the World Passport Series/Kids Euro Festival featuring Piip and Tuut from Estonia performing “Classic European Clown-foolery.”

The Rockville Campus hosted the 16th annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference on October 22. Maxine Hong Kingston was this year’s honoree. Carolyn Terry, instructional dean, coordinated the College’s efforts for the conference, including a master class with Maxine Hong Kingston for our students. Professor Julie Wakeman-Lin, currently on sabbatical in Tanzania, brought copies of a book that she edited, *Their Voices Their Stories*, a compilation of stories from her creative writing students at the Bethsaida Orphan Girls’ Secondary School in Tanzania. Funds raised from the sale of the book will go to the school.



Germantown's successful Athenaeum Symposium concluded with two special presentations. On October 24, Lise Bruneau and Marcus Kyd performed scenes from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. On November 2 Lilly Ledbetter discussed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first bill that President Obama signed into law. The Athenaeum Symposia are hosted by Germantown's Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Division.

Author Susi Wyss read on October 25 from her novel *The Civilized World*, a novel-in-stories set in Africa that follows five women as their lives intersect in unexpected and sometimes explosive ways.

The College celebrated Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender History Month during October with such varied events as "Storytelling Sexual Others," an oral storytelling event featuring students and faculty performing narratives about sexualities outside of the norm; a discussion about "The LGBTQ Face in Films and Television;" and a showing of the 2008 documentary film *Who Does She Think She Is?*

On October 26 the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Philosophy Club, the Division of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, the Office of Student Life, the Department of Social Sciences, and the philosophy program presented "Women in Judaism: Round 2." Rabbi Gilah Langner, who currently serves as the Jewish chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital, came to the TP/SS Campus to participate in the "Women in Religion" series, which was inspired by President Obama's Interfaith Initiative.

The Paul Peck Institute for American Culture and Civic Engagement offered two new Jefferson Cafes for students. Participants read a *New York Times* s called "Elevating Science, Elevating Democracy."

Dr. Gabriel Tayac, a member of the Piscataway Indian Nation and an activist scholar committed to empowering indigenous perspectives, spoke on October 28 about the philosophical concepts involved in indigenous environmental stewardship. She is currently a historian at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

Almost 600 students from Lakelands Park and Ridgeview Middle Schools participated in Frontiers in Science and Medicine Day on October 28. Germantown biology and biotechnology staff and student volunteers guided seventh graders in the popular deoxyribonucleic acid necklace activity. This collaborative effort between Johns Hopkins University, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Montgomery College, and area biotech companies provides hands-on science experiences.

The month of November is National Novel Writing Month. Throughout the month, the Writing Arts Committee at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus invites the College community to "write your own novel with them within a month, or join them in writing a collaborative novel with other members of the college community." See the following website for more info on our NaNoWriMo Celebration:
<http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Department2.aspx?id=33823>.

On November 8 Takoma Park/Silver Spring Vice President and Provost Brad Stewart and Health Sciences Dean Angie Pickwick welcomed Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown; Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Alexander M. Sanchez; and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene Joshua Sharfstein to the campus to tour our Health Sciences Center with Dr. Pollard. A press conference served as an opportunity to release the new Governor's Workforce Investment Board report, which is an action plan to grow the health care workforce by 25 percent by 2020.

