A Message from the Vice President and Provost

Special Thanks to the Germantown Campus Community
Even before Hurricane Sandy made landfall on Sunday evening, the heavy rains and extremely strong winds let us know that this would be no minor storm. It is wonderful to see activity again on the Germantown Campus, however, and I want to thank all of you who worked so hard to restore all functions of the campus. You worked under very difficult circumstances, and I want you to know that it is deeply and sincerely appreciated. Now that Sandy has departed, I hope that all of you will soon have power restored at home and that you will find time to relax.

Congratulations to all on a strong start for the fall 2012 semester. Our actual enrollment for the fall increased almost 700 students compared to fall of 2011, and we are at 107% of official College projections for the campus. I realize our parking has been a challenge, and we are all waiting anxiously for the new parking lot adjacent to the HT building with 350 spaces to open soon as well as the long-awaited Early Learning Center. Construction of the new Bioscience Center is now in full swing (see photo at end of newsletter), and the extension of Observation Drive to Middlebrook Road is nearing completion as is the new ring road around the campus. From the noise and dust will soon emerge fantastic additions to the campus to prepare us for the future.

As you will note in this newsletter, our faculty, staff, and students are also off to a fantastic start. These efforts include Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships, the Teacher Education Transfer Fair, the National Day on Writing, and the Maryland Cyber Challenge. Our Athenaeum Symposia, Spectrum Lectures, Brown Bag lunches, CTL Workshops, Book Discussions, and Film Series are all great opportunities to expand our knowledge and opportunities.

I want to give special thanks to the administrators who participated in the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar held here on campus for 19 university administrators who are seeking to learn new ways to expand university education opportunities in India. We are privileged to be chosen again by the US State Department to participate in this international effort.

Finally, I want to express my sincere desire that all will have a thoughtful and joyous Thanksgiving.

Regards,
Sanjay

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Workshops
During the month of October, Dr. Lucy Laufe, Collegewide Honors Coordinator, held three workshops at each campus to help students interested in applying for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The Jack Kent Cooke
Foundation expects to receive 800 applications for the 60 scholarships they plan to award. Montgomery College is able to nominate four students.

**Annual Collegewide Teacher Education Transfer Fair Held at Germantown**

A Teacher Education Transfer Fair was held October 10. Organized by Professors Sonja Fisher and Dede Marshall of the Germantown Education Department, the fair included representatives from fourteen local and regional colleges who came to discuss their teacher education programs with numerous students from all three campuses. Employment specialists representing Montgomery County Public Schools and local private schools were also available to speak on hiring practices and tips. A panel led by Dr. Glenda Baca, Education TP/SS, featured recent Montgomery College graduates and prepped students for a smooth transition to their four-year program.

**2012-2013 Psychology Brown Bag Series**

The first Psychology Brown Bag Series for the 2012-2013 academic year got off to a great start on September 26 when Dr. Jorinde van den Berg, English, spoke to a group of approximately 75 students and colleagues about her experiences in Saudi Arabia and the role of women in that culture. Her talk, "Women in Saudi Arabia - Western Observations of the Middle East," was enthusiastically received, and there have been numerous requests for a follow-up session!

**Germantown Early Learning Center**

The Germantown Early Learning Center held an open house on Wednesday, October 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. A tour of the Center provided much information about the Center’s child care services, enrollment, and curriculum.

**Kids on the Block Puppeteers of Montgomery College**

On September 30, the School of Education held a full day of puppeteer training led by Professor Sonja Fisher, Education. Nine students gathered to learn puppetry skills and to launch a “Kids on the Block Puppet Troupe.” These students are practicing their puppeteer skills and memorizing scripts in preparation for performing in local schools later in the semester. These puppet shows will teach about bullying, children’s mental health, and learning disabilities.

**CTL Workshop**

Dr. Azadeh Aalai, psychology, presented a workshop, “Cultivating Emotional Intelligence in the Classroom,” at Takoma Park/Silver Spring on October 5 and at Germantown on October 12.
**National Day on Writing**

Writing in the Disciplines expanded its third annual “National Day on Writing” event to both the Germantown and Rockville Campuses on Monday, October 22. The event took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. near the bookstore lobby on both campuses. Students, faculty, and staff were invited to participate by sharing their writing in any language about a topic or topics of their own choosing or about the importance of writing in their lives, work, or classes. For the adventurous, mystery on-the-spot writing prompts were also provided. The “National Day on Writing” is designated each year by the U.S. Congress, and Montgomery College joins the National Writing Project and National Council of Teachers of English in celebrating this event.

**MC Cyber Watch**

Montgomery College's cyber-security team, "MC Cyber Watch," competed in the 2012 Maryland Cyber Challenge and Conference (MDCIII) hosted by Governor Martin O'Malley and sponsored by SAIC, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), and various tech companies and defense contractors.

The competition was built upon SAIC's patent-pending platform which features a real-time scoring system for cyber-security training and competition sessions. This competition and conference were designed to bring awareness to the need for cyber-security professionals in MDAs as well as improving the quality of cyber-security related curriculum in Maryland’s schools.

The competition featured hundreds of players grouped into teams of six at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels. MC Cyber Watch advanced to the semi-final round competing with 15 other colleges in the area to make the final round of eight teams. The final round was held October 16-17 at the Baltimore Convention Center featuring the following:

- Governor Martin O'Malley
- U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
- Lt. General Kenneth A. Minihan, USAF (Ret.)
- Michael Daniel, Special Assistant to the President & Cybersecurity Coordinator

The College cyber-security team is made of the following individuals:

- Chris Williams - Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
- Aizaz Ahmad - Rockville Campus
- Matt Claunch - Germantown Campus
- Ramon Fernandez - Germantown Campus
- Victor Apple - Germantown Campus
- Isaiah Lee - Germantown Campus

For more information about this competition, access the web link, http://www.mdc3.org/.

**Lecture and Film Series**

**Athenaeum Symposia**

The Athenaeum Symposia Fall 2012 Speaker Series held the following lectures during the month of October:

- October 11: Peter Edelman, Georgetown University Law Center, discussed his new book, So Rich, So Poor: Why It’s So Hard to End Poverty in America.
October 24: Nirupama Rao, Ambassador of India to the United States, talked on the topic, Relationships between India and the US.

On October 30, Fred Fisher, director of the International Development Institute, and Stephen Gladson, English professor at the Germantown Campus, were scheduled to give a dialogue on war-torn Sarajevo as portrayed in Steven Galloway’s The Cellist of Sarajevo. This did not happen, however, because of Hurricane Sandy.

Future lectures include the following:

- November 8: Jay Wilkinson, All-American football player for Duke University and son of Bud Wilkinson, an American legend and Hall of Fame Football Coach (Inspiring account of the timeless values that his father espoused in his letters to his son: Dear Jay, Love Dad: Bud Wilkinson’s Letters to His Son)
- December 5: William Chang, piano instructor at the BlackRock Center for the Arts and Germantown part-time professor of music (piano recital featuring two classical piano ballads)

All lectures are at 7 p.m. in Globe Hall and are always free. This series is sponsored by Germantown’s Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Division.

Spectrum Lecture
Dr. Terence H. Risby, professor emeritus, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, was the guest speaker at the October 11 Spectrum Lecture Series, and the focus of his lecture was on the current status of “clinical breath analysis.” The Spectrum Lectures are sponsored by the Business, Science, Mathematics, and Technology Division. All lectures are appropriate for a general audience, are held in Globe Hall, and are always free of charge.

Germantown Film Series
In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Germantown Film Series featured the movie, “La Cosecha (The Harvest),” on October 4, 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Globe Hall. The film was shown in Spanish with English subtitles and profiled three migrant farm workers as they journeyed from the scorching heat of Texas’ onion fields to the winter snows of the Michigan apple orchards and back south to the humidity of Florida’s tomato fields to follow the harvest. A lively discussion was led by Professor Carla Naranjo, World Languages Department.

Future films include Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (cosponsored by Political Science Department), October 18; Temple Grandin (cosponsored by Education Department), November 1; and Half the Sky (cosponsored by Psychology and Women’s Studies Departments) November 15. The Film Series is sponsored by the Office of Student Life in conjunction with other departments on campus. All films are shown on Thursday nights from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Globe Hall and are always free of charge.

Students Win Stephen Prince Prints
David Smith, United States Institute of Peace, spoke at the Germantown Campus on September 27 about the unique role of community colleges in global peace building. Following his presentation, two students (Nikkea Anderson and Mariam Yaldrum) won beautiful art prints by Germantown Art Professor Stephen Prince.
Human Resources on Campus

The Germantown Campus is pleased to welcome Human Resources, Development, and Engagement (HRDE) team members to the campus. The team is located in Room GB 101 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SOS Recognition Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following Germantown individuals who have received Service Outreach and Support (SOS) Recognition Awards:

- Service: Exceeds Expectations
  - Thomas Berry, Facilities
  - Steven Preston, Facilities

Celebrating Our People

Based on her community-service work of placing service-learning students in HOC communities, the Housing Opportunities Commission selected Student Life’s Kris Borcherding as the winner of a “Friends of HOC” award. An award ceremony was held on October 22.

Professor Martha Monks, Women’s Studies and Psychology, is representing the Germantown part-time faculty on the Academic Services Council for the 2012-2013 academic year.

On October 3, Professor Bruce Madariaga, economics, and Dr. Denise Dewhurst, psychology, were among four faculty panelists on the inaugural episode of Dr. Pollard's new television program, "Conversations of Consequence." The topic of this first episode, "The Maryland Dream Act," was moderated by Dr. Pollard and filmed before a live and very interactive audience. The panel presented information based on the perspectives of their respective disciplines.

On September 24, Dr. Gregory Ryan, Psychology, and his wife, Michelle, welcomed a new son, Jude Emerson Ryan.

The Changing Face of Germantown

Bioscience Center Foundation under Construction