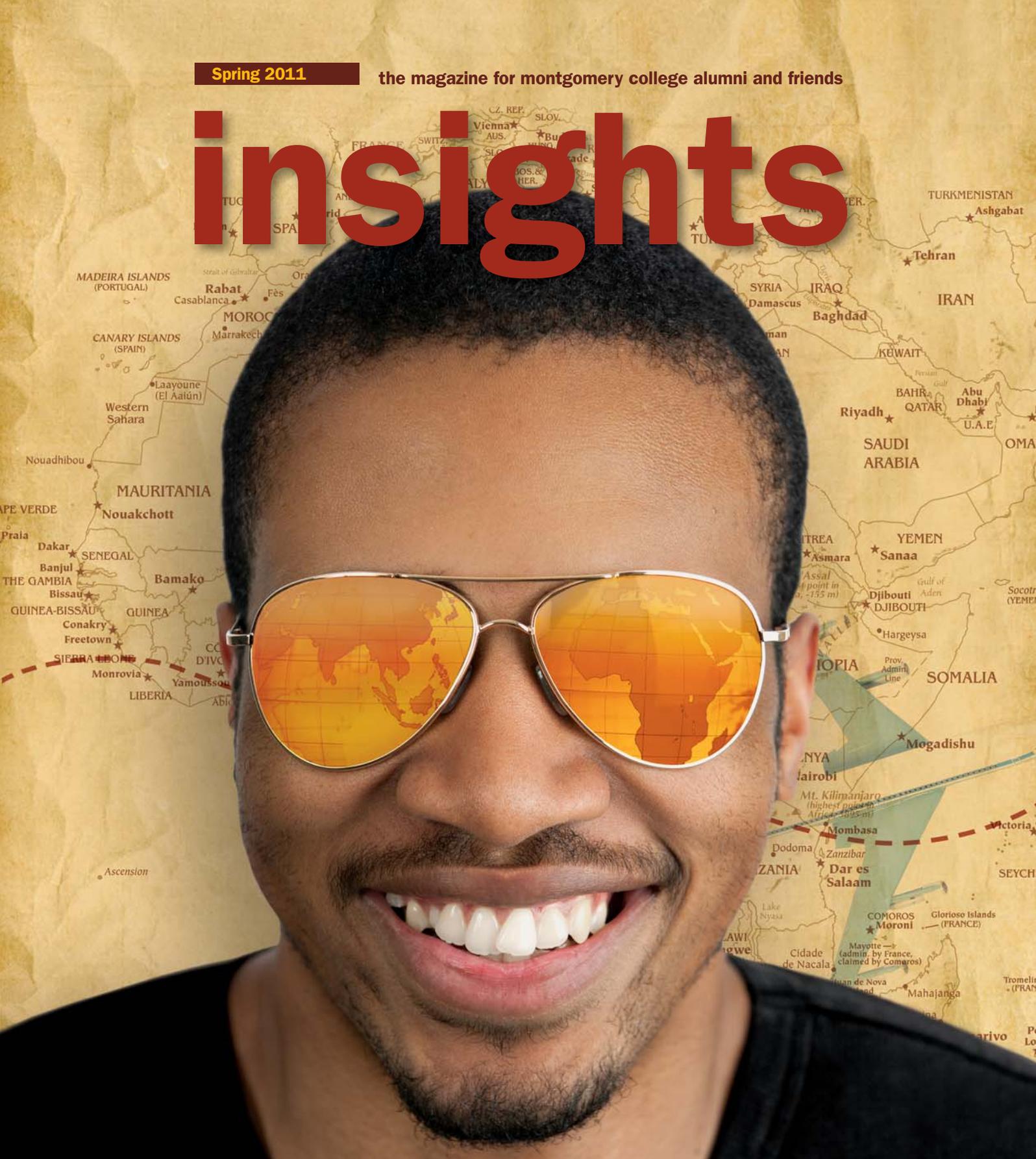


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From the Alumni Association President

Montgomery College has long prided itself on its diversity, drawing students from as many as 170 nations. So it's natural to wonder how far MC's reach extends, through its academic programs and, of course, through its alumni. In this issue we explore the College's culturally enriching opportunities available through connections with the World Bank and other groups in Montgomery County and the Washington area.

Mary Gregory Jarvis '59/Hon. '05 is the matriarch of the family who collectively received the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award a decade ago. Mary remains active in international service, supporting a hospital in India whose nursing center bears her name. For students, faculty, and friends, the Travel Abroad program provides opportunities around the globe. (On the subject of globes, plans are underway to touch up the globe design on the landmark water tower at the Germantown Campus.) Professor Dawn Avery shares her sabbatical experience helping Native American women connect musically with their cultural roots.

Closer to home, you've heard news of budget tightening at all levels of the nation, and MC has not been spared the realities of a sluggish economy. County funding for College operations has been reduced for

the coming year, even as expenses inch up and students scramble for funds to stay in school. To help alleviate the burden, the Alumni Association has drawn on its reserves to fund \$25,000 in new student scholarships in the coming year. As a free membership association, we rely heavily on fundraising to operate our programs and support students. Your gift to the Alumni Association—or to the MC Foundation's Annual Fund—is always appreciated.

Taking a page from our successful Mobile Masterpieces fundraiser, we will launch the MC Marketplace, a craft show at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus this fall. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22, and plan to do your holiday gift shopping with us.

This summer marks the end of an era for our Alumni Association. Our Alumni Director, Jessica Warnick, is retiring after 39 years at the College. We thank her for launching a wide range of programs for us over the years, and we wish her lots of relaxation time with her grandchildren. Meantime, be sure to see her final "Ask Jess" column in this issue.

W. Donald Krueger

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Stephen Wood '10 sat for our photographer in the few hours between work in D.C. and evening classes at the Universities at Shady Grove. Mapped images on his glasses show the African continent and India, two prominent locations in this issue's feature story.

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Ceremonial Groundbreaking For New Bioscience Education Center

President DeRionne Pollard and the Board of Trustees joined federal, state, and county elected officials and business partners at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the future Bioscience Education Center, which will feature science classrooms and laboratories on the Germantown Campus.

The facility, which is anticipated to achieve LEED Gold certification for its eco-friendly design and construction, is scheduled to open by the end of 2013. It will be the critical link between the county-operated Germantown Innovation Center and the future Science and Technology Park on the Germantown Campus, which will provide educational and employment opportunities for students and the community.



Sanjay Suchak

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Business Students Ring the NASDAQ Closing Bell

Macklin Business Institute students traveled to New York to ring the NASDAQ Closing Bell on January 5. The closing ceremony honored the memory of Gordon Macklin, founder of NASDAQ, whose vision led to the creation of the Gordon and Marilyn Macklin Business Institute (MBI) in 1999. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the College's partnership with the NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation, which donated \$200,000 to support an endowed scholarship fund for MBI student scholarships.



Courtesy The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.

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Education Leaders Gather for Virtual Symposium at MC

The U.S. Department of Education hosted the national Community College Virtual Symposium at the College in April. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Dr. Jill Biden, Education Under Secretary Martha Kanter, Congressman Chris Van Hollen, and College President DeRionne Pollard spoke about the critical role of community colleges in today's global economy. Faculty, staff, students, education and business leaders, and organization and government representatives from across the country watched and posed questions online.

The event marked the culmination of a series of regional summits following the White House Summit on Community Colleges, held by President Obama and Dr. Biden last October.



Sanjay Suchak



Courtesy Margaret Latimer



Courtesy Daniel Jenkins



Elizabeth Homan



Marcus Rosano

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Ethics Team Wins Second Straight State Competition

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus ethics debate team won first place in the eighth annual Maryland Community College Ethics Bowl. This is the first time in the history of the competition that a team has successfully defended its championship.

The competition brought together 10 community college teams to debate issues in applied ethics. Coached by Professor Daniel Jenkins, the winning team consisted of Maraki Shimelis Kebede, Martin Seitz, Miguel Resendiz, Harold Levy, and Daniel Sekou Williams.

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Math Team Captures First At Annual Competition

The Germantown Campus Math Team took first place honors at the third annual Prince George's Community College Mathematics Competition. Ten teams, representing community colleges in the Washington metropolitan area, competed for cash prizes and the title of the best mathematics team in the area. Professor Stephen Wheatley coached team members Mayuri Khatri, Julian Mesick, John Gallagher, and Stephanie Meshel.

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Two Students Win Competitive National Scholarship

Students Rahel Kebede and Susan Wu have been awarded prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships, which will provide up to \$30,000 each year toward future study at the four-year institution of their choice. The foundation selected only 60 scholarship winners out of nearly 800 nominations from community colleges.

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Spike in Local Talent Serves Rockville's Volleyball Squad

Team Enjoys Career-High Wins and First-Ever Trip to National Championship

The Rockville women's volleyball team enjoyed its best season in history last fall, capturing the Region XX tournament title and finishing sixth in the NJCAA National Championship in Rochester, Minnesota. The team's success is due, in large part, to a contingent of local talent.

Blake High School graduate Hunter Schallhorn '11, along with former Magruder teammates Tori Kenno and Kim Lam, led the 11-woman squad, solely composed of Montgomery County talent. Setter Missy Langendorff '11, a Covenant Life School graduate, was the only player who did not play at a public high school.

"Montgomery County is a hotbed of volleyball talent, so our players benefited from intense competition and exceptional coaching in high school. And they all play year-round at the club level.

This helped us get in sync much quicker than I anticipated," said Amir Mafinejad, Rockville's coach.

The team finished the season with 20 wins—a school record. They defeated Butler County Community College of Pennsylvania in a thrilling five-set victory to capture the Region XX title. Schallhorn, Kenno, Lam, and Langendorff earned All-Tournament team honors. In the national championship, they fell to Nassau Community College (NY) and eventual national champions Ridgewater College (MN).

With several player commitments from local high schools—and a solid nucleus from last year's squad—Mafinejad expects great things next year for Rockville volleyball. ■

—Jill Fitzgerald



Bill Schallhorn

Kill-er Kenno

Tori Kenno (2) slams the ball past a Nassau Community College defender while middle hitter Hunter Schallhorn (3) awaits the point.

THE INSIDE PITCH

Former Stars Turn Double Play at Rockville

Rick Price and Bill Wright, who played baseball together at the Rockville Campus in the 1960s, teamed up again to revive the campus's struggling baseball program.

Price, who has coached the Gaithersburg American Legion Post

295 for years, asked his longtime friend, Wright, to serve as the team's hitting coach. Wright coached at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School for 24 years, led his teams to nine division titles, and reached the state finals twice. Wright's accolades at the College earned him entrance to the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

Although the Rockville team struggled this year, both coaches believe the team's facilities and central location will appeal to future recruits. ■

Germantown Strikes Out In World Series Bid

Sixth-year skipper Dan Rascher's team fell one game short of a sixth straight appearance in the Division III World Series, losing 6-3 to Westmoreland County Community College (PA) in the Region XX final on May 8. The Gryphons finished the season with a 32-21 record. "We faced some very good pitching this year," said John Silk, the team's hitting coach, who attributed the increase in competition at the junior college level to a sluggish economy. Pitching standout Tyler Klitsch will take his season-low 1.91 ERA to Winthrop University in South Carolina next year. ■



Lisa Poole '12, far right, was part of a Macklin Business Institute team that led Mary of Nazareth School students in fun activities to help them understand the basics of microlending.

Hatching Global Awareness

by Tina Kramer

Students from the Macklin Business Institute (MBI), the College's honors-level business program, took a break this past January from crunching numbers to teach public school students about the economic impact of microloans.

Using the book *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* as a basis, MBI students led hands-on activities for students at Clearspring Elementary School in Damascus, Springbrook High School in Wheaton, and Mary of Nazareth School in Darnestown. This is the second year that they have worked with county students.

The book tells the story of Kojo, a young boy from Ghana who uses part of a microloan to buy one hen, and then sells the eggs laid by the hen to grow his business. Eventually, Kojo becomes the largest chicken farmer in his country, paying wages to support many families in his community, and paying taxes

that improve roads, schools, and other community services.

After reading the book together, the MBI team led the younger students in a role-playing activity to pick an identity of a member in a microloan community, choose a business based on what they believed would be successful for the country's economy, and then experience a variety of economic challenges in their businesses.

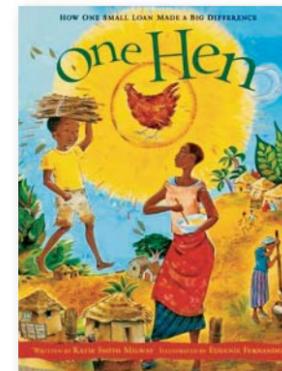
"The kids loved it," said MBI team leader Paola Castillo '11. "They worked together so their group could pay back the loan. There was lots of heated debate. They definitely understood the concept."

When the role playing ended, the MBI team helped the younger students research prospective microloans at KIVA ([www.kiva](http://www.kiva.org)

.org), a Web site devoted to microlending, and allowed the students to make decisions on how to distribute \$150 supplied by the Montgomery College Foundation to fund microloans around the world.

"MBI enjoyed being with the kids, and they enjoyed it, too," said Castillo.

In 2010, the MBI students were named regional champions and also received the Top 20 Best Projects Award in the market economics category at the Students in Free Enterprise competition in Philadelphia for the One Hen project. The team then advanced to the national competition in Minneapolis, where they made it to the semifinal round.



Visit www.macklin.org for more information about the Macklin Business Institute.

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In a remote West African village, a young boy carries the name Stephen. Not a family name or a name handed down from a village elder, it is the name of a Montgomery College alumnus who had wandered down a forest path.

"It was surreal," says 23-year-old Stephen Wood '10, recalling his experience in the College's first-ever Study Abroad Program trip to Senegal and The Gambia. After enjoying a meal and visiting with Mandingo chiefs and villagers, the MC travelers were to report to the bus by mid-afternoon.

Wood arrived at the rendezvous point, but realized the bus was delayed. Strolling into nearby woods, Wood set into motion

a serendipitous chain of events, leading him from a shutterbug professor, to a rooftop goat, to a throng of children, to two old women observing it all.

He greeted the elders in Arabic: "Assalamua alaykum." *May peace be upon you.* They returned the greeting, then invited him (in French) to come closer. Moments later, at their urging, Wood stepped inside a small nearby house.

"It was dark at first," says Wood, "but my eyes adjusted to see a young woman in a blue dress sitting on the bed. Next to her was a bundled yellow blanket.... In my rudimentary

French I greeted her. She introduced herself, and showed me what was inside the bundle. It was a baby, her son—just four days old. When she asked my name, I said, 'Etienne.' She shook her head. 'What is your name in English, please.'" Wood heard a child's voice behind him—in English: *She wants to name her baby after you.*

"While the trip to Africa was by far the most memorable in my experience with the program," says English Professor Greg Malveaux, "every trip abroad has the potential to change lives." As the program coordinator, Malveaux selects destinations

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“Every trip abroad has the potential to change lives.”
—Greg Malveaux
Study Abroad Program Coordinator



Students at the O. P. Jindal Institute of Technology in Raigarh displayed and explained their engineering projects to members of the MC delegation, who toured the institute and learned of the technical programs offered. At left, Professor Margaret Latimer.

Elizabeth Homan

Global Exchange

A team of College faculty, staff, and administrators recently returned from India where they coordinated a national community college symposium in New Delhi. The College received a \$195,000 grant from the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State to organize the symposium, develop a student and faculty exchange program, and create opportunities for faculty development. The College is partnering with three Indian institutions: the O.P. Jindal Institute of Technology, the Guru Gobind Singh Government Polytechnic, and the Industrial Training Institute.

In the fall, educators from the partner institutions will travel to the United States to visit classrooms, meet with faculty and students, and tour facilities. Their visit will provide another opportunity to talk about the community college model and how it might adapt to educate greater numbers of India's citizens. Estimates call for 3,000 to 4,000 community colleges to serve the country.

For President DeRionne Pollard, the initiative with India encourages the College to more closely examine how it might evolve in the global economy.

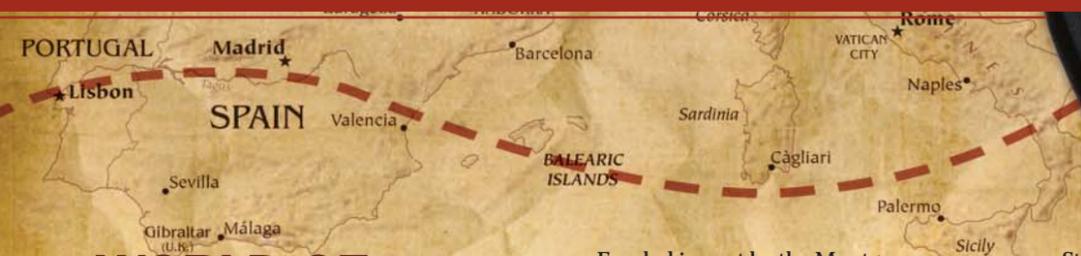
"If you think about global competition, if you think about the significant numbers of students from other shores who will continue to come to the United States for an education, and if you think about our own students who will have to be competitive in the rapidly changing workforce, we will be forced to be much more thoughtful about how we approach our work," said Dr. Pollard. "We will have to think critically about the education we provide."

—Elizabeth Homan

Stephen Wood '10 holds the child who was named in his honor, a rare privilege in Senegalese culture.

Young mother, Diana, poses with her pride and joy for MC Spanish professor Maria Merkwitz.

Village children warmly welcome Montgomery College travelers. (Professor Greg Malveaux, center)



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based on several factors, including safety and the potential to push people, geographically and culturally, beyond their comfort zone. “Dramatic differences,” he says, “create a richer experience.”

Funded in part by the Montgomery College Foundation, the study abroad trip to Africa continues to inspire the College community. After sharing memories and photos, the sojourners partnered with Student Life and the College’s Global Peace and Justice Studies initiative to raise \$4,000 through silent auction events. The funds have already gone to a clean water project in Senegal; the Fatick villagers now have a well and irrigation system for crops. The system will also benefit surrounding villages. Additionally, books were collected and sent for school-aged children.

Stephen Wood, who is pursuing a homeland security degree at UMUC, says he hopes to return some day to meet little Stephen again.

In education and in life, experiences teach what mere words cannot convey.

In that vein, the Montgomery Scholars program has featured summer study in Cambridge, England. Scholars Program Director Professor Mary Furgol says the trip opens students’ eyes to the world.

“Many of our students have taken advantage of the opportunities for ‘high-impact’ involvement that their transfer schools offer,” says Furgol. In its 10-year history, scholars have trekked to Oxford, Hong Kong, and Cuba. “Indeed,” she says, “a number of them have told me it was their experience in Cambridge through the Montgomery Scholars program that gave them the impetus and confidence to apply for study abroad at their transfer institutions.”

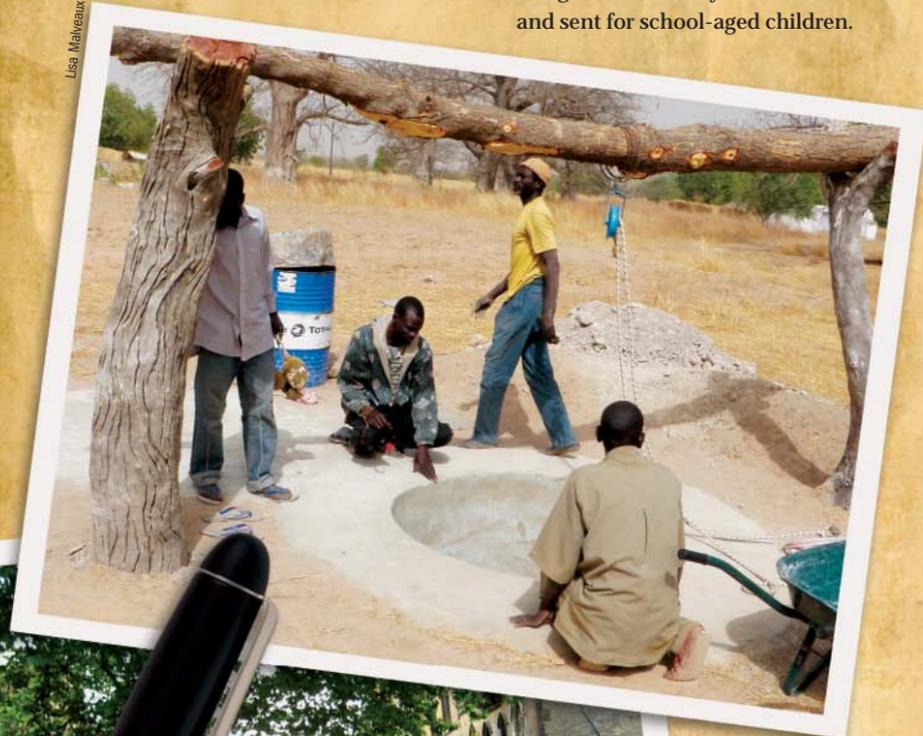
Due to funding shortages, the program will focus on stateside experiences for upcoming students for the near future and will continue to emphasize global research and interdisciplinary ties in its curriculum.

MC faculty, long-time proponents of hands-on learning, service learning, and social responsibility, are stepping up efforts to internationalize courses and curricula. Through discussions, reading selections, and coursework, they steer students toward information that can help them gain a broader understanding of the world.

Whether they come from Ghana or Gaithersburg, MC students are eager to learn about the world. According to English Professor Rita Kranidis, their curiosity and cultural pride often flavor classroom conversations and enhance cultural learning

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Lisa Mahveaux



Top: Fatick residents examine a completed well, provided by fundraising efforts of MC Study Abroad participants and the MC community.

Left: Until this year, Montgomery Scholars enjoyed summer study in Cambridge, England.

Courtesy Montgomery Scholars



With Mary Gregory Jarvis’ support, the renovated and re-named Jarvis Harnar Nursing School provides better training for more nurses. The facility and its affiliated Jackman Memorial Hospital provide care for free to the many patients who travel long distances by foot or bicycle for medical treatment.

Photos courtesy Mary Gregory Jarvis



Mary Gregory Jarvis returned to the Bilaspur region to celebrate the nursing center’s inauguration. Mary Gregory Jarvis, far right, and Dr. Raman Jogi, hospital director, with his family, far left.

Mission Critical: Bilaspur, India

When Mary Gregory Jarvis ’59/Hon. ’05 first visited the Jackman Memorial Hospital in Bilaspur, India, she took note of the run-down conditions and lack of nursing staff. After meeting with Dr. Raman Jogi, the hospital’s director, she learned there was only one nurse for every three doctors. She saw patients’ families who had to prepare and cook their own food outside the hospital, on the ground in makeshift cooking pits. Mary left the hospital that day determined to help.

Through her generous support, the hospital, nursing facility, and a church on the premises were restored, allowing more people in the Bilaspur region access to health care. On its completion, the nursing facility was renamed the Jarvis Harnar Nursing Center, honoring its two most fervent supporters: Mary Gregory Jarvis and Ruth Harnar. Harnar was born in India

to missionary parents, became a nurse, and worked as the hospital’s director of nursing for 35 years.

In addition to its improved overall conditions and increased personnel, the nursing facility and hospital now treat patients for free through affiliation with Christian organizations. “Many patients,” says Jarvis, “travel long distances by foot or bicycle for medical treatment and cannot afford to pay.”

Back home, Mary’s life has focused on her family, church, and community. She credits her upbringing with her lifelong love of learning and community service.

“My father taught us that life is not free and ‘to pay back something,’” she says.

In addition to her philanthropy projects, Mary has been a fourth-grade teacher, a mother to five boys (who all attended MC), a grandmother, and now great-grandmother. One son, Dr. John Gregory, has followed her

footsteps into the mission field. Through his founding and support of The Lazarus Foundation and Children of the World Ministries, Inc., he has provided program guidelines and financial support for orphans, orphanages, and children’s ministries throughout the world.

At 89, Mary Gregory Jarvis may be slowing down, but she still has influence on her church’s board, and she keeps tabs on her family and friends with husband Fred Jarvis, of 26 years. Her passionate support for higher education, including Montgomery College, remains firm.

In her words: “Teaching upcoming generations is the most important mission we have ... Everyone is obligated to teach—whether they are paid or not—this will benefit the future generations.”

—Jessica Warnick ’86

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for all, including herself. After a recent trip to India, she fielded questions from students for an entire class period.

Is it true that India has very many people and is very crowded? What does it look like? What are people our age like? Do they work or go to school or both? How is daily life there? How do people live?

“While they themselves come from many different countries,” Kranidis says, “Asia remains a faraway place they do not expect to ever see for themselves.... They wanted to check the associations in their minds against my recent experience.”

In 2008, the College organized discussions on the whys and hows of internationalizing the curricula. An International Education Task Force was formed to streamline and coordinate ongoing activities and to explore opportunities to further the goal of internationalizing the College.

Why internationalize? According to the task force report, research shows that when students are exposed to personally relevant curricula, they achieve greater academic success and are more likely to stay enrolled and matriculate. As a college degree becomes more important for employment opportunities and advancement, especially in a world made smaller by technology and commerce, the College will continue these efforts to fully engage its diverse student population and, ultimately, boost completion rates (graduation or transfer).

“We live in a global society,” says Germantown Math Department Chair John Hamman. “Our students can’t graduate knowing just our systems....The more connections, the better for them—and for us.” Hamman participated with Kranidis in a higher education symposium on community colleges in India last March, a trip funded by a U.S. Department of State grant.

“We have a plan and a map to internationalize education,” says Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Vice President and Provost Brad Stewart, who oversees the initiative. The plan includes faculty development, mentoring programs, and workshops. Stewart encourages volunteer efforts by faculty. Among his first recruits were American English Language Program professors Sharyn Neuwirth and Margaret Kirkland.

Neuwirth and Kirkland formulated an idea and implemented it in their English as a Second Language (ESL) learning community course, Cultural Identity in a Changing World. The course comprises Reading for Nonnative Speakers II and American English Language II. Neuwirth and Kirkland essentially rewrote their course materials, replacing traditional reading selections and writing exercises with material focused on the Native American culture and experience. Now, instead of memorizing vocabulary lists and verb conjugations, their students strengthen reading, writing, and grammar skills while learning about American history.

Neuwirth received a high compliment recently from one ESL student after the

first semester: “I hope the next course is as interesting as this one.”

While the College explores global enrichment at home, foreign dignitaries have embarked on their own explorations in recent years. Their search for less costly and more nimble higher education and training, which they hope to replicate in their own countries, has led them directly to MC.

Since 2007, MC has hosted official visitors from more than 21 countries, including China, Ivory Coast, Korea, France, and the United Kingdom. Through contacts with the World Bank, the American Council on Education (ACE), and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), Stewart and his team have showcased MC programs, funding sources, relationships with local and state government, and, most importantly, students.

“The dignitaries have been absolutely charmed by our students,” says Kim McGettigan, executive assistant in the vice president’s office. “When a student can tell his or her own transformational story directly to an education minister—in their native language—it is so powerful.” ■

Since 2007 the College has hosted foreign dignitaries from more than 21 countries. Below, visitors from the South African National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) met with Judy Taylor '93, associate director of student financial aid (second from left) and Melissa Gregory '76, college director of student financial aid (second from right). The visit was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education’s American Council on Education.



Sanjay Suchak



By Tina Kramer
Photograph by Sanjay Suchak

Dawn of a New Day

World Music Professor Helps Aboriginal Women Find Their Voices

One of the darkest episodes in Native American history from the mid-1900s through the 1960s was the removal and isolation of children from their families, traditions, and culture to assimilate them into the dominant culture. Young children were forcibly ripped from their homes, often taken far from their communities, and placed into residential schools, where they were poorly fed, clothed, and housed. Many suffered physical and sexual abuse at the hands of their caregivers.

Montgomery College World Music Professor Dawn Ieriho:kwats Avery, herself of Mohawk descent, spent part of her 2010 sabbatical working with 12 Aboriginal women in Canada who were recovering from their loss of culture due to residential and missionary school abuse.

Stationed at the Six Nations Iroquois Reserve in Ontario, Avery worked with elders to teach the women how to sing songs in Mohawk.

“They had lost both their music and language,” said Avery, who trained them to write original songs in Mohawk in the traditional women’s style. Avery then published the songs in a booklet and recorded them on CD. Her newest CD release, “Our Fire,” contains some of the work she did with the women on that project. Several of the pieces were used in award-winning films by the Smithsonian Institution and Rich/Heape Films.

“Culture-based creativity and healing is occurring in indigenous communities and their diasporas all over the world,” said Avery. “It’s an exciting approach to learning, and a powerful reclamation as

indigenous people share their culture with others.”

During her sabbatical, Avery edited and coauthored, with Mohawk elder Jan Kahehtio Longboat, a book entitled *Idawadadi, December 1999–March 2010: Coming Home* (Aboriginal Healing Foundation, Canada: 2010), which chronicles the experiences of residential school survivors, and includes contributions by Aboriginal women.

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Dawn Avery, far right, worked with Aboriginal women in Canada, helping them write original songs in Mohawk in the traditional women’s style.

It’s an exciting approach to learning, and a powerful reclamation as indigenous people share their culture with others.

—Dawn Avery

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Avery's work with the women was based on a program she had developed specifically for music composition students at Montgomery College. This culture-based composition project asked students to study the traditional music of their own culture (or any culture in which they were interested), write original songs in that traditional style, and create an original composition based on those ideas.

Her students' creativity led them to various usages of those themes, and their work premiered this past May at Avery's annual "Water Music for Life" concert, a fundraiser for both student scholarships and UN-sanctioned organizations that support water sustainability around the world.

"It has been exciting to see these students explore world music in new ways," said Avery. "I am grateful that I was supported during my sabbatical by MC to develop my intellect ... to participate in rejuvenating and worthwhile activities, and to be at a College that encourages faculty to continually explore their fields and give back to the students." ■

For information about the world music program at Montgomery College, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/departments/musicrv/worldmusic. For more about Dawn Avery, visit www.dawnavery.com. Her newest CD, "Our Fire," is available at www.cdbaby.com.



Sweet Dreams

When Eric Reid '92 and his wife, Crisoire, began farming their 300 acres in the Dominican Republic, their dream was to build a business that would sustain their families, both in the United States and the Dominican Republic. Over several years, they raised crops and livestock—papayas, tangerines, pigs, and cattle—and with each ag-venture, they learned more about large-scale farming and international markets.

"Farming is not easy," says Reid, who manages the business overseas while working his day job with an IT contractor in Maryland. "A truckload of tangerines got us around \$350–\$400 at the local market, which is a lot of money ... in the Dominican Republic, but not enough to build the business."

While investigating the export markets, Reid was approached by a local land owner looking to sell his property. Reid knew the fertile mountaintop parcel was ripe with potential: the groves were newly established and just beginning to produce. What interested him most were the cacao trees.

"We knew the cacao beans would be a successful commodity," says Reid. "Cacao is a commodity used around the world; and it is newly in-demand in developing countries like China and India," he says.

While the cacao, or cocoa, beans grew and matured, Reid ran into an unexpected roadblock in the supply chain: cooperatives. Essentially, cooperatives are highly structured financial arrangements between large interna-

Photos courtesy Eric Reid



Husband and wife team, Eric and Crisoire Reid, build their chocolate empire truffle by truffle.

tional corporations and local growers; they effectively block new businesses from getting into the game. The only way for the Reids to bring their cocoa to market was to manufacture chocolate themselves.

In addition to building the infrastructure for harvesting, processing, and importing cocoa into the United States, the Reids attended culinary school to learn—and perfect—the art of making chocolate.

In February, the Reids opened SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier, a factory and retail shop in Gaithersburg, Md. Visitors can tour the factory downstairs, where they learn how cacao beans become the irresistible confections Crisoire creates upstairs: bonbons, truffles, and bars. ■

—Diane Bosser

Visit www.spagnvola.com to learn more about SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier.

Photography by Sanjay Suchak

Outstanding Alumni Honored

Each year, the talents and achievements of Montgomery College alumni are recognized at the Alumni Association's Alumni Awards Dinner. Alumni who have made exemplary contributions to their professions, to their community, and/or to the College are presented with the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. At the same event, standout athletes are inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for their extraordinary athletic achievements during their time at Montgomery College and for their contributions on the field and/or as a coach after leaving the College. ■

1 Family, friends, and colleagues gather to fete the alumni honorees.

2 Sue Palka, veteran broadcaster for WTTG-Fox 5, served as the master of ceremonies at this year's Alumni Awards Dinner.

3 2011 Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award recipient Carey Dove '82, center, is congratulated by Alumni Association President Donald Kreuger '63 and President DeRionne Pollard. Robert J. Hydorn '71, Andre Mendes '82, and Edward Riggs '69 were also honored as outstanding alumni.

4 Montgomery College soccer standout Steve Sarles '76 gives his acceptance speech after being inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Three other athletes were also inducted: Jerry Kelley '73, Bruce Lindblad '69, and Jim Steel '86.



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For more event photos and awardee bios, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumniawards.

1950s

William F. Hession, Navy '53, retired as an electrical engineer for the Interboro Rapid Transit (IRT) Section of the New York City Transit Authority, where he specialized in signal maintenance for 30 years.

1960s

Raymond Lazer '61 recently retired from the Maryland State Highway Administration. He was a reviewing appraiser. After he earned his A.A. in business administration, Raymond completed his B.S. in economics at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Stephen S. Bedi '63 is provost of Taylor University in Indiana, where he has served for 20 years after a 26-year career in the Montgomery County school system as teacher, curriculum supervisor, administrator, and area supervisor.

Arlene O'Donnell '68 is a graduate of the 1970 class of Boston University, which attended its graduation ceremony last spring after 40 years. The original ceremony was a casualty of campus closings nationwide, in the wake of shootings at Kent State University.

1970s

Len Jaffe '70 is a contributor to *The Sounding Board*, the official newsletter of The Martin Guitar Company.

<http://bit.ly/dTFTt9>

Michael Krawic '73 is an actor who teaches English as a second language in Santa Monica, Calif. He also participates in the Screen Actors Guild BookPALS volunteer reading program. Having recently completed voice work for *Dorothy of Oz* and work on Showtime's *Shameless*, his next project is the feature film *Leashed*.

David Deitemyer '76 is dean of academic affairs at Moraine Valley Community College. He earned his B.S. in music education from the University of Illinois at Urbana and spent 23 years teaching for Illinois Public Schools.

Patricia Zannie, MCAD '77, teaches at Montgomery College for both the School of Art + Design and Workforce Development and Continuing Education. *Landscape & Butterfly*, her mixed-media collage, won honorable mention at the Maryland Federation of Art's Winter Member Juried Show.



Thompson Named Cartoonist of the Year

Richard Thompson '77 received the National Cartoonists Society's Reuben Award for Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year, the profession's highest honor. He produces a syndicated comic strip, *Cul de Sac*, featuring preschooler Alice Otterloop and her family. He recently published *Shapes*

and *Colors: A Cul de Sac Collection*, and was featured in the *Washington Post Magazine* in May.

He received the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award in 2003 for career achievements and for giving back to the College by returning as guest lecturer in Professor Dan Voss' cartooning classes. About his former student, Voss said, "He was one of the most talented students I had." Rockville Campus readers of the *Spur* were among the first to enjoy Thompson's work in his late-1970s comic strip, *Fleabag Theatre*.

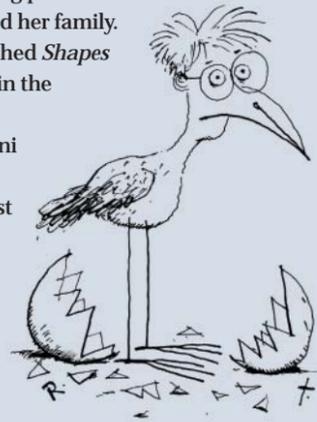


Photo and illustration courtesy Richard Thompson

Michele R. Pajer '78 is a senior lecturer in the English Department at Gonzaga University.

Gail Rubin '78 has authored a second book, *A Good Goodbye: Funeral Planning for Those Who Don't Plan to Die*. Her first book, *A Girl's Pocket Guide to Trouser Trout: Reflections on Dating and Fly-Fishing*, won *ForeWord* magazine's Book of the Year Award for humor.

www.AGoodGoodbye.com

1980s

Eric Johnson '80 is the integrated science instrument module flight structure manager at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Dana Tierney '80 is an IT consultant in Silicon Valley, Calif., and is interested in building contacts.

[facebook.com/adanatier](https://www.facebook.com/adanatier)

Billy Coulter '81 won the Songwriter of the Year award in the Wammies.

www.billycoulter.com

Mike Dupuy '81, a falconry/bird of prey expert and professional public speaker, is editor of the Pennsylvania Falconry Club's magazine.

www.mikedupuyfalconry.com

Peter Hébert '81 is a mortgage lending and real estate consultant. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and history from University of Maryland, College Park and a master's of business administration from St. Mary's University. Last year, Peter authored *Mortgaged and Armed: A Key to Understanding Mortgage Industry Tactics*.

www.MortgagedAndArmed.com

Lisa Cronin '88 is the new volunteer liaison of Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. She is also president and founder of the Sensitivity Awareness Workshop of Southwest Florida, Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps individuals living with various physical, mental, and learning disabilities.

Jeff Halpert '88 has served the Glendale Fire Department in Maryland for more than 19 years and was promoted to fire marshal in June 2010.

1990s

Richard Holley '92 completed the Army Ten-Miler in October 2010.

Elizabeth Turk '92 is a 2010 John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship recipient. She earned her B.A. from Scripps College in international relations and her M.F.A. at the Maryland Institute College of Art. She exhibited sculptures at the American Institute of Architecture (New York) and the National Museum of Women in the Arts (Washington, D.C.).

www.elizabethturksculptor.com

Joseph Giove III '93 is the senior program manager for the Department of Energy's Division of Carbon Capture and Storage Demonstrations. He earned the title of Male Athlete of the Year at the Rockville Campus, before earning a B.S. at Lee University and an M.S. from University of Maryland University College.

Lisa Fowler '93 is art director for designPower. "My husband, **Charles '97**, and I both graduated from MC," says Lisa. "We both value the education we got there." She and Charles reside in North Carolina.

Regina Coll '95 currently works for the American Nurse's Credentialing Center of the American Nurses Association. She manages educational events for nurses seeking board certification.

Lola Akinmade '96 is a writer and photographer. Currently based in Sweden, Lola is competing to earn an opportunity to travel to the North Pole to write, photograph, and blog about the trip for Quark Expeditions.

www.lolagoesnorth.com

2000s



Patience Mbulu '00 returned to the College as nursing faculty in 2010. She has been a clinical coordinator at the National Institutes of Health. She earned a B.S.N. in 2005, an

M.S.N. in nursing administration, and a post-master's certificate in teaching nursing and health professions in 2008, all from the University of Maryland. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in nursing from Walden University.

Tiffanie Sisman '01 is senior manager of a consulting firm, ICF International.

Shamim Seifzadeh '04 is a project manager for the Bethesda Naval Medical Center. She earned her mechanical engineering degree at University of Illinois.

Foday Soko Sackor '05 was a keynote speaker at a UN Millennium Development Goals meeting in April on the topic: "Education of Children in War-Torn Countries in Africa." He is pursuing a master's degree in international affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. He is president of Columbia's SIPA Pan-African Network, a student organization interested in the economic, political, and social development of Africa and its diaspora.

Jeremy Snider '06 won the Best Electronic Marketing Award at the 2010 Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit.

www.visitmontgomery.com

Lebona Yigzaw '06 earned her general studies degree in 2006. She returned to complete the radiologic technology program and graduated last May. She is now a geriatric nursing assistant for Genesis Health Care.

Jule Dastvan '07 was one of 13 young designers named the interior design industry's 2011 Ones to Watch at the Washington Design Center in April. Interior design professor Pamela Gragg says several MC alumni were listed among the area's Top 100 Designers by *Home and Design* magazine.

Peter S. Forkou '07 recently earned his degree in political science from University of Maryland University College. He is a counselor with Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children.



Yolanda Lindo '07 earned her B.S. in nursing from Bowie State University in December 2010. She later returned to Montgomery College and earned the Herb Block and

the Coca Cola scholarships. Yolanda thanks Audrey Hill and Jennifer Dobbins of Student Development for encouraging her to pursue her education.

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Adele Quartin Alperin '76
July 2, 2010

Ann Munson
July 4, 2010

She joined the registrar's office in 1965, moved to the institutional research office, and retired in 1983.

Robert C. Maddox '64
August 28, 2010

He served on the College's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Linda Mona
September 20, 2010

She taught chemistry and was co-chair of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Physical Sciences Department.

Mathilde Gardner '77
October 8, 2010

She began her career at the College in 1967, retiring in 1992, and returning in 1996.

Arlene P. Simons '74
November 5, 2010

Mary Maynard
November 13, 2010

She served in the Rockville Admissions Office from 1960 until her retirement in 1980.

Deborah Brodey '83
November 28, 2010

She was assistant supervisor at the Rockville Campus library, having worked at the College for 24 years.

Dr. Wilfred Saint Jr.
December 5, 2010

He was a professor of sociology and academic dean of applied sciences at Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

Dr. Vergil Dykstra
December 31, 2010

He was the College's administrative vice president from 1978 to 1989.

Donna M. Desmond '72
December 31, 2010

Sol Shaz, M.D., F.R.C.S. '05
January 22, 2011

Saul M. Honigsberg '55
February 1, 2011

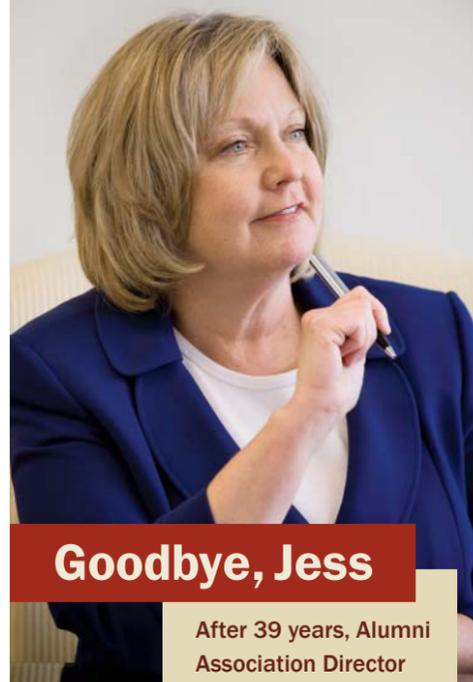
Willie P. Sims
February 19, 2011

He was a part-time faculty member in the Natural and Applied Sciences Department at Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

Robert D. German
March 13, 2011

He was a building maintenance mechanic at Rockville from 1985 until his retirement in 1994.

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



Goodbye, Jess

After 39 years, Alumni Association Director Jessica Warnick will retire June 30.

As I look toward retirement, I can't help but reflect on the most significant changes to the College during my tenure. When I arrived on campus in 1972 as an employee in the English Department, male students dominated enrollment at 58 percent. Today the



High Technology and Science Center



Health Sciences Center



The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center

gender ratio is nearly even, and students now represent 170 countries.

The Rockville Campus had opened in 1965, but did not add a building until 1984, when it opened the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center with a production of *Die Fledermaus*. This fall, 27 years later, the Rockville Campus will open a new science center.

I remember when the Germantown Campus opened with three buildings in 1978. The High Technology building was added in 1996. This year we celebrated the groundbreaking for a Bioscience Education Center, which will complement the future Science and Technology Park and Holy Cross Hospital.

In 2004, it was a joy taking former nursing students through the new Health Sciences Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. They were in awe of the spacious labs and classrooms, and state-of-the-art equipment. Two years later, the Student Services Center,

dedicated to former College President Charlene R. Nunley, opened. In December 2009, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center opened with an inaugural performance by Aretha Franklin.

Other changes during my time here include a revitalized MC Alumni Association, establishment of the Montgomery College Foundation, and enriched partnerships with the business community and local organizations.

I have seen this College grow into a well-respected institution, where students are nurtured and taught to think critically. And while it is inevitable that the College will continue to change, one thing will remain constant: MC will continue to produce exceptional alumni.

Thank you, Montgomery College, for a most rewarding education and career.

Visit Ask Jess archives online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/insights.

Class Notes

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Carli McGoff '07 and siblings Brock, Erin, James, and Casey completed their first album, *Burning Daylight EP*. Two of their songs will be featured in a major motion picture, *A Warrior's Heart*, starring Ashley Greene and Kellan Lutz from the *Twilight* series. The movie is scheduled for release later this year.

www.weareburningdaylight.com

Shernet Dixon-James '08 is founder of the Caribbean Student and Community Outreach Foundation (CASACO). CASACO provides educational, economic, and health assistance to impoverished com-

munities in Jamaica and the Caribbean region.

Warren T. King '08 earned his B.F.A. from the San Francisco Art Institute last year. He has exhibited work at Kitsch Gallery and The Lab in San Francisco. He now resides in New York and is a contributor to *Art Practical*.

Ahadu Tilahun '08, a fifth-year student in George Washington University's joint B.S./M.S. program in systems engineering, completed work on the university's iPhone app, GW Mobile, in January. "The experience was phenomenal," he says, after working for the past year on its design and development. "I am now more interested in

mobile computing and intelligence systems than ever."

Matt Leonard '10, a Hyattsville volunteer firefighter, received a Medal of Valor in October for his work at a February 2010 apartment fire, in which a four-year-old girl was rescued.

Tell us your story.

Send your updates and photos to alumni@montgomerycollege.edu.

Photo Tips: Set your digital camera to the highest image-quality setting, and send your photo exactly as it comes out of the camera. Attach it as a JPEG file to your e-mail.

MC Couples



Courtesy Carmen Zambrano and Jeff Barr

Surrounded by their five children, Carmen Zambrano '82 and Jeff Barr '84 enjoy life in Washington state. The pair met in Professor William Anderson's Systems Analysis and Design class in 1980.

Class Mates

Carmen Zambrano '82 was an international student from Peru, who had always longed to travel to America. "At 16 years old, I went to the American Embassy all by myself to request a student visa," she says. The embassy denied her at first, but she persisted and received help from an uncle in America.

In spring 1980, Carmen enrolled in Professor William H. Anderson's Systems Analysis and Design class, where she met Jeff Barr '84. "After I met Jeff," says Carmen, "I aced all my computer science classes."

Jeff regularly asked Carmen if she needed any help. Apparently, Jeff was

seeking a binary relationship early on (he wanted to be number one—or nothing). Carmen says he was a gentleman.

"We used to do homework together," says Jeff, who had made a last-minute decision that spring to attend Montgomery College, instead of University of Maryland.

Four months after their first date, he proposed. They married after a two-year engagement, and continued their computer science studies together at American University.

Now married for nearly 30 years, Carmen and Jeff have five children—two boys and three girls. They all have visited Peru many times and speak Spanish fluently.

Jeff is a technology evangelist for Amazon Cloud Computing. He works

from home one to two days per week, when he is not traveling. His public speaking engagements have included developer conferences in Europe, China, and Japan.

A Realtor for six years now, Carmen initially worked for an architectural firm for 10 years. She later became a stay-at-home mom and pursued a real estate license.

Although the Barrs have lived in Washington state for 14 years, their extended family still resides in Maryland (two nieces are currently enrolled at Montgomery College).

Recounting their MC memories, and courses like Assembly Language and IBM Mainframes, they also recall two stand-out professors: Katherine B. (Kitt) Simms and John M. (Jack) Lloyd.

The Barrs also continue to encourage others to attend Montgomery College.

"Montgomery College provides an awesome education," says Jeff. Carmen agrees: "[It] is a great way to get started in life, and it is really affordable." ■

—Regina Smith

Jeff Barr has recently written a book on cloud computing. It has been translated in Japanese and Italian, and may be forthcoming in Portuguese: *Host Your Web Site in the Cloud: Amazon Web Services Made Easy: Amazon EC2 Made Easy* <http://amzn.to/fwdPnW>

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Theatre Alumni Reunite

Professor Susan Hoffman welcomed alumni back to the Theatre Arts Arena for their first reunion in March.



(left to right) Dale Weisenfeld Brondorf '88, Professor Susan Hoffman, and Nikki Giddings Rouse '76.



Professor Emeritus Don Day (left) and Ahadu Tilahun '08. (Read Class Notes for more on Tilahun.)

Engineering Alumni Catch Up On New Science Building

Engineering alumni returned in December for a networking event. Faculty and deans updated the group on the new Rockville Science Center. Students from the hospitality management program catered the event.

—Helen Youth

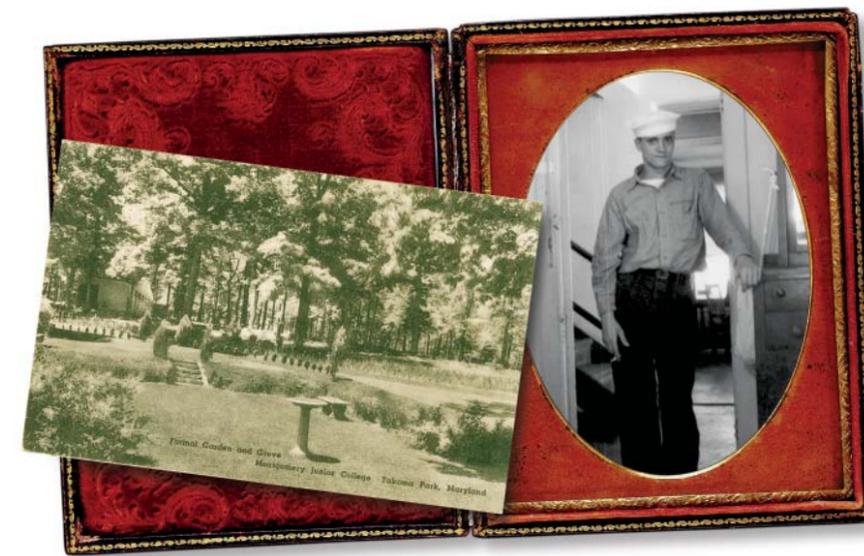
Other News

- New chapter: The TechLeap/WebLeap program, which celebrated its 10th anniversary, has formed an alumni chapter.
- The construction management chapter welcomed new chapter president, Ken McGhee, at its spring meeting in April.
- New nursing chapter president, Professor Linda Rosier '96, recently launched a blog for nurses at mcnursingalumni.blogspot.com.

Save the Date

- Montgomery Scholars annual reunion: Sunday, August 21, 2011, at the Rockville Campus.

Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni for more chapter news, photos, and events. On Facebook, use keyword searches for **Montgomery College alumni** or **program names**.



At a reception for the new Bliss display area, Jack Weisenburger '52 shared a photo of himself as a U.S. Navy radio trainee, and an early postcard of Montgomery College's Takoma Park Campus.

Graduates Share Blissful Memories

Our last issue reported on the new Bliss Electrical School display area in the Commons building, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Attendees at the opening reception shared memories of their Bliss days, and one—Jack Weisenburger '52—also shared copies of news articles, photos, and postcards from the years when Montgomery Junior College offered the Bliss program for U.S. Navy radio trainees.

In the Navy, electrical hazards were not limited to touching the wrong wires. Weisenburger recounted his minesweeper duty aboard LST 209, later named the USS Bamberg County, when he climbed an

antenna mast in rough seas to repair a connection. He found himself dangling over open water as his ship rolled in high waves.

Even Blissters who could not attend sent in their own memories. Perry Crabill '39 provided his set of the brass nameplates Bliss students fastened to the generators and induction motors they built as part of their machine shop training. Images of the nameplates are posted on the Bliss Electrical Society Facebook page.

Crabill himself had two tours at Bliss, first as an Eastern High grad who had won a partial scholarship, and again when Navy service interrupted what became a 41-year

career with the local telephone company. By his second graduation in 1945, Crabill was a new father. His parents and his wife attended the graduation ceremony with three-month-old David, who became restless and began crying. “The disturbance,” Crabill wrote, “apparently caused Lieutenant Miller, head of the Navy school, to end his address to the graduating class early.” ■

—John Libby '80

For information about ways to support the Louis D. Bliss Memorial Scholarship, contact Elana Lippa, director of gift planning, elana.lippa@montgomerycollege.edu.

Bliss School alumni, Bliss Society members, and Bliss Scholarship awardees are invited to join the society's online group. Search “Bliss Electrical Society” on Facebook.



Jack Weisenburger '52 and his wife, Darlene, at last fall's reception for the new Bliss suite.

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Chautauqua 2011

The American Civil War: A House Divided

Join historic figures—Jefferson Davis, Abraham Lincoln, and Harriet Tubman—for an evening of edutainment. In association with the Maryland Humanities Council, Chautauqua provides a stage for scholar/actors to portray historical characters and answer audience questions.

Wednesday, July 6

An Evening with Jefferson Davis
by Doug Mishler

Thursday, July 7

An Evening with Abraham Lincoln
by Jim Getty

Friday, July 8

An Evening with Harriet Tubman
by Gwendolyn Briley-Strand

Montgomery College
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Free admission
240-567-7746



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www.montgomerycollege.edu/chautauqua

SAVE THE DATE



MC Marketplace—Arts Fair and Fundraiser
Saturday, October 22
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
Foundation Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Vendors, caterers, and shoppers: Help raise money for Montgomery College student scholarships. Sponsored by the Montgomery College Alumni Association, the MC Marketplace will feature handcrafted items from local artisans and crafters. Reserve space now!

www.montgomerycollege.edu/mcmarketplace

MC Foundation Golf Classic
Monday, October 3
Woodmont Country Club
Rockville, Maryland

Plan to “play so others can learn.” Now in its 26th year, the annual golf and tennis tournament raises funds for student scholarships. Corporate and individual sponsorships available for all levels. To participate, call 240-567-7974.



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Crazy for You (2010 season) ▲

Summer Dinner Theatre

Journey from Ancient Egypt to Turn-of-the-Century St. Louis with Summer Dinner Theatre

AIDA

June 17, 18, 24, 25, 26

July 1, 2, 3

Elton John and Tim Rice's remake of the classic love triangle complicated by mistaken identity and betrayal set in ancient Egypt. Don't miss this innovative take on the Verdi opera.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

July 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

The 1904 World's Fair is about to open and everyone is happy to be living in the perfect place...that is, until Dad announces the family will be moving to New York. The score includes some of theatre's greatest show tunes: “The Trolley Song,” “The Boy Next Door,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” and “Meet Me in St. Louis.”

Theatre Arts Building, Rockville Campus
\$41.50 adults; \$31.50 children (12 and under)
240-567-7676

Information and tickets:
www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt

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 theatregoers enjoy a delicious buffet dinner before the show. Alumni enjoy 10 percent discount on special performance nights.



Photography by Sanjay Suchak

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Commencement 2011

Graduates, families, and friends gathered together in May for Montgomery College's 64th commencement.



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Student Advocacy Day

Students and President DeRionne Pollard gathered at the state capitol in Annapolis to urge lawmakers to support community college funding.



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Hot Stuff

Richard Lorr '12 heats a piece of metal for a sculpture he was building in a studio at The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center.

