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Counting Their Blessings

Eight Siblings, Three Decades,
and Five Awards

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Your Own Business

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From the Alumni Association President

Welcome to the newly redesigned *Insights* magazine! As I mentioned in our last issue, we've touched up our look and added some new features. I'm proud to say that our creative team managed to roll out this redesigned full-color edition while actually reducing costs. While its look has changed, its mission remains the same: to provide you—past students, graduates, and friends of Montgomery College—with the good news that happens here through your help and inspiration.

In addition to retooling our magazine, we are also helping alumni stay connected online via social media. At this writing, more than half a dozen alumni chapters and 19 College departments and programs are found on Facebook. We also hope to provide a new e-mail service soon that will let you customize the information you receive from us. Stay tuned for more developments.

Several noteworthy things have happened since our last issue:

■ Our immediate past president, Tookie Gentilcore, convened the first meeting of the Past Presidents Council, a group of volunteers representing two decades of Alumni Association leadership who will provide advice and support to our College and its president. This kind of initiative led to her being awarded the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award this spring. Tookie also had a hand in launching a new fundraiser for the Association—Mobile Masterpieces, an art sale that returns this fall. (See details on page 21.)

■ Also this year, the College community has shown outstanding responses to the earthquake devastation in Haiti. Student groups assembled and distributed information to campuses about ways to help. Mike Dupuy '81 used his personal connections to establish a direct relief fund. And Michelle Mays '02, last seen volunteering in India, traveled to Haiti to continue her volunteer work with Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders).

■ The Commons building on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus has reopened after a complete make-over inside. The building is home to a collection of historical memorabilia from the Bliss Electrical School, which the College purchased to establish its first campus. You'll read more about the collection in this issue.

And finally, because I wear another hat as a member of the Montgomery College Foundation board, I'm pleased to say that the College has surpassed its goal of raising \$25 million in a multi-year campaign effort. Thanks to your generosity, our current students have benefited from scholarships, better classrooms, and a wider range of learning programs. Please continue to support the College through your gifts to the Annual Fund—or to your Alumni Association's scholarship fund.

Best wishes for the summer,

Robert F. Costello III '63
Alumni Association President



Sanjay Suchak

About Our New Look

Through some creative adjustments in our production and printing processes, we are now able to produce a full-color magazine AND reduce overall costs.

How We Reduced Costs

- We removed the under-used reply envelope.
- We reduced the overall size to better fit standard printing presses.
- We selected less expensive paper.



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Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome. Let us know what you want in *your* alumni magazine. Send us story ideas, letters to the editor, and news to share with fellow alumni.

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Beverly Patton Zolfaghari '87 holds a family portrait. Photo by Sanjay Suchak. Design by Clint Wu.



Buffy (Patton) Wiltz '91 ▲

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Counting Their Blessings

Raised in Montgomery County by supportive and practical parents, the eight Patton siblings learned the importance of hard work, education, and giving back through more than three decades at MC.

by Diane Bosser

College after high school was an irrevocable truth for each of Barbara and Bob Patton's 10 children.

"We knew from an early age... not going to college was not an option," says Bobby Patton '83, number six in the family lineup. Like many Montgomery County residents, eight Pattons chose Montgomery College for its proximity to home, work, and family, and its affordability.

Each Patton sibling knew MC would be the means to their end goal: a four-year degree. Throughout the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, eight of them attended the College.

"Financially, it made the most sense to take all my core classes at MC, then transfer to a four-year school," says Beverly Patton Zolfaghari '87.

According to Buffy (Patton) Wiltz '91, assuming financial responsibility for tuition had an upside: "It made us good students. Since I was paying for it, I did not want to miss class or lose credits.... I also knew if I did well, I would transfer successfully to a four-year school, with financial aid, of course."

Most of the Pattons attended the same campus, Rockville, but each had a unique experience. Bruce '75, the first to enroll, remembers enjoying his math and sociology classes; younger brother Barry '79 recalls meeting up with friends in the cafeteria for card games between classes. Beverly was on the dance squad. Buffy went to class, then right to work.

bruce

Bruce Patton

Vice President of Finance and Administration, Patton Electronics Co.
Father of eight.

Montgomery College

Class of

1975

1979

bobby

Bobby Patton

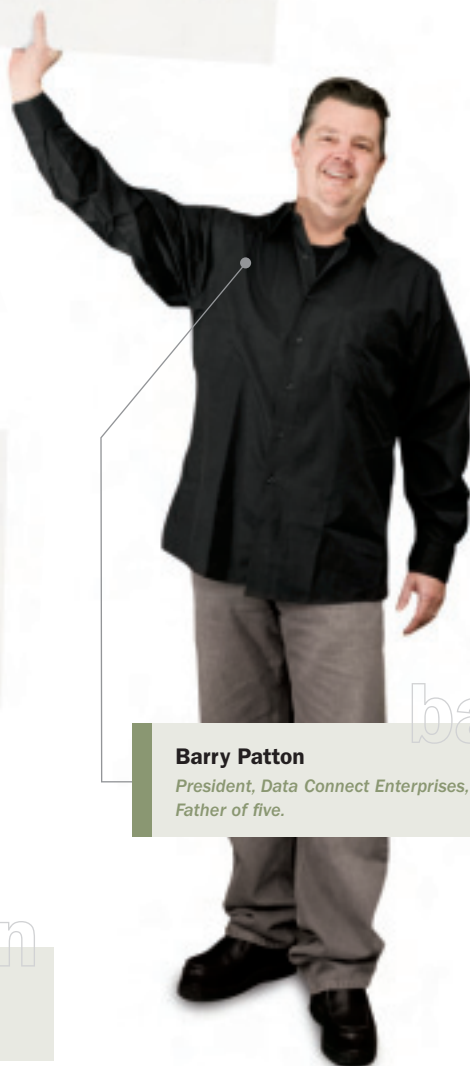
President and CEO, Patton Electronics Co.
Father of five.



Ben Patton

President, Patton & Braucht, P.C.
Father of five.

ben



Barry Patton

President, Data Connect Enterprises, Inc.
Father of five.

barry

1983



1977

1979

1983

Although none were English majors, four Pattons remember Dr. Gary Pittenger as their favorite/most memorable professor. Pittenger taught English at Rockville from 1971 to 2001. "He was hard but fair," says Burt '85; "He taught me how to write," says Beverly, adding: "He was hard! He really challenged you to be better."

Bobby learned one of his most valuable life lessons from math Professor Gordon Gregg (who taught from 1971 to 2004). "At the start of class, Professor Gregg closed and locked his door. If you were late, even a minute, you missed class. On the day of a major test, I was literally two feet from

the door and he closed it. I had to retake the class. Besides mastering linear algebra, I learned that in life—and in business—20 percent is being there; 80 percent is being there ON TIME."

After Bobby transferred to the University of Maryland, their father Robert suffered a heart attack. By that time, the older siblings had already moved out and started careers and families of their own. At age 20, Bobby asked his dad about starting a business. "I wanted to be able to take care of the family if something happened to him."

Doubting mightily, according to Bobby, their father gave him and brother Burt

(then age 18) a sum of \$5,000 each to start a business. It was May 1984. Working in the basement, the brothers assembled kits of networking equipment, imported from Australia and Israel through their father's business contacts. They named the venture Patton Electronics.

Bobby and Burt set up work shifts around their class schedules, one working mornings and one working afternoons. Using relatively archaic machinery, they assembled tiny components (too small to handle) to boards, then tested them. They sold the finished parts—modems and line drivers for connecting terminals to main-

burt

Burt Patton

*Executive Vice President, Patton Electronics Co.
Father of nine.*



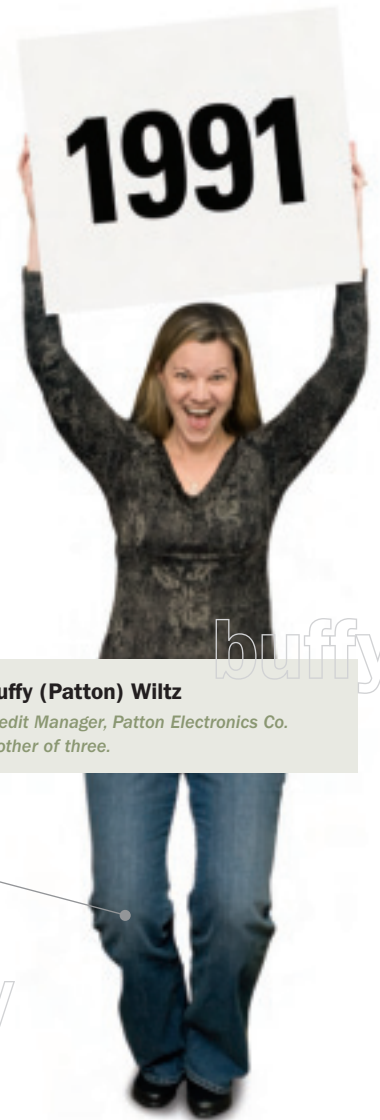
1985



Beverly Patton Zolfaghari

*Interior designer, self-employed.
Mother of three.*

1987



Buffy (Patton) Wiltz

*Credit Manager, Patton Electronics Co.
Mother of three.*

1991

frame computers—to larger manufacturers in the budding telecommunications industry.

Bruce—already married with small children and employed at Westinghouse—started moonlighting in the evenings to help them boost output. With his expertise in production processes, and their combined efforts, the company generated \$130,000 in its first year, yielding a \$20,000 profit.

“Burt and I used those profits to purchase two Honda Accords, which could get us back and forth to campus,” says Bobby.

Their second year in business, the trio tripled their income, grossing \$300,000. Needing to grow their inventory and product line, they asked dad again for help. He contributed \$100,000 by selling off some

property. A couple years later (1996), Bob Patton Sr. joined the company as CEO.

Today, four Pattons report to work full time at the family business: Bruce, Bobby, Burt, and Buffy. Brothers Ben '77 and Barry started separate businesses. Ben, a CPA, opened his own firm in 1984. As principal of Patton and Braucht, P. C., located in Vienna, Va., he oversees the firm's tax department and quality control program.

In 1989, Barry founded Data Connect Enterprises, a Maryland corporation headquartered in Olney, Md. The multimillion dollar enterprise primarily distributes networking equipment and is one of Patton Electronics' largest distributors with subsidiaries in Texas and Pennsylvania.

Sisters Beverly and Barbara are exploring other careers: Beverly is a self-employed interior designer; Barbara (who worked at Patton Electronics while attending Montgomery College) is now a math professor at Northern Virginia Community College.

While they are busy running their own businesses, raising families, and volunteering with professional, community, and church organizations, the Patton family continues to grow and prosper. “The latest count is around 83 immediate family members,” says Bobby. “My mother would know for sure.”

Thanksgiving and Christmas—family centered holidays—are among their

barbara

Barbara Patton

Professor of mathematics,
Northern Virginia Community College.



1999

annual favorites. "It's the one time of year we get to see everyone together," says Barbara. "At Thanksgiving, we split up and share the main meal at each other's houses. Then, we get all together for dessert in the afternoon."

While the food may be better, and the laughs a little louder... as family gatherings go, this one looks a bit like an MC alumni chapter meeting—especially now that it includes additional members. Bruce has sent five of his eight children to the College. And, while the other Pattons are still parenting younger children, they anticipate making decisions about college. They know from experience that if they choose it, Montgomery College will serve them well. ■

High Five!

Five Patton siblings—Bruce, Ben, Barry, Bobby, and Burt—were honored with this year's Milton F. (Sonny) Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award for their entrepreneurship and contributions to Montgomery College and the community. They own three successful business, including a CPA firm, a global electronics company, and a networking equipment distribution company.

Bobby '83, Burt '85, and Bruce '75 run Patton Electronics, the family business founded in 1984. From humble beginnings, the company has grown into a worldwide operation with headquarters in Gaithersburg, Md., and offices in Western Europe, Asia Pacific, Middle East/North Africa, and Latin America/Caribbean.

"Made in the U.S.A.," says company president Bobby. "We have more than 1,000 products in our portfolio and export to 120 countries—including hi-tech producers like Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Europe, India, and Vietnam." Among its many employees, Patton Electronics often provides paid

student internships for high school and Montgomery College students.

Ben Patton '77 heads his own firm, Patton and Braucht, P.C., a full-service accounting firm offering traditional accounting and tax services in Vienna, Va. Barry Patton '79 is founder and president of Data Connect Enterprises, a distributor of networking and communications equipment with subsidiaries in Texas and Pennsylvania serving the government and Fortune 1000 companies.

The Pattons carry on their family traditions of leadership, a solid work ethic, and giving back. Their long list of community activities includes serving on industry advisory councils and corporate boards, and supporting and volunteering for several local nonprofits, including the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program, Montgomery County Preschool Education Program, Rockville Pregnancy Center/Medical Clinic, Young Life in Montgomery and Frederick counties, Amicus (a foreign exchange program for high school students), and Sunday school.



▲ From left to right: Barry Patton '79, Burt Patton '85, Bobby Patton '83, Bruce Patton '75, and Ben Patton '77.

Read about this year's other Alumni Association Award winners on page 6.



Every year outstanding alumni are honored at the Alumni Association Awards Dinner. The Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, named in honor of Sonny Clogg '48, (recently deceased, *see page 16*) recognizes alumni for exceptional service to the College, their professions, or the community. New members of the Athletic Hall of Fame are recognized for athletic abilities, sportsmanship, and contributions to their professions. In addition to the Patton family members featured in this issue, these seven former students were recognized at the awards dinner, emceed by Steve Simon '81, on April 16.



See the ceremony online at www.youtube.com/montgomerycollege (search "Alumni Awards 2010").

Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award



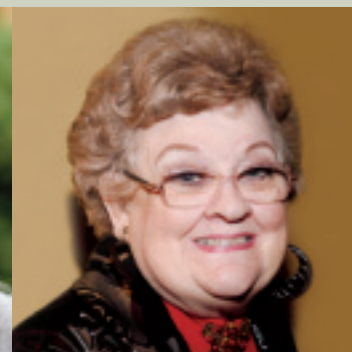
Tookie Gentilcore '94

Tookie started volunteering with church, school, and service organizations. Taking on increasing responsibilities, she has served as president of the MC Alumni Association, chaired the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, and served on the board of The Dwelling Place.



Emilie Crown '79

Emilie manages the Child Passenger Safety Program for Montgomery County's Fire and Rescue Service. A lifetime member of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), she was named coordinator of the Montgomery County chapter of Safe Kids U.S.A.



Kaytee Mizell '49

Kaytee has helped children for three generations through her Montgomery County Recreation Department class and through her "Modeling Moppets" group. Performers from her classes have raised more than \$100,000 for children's charities.

Montgomery College Athletic Hall of Fame



Ted David '58

Ted was part of several winning teams during the 1950s. In varsity baseball, he played outfield. In boxing, he was named best boxer and light heavyweight champion (1957). On the football team, he was a standout quarterback. He attended the University of Corpus Christi in Texas on a full scholarship.



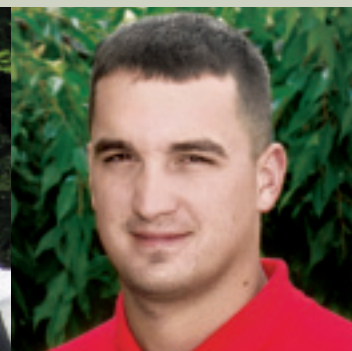
Marty Mundy '70

During his freshman year, Marty helped the basketball team finish with a 23–5 record and win the Maryland Junior College Championship. As a sophomore, he averaged 26 points per game with a season high of 56 points scored in one game—against Wesley College in Dover, Delaware.



John Mornini '74

John led the cross-country team in 1972 and 1973. John (and alumnus Dave Lawrence) helped the '73 team take 11 first places in dual meets, earning them a dual meet record of 14 wins, 1 loss. John continues to run with the Montgomery County Road Runners Club and officiates in high school track meets.



Adam Haba '00

With Adam as captain, the 1999 golf team finished fifth in the national NJCAA Division III conference. Adam was selected All Region XX, All Conference, and All-American golfer in 1999 and 2000. He coordinates the Andrew Haba Scholarship Golf Tournament and is a golf pro at a local course.



As the College's alumni director for nearly two decades, I've fielded questions from many inquiring alumni minds. Let me know what you've wanted to know about alumni topics, College history, and more. I'll do my best to answer you in upcoming issues (and online at our Web site).

Send your questions to the alumni mailbox at alumni@montgomerycollege.edu or drop me a note in the mail. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jessica L. Warnick '86
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"How am I considered an alumna/alumnus of Montgomery College if I did not graduate?"

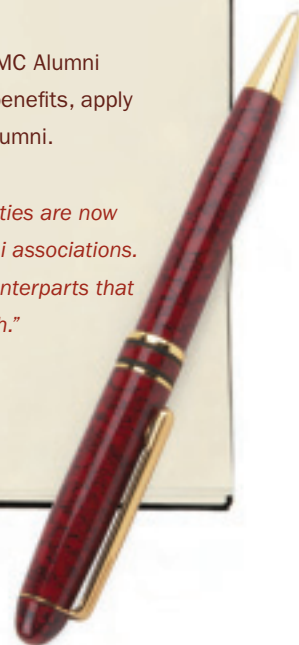
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Let's start with the typical definition of alumni. We all know that most four-year colleges and universities typically consider only those who graduated an alumna/alumnus. Among community colleges, definitions of alumni differ, adding to the confusion. Here's what we say: the Montgomery College Alumni Association focuses on graduates and students who have completed 30 credits, but we also include anyone who ever completed a course among our Montgomery College alumni.

Here's our reasoning: there is no way to measure the impact that 6-, 12-, or 30-plus credits had in changing a student's life. For many, Montgomery College is the turning point in their education. Many complete the courses they need to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree or to find a new job. So if Montgomery College changed your life, and you want to continue your relationship with the institution, we gladly accept your participation.

If you'd like to become a member of the MC Alumni Association, which entitles you to many benefits, apply online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni.

P.S. Some four-year colleges and universities are now allowing non-graduates to join their alumni associations. They have learned from their two-year counterparts that there is value in the "all-inclusive approach."





Highlights and scenes of people and events across the College. *For complete stories, current news, and events, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/news.*



Susan Bontems Named Maryland Professor of the Year

Professor Susan Bontems was named the 2009 Maryland Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a national foundation dedicated to supporting teaching, and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the largest international association of education institutions. Bontems teaches chemistry at the Germantown Campus.

Sanjay Suchak

U.S. Congressman John Lewis Highlights “Music of the Movement” Event

Montgomery College hosted “Music of the Movement: A Sustaining Voice,” a special discussion about the music that shaped America’s civil rights movement, at its new Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center. The event featured civil rights leader and Georgia Congressman John H. Lewis; singer/composer and cultural historian Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon; ethnomusicologist Dr. Portia Maultsby; and *The Hip Hop Wars* author Dr. Tricia Rose in a roundtable discussion moderated by local news anchor Maureen Bunyan.



Courtesy Maryland Humanities Council

Women’s Soccer Team Plays For National Championship

The women’s soccer team finished 2009 ranked second in the nation, after losing by one goal to Richland College of Texas in the NJCAA Division III national championship game. MC student-athletes Julie Bowers, Ana Santiago, Claudia Guzman, and Lilian Trujillo were named to the national championship all-tournament team.



Sanjay Suchak

Latino Students Featured in National Radio Documentary

Montgomery College faculty, staff, and students were featured in an hour-long radio documentary on American RadioWorks, which explored the successes and challenges that Latino students face when they work toward the American Dream of earning college degrees. The documentary is available online or as a podcast at: http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/latino_college/.



Ivan Schwartz ▲



Photography by Sanjay Suchak

Art Exhibit Features Prominent Sculptor Ivan Schwartz

Earlier this spring, Montgomery College hosted the art exhibition “Lincoln: One Man, Two Views,” by sculptor Ivan Schwartz at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. The exhibition featured early designs, photographs, and scale models of his two recent Lincoln bronze sculptures, and also a replica of StudioEIS, where the sculptures were created. This exhibit developed after Schwartz, co-founder and vice president of StudioEIS, gave the lecture, “The Sculptor as Visual Storyteller” at the College last year.

Foundation Successfully Raises \$25 Million in Campaign

The Montgomery College Foundation successfully concluded a campaign to raise \$25 million in private support for Montgomery College. Since the campaign’s start in 2005, donors have designated nearly \$15 million as scholarship support for students, more than \$7 million to enhance academic programs, and \$3.2 million for facilities improvements. The campaign marked the largest fundraising effort ever at a Maryland community college.

Sanjay Suchak



Courtesy Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Department



College Hosts 2010 Maryland State Science Bowl

Montgomery College hosted 16 high school teams from across the state at the 2010 Maryland State Science Bowl earlier this spring. The winning student team, from Montgomery Blair High School, advanced to the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl, held in Washington, D.C., in May.



President’s Report to the Community Now Online

MC Interim President Hercules Pinkney presented his *2010 President’s Report to the Community* online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/presidentsreport.



Campus Scenes

Photography by Sanjay Suchak

Germantown Campus ▼



1 Germantown guard Corey Wood takes a shot while Tyshon Reid of Rockville attempts to block, and Rockville Coach Steve Hobson looks on.



Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus ▲



Rockville Campus ▲

3 Students from Professor Dan Fordham's TV Field Production class tour the C-SPAN Civics Bus, a 45-foot mobile production studio and media demonstration center, during its visit to the Rockville Campus.

 Keep up with classmates from your major and network online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni and on Facebook.



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Nursing Chapter

The Nursing Alumni Chapter gained 42 new alumni after a pinning ceremony in December. The ceremony was the first held in the new Performing Arts Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Upcoming events for nursing alumni: Pain Management and Use of Herbs seminars. (See details, page 18.)

Montgomery Scholars

Mark your calendar for the special 10th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for August 21, 2010.

College Retirees

Retirees at the annual spring luncheon enjoyed reconnecting and made plans to form a new book club. To join the MC Retiree Book Group, send an e-mail to mcretirees@montgomerycollege.edu. This year's luncheon was held at the Crowne Plaza Rockville.

Hospitality Management

Hospitality management alumni enjoyed fine dining at their winter reunion. The event, held in the Marriott Hospitality Center on the Rockville Campus, was planned, prepared, and catered by students in the College's hospitality management program. Led by Professor Janet Saros, students served hors d'oeuvres, beverages, dinner, and dessert with a smile. Ambiance created by a student harpist and the center's modern décor made conversation easy. The hot topic: forming a new hospitality management alumni chapter. To join, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@montgomerycollege.edu.



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Construction Management

Network with other construction management professionals by joining the newly created Construction Management Alumni Chapter's online group.



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Interior Design

The interior design program received official accreditation from the National Kitchen & Bath Association in March. Alumni of the program were on hand to celebrate this major accomplishment for the College.

Now on Facebook

For event news, photos, and more about the MC alumni chapters featured here, search Facebook using these keywords:

- Montgomery College Nursing Alumni
- Montgomery Scholars
- Montgomery College Retirees Chapter
- Montgomery College Hospitality Management Alumni Chapter
- Montgomery College Construction Management Alumni Chapter
- Montgomery College Interior Design Alumni Chapter



Whether you tweet, Facebook, or blog... snippets of information can be invaluable. Our trusted sources—MC alumni—share their best advice.



Nader T. Saleh '89, restaurant owner ▲

Sanjay Suchak

Getting Started: We've Made It Our Business

Create a solid foundation.

"Be prepared mentally and financially; be an expert at what you do; be creative; monitor your marketing monthly; and have solid leadership. Always be fair, consistent, and firm."

—Nader T. Saleh '89, owner, Popeye's, Hagerstown, Md.

Stay on the cutting edge.

"Network by joining professional organizations and online social and professional networks; have a Web presence. Continue your education via clinics, classes, and expos."

—Beatrice Kingsbury '00, co-owner, db HomeWorks, LLC,
with Denise Palesch '01

Don't be afraid to fail.

"If you have a dream, and the desire to do the right thing, then go for it. You have already failed if haven't at least tried."

—Penny Musser '82, Allstate Insurance

Get it in writing.

"Have a written contract between business associates and employees. Establish and keep impeccable business records."

—Dan Blickenstaff '69, owner, Hope Farms, Hagerstown, Md.

Remember your customers.

"Be responsive to the needs of your customers—service, quality, and value are great virtues and are a MUST!"

—Reza Seyedin '95, entrepreneur, advocate, and artist

Be committed.

"Businesses require dedication, commitment, perseverance, and most importantly, passion. Your passion will drive your business to succeed. Your perseverance will keep it successful."

—Henry Aldana '90, founder and owner, Aldana & Associates

Stay flexible.

"Be open to all ideas and prepared to change your original business structure as you make new discoveries."

—Mary Sack '88, Mary Sack Management

Know your market.

"Have a real passion for what you are selling. Do your research. Is there a market or niche for your product or service?"

—Leah Payton '81, Leah M. Joppy & Associates

Stay on budget.

"Don't buy what your business can't afford. A loan is a wise decision only if it doesn't risk your business. Get paid for the job you just finished before you do another one for the same customer."

—Ellen Cohan '93, owner, Ellen Cohan Photography

Develop partnerships.

"Become a partner with your suppliers. They often become valuable resources for new prospects."

—Michael Mattingly '70, Congruent Label Systems, Inc.

—Carolina Peña '07



Next issue: Going green—in business and at home.

Where in the World?

Long known for its cultural diversity—nearly 180 nations are represented each year—Montgomery College reaches across borders and around the globe via MC alumni who travel, work, and volunteer abroad.

Expeditions and Exploits

● Dominican Republic

Sarah Jimena Sierralta '07, a Peruvian immigrant, attended Montgomery College after receiving a Board of Trustees scholarship. Determined to get a college education, Sarah commuted five hours a day to attend classes at the Germantown Campus. In 2009, she graduated from George Mason University with a B.S. in sociology, and has since spent 10 months volunteering at a Catholic mission in Bánica, Dominican Republic, an underserved rural town on the Haitian border.

● Panama

Abby Furnish '05 graduated from Montgomery College and went on to complete her degree at American University in environmental policy. She was accepted into the Peace Corps and served in Panama. "I am an environmental volunteer, working to support a community environmental group working with the government environmental agency," said Furnish. "I teach environmental education and activities in the school, and serve as the regional leader. As leader, I am in charge of volunteer support in my region, helping to develop new communities for incoming volunteers and working with government agencies to improve work relations at the provincial level."

● Cuba

Alison Drury '07 holds a B.S. in international relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she transferred after Montgomery College. Alison spent her last semester as an undergraduate student in Havana, Cuba. Her passion for the culture and its people have drawn her back to the island for a second visit, as she pursues graduate-level research in peace and conflict resolution at American University. ■

—**Carolina Peña '07**

Sarah Jimena Sierralta '07



Abby Furnish '05



Alison Drury '07



Wish You Were Here...

Drop us a postcard, letter, or an e-update of your worldly wanderings for future editions of *Insights*. (See *Photo Tips*, page 15.)

1940s

Wayne Green, Bliss '43, ham radio call sign W2NSD, is known for his dynamism and for thinking “outside the box.” He is a self-employed publisher and founder of several publications, including *73 Magazine*, *Byte*, and *ATV Experimenter*, first issued in June 1962. With his Ph.D. and technological skills, Wayne says, “The electronics fundamentals I learned at Bliss in 1943, as part of the WWII radio technician training program, were the foundation for my 50-year career of publishing technical magazines.”



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Search “W2NSD”

1950s

Jerome “Jerry” Parks’ ’55 experience as a carpenter, bricklayer, and plumber led him to become one of the most prolific developers in Annapolis. In 2007, he completed the \$250-million Park Place development that transformed a strip of abandoned land on inner West Street into a tourist destination with upscale shops and homes, and a Westin hotel. Jerry and his brother established RR Parks in 1959, now a subsidiary of Jerome J. Parks Company on School Street. His first project was the Maryland Capital Yacht Club.

1960s

A. Jeanne Elion ’61 is vice-chair of the Anne Arundel Commission on Disability Issues. Her husband, **Erik Elion ’61**, retired five years ago, after 37 years with Montgomery County government.

Robert G. Marshall ’65 is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 13th District since 1992. In 2009, more Virginia residents voted for Bob than any other candidate in the state.

Steve Seater ’65 is director of development at the Primary Care Coalition of

Montgomery County. Steve has a master’s degree in arts and is a certified physical therapist, nutritionist, and nutrition consultant.

1970s

James Sullivan ’71 is president of Capital Plastics Company (CAPCO) in Beltsville, Md. Founded in 1952, CAPCO produces custom fabricated plastic products. Its clients include the Freer Gallery, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the National Zoo, and the Coca-Cola Company, among others.

Robert Hooper ’75 fondly remembers working with James C. “Sarge” Toler ’75 in the College’s chemistry lab. He later attended Pennsylvania State University. Robert was elected to his fifth term as president and board chair of the Vermont State Employees Association, and is a trustee of the Vermont state employees’ retirement system.

Michael Krawic ’75 has appeared in more than 75 plays (staged in Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Los Angeles) and more than 40 television episodes and films. Michael has appeared in two nationwide commercial ads and did a voiceover for the upcoming *Dorothy of Oz*, the animated movie sequel to the *Wizard of Oz*. Happily married, he also enjoys teaching English as a second language to adult immigrants. He sends his best wishes to his former classmate and fellow thespian Barbara Walsh.



Donna D’Ascenzo ’76 recently received two design awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for Montgomery

College publications—a silver Paragon award for her design of an online newsletter “Health e-News” and a bronze Medallion award for her design of a high school/adult

student viewbook. D’Ascenzo, a former student of the Visual Communications Technologies Department (VCT) who earned a B.F.A. from Syracuse University, has won numerous awards during her 27-year career as a graphic designer at Montgomery College.

Paul M. Flickinger ’79 celebrated his 13th year working with the Smithsonian Institution. He was promoted to chief operating officer in 2006 and currently oversees the institution’s stores, theaters, and restaurants.

1980s

Paula Marshall ’83 starred in TV’s *Gary Unmarried* and in the film, *Miss Nobody*. She has appeared in numerous TV roles, including *Cupid*, *Snoops*, *Out of Practice*, *Spin City*, *Nip/Tuck*, and *Seinfeld*.

Donna Beatrice ’88 is a teacher with Montgomery County Public Schools. She teaches U.S. history and is an eighth-grade team leader; she also chairs her school’s World Studies Department.

Patrick Mills ’88 lives in Greencastle, Penn., and currently serves as an information technology manager in the U.S. Air Force.



Dawn Robyn Petrlik ’88, a 1998 Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award honoree, currently manages rescue horses and assists with fundraising at Rosemary Farm in

the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York. The farm is inviting artists this summer, in small groups on a work/study exchange, to create art and help renovate the barns; one of which will serve as a fine arts gallery.



<http://rosemaryfarm.org>

1990s

Mary Lee '94, a graduate of the College's nursing program, is the Kaiser Permanente representative at Holy Cross Hospital.

Cassandra Okeshukwu '95 earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. She recently defended her dissertation for a Ph.D. from Harvard University, and has applied for postdoctoral studies at the University of California, Berkeley, through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Jeanne Blackburn '97 maintains her passion for interior design. After earning a degree in this field, Jeanne became a writer for *Better Homes and Gardens* and other publications.

Marvet Morgan '97 holds an administrative position at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C.

2000s

Heather Entwistle-Roberts '04 is an associate at the law firm, Entwistle & Roberts. She says she "spent two great years at MC" before transferring to University of Maryland University College to earn her undergraduate degree. She earned a law degree at the University of Baltimore in 2008, and has been a member of the bar since 2008.

Siddarth Roy '05, graduated from the University of Maryland's Clark School of Engineering with a double major in biology and mathematics. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in statistics at North Carolina State University.

Wenesso Tengande '06 works as a quality assurance specialist at IBM. He plans to pursue a master's in business administration.

Corey Simmons '07 earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She works as a

registered nurse at George Washington University Hospital.

Uyanga Nomingereel '07 earned a B.S. in nursing from the University of Maryland and is employed as a registered nurse with the Koba Institute in Silver Spring, Md.

Tung Xuan Do '08 works as a data entry clerk at Boxco and plans to open his own bar and restaurant. He says the College "opened the door to the business world."



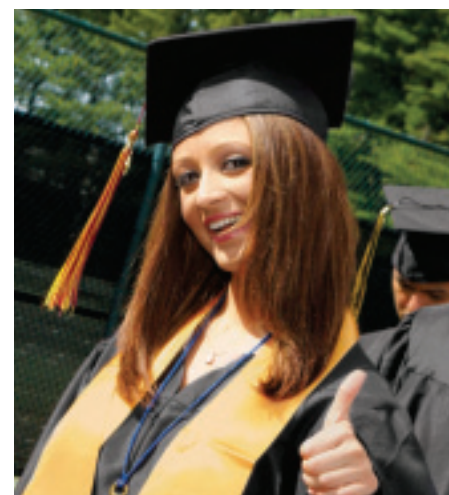
Bill Tata

Lucia Zegarra '08, a former MC Renaissance Scholar and current student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, works as a part-time counselor

at a Catholic Charities shelter for the homeless in Washington, D.C. Having endured abuse as a child in Peru and violence in her marriage in the United States, she became an advocate for domestic violence victims, especially in the Hispanic community. She was featured in a live telethon at Washington's Telemundo affiliate, and provides online counseling through blogs and social networking media to women who need help. In 2008, Zegarra was elected to the Advisory Council of the Peruvian Consulate, a liaison between Washington's Peruvian community and the consulate.

In the same year, the Maryland Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs named her as "Hispanic Heritage Leader on the Rise." She was also one of the students featured in the MC Arts Institute's "Portraits of Life: Student Experiences" photography project. She plans to become a pediatrician and a psychiatrist.

Oula Alnashar Alrifai '09 is attending the University of Maryland on a Transfer Academic Excellence Scholarship. Alrifai has taught Arabic to students at Sligo Creek Elementary School in Silver Spring, and works part time at Chevy Chase Bank as a customer service representative. She wants to be an active member of the Montgomery College Alumni Association and would like to someday give back to the school that "opened the doors, welcomed me, and gave me outstanding support."



Don Rejonis



We'd like to hear from you.

Did you earn another degree, get married, or have other big news? Stay in touch with friends and classmates, and let us know what you're doing now. Send updates and photos to the Alumni Office at alumni@montgomerycollege.edu.

Photo Tips

Here are some guidelines to keep in mind when submitting your digital photos. A publication quality photo is high resolution—a minimum of 300 DPI. Set your digital camera to the highest image-quality setting. For most cameras, this is usually "Fine." Send us your photo exactly as it comes out of the camera. Attach either a JPEG or a TIFF file to your e-mail. Because of space limitations, we are not able to publish every photo we receive.



Barbara Bourne

Milton F. (Sonny) Clogg '48

April 5, 2010

Milton F. "Sonny" Clogg '48, who devoted a great deal of time, talent, and treasure to the College over the years, passed away April 5. He was 86. Sonny entered Montgomery Junior College after completing his World War II military service. He became the College's first student president and a member of its first graduating class. He went on to earn law degrees from the American University's Washington College of Law, and then practiced real estate law in Rockville for more than 50 years. He retired in 2003, and was later employed by the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation.

Sonny assumed a lead role in creating the Alumni Association, and he served as its president. He also was a founding member and early chair of the Montgomery College Foundation, and he served as campaign chair for the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education on the Rockville Campus. He was the first individual to endow a fully funded scholarship at Montgomery College, and he gave generously to the College throughout his life. He was granted Montgomery College's first honorary degree in 1996.

He received what was then known as the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award in 1989, and in 2002 the Alumni Association renamed its highest award in honor of his outstanding service to Montgomery College. The Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award—presented to alumni who have shown exemplary contributions over time to their professions, their communities, or the College—is the College's most prestigious award for former students.

John M. "Bud" Lankes, Bliss '39

January 30, 2010

Evelyn Howard Holland

January 16, 2009

She was a supervisor of the Math Learning Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. She retired in 1992 after 24 years with the College.

Henry Boyce

January 2, 2009

He taught geography at the College from 1966 to 1991.

George Frederick Krafthofer '57

December 28, 2009

Wendell Jaquith, Bliss '40

December 14, 2009

He retired from C&P Telephone Co. in 1982 as an engineer.

Curt Harold Doerr

December 5, 2009

He taught biology at the College.

Ann Norris

November 18, 2009

A communication arts professor, she honed the writing skills of students who went on to work in radio and television.

Elizabeth B. Myers

November 13, 2009

She taught biology at the College and retired in the mid-1980s.

Fatt M. Lee, Bliss '48

December 22, 2008

Donald B. MacDougall, Bliss '48

December 22, 2008

Lee Clagget Warfield, Jr., Bliss '35

July 28, 2008

Don Bowman '69

May 22, 2008

He was a sports editor at the Fort Worth, Texas, *Star-Telegram*.

Stephen P. Chevalier, Bliss '54

April 3, 2008

Notices listed in Insights are published as obituary information is received.

East Meets West

How does an Italian-American air-conditioning business owner from Brooklyn meet a woman from Hue, Vietnam, and end up living in Maryland? Frank Chiaramonte and Quynh-Tram Le look back at how a series of coincidental meetings and missed opportunities led to good fortune for both.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Frank Chiaramonte '96 owned an air-conditioning business, but wanted a more satisfying career. He sampled interior design courses at the Fashion Institute of Technology, then courses at TCI Technical College and the College of Staten Island. On advice from family friends in Maryland, Frank moved south and enrolled at Montgomery College. In fall 1992, he jumped into the mechanical engineering program.

At MC, Frank noticed he was at least 10 years older than fellow students, but he enjoyed his classes, made friends, and took a job on campus in the mathematics lab. With classmate Tony Santini '95, he established the Italian Club. Inspired by new friendships with Vietnamese students, Frank enrolled in Vietnamese language courses; he enjoyed practicing speaking it with them often.

Two years before Frank arrived at Montgomery College, Quynh-Tram Le '97 ("Tram") emigrated from Vietnam to Maryland, settling with her parents and siblings in Gaithersburg. After graduating from Gaithersburg High School in 1993, Tram enrolled at Montgomery College. She took a job on campus in the Technical Center's architecture/CAD lab.

Occasionally Tram assisted Frank in the math lab, but she avoided him as a math tutor. To her, it would have been embarrassing: "Frank talked loud and always tried to speak in Vietnamese," Tram recalls.

Frank learned how to dance from pal Thanh Tran, and asked Tram—in her native language—to go out dancing with him.

"He was too formal," says Tram. She turned him down.

On his next try, with encouragement from mutual friends Tracy Van Cao '99 ("Van") and husband Quan Dang '96, Frank asked

Tram to meet for coffee. This time, at the Ba-Le restaurant on Rockville Pike, Tram agreed to a date. They made plans to meet at 9 p.m. at the Technical Center. Frank arrived at 9:05. According to Tram he was too late, so she left.

Weeks later, when Tram heard that National Institutes of Health (NIH) was hiring students, she applied for a job and got one. Frank took a job there too. It wasn't until they ran into each other in the NIH parking lot that they discovered the coincidence. The pair met for picnic lunches frequently, and Tram started to see Frank in a new light.

"He was a dedicated student," says Tram. "Our first date was to study at the University of Maryland because MC's library closed too early on the weekends." ■

—Jessica Warnick



Read more about Tram and Frank online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni.



▲ Tram and Frank married on June 7, 1997. The wedding in her parent's living room was officiated by their Math and Science Center colleague, Carol Ramos (Burbage), with many MC friends in attendance. They now have four sons (ages 2 through 11) and run their own business, Chiaramonte Construction Company, which employs nearly 60 people.



Members Save on Summer Fun



Montgomery College Alumni Association members receive valuable savings and special offers all year long, including invitations to special events and free lectures, access to child care, employment services, travel and entertainment discounts, pool passes, and more. Special offers for summer include discount tickets at these participating amusement parks:

Maryland: Six Flags
Virginia: Kings Dominion
Pennsylvania: Hershey Park



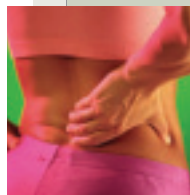
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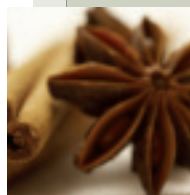
Alumni Exclusive: Special Events

**June 2, 7 p.m.
DEALING WITH PAIN**



Presented by Linda Rosier, MSN, RN '96. Learn more about symptoms, causes, and treatment for pain management.

**September 29, 6:30 p.m.
HOW HERBS CAN IMPROVE YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM**



Presented by Geo Derick, M.Sc., trained medical herbalist from Tai Sophia Institute Graduate School for the Healing Arts.



Event Registration

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Alumni Identify Early Inventions, Visit New “Museum”



One cold day in January, four Bliss Electrical School grads braved the weather to visit the newly renovated Commons Building on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. There, they had a chance to inspect the “Bliss collection” of electrical hardware started by their school’s founder, Professor Louis D. Bliss, more than a century ago.

Howard Dixon ’38, Bill Smeltzer ’47, Gene Boone ’48, and Tom Rooney ’48 led the panel discussion describing the items they had used during their time at the Bliss School, and theorizing about others. The four met with the Alumni Office and College staff in a section of the building designed to display the Bliss collection.

Featured items of the day included laboratory devices and drafting kits used in classrooms; patent models of early electrical inventions; and samples of early vacuum tubes—the technology behind televisions and computers before transistors and microchips arrived. Other items were identified as communication gear of a bygone era, including a key and repeater used in railway stations and telegraph systems. They also enjoyed perusing the collection’s class pictures, textbooks, and school souvenirs.

To prepare the collection for its debut in the new space, a team drawn from seven College departments arranged to record the Bliss alumni’s commentary on the museum pieces, and on what life was like at the Bliss School. Maureen Kohl, exhibit coordinator for the College’s School of Art and Design, sought the Bliss team’s help in identifying items that were routinely used by Bliss students to plan the display. Elana Lippa of the Development Office noted that electrical engineering students continue to receive support from the scholarship Bliss alumni endowed in Professor Bliss’s memory—the College’s first endowed scholarship. A television program featuring the panel discussion is posted on the College’s YouTube site. ■

—John Libby



▲ (top) Two heads are better than one: Bill Smeltzer ’47 and Gene Boone ’48 consult on the workings of an electrical apparatus.

▼ (bottom) From left to right, Bill Smeltzer ’47, Tom Rooney ’48, Howard Dixon ’38, and Gene Boone ’48.



Take a closer look at the Bliss collection.

View the panel discussion online at www.youtube.com/montgomerycollege (search “Bliss Electrical School”). Join us for a special reopening reception on **September 25**, exclusively for Bliss alumni. Contact the Alumni Office at **240-567-5378** or alumni@montgomerycollege.edu for details.

Events Calendar



Dames at Sea (2007) ▲



Beauty and the Beast (2008) ▼

Photography by Steve Wolf

Summer Dinner Theatre 2010

Now in its 34th season, Summer Dinner Theatre returns to Montgomery College's Theatre Arts Arena with two great shows.

BRIGADOON

June 18–20, 24–27

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 8 p.m.
Sundays, 2 p.m.

"Once in the Highlands, the Highlands of Scotland, two weary hunters lost their way." When the mist clears, the travelers discover Brigadoon—an enchanted village that appears for only one day every hundred years. First opened on Broadway in 1947, Brigadoon continues to enchant audiences with Lerner and Loewe's magical musical score, Scottish swordsmen, dances, and favorite songs: "Almost Like Being in Love," "The Heather on the Hill," "I'll Go Home with Bonnie Jean," "Waitin' for My Dearie," and many more.

CRAZY FOR YOU:

The New Gershwin Musical!

July 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31,
and August 1

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 8 p.m.
Sundays, 2 p.m.

Based on the songwriting team's 1930 production, *Girl Crazy*, this production combines 19 fabulous Gershwin tunes and hilarious dialog from Ken Ludwig (*Lend Me a Tenor*) with the glamour of New York City, the dust of Nevada, high-kicking showgirls, and rootin'-tootin' cowboys to create the perfect mix of musical comedy with classic songs: "Embraceable You," "I Can't Be Bothered Now," "I Got Rhythm," and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

About Summer Dinner Theatre

Montgomery College students bring classic Broadway musicals to life. An annual event, the Summer Dinner Theatre features aspiring performers, artists, and theatre technicians from the College's music and theatre departments and the community. Students serve as wait staff at each performance, while theatre goers enjoy a delicious buffet dinner before the show.

**\$41.50 adults; \$31.50 children
12 and under**

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Alumni association members get a discount on Alumni and Retirees Nights, **June 18 (Brigadoon)** and **July 16 (Crazy for You)**.



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Chautauqua 2010: Beyond Boundaries

July 7–9, 7 p.m.

Join historic figures—**Thurgood Marshall**, **Frederick Law Olmstead Sr.**, and **Sacagawea**—for an evening of edutainment. In association with the Maryland Humanities Council and held at Montgomery College-Germantown, *Chautauqua* provides a stage for scholar/actors to portray historical characters, complete with costume, props, mannerisms, and accents. After the presentation, performers field questions from the audience, first in character, then as themselves.

The Germantown Campus has hosted Chautauqua, which travels throughout the state each summer, for the past 12 years.

Free admission

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More details to follow at www.montgomerycollege.edu/chautauqua



Illustration by
Tom Chalkley

Chautauqua 2010 Schedule

Wednesday, July 7

An evening with Thurgood Marshall, first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thursday, July 8

An evening with Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., father of American landscape architecture.

Friday, July 9

An evening with Sacagawea, interpreter and guide on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Looking Ahead...

15th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference

October 16, 2010

Jerry Bauer



Alice McDermott ▲

Sponsored by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Corporation, Montgomery College, City of Rockville, and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

Celebrate the writing life at the 15th annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature.

Aspiring writers and literary aficionados can attend the day-long event featuring a variety of seminars, workshops, and lectures on writing the novel, poetry, short story, and screenwriting. This year's honoree is award-winning novelist Alice McDermott. Recipient of a Whiting Writers Award, McDermott has authored six novels and numerous short stories. Her fourth novel, *Charming Billy*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and received the 1998 National Book Award for fiction. Three of her novels were Pulitzer Prize finalists.

Early registration discounts available

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Mobile Masterpieces

October 23, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

A unique opportunity to buy original artwork and support College scholarships, the Mobile Masterpieces event promotes great art and great education. Patrons purchase tickets in advance for \$100, and all ticketholders go home with a piece of art valued at \$100 or more. Ticket numbers are drawn randomly, and the ticketholder chooses artwork that remains available. Art donations accepted through June 30. All artwork is juried by an outside professional curator.

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

\$100, tickets available in advance

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▼ Brad Stewart (left), vice president and provost of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, joins Valerie Chalmers (third from left) and other Takoma Park/Silver Spring students at their international student scholarship fundraiser.



Help from Unexpected Sources

MC Annual Fund Gives and Receives for Students in Need

One Monday night in November, Montgomery College students, faculty, staff, and friends did something simple: they ate dinner out. Spearheaded by nursing student and Student Senate Vice President Valerie Chalmers, the dinner raised enough money to fund a \$500 student scholarship, with the help of local restaurant, El Golfo. Chalmers and other members of the Student Senate worked with the restaurant to donate 20 percent of that night's proceeds to the Montgomery College Foundation.

The scholarship was awarded to an international student at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus in January 2010. Chalmers, a scholarship recipient herself, recognizes the value of giving back to the College. Truth is, anyone can make a difference.

Gifts to the annual fund make a big difference to students. Recently, the Foundation helped a nursing student who had a fire in her apartment by buying her a new textbook. Large or small—through scholarship assistance, books, or other support—the annual fund can help a student succeed.



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