



The Globe

A Student Life newspaper

Montgomery College - Germantown Campus

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 6 2-8 PM	Germantown Baseball
April 7 12-6 PM	Germantown Baseball
April 12 3-6 PM	Germantown Baseball
April 14 10:30-11:30 AM	Get Credit for Prior Learning Session
April 14 12-6 PM	Germantown Baseball
April 15 1-7 PM	Germantown Baseball

WE ARE THE RAPTORS!

The Raptors have been selected as our new Montgomery College mascot name as the result of a college-wide poll that offered students, faculty, and administrators an opportunity to state their preference.

Nearly 1,900 participated in the poll, and the Raptors were selected over The Guardians by a clear majority of the vote.

Earlier in the month, the college community also selected new college-wide colors of purple, black, silver, and white to unify our institution and embody our school spirit on all campuses. Our new identifying colors and mascot will help identify our institution in both internal and external publications,

advertisement, the website, clothing, facilities, and more.

A raptor is generally thought to be a bird of prey or a dinosaur, but the exact



appearance of MC's Raptor has not yet been determined. Students will have an opportunity to help give shape to our new mascot through a design contest now being launched. The contest will run until April 27 and is open to students,

faculty, staff, and alumni.

During the mascot selection process, the college-wide committee defined the MC brand personality as agile, bold, distinct, diverse, and innovative. The winning mascot design must reflect this personality and incorporate the College's new colors. Entries must be submitted electronically. Multiple entries are allowed, but each must be submitted individually. Complete rules are available online [here](#).

Before entering the mascot contest, potential participants should review the College's graphic standards guide, which provides direction for the use of new college-wide colors. It is available [here](#).

MONDAY PANEL TO FOCUS ON STEM JOBS

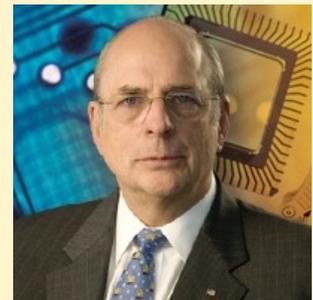
Attention students interested in math, science, or technology: Come to Globe Hall this Monday, April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. to hear a rock star panel discuss the future of jobs in what is known as the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics).

All indicators say that the need is great in these fields, and students at all educational levels are needed in these occupations critical to maintaining U.S. economic competitiveness and growth.

Lead speaker Norm Augustine, former CEO of Lockheed Martin, will head a panel

comprised of MC President DeRionne Pollard; Christian Johansson, Secretary of the Maryland Dept. of Business and Economic Development; Steve Projan, senior vice president of research and development at Medimmune; Joshua Starr, Superintendent of the Montgomery County Public Schools; Charles Vest, President of the National Academy of Engineering; and Chris Van Hollen, Congressman for the 8th District of Maryland.

According to the Dept. of Labor, "American preeminence in STEM (fields) will not be secured or extended without a



Norm Augustine

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WHICH COMPUTER IS BEST FOR STUDENTS?

by Benjamin Parker

For college students, it's all about the facts and functions of the computer that will help them obtain their degrees more easily. As such, picking the correct computer is a challenge, and a very important part of the college experience.

Aside from technical requirements, the first issue is always: PC (Microsoft) vs Mac (Apple Inc.). Pros and cons of both types comes down to four major things; cost, ease of use, susceptibility to viruses, and the students' field of study. In Montgomery College, everything is run by PC computers, not Macs. For students who are going into visually-based disciplines, which use a high-level of computer generated images and graphics, the Mac is for you. But, if your field is in less graphically demanding disciplines, a PC works well because it doesn't need a lot of frills and specialty programs to serve the user. Spreadsheets and word processing programs are straightforward tools students use

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concerted effort and investment. Trends in K-12 and higher education science in math preparation, coupled with demographic and labor supply trends, point to a serious challenge: our nation needs to increase the supply and quality of knowledge workers whose ... skills enable them to work productively within the STEM industries and occupations. It will not be sufficient to target baccalaureate and advanced degree holders in STEM fields. Our nation's economic future depends upon improving the pipeline into STEM fields of sub-baccalaureate students as well as BA and advanced degree holders."



frequently. Due to the popularity of the PC, more virus makers create attacks designed for the PC, but that does not make the Mac better, just less susceptible. Mac products are also, on average, more expensive than PCs.

Once a decision is made on computer type, the next question is the technical requirements. Whether it is a Mac or PC, any computer used for college needs certain things. Kansas State University recommends that its freshman and sophomores follow guidelines as to the specifications of the computer. KSU recommends that students use Windows 7 or Mac OS X 10.7 or newer as the operating system of choice. For laptops, an Intel i5 / AMD A6 processor or better is recommended, and for desktops an Intel i5 / AMD Phenom II processor or better is recommended.

KSA recommends 4 GBs of RAM or greater, and a 160 GB standard hard drive or larger. For laptops an LCD monitor with 1280x800 resolution or higher, 256 MB video RAM or more monitor out capability. For Desktops, a 19" or greater monitor, 256 MB video RAM or more dual-monitor capable video card is recommended. If the computer is doing a lot of 3D rendering or other graphic processing intensive tasks, dedicated video memory is recommended. Other things to consider are: a sound card with speakers, a DVD ROM player/recorder, an inkjet or laser printer, an e-mail address, internet access, Internet Explorer or Firefox (Safari for Apple Inc. Macs), Adobe Reader (latest version), Microsoft Outlook Express or other e-mail program, Microsoft Word or equivalent, Microsoft PowerPoint or equivalent, and Flash Player. In addition, having anti-virus software that is updated regularly is essential to keeping the computer safe from virus attack.

With the specifications detailed above, the cost should be around \$1000 to \$1500. Deciding on the correct computer can be difficult, but with the right research, the best is out there.

CELEBRATING LIBRARY WEEK

In celebration of National Library Week, April 8-14, with this year's theme *You Belong @ Your Library*, the campus library will be hosting several events during the month of April. They will be held in the Reference room (HS107) and refreshments will be provided.

April 5 6:00-7:30PM Writers' Coffeehouse: An evening of sharing varied writings of short stories, poems, books, and other. Please encourage others to come and share their work.

April 12 6:00-7:30PM Mother India: A review of the Winter Semester Montgomery College Study Abroad trip to India by the tour leaders, Professors Ron Nunn, and Kelly Rudin. This is a great opportunity to learn about study abroad opportunities.

April 19 11:30AM Reception for Biotechnology Classes: Showcasing the Library's resources and services.

REWARDS & CREDIT CARDS: IS THERE A RISK?

by Hilary Sacks

Stores capture the loyalty of their customers by promoting rewards cards and credit cards and publicizing their benefits. Students should know what they are getting into before joining. Each store has a unique system, so one must decide whether a membership is worth the risk.

Most rewards or bonus cards have low risks. Stores ask for information like addresses and phone numbers. This information is usually used to send coupons or look up customers who left their card at home. With rewards cards, one earns points toward money off future purchases. Some memberships are free, but not all.

Starbucks has a rewards card, which you sign up for online. Many students drink a considerable amount of coffee and a cup at Starbucks can cost you \$5. With their rewards card, they have the benefit of a free cup, or money off, etc.

Hallmark's free card sends

coupons to customers, ranging from 20% off an item to \$20 off a total purchase, but one must buy product to earn points towards coupons. Barnes and Noble's membership requires a yearly payment, but saves members money on each purchase.

CVS's free card gives coupons for future purchases when points accumulate, as well as savings on specialty items, which change weekly. Safeway's works similarly to CVS, with certain sale items available to members. Giant's is like Safeway's, but members also earn points towards money off gas.

Store credit cards require more commitment. When signing up, the cashier will ask for more information than rewards cards, like social security numbers. The cards often have annual fees and high interest rates for missed payments. Some also give your personal information to affiliates for marketing purposes, and of course, if anyone gets ac-

cess to your data, it could result in identify theft. Also, having too many credit cards can hurt your credit rating. However, students may still find that they reap benefits from these cards as well.

Target's Red Card saves customers 5% on each purchase, and 5% can add up quickly with the wide selection of items carried at the store. Kohl's has a credit card, which offers rewards. With purchases, points accumulate for reward dollars and coupons up to 30% off purchases. Macy's has a similar reward system with their credit cards, sending coupons to members in the mail.

Costco has an American Express card, which members can be use anywhere that accepts American Express cards. The membership offers "cash back" when the card is used to for travel, gas, food, and at Costco. Customers receive rebate checks in the mail, which can be up to hundreds of dollars.

ALTERNATIVE SUMMER BREAK PROVIDES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

by Zack Tyaba

Montgomery College Student Life offers you an experience that will not be forgotten. Helping the less fortunate is something we all do at one point in our lives but putting yourself in their shoes is the only way you can truly understand their issues.

The Alternative Summer Break, taking place May 14-17, gives you the opportunity to spend a few days to help those who need it the most. Through the Saint Vincent De Paul Youth and Youth Ault Center in Philadelphia, you will be able to participate in community service activities such as remodeling houses, working in soup kitchens and thrift stores, and working in an afterschool program.

Housing and meals will be provided. More information such as



fees, meetings, and requirements are on the application form.

Pick up and return you application to the Office of Student Life, SA 186. The application deadline is Wednesday, April 11. DON'T MISS OUT!

For further questions and information please contact Kris Borcharding, the Service Learning Coordinator, [here](#) or (240-567-1816)

INTL. CLUB PLANS DONUTS & LEMONADE FUNDRAISER

by Mehreen Khan

MC's International Club will host a fundraiser during the week of April 16th in the Cafeteria, offering lemonade and Krispy Kreme donuts.

The money collected will go to an organization that helps with environmental issues and climate matters.

The International Club is an organization where students from different countries can get together to share their backgrounds. It is a great environment for learning about other cultures. Some of their upcoming plans include an International night, featuring international dishes and going to the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 14.

Anyone is welcome to join the club. Meetings are every other Thursdays at 2 PM in SA176. For more information, contact the club president [here](#). The next meeting is on April 29.

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In need of refueling? Stop by Goldenrod's Grab and Go cart. They're open until 2 Monday through Friday, and feature sandwiches, drinks, and muffins. It's not expensive and it's quick for some protein to stimulate your mind.

STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY APRIL 4 - MAY 6

by Michael Szachnitowski

Beginning on April 4, 2012 there will be a student art show in the Globe Hall atrium and other locations on the Germantown campus. Close to 100 pieces of works will be on display from students' work in their courses during the fall and spring semester. The art show will be open until May 6, 2012.

The collection will include a variety of works from courses in drawing, color theory, design, computer graphics and digital photography. Come and check out some of the skill and talent of your fellow students.

If you want to learn more about the art and talk with the artists about their work, come to the reception being held on April 16, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. to find out what inspired them to create their artwork and let them know how much you enjoy their artistic efforts.

WHAT MAKES A PERSON?

by Hilary Sacks

MC has students of all ages. We all choose to go to school for a common reason. We want to learn. We want to know more about the world in whatever field we may choose,

As humans, we are made of what we take from each of our life experiences. A wise woman once told me, "It's not what happens to you that matters; it's what you do with what happens to you that really counts."

Many people view age as a determining factor in the worth of a person based on maturation, however I can't help but see age as a mere number. I believe people are matured by everything they endure and how they handle themselves throughout difficult events.

I take mostly night classes and find myself the youngest in most of these classes, but I enjoy it. Perhaps the maturity level is more diverse. I can see people from my age to upwards of 70. Our common factor is our desire for knowledge. Therefore, discussions are

plentiful and we can learn more from each other. No one looks at me as being young and in the wrong stage of my life; they look at me as an equal.

But in my working life, I have run into much adversity as a young boss at several jobs. I show respect and that I can be a good subordinate, so I become a leader very quickly in most places I go. Older workers, especially in the retail world, have a hard time giving back this respect, simply because of my young age.

Next time you meet a person, before you judge them, think for a second what they may have been through in their lives. As far as their experiences go, they may be more accomplished than you.

In my mind, age is a number. Actions make maturity. Events create wisdom. Maturity and wisdom makes a person, not the number of years they have been alive on this planet. It's not our age that determines our success at MC, it's our attitude towards learning.

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Student Senate Elections



Are you interested in running
for a Campus
Student Senate officer position?

For more information
contact Student Life, SA 186, 240-567-7840
by Friday, April 20, 2012.