

College Bulletin

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Celebrating Students and Alumni

Students Madonna Enwe, Jessy Jimenez, Mallory Strider, Erica Watts, and Chris Williams presented at the [Maryland Collegiate Honors Conference](#).

The National Junior College Athletic Association has [named](#) freshman JerBria Smith as a member of the Women's Basketball All-American [third team](#). The All-American teams represent the top players in the country at the Division III level. Ms. Smith has demonstrated excellence in almost every aspect of the game. She was the second leading scorer on the team, averaging 14.3 points per game and 4.5 assists per game. Ms. Smith also was an excellent defender, averaging 3.1 steals per game. Earlier this year, she also earned spots on the First Team All-Region and Second Team All-Conference.

Alumna Maria Renee Trigo, who graduated this past December, is contributing to change in Bolivia. She is working with a United Nations project called "Child Found," which focuses on helping children improve their lives through education, human rights, and medical care. Ms. Trigo's passion to serve was clear when, as a student assistant in the vice president and provost's office at Takoma Park/Silver Spring, she translated for dozens of South and Central American educators brought to the campus by the Inter-American Development Bank to learn about the community college model of higher education.

Shelly Shen's jewelry and metal work received a special recognition award from the 27th [International Cloisonne Jewelry Exhibition](#) at Tokyo's Ueno Royal Museum in April.

Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

Conference Presentations/Invitations and Special Speaking Engagements

Director of Student Life Mary Sierra presented a workshop at the regional [Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities](#) conference in Hershey, Pa., titled "#Motivation: It's Not Just a Hashtag" to more than 60 students from the mid-Atlantic region. Two student leaders from MC also attended the conference.

Art Professor Sumita Kim, visiting artist Amy Boone McCreash, Instructional Lab Coordinator Jeff Osborne, and Art Professor Michael Sellmeyer each gave talks on their artwork to the [Student Art League](#) and the College community in April.

Dr. Eric Benjamin, professor of psychology, spoke about "[Breaking the Chains of Psychological Slavery](#)" at a Boys-to-Men presentation and discussion in April.

Thomas Gleim, professor of mathematics, spoke on [Penny-Ante and Other Games of Chance](#) for a math talk at the Rockville Campus. Other math talks during April featured Mathematics Professor Muse Kahsay on a [Product Rule for Derivatives](#), and part-time Mathematics Professor Ralph Mahaney on [Math Magic and Mystery](#).

English Professor Genevieve Carminati, who coordinates the Women's and Gender Studies Program, moderated a panel discussion on the film, *Wonder Women: The Untold Story of*

American Superheroines, at the Black Rock Center for the Arts in March. Carminati also presented a speech called “Let’s Talk about Women’s Rights!” at the [Clearinghouse on Women’s Issues](#), and presented a paper, “Do We Still Need Women’s Studies?” at the 2014 [East Coast Colleges Social Science Association](#) conference.

Five faculty members who received Global Humanities Institute grants presented their research findings at different campuses in April. They described the impact of their work on teaching and learning, and explained how global issues could affect teaching. The presenters and their topics included Francine Farr, part-time professor of visual arts (“Incorporating the Art History of Money into the Ancient Art Syllabus”); Denise Folwell, professor of English (“Humanities as a Basis for Academic and Professional Training”); Caleb Kriesberg, part-time professor of English (“Weems, Washington, and other Writers and Heroes: Teaching about US History in a Global Context”); Maria Sprehn, professor of anthropology (“The Latinization of the Washington, DC, Metro Area”); and Monica Zhang, part-time professor of Chinese (“How to Teach Mandarin Chinese the Montessori Way”).

Art Exhibitions/Performances

Komelia Okim, professor of art, and Casey Snyder, part-time professor of art, displayed their artwork for the [Alchemical Vessels](#) exhibition at the [Smith Center for Healing and the Arts](#) and [Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery](#) in Washington, DC, during April and May. Professor Okim displayed her work in Bethesda’s [Waverly Street Gallery’s 6th Annual Invitational Show](#) during February and March.

Publications

Art Professor Robin Meyer will provide the cover art for the book, *Disability and Incarceration*, by Liat Ben Moshe and Angela Davis.

Awards/Accolades

Theatre Professor KenYatta Rogers was one of the members of the Round House Theatre’s “Glengarry Glen Ross” production, which won the [Helen Hayes Award](#) for “Outstanding Ensemble, Resident Play” in April.

Professor of Architectural and Construction Technologies Mario Parcan received the Distinguished Service to Public Education Award, which recognizes those who have made exemplary contributions to public education in Montgomery County.

Special Assignments/Appointments

Spanish Professor Sharon Fechter and Reading Professor Mary Robinson served on a task group of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop “[Maryland Ready](#),” the state’s 2013-2017 plan for postsecondary education. The plan discusses how Maryland will address the higher education issues of quality and effectiveness; access, affordability, and completion; diversity; innovation; economic growth and vitality; and data use and distribution.

Dr. Jeanann Boyce, computer science professor, chaired and completed a program review of computer science technology at the University of District of Columbia Community College.

Art Professor Michael Sellmeyer judged the Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association Annual Art Exhibition and gave a judge's talk for the awards ceremony.

Art professors Robin Meyers and Molly Nuzzo served as judges in the painting and drawing categories for the NAACP's [ACT-SO high school competition](#) at the Rockville Campus in April.

Workforce Development & Continuing Education Part-time Instructor Michael Friend serves as the artistic director and founder of Soul In Motion African Dancers and Drummers, a Rockville-based nonprofit arts organization, which just [celebrated its 30th anniversary](#) by performing at Rockville's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Interesting News to Note

The MC Green Team, the Montgomery College Foundation, the Office of Advancement and Community Engagement, and the Office of Student Life's Service Learning Program hosted the "[Sustainability Showcase](#)" at the Rockville Campus in April. This reception honored faculty, staff, and student achievements in sustainability. The student finalists in the Efficiency Contest were Filseta Ameha, Sara "Katie" Herrington, and Kimberly Ventura. The faculty finalists were Biotechnology Professor Lori Kelman, Professor of Construction Technology John Phillips, and Architecture Professor Shorieh Talaat.

Takoma Park/Silver Spring students, faculty, and staff participated in [Good Deeds Day](#) and donated more than 40 pounds of food and clothing to the Shepherd's Table.

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, the [Autism Speaks Club](#) held an outreach event. The Office of Student Life, in partnership with the Psychology Department, also held a brown bag session.

A group of male MC student-mentors held the final meeting of the academic year with mentees from Neelsville Middle School. The meeting included presentations from counseling and recruiters about the College.

Health and life sciences representatives from the College attended Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Bioscience and Technology's *STEM People to People*. The purpose of the program was to support MCPS students who are in the Project Lead the Way Bioscience and Technology programs at Gaithersburg High School and Wheaton High School. Students presented their projects for review and critique.

Students Earl George, Andrew Russo, Jameelah Thalley, Neiman Thompson, and Charles Watts Jr., members of the Montgomery College Raptors track team, have been providing community service to the Rockville Victors organization, a semi-professional basketball team. They have been assisting with the set-up and cleanup, as well as providing assistance during the games.

Major Grant Awards and Gifts

To date, the Montgomery College 2020 Campaign has raised \$3,071,212.

- Linda Youngentob, adjunct professor in business and economics, joins the Honorable Jeffrey Slavin as a co-chair for the MC 2020 Campaign.
- Dr. Bahija Jallal, executive vice president of MedImmune, joins Montgomery County First Lady Catherine Leggett, and Barbara Krumsiek, president and CEO of Calvert Investments, as honorary chair of the MC 2020 Campaign.
- The employee team for the campaign has been confirmed: Dr. Darrin Campen, dean of social sciences, history, education, health enhancement, and physical education, will serve as chair. Joining him are Jason Rivera, talent management coordinator for the College, Dr. Joe Thompson, humanities department chair; and Monica Parrish Trent, interim dean of humanities, social sciences, and education..

The Montgomery College Foundation is one of nine Washington, DC, area nonprofit organizations to be awarded a 2014 [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Good Neighbor Grant](#). The \$30,480 grant will support the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program.

Academic News and Notes

The College executed two important articulation agreements with The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

- The first agreement aligns MC's general studies AA and UMBC's management of aging studies BA. Since the College's aging studies AA will be phased out, effective fall 2014, this new agreement will serve as a bridge for students interested in the field of gerontology.
- The second agreement connects MC's mental health AAS to UMBC's social work BA. This agreement is significant because it provides students in the AAS program a path to a bachelor's degree.

After receiving national attention as a leader in surgical technology education earlier this year, the College's [surgical technology program](#) has just received the 2013 Association of Surgical Technologists Galaxy Star Program Award. This award recognizes the program for going beyond the standards in promoting the profession of surgical technology.

This semester, every student in the College's [health information management](#) program who has taken the registered health information technician (RHIT) exam has passed! To become a RHIT, applicants must graduate from an accredited health information technician program with an associate's degree and pass the American Health Information Management Association certification test.

Twenty four-year institutions participated in the College's Health Science Transfer Day in April to meet with health science students. The College currently has eight RN to BSN [articulation agreements](#).

Dr. Darryll Pines, dean of the [A. James Clark School of Engineering](#) at the University of Maryland, visited in April to discuss the Clark School's engineering programs, transfer requirements, and opportunities for transfer students.

The MC Libraries, Paul Peck Humanities Institute (PPHI), and leaders from the Office of Academic Affairs have been working to expand partnership opportunities between the College and the Library of Congress (LC). The first element in this expanded partnership will be an expansion in the number of internship positions at the LC for eligible MC students. Ten students will serve at the LC this summer—the largest semester cohort to date. The LC hopes to serve up to 30 students a year as we move forward.

The [Partnership for Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Accreditation](#) (PAHRA) informed the College that our heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration training program has met the instruction, curriculum, student, faculty, and facility standards for re-accreditation. PAHRA's reaccreditation will be effective for five years.

The [Physics Club](#) represented the College during the Science Day "Physics for Fun" event at Johns Hopkins University in April.

College math teams from all three campuses participated in the 6th Annual Prince George's Community College Mathematics Tournament. One of the two Takoma Park/Silver Spring Math Club teams took second place in the competition.

Montgomery College Enactus team members traveled to Cincinnati in late March and early April, where they competed in the [Enactus National Exposition](#). The team earned second runner-up in their division, which tied it for the ninth-best finish nationally and the highest finish for a two-year college. Sophomores Zach Bloom and Jenna Shenk, and freshmen Menaza Fernando, Abigail Hollandsworth, Kyle Rodrigo, and Kenny Valle made presentations. Faith Harrington and Ana Saavedra served as audiovisual coordinators for the presentation.

In celebration of National Library Week, National Poetry Month, and Month of the Young Child, the libraries hosted several workshops and events, including a Writers' Coffeehouse with South Carolina's Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth, who shared some of her work, and a [workshop](#) on Germantown Writes! that featured faculty talking about writing and publishing, in sponsorship with the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Montgomery College Renaissance Scholars attended the Nelson Mandela Exhibit at Howard University this month. The group focused on Mandela's statement: "I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal, which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

[MC Books & More](#) on each of the campuses held the Grad Finale event in April, in partnership with the College commencement committee, and many other departments and units. The event

offers a venue for students graduating in May to confirm that they are eligible to graduate, collect tickets to commencement, purchase regalia, have a formal graduation photo taken, record video “shout-outs” for commencement, and order class rings and diploma frames from the Alumni Office, among other activities.

The College participated in the armed services education fair to promote health science programs, as well as the [Military Medics and Corpsmen into the Associate Degree in Nursing \(ADN\) program](#), which enables eligible medics to apply for the eighteen-month associate degree nursing program. In order to shorten the nursing program, the College has created a bridge nursing course for these incoming students.

The 37th year of [Summer Dinner Theatre](#) at Montgomery College will feature performances of *Seussical* and *Les Misérables*.

Natasha Sacks, program director of the Lifelong Learning Institute, launched the course, Montgomery County in the Civil War. Twenty-four students aged 50 and older took the course, which included lectures, discussion about the Emmy-award winning video, *Life in a War Zone*, produced by one of the instructors, Susan Soderberg; a first-person portrayal of a local Civil War surgeon re-enactor, Clarence Hickey; and a live performance of the Civil War-era music by a costumed re-enactor, Patrick Lacefield.

The [Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice](#) co-hosted a student forum on [careers in federal law enforcement](#). Seven federal law enforcement agencies joined Office of Personnel Management representatives to discuss key skills and career opportunities.

The [Annual Student Art Exhibition](#), featuring the best art from the past academic year, was on display at the Sarah Silberman Gallery from mid-April through the first week of May. The Germantown Campus also is exhibiting student artwork on its campus.

The [Graphic Design and Illustration Student Exhibition](#), showcasing digital and traditional work of students in the Communication Arts Technologies Department, runs until the end of June at the Rockville Campus Technical Center.

MC in the News

Hispanic Business and Training Institute Program Director Liliana Arango was a guest on a new weekly [radio program of the Montgomery County Council](#) at Radio America AM 1540, hosted by Julie Rios and Alex Arata.

The *Montgomery County Gazette* featured an article about the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy’s [Grown-Up Spelling Bee](#), co-sponsored by Montgomery College and hosted at the College’s Cultural Arts Center in Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

The Latest from Student Services

Nine students and faculty from the fire science program toured the new Holy Cross Germantown Hospital to see the installed fire protection systems before the building is finished, and to learn about the structural elements of fire protection.

The [Office of Service-Learning and Volunteerism](#) had a busy month in April:

- For Financial Literacy Month, the office partnered with PNC Bank to host a hands-on financial literacy and fondue workshop. Participants learned ways to build good credit, manage debt, and make a budget and savings plan.
- Service Learning and Career Services hosted a Get LinkedIn! workshop to help students create LinkedIn profiles, highlight paid and unpaid experience, and use the site's networking tools to get recommendations and make professional connections.
- The program partnered with the League of Women Voters to help register new voters for the upcoming primary elections.
- Service Learning students and students in Professor Robin Vaughn Hirschorn's Environmental Biology class participated in the [25th Annual Anacostia Cleanup](#). Students studied sources of water pollution in urban areas and reflected on the impact on local communities before. The cleanup resulted in 2.2 tons of material that were collected and removed from the local Sligo Creek site.

The MC Peer LEADS (Learn, Empower, Act, Discover, and Serve) cohort of 14 students attended the [National Center for Student Leadership Conference](#) in Arlington, Virginia. College students participated in the Certified Leadership Program.

The Office of Student Life and the Rockville Teen Program kicked off "[Prep for Success with Montgomery College](#)" for middle school students in April. The program, which seeks to prepare Rockville teens for a healthier and more successful future, included financial literacy games, team building activities, and a College visit.

Speakers and Events

April

More than 160 students, faculty, and staff attended the screening of the film *God Loves Uganda*.

The Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia screened the drama *NOOR*, written by Akbar Ahmed and directed by Manjula Kumar, followed by a panel discussion with the director, actors, and symposia benefactor Frank Islam. The final speaker of the symposia visited on April 30—international singer Charles Williams, who sang selections from "Porgy and Bess" and recited poetry by Langston Hughes.

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, County Council President Craig Rice, and George Leventhal, chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee, spoke at the first annual Community Day of the African American Health Program at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. More than 150 people attended, and more than 20 health organizations supported the day by providing health information.

William B. Taylor Jr., former US ambassador to Ukraine and current vice president for the Middle East and Africa at the United States Institute of Peace, spoke on “[Ukraine: From Orange Revolution to Euromaiden](#).”

George Selim, director for community partnerships at the White House, spoke on “[The Power of Cross Cultural Dialogue on the Road to Consciousness](#).” Mr. Selim’s talk kicked off the celebration of Arab-American Heritage Month, which also included Arab-American artist Nabil Makar, and representatives from Arab embassies and Arab-American organizations.

The College hosted the [Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics](#) competition for MCPS high school students. The event recognizes African American youth who demonstrate scholastic and artistic excellence.

[Rockville Science Day 2014](#) showcased exhibits and presentations on topics ranging from bioengineering to robotics to oyster gardening.

Actress Kate Campbell Stevenson performed “[Forging Frontiers: Women Leaders in STEM](#)” at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center in celebration of the 25th Rockville Science Day.

The Paul Peck Humanities Institute hosted its [annual Holocaust Commemoration](#), which featured readings, a musical performance, and guest speaker Bernice Steinhardt, who showed her award-winning film, *Through the Eye of the Needle: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz*. Ten Holocaust survivors participated in a candle-lighting ceremony honoring those who were killed by the Nazis.

Dr. Paul Winkler, executive director of the [New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education](#), gave a lecture entitled “Perpetrator or Upstander=What Makes the Difference?” The talk focused on the role of women as resisters and as perpetrators in atrocities.

The College’s [Peace and Justice Studies Community](#) sponsored a [concert in tribute to folk legend Pete Seeger](#). Tim McWhirter, professor of philosophy, performed with student Demetri Chrissos at the event.

The Montgomery College Performing Arts Series presented “[The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui](#)” at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center.

Humayun Khan & Ensemble presented a concert featuring [Afghan and Middle Eastern Jazz music](#) and the Alvin Trask Krewe’tet performed as part of the performance.

The Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase held its 100th Birthday Benefit Concert, featuring College faculty and students, at the College as part of the Classical Artist Series.

Georgia Koch, channel manager of SoulPancake, visited the College to talk about the [elements of a successful YouTube video](#) and strategies for using YouTube Analytics to maximize video traffic.

MC Books & More, and the Department of History and Political Science sponsored theatre scholar Thomas Bogar's visit to the College, when he discussed his book, [Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination: The Untold Story of Actors and Stagehands at Ford's Theatre](#).

Dr. Bernie Sadusky, executive director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, gave a presentation at the College on the "[College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013 and How It Will Affect Montgomery College](#)."