

# College Bulletin

March 2014



## Celebrating Students and Alumni

The Rockville Art Department and MC libraries collaborated to install 17 pieces of student art in the refurbished Rockville Campus Library. The artwork was completed in October 2013 by the Art Department's Artist in Residence Katherine Mann and students enrolled in fall 2013 art classes. Students collaborated with Ms. Mann on more than 25 works of art, almost all of them represented at the library. Students in design, drawing, painting, figure drawing, printmaking, 3-D design, color theory, and art appreciation participated in the department-wide collaboration. Some works have more than 200 collaborators on a single piece. The Artist-in-Residence program is supported by the Rockville Art Department and the Arts Institute. The MC libraries and Rockville Art Department will periodically exchange the artwork, and provide longer term exhibition for future student art projects.

## Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

### Conference Presentations/Invitations and Special Speaking Engagements

Dr. Joanne Bagshaw, Montgomery College associate professor of psychology, recently completed her dissertation and earned her PhD in psychology.

Ja'Bette Luisa Lozupone, aide to the vice president and provost at the Germantown Campus, spoke at the [Inaugural Latino Leadership Conference](#) on February 10, along with other distinguished presenters, including Montgomery County Council Member Nancy Navarro, News Analyst Juan Williams, and Alejandra Ceja, executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. One of six presenters on the "Education and Impact on Future" panel, Ms. Lozupone presented on the challenges of the achievement gap and the resulting shortage in 21st century workforce skills.

Professor and Chair of Business, Management, and Paralegal Studies Jacqueline Middleton served as the keynote speaker at the [National Association of Court Management Mid-Year Conference](#) in Savannah, Georgia.

History Professor Vincent Itondi was the featured speaker at the Black History Month celebration at Earle Wood Middle School in Rockville.

### Art Exhibitions/Performances

Art Professor Wilfred Brunner and Adjunct Professor Michal Hunter both had work represented in "[Washington Art Matters II: 1940 - 1980](#)" at American University's Katzen Museum through March 16. This exhibition is in conjunction with the release of the book of the same title.

Art Professor Claudia Rousseau organized and served as curator for two major exhibitions that opened earlier this month. The first is an exhibit at the Capitol Arts Network in Rockville as part of an all-College call to full- and part-time studio art faculty responding to the theme "Critical Contacts: Significant Encounters and their Impact." The second is an exhibit of the recent work of Craig Kraft, a nationally prominent artist at VisArts, also in Rockville.

**Awards/Accolades**

Montgomery College won the National Best and Brightest in Wellness [award](#), sponsored by the National Association for Business Resources. The determination of winners was based on “eight criteria to benchmark and improve wellness program effectiveness: policies, environment, leadership, awareness-motivation, assessment-intervention, incentives-integration, measurement, and health care costs.”

Montgomery College men’s soccer Coach Pedro Braz has received recognition as the 2013 Junior College Men’s Division III-North Coach of the Year for the second straight year by the [National Soccer Coaches Association of America](#). Coach Braz and his MC Raptors finished fourth in the nation, winning back-to-back [Maryland Junior College Athletic Conference \(MD JUCO\)](#) championships and having made two consecutive National Tournament appearances.

**Special Appointments**

Dr. Brad Stewart, vice president and provost, will help select the 2014–2015 class of ACE Fellows for the American Council on Education, a higher-education leadership development program that prepares senior leaders to serve American colleges and universities.

**Interesting News**

The Holy Cross Hospital/Montgomery College Collaboration Workgroup recently presented the Annual Report of its accomplishments to Holy Cross CEO Kevin Sexton and Dr. Pollard. The “Who Will Care” \$250,000 grant provided the MC Nursing Simulation Lab with equipment, lab renovations, as well as staffing that has allowed the College to accommodate the growing number of nursing students over the past five years. An additional \$350,000 gift to the College allowed faculty and staff to enhance programs, and support programs for students preparing for entry into a healthcare program at the College. The Radiologic Technology School at Holy Cross is being transitioned to the College and more partnerships have been developed in other areas, such as health information technology and the pharmacy technician program. In addition, students in all of the credit and noncredit programs and courses have been placed in positions, and many of the completers have been hired. Current and future jobs that are available for both the Forest Glen site, as well as the new Germantown Hospital, are being advertised on the College’s eJobs site. Three simultaneous Holy Cross Hospital job information sessions were held in the fall and attracted more than 400 students.

### **Gifts and Awards**

The Montgomery College Foundation received a generous gift of \$8,000 from Sandy Spring Bank to provide scholarships to Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) students who will be enrolling in the College for the fall 2014 semester.

Martin Colburn, chairman of the Montgomery College Foundation's Board of Directors, established a scholarship in memory of his godson.

The Montgomery College Foundation recently received a gift from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$10,000, which was used as a challenge grant to solicit gifts as part of the scholarship luncheon. While winter weather forced the cancelation of the luncheon, this generous gift will continue to support student success.

### **Academic News and Notes**

The reference collection at the Germantown Campus Library will be experiencing some significant changes in the next few months. As part of the upcoming renovation of the physical space, the print reference collection will be transitioned into the regular circulating collection. Print usage has dwindled significantly, and eReference is now meeting the needs of our 21st century learners with more than 6,000 titles available. The goal is to provide better access to students in a given subject area, since both reference and regular books will be shelved together. Moreover, it will allow for a better use of space, giving students what they want and need—more areas to work in groups or individually. Some titles will continue to be readily available in print as part of a ready-reference collection, such as MLA Style Guides and our extensive collection of language dictionaries.

### **MC in the News**

A variety of Japanese media featured history Professor Vincent Itondi as one of the “100 prominent scholars and activists” to demand that the US does not expand the military base in Okinawa. He met with legislators from Okinawa when they came to DC to meet with US senators and attended the official press conference with John Dower, Peter Kuznick, Michael Moore, Oliver Stone, and others.

Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Sanjay Rai, recently [appeared](#) on the “Who's Who?” segment on the Capital Forum Program on Global Television, where he was interviewed by Mr. Sonny Segal.

### **The Latest from Student Services**

During the Volunteer Opportunity Fair on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus in February, several hundred students talked with representatives of 33 different community organizations, and many students signed up to volunteer.

The Germantown Office of Student Life recently held two student leadership workshops: The Importance of Building a Team and Critical Thinking. Students who attended responded positively to the sessions and found them to be helpful in their leadership skill development.

The office also partners with various academic departments to coordinate the Movie Nights film series for MC students. For example, in February, Student Life and the Education Department presented *The Ron Clark Story* and led a student discussion after the movie.

## **Speakers and Events**

### **February**

On February 5, the Global Humanities Institute featured Dr. Carol Schneider, president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities. Dr. Schneider's talk, "Giving Students a New Compass: The Role of the Global Humanities," emphasized the need for teaching that supports students' personal investment in their studies. She also argued effectively for merging the liberal arts and global studies with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to best meet employers' needs.

On February 17, the Germantown Campus kicked off the spring 2014 season of the Spectrum Lecture Series with a presentation by Mukesh Verma, PhD, on "Cancer Epigenetics: Applications in Cancer Screening, Risk Assessment."

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Montgomery County, in collaboration with Verizon Wireless, Montgomery College, and numerous Montgomery County agencies and community organizations, held the 5th Annual Choose Respect Montgomery Teen Dating [Conference](#) at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. The event was attended by approximately 300 students, who learned how to recognize abuse, how to self-advocate, how to support friends and family, and how to stop controlling behavior.

Miss America 2014, Ms. Nina Davuluri, visited Montgomery College on February 25 for a full day of conversations on the importance of STEM education and women in the STEM fields. As part of her visit, Ms. Davuluri offered an interactive discussion with Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public School students, participated in an interview with College STEM faculty, and made a formal presentation to the College community and general public in Globe Hall on the Germantown Campus.

On February 26, the Germantown Campus and the Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia welcomed Paul Monteiro, director of the White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, and a distinguished panel of interfaith leaders for a presentation on "Interfaith Dialogue: Its Significance in Public Policy and the White House." Mr. Monteiro described his interfaith outreach efforts, the dialogue among faith communities, and the formation of public policy in the Obama administration. Joining Mr. Monteiro on stage were Reverend Wilson Gunn, ImanYahya Hendi, Reverend Dr. Stephanie Nagley, and Rabbi Gerald Serotta

### **March**

As part of the College's celebration of International Women's History Month, the Cultural Arts Center, Women's and Gender Studies, and MC Pride and Allies hosted Kat Rohrer, a documentary filmmaker, on March 6 to show her film, [Fatal Promises](#). The film is about human

trafficking in the age of globalization. A panel discussion of human trafficking followed the screening.

This month, the Germantown Library offered workshops related to electronic resources, and how to access them via varied mobile devices. One workshop, titled “I Didn’t Know We Had That,” featured databases that can be beneficial to faculty for their instructional planning and professional development.