

# INSIGHTS

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BLAIR WITCH

EDUARDO SANCHEZ '90



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### > Germantown Campus' 25th Anniversary May 23, 2003



In October 2003, Montgomery College's Germantown Campus will celebrate its 25th year of changing students' lives. Alumni who attended the Germantown Campus are being invited to special events marking this anniversary, during the collegewide graduation celebration on May 23, 2003. After the commencement ceremonies, Germantown alumni will gather for a special fete and an informal reunion of students, faculty, and staff from the campus. Be sure to attend! Visit our Web site at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni) for other events.

### > Montgomery College/Jordan Kitt's Music Piano Sale December 27–December 29, 2002

Jordan Kitt's Music has recently partnered with Montgomery College to provide new pianos for Montgomery College student instruction each year. This arrangement also provides an opportunity for you—the MC Alumni Association and the MC Music Department hosts a sale of pianos that are only three months old, as well as other new and used pianos.

For information and/or an appointment, call 301-315-2464.

Friday, December 27	By Appointment Only
Saturday, December 28	By Appointment Only
Sunday, December 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Public Sale

Music Building, Montgomery College Rockville Campus.

### > Montgomery College Alumni Eastern Caribbean Cruise February 22–March 1, 2003

If you prefer shoveling snow to swimming in the Caribbean, you can skip this item. However, if you chose to get away this winter, you may want to book a berth on Montgomery College's Alumni Eastern Caribbean Cruise, scheduled for February 22 through March 1, 2003.

The eight-day sail on the cruise ship *Century* will make stops at ports of call in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and the Bahamas. The itinerary promises time to play, to attend shows, and to relax. For information regarding prices and further details, contact **Bernice Grossman** at 301-279-5378.

## DID YOU KNOW?

> **Did you know...** MC is making it easier for alumni to update their contact information. The newly created Web for Alumni allows former students to check the College's current information on them and immediately e-mail the Alumni Association any changes.

Alumni Association members will also be able to see what special interest groups they are included in for targeted College mailings regarding events related to their specific interests. To access this new service, former students must log on to the College's Web site at [www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu) and click the "secure login" box at the top of the page. A screen asking for an identification number and password will appear. The identification is the student's social security number or student identification number. The password is the student's eight-digit birthdate. If your information has changed, get in touch!

> **Did you know...** MC students who transferred to a four-year institution before completing their graduation requirements may still earn their associate's degrees from the College. Under a program to encourage transfer students to complete their associate's degrees, alumni can transfer back to the College, as many as 15 credit hours, for courses they took at a four-year institution. Interested alumni may contact **Ms. Getzandanner** at Germantown, 301-353-7822. **Ms. Chen** at Rockville, 301-279-5042. **Ms. Williams** at Takoma Park, 301-650-1501.

> **Did you know...** You could win a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice. To qualify, just make an online donation to Montgomery College's Annual Fund through the College's secure Web site by December 31, 2002. Your donation offers current-use, unrestricted support to be used where the need is greatest.



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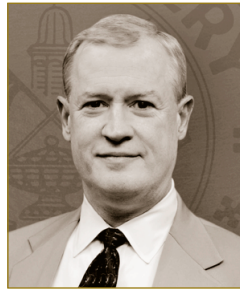
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Back in fall 1967 when I arrived at the Rockville Campus, I was fresh out of high school, and the Rockville Campus was fresh out of the ground. Back then, I had little idea that I would be assuming the leadership of the Montgomery College Alumni Association.

Back then, I didn't know very much about a lot of things. Montgomery College helped me with that, just as it has helped hundreds of thousands of others. It educated us. But if you're reading this, likely you are one of those folks, like me, that MC has helped along the way. MC has been there for us in many capacities, ready to serve with a high quality product, for relatively little cost, and very close to home.

For many of us, MC has been there for more than just that initial academic experience. For many graduates, there are return trips for other courses, lectures, forums, part-time teaching positions, and for some, education for our children. This institution does so much good every day and has for so long. So, is it any wonder that many MC alumni are banding together to give back to MC in some measure?

The College's role in the community is more important than ever, as today's booming enrollments and increased entrance requirements are making it more difficult for students to get into many four-year institutions.

As you know, Montgomery County is far more diverse than in the past. This has presented a significant challenge as our education system attempts to assimilate so many students from other cultures. Montgomery College is now the most diverse community college in the nation, boasting a student body that represents nearly 170 nations. While this is a fact to be celebrated and proud of, it is also an educational challenge to serve well so many for whom English is a foreign language.

Does Montgomery College need the help of its alumni to address these issues? Yes, more than ever. With state and county budgets dwindling in the face of the weakened economy, resources will be stretched just to maintain current allocations, even though student populations continue to grow, and facilities need renovations.

Yes, there are many urgent reasons for alumni to be involved. The College needs our help. I'm on board—but for me to succeed as head of this organization, I need you on board, as well. For the good of the College and our county and state, I ask you to join me and the thousands of alumni who are part of our Association.

Get involved—it's easy. Come to some of our events, read our publications, join the Alumni Association, make a donation, or give us a call at 301-279-5378. Montgomery College needs you now more than ever.

Sincerely,

Mahlon G. "Lon" Anderson '70  
Alumni Association President

**E**duardo Sanchez '90 does not have much of an ego for a celebrated movie director. Oh, the lanky, gentle-mannered co-director of the runaway blockbuster *Blair Witch Project* has ambitions as big as any of his peers among America's emerging young movie directors. Yet, he is equally content to bounce his 21-month-old daughter Bianca Bella on his knee or to unload railing that he bought to repair fencing on his West Virginia property.

"I want to enjoy the stupid things of everyday life," Sanchez answers to a question about his aspirations. "I have learned that there is more to life than filmmaking."

The 34-year-old Sanchez and his wife, Stefanie, both alumni of Montgomery College, have settled into the after-life

of the magical ride that was *The Blair Witch Project* phenomenon relatively unaffected by the hype and notoriety surrounding modern day celebrities.

Sanchez, whose family emigrated from Cuba via Spain to the United States, has done mostly conventional things one might expect from someone who has received a windfall of wealth. In the three years since *Blair Witch* rattled Hollywood's golden gates, Sanchez has given back to his family, bought property, gotten married, and become a father.

As he considers future projects, Sanchez takes into account not only their creative value and importance, but also the reality that he may miss a "big chunk of my daughter's life."

# HIS LIFE AFTER

BLAIR WITCH

BY RICHARD RICHINA





Because of the hype surrounding *The Blair Witch Project*, the rags-to-riches, behind-the-scene story of the film is well known: an independently produced movie financed by maxing out credit cards, filmed using only minimal production techniques but genius touches of experimentation, shot in the woods around Gaithersburg over a two-week period using unknown actors left to their own devices, gets plucked out of obscurity at the 1999 Sundance Film Festival by Artisan, and released as summer fare in the 2000 movie season to meteoric success at the box office, earning investors \$240 million total on a movie that cost \$30,000 to make.

Can the magic of *Blair Witch* be recreated? “Absolutely not,” Sanchez claims, adding that despite its success few people appreciate the film for what it is: “a little movie that got too big for its own good.”

“*Blair Witch* is not a conventional movie; it has no music, no set shots, or scenes,” he notes with a hint of swagger in his voice. “We shot it on video and never dreamed it would make it into the mainstream.”

To the critics of the film’s experimental technique and naive style, Sanchez simply says, “They should rent it and watch it on a video screen and see if it doesn’t affect them.”

While *Blair Witch*’s success has made Sanchez and his co-director, Dan Myrick, celebrities and has given them entry into film industry circles, the pair has struggled to convince investors to back their next project, *Heart of Love*, a comedy about a man who has visions and becomes the center of a cult following. For now, the pair have decided to shelve the film due to the lack of financing, and they are independently working on individual projects.

“Mainstream movie-making is not about art; it is about the bottom line,” Sanchez states with the resignation of a realist, who has confronted the beast and has chosen to tactfully retreat for the time being.

One of Sanchez’s mentors here at Montgomery College, Professor Don Smith, says even as a student, the Wheaton High School graduate displayed a quiet, but firm resolve to get around problems rather than let them derail a project. “He would always find elegant ways to get to a final product,” says Smith of his former student.



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While at Montgomery College, Sanchez gave rein to his ambition to become a film director under the tutelage of Smith and others within the College’s Visual Communi-

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## NURSING A CAREER

Alumna Ora Bailey '68 has the indomitable spirit of someone who has overcome many hurdles in her lifetime, not least of which is the cancer that is currently in remission.

Her career in nursing, for example, had to be postponed for more than two decades while she followed her husband, a career army officer, from post to post. It was only when the family moved to Montgomery County that she again took up her ambition to become a nurse.

After working as a guard at the county's new detention center at Seven Locks Road and then as a clerk at the National Institutes of Health, she was recruited in 1965 to join Montgomery College's inaugural two-year nurse training program that was being offered at the Takoma Park campus.

"I was the only black girl in the class," the 80-year-old Bailey notes. She jokingly complained that her absences were more noticed being the sole minority in a class of 50 students. This is in contrast to today's Montgomery College student population which has representatives from 167 different nations.

Nonetheless, she recalls fondly her experiences of attending the College, noting that the teachers

were "firm but helpful" and the atmosphere throughout the campus was one of "family, one big happy family."

Now that the College is embarking on an expansion of the Takoma Park campus, Bailey is thrilled that her old alma mater will be revitalized and that a program she helped inaugurate will be enhanced by both bricks and mortar and a new commitment to serving the community's health care needs.

The five-year, \$88 million capital improvement program will enhance the College's health sciences program, which are centered at the Takoma Park Campus, with the creation of a state-of-the-art health facility. The Health Sciences Center will not only have the latest modern equipment and labs for students, but will also house a community-based health care clinic, under a partnership agreement between the College and Holy Cross Hospital.

Bailey, who lives only blocks from where the new facilities are going up, looks forward to the new buildings and services, but she is especially excited about the proposed Cultural Arts Center that is also a part of the expansion program. "I want to take classes to see if I can draw a straight line," she quips.



Maryland will need to hire more than 10,000 public school teachers every year for the next 10 years to keep pace with the growing population of school-age children in the state. However, only about 2,500 qualified teachers graduate with a degree in education in Maryland each year.

In response, Montgomery College has joined with the county's public schools and several of the state's four-year institutions to increase the number of qualified teachers produced by these institutions.

The result is a collaborative partnership that aims to identify potential teacher candidates and nurture them through an educational system that utilizes the advantages of Montgomery College and accelerates students' involvement in their professional development.

"It is a fact that students who are identified early and are given an opportunity to work in the field earlier tend to stick with the program and go into the profession," says Dr. Ginny Buckner, who chairs Rockville's Education Department.

A case in point is 19-year-old Michael Frazier, who is a member of the inaugural class of students enrolled in the "Growing Teachers Program," as the collaborative partnership is known. Last winter, Frazier faced the prospect of graduating without any clear idea about a future career. He had vague plans to maybe go into politics or study law. Teaching was the furthest

thing from his mind, despite the fact that his mom is a teacher at Magruder High School.

Through an outreach effort conducted by the Growing Teachers Program, Frazier was identified as a potential teacher, and he spent a portion of his final year taking a fundamentals course in education at the College. Now, he is enrolled as a full-time student in the program with plans to earn a bachelor's degree in education and teach at the elementary school level.

"All my friends are sitting around not thinking about their future," he said during a recent interview. "[The program] is giving me motivation and guiding me toward a future where I can expect to be working and not sitting on a couch after graduation."

While at Montgomery College, participants in the program earn an associate of arts degree in teaching with an emphasis in special education or elementary level education. In addition, students also participate in field work in public school classrooms throughout their two years. The program's courses transfer to any state four-year institution a student might want to attend. However, for students who want to stay local, the College has special articulation agreements with two institutions at the University System of Maryland's Shady Grove Campus—Towson University and University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

For more information, contact the Rockville Campus Education Department at 301-738-1757.

## GROWING TEACHERS

BY RICHARD RICHINA



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## A DEVELOPING CAREER

Alum Stephen Agricola '86 was working a dead-end bartending job when fate sent him a messenger in the person of Montgomery College's Tom Logan.

Agricola's "pipe dream" of being a freelance photojournalist had just been burst by The National Geographic's rejection of a pictorial essay of the Hawaiian Ox, which he and friend had produced, while living on the island state.

Logan, who was then directing Montgomery College's Visual Communications Technologies Program and is now an instructional dean, had heard about this ambitious young photographer through a mutual friend. Logan urged Agricola to "come take my photography class." Agricola, who had previously taken classes at Montgomery College, decided to return.

Now, nearly 12 years later, Agricola credits that offer with giving his career in photography a start, and more importantly, with helping him to discover a passion for teaching.

"I still get excited about taking a good picture," the thin and wiry-built 46-year-old, professional photographer says, as he paces his classroom in Rockville's VCT department an hour before his students would arrive. "But there is nothing like teaching. This is one job I always look forward to."

Since 1998, Agricola has been a part-time faculty member at Montgomery College, teaching alongside some of the same

professors who taught him the basics of his craft. In pursuit of his profession and a curiosity about the inner workings of people, Agricola has earned a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's degree in applied behavioral analysis from Hood College in Frederick.

He is currently working towards a Ph.D. in psychology at George Washington University. He jokes it is not such a stretch that a former bartender would find an interest in "why people act and react the way they do."

While he makes his living in the difficult and fickle world of freelance photography—he sells his photographs to 30 different stock photo agencies around the world—Agricola finds the "passing of knowledge" a much greater challenge.

"I feel like a failure when one of my students wants to drop," he says, the fervor of his feelings evident in his clutching and unclutching of a pen he holds in his hand. "I just want one more class, one more week to convince them they can do it."

His belief in the potential of his students, he says, is a reflection of the belief placed in him by his former professors at the College and the self confidence they kindled in him.

"They would not let you fail," Agricola notes, adding, "I always wanted to succeed, but had no direction; my experience at Montgomery College gave me that purpose and direction."

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cations Technologies Program. Several of his early film projects, including *Video-All* and *Gabriel's Dream*, his first feature-length film, were produced in editing rooms on the Rockville Campus.

Although he earned his bachelor's from University of Central Florida's prestigious film school, Sanchez credits Montgomery College and Smith, in particular, as having had a significant influence on his career. "It was not so much what he [Smith] taught in the classroom," Sanchez says, "but how much he believed in me."

Despite the challenges of breaking into corporate Hollywood, Sanchez is upbeat about the future and is determined to see his

next film on the silver screen within a year. He has several "horror" scripts he is considering, and is also developing a possible independent action/comedy film based on a screen play he has written entitled *White Trash*.

"I am living my dream and will never give it up," he says. "But I want to make movies for the right reasons and be as uncompromising as I can be."

*Editor's Note: For information on Sanchez's forthcoming projects, visit his Web site at [www.freebusmilken.com](http://www.freebusmilken.com).*



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## Newly Elected Alumni Association Board of Governors Members for 2002



**David Brubaker '73**

Mr. Brubaker is the principal of Earle B. Wood Middle School in Rockville, Maryland. After attending the College, he earned a teaching certificate from Frostburg State University and later earned his master's degree in special education from the University of Maryland.



**W. Donald Krueger '64**

Mr. Krueger attended Montgomery College in 1963 and later transferred to the University of Maryland where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. He has been in the banking industry for 27 years and is currently working as a financial advisor at UBS/PaineWebber.



**Judy L. Brubaker '74**

Ms. Brubaker is the principal of Spark Matsunaga Elementary School in Germantown, Maryland. She graduated from Frostburg State University with a teaching certificate and later earned her master's degree in special education from Hood College.



**Ida C. McAuliffe '83**

Ms. McAuliffe earned her bachelor's degree and her master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland. She is active with St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and is a volunteer at Sunrise House, St. Mary's Nursing Home, and American Legion Post 221 Auxiliary.



**Gabriel Derosier '01**

Mr. Derosier is assistant vice president and business development manager at Potomac Valley Bank. He is a member of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce and Business Network International and is majoring in management studies at the University of Maryland, University College.



**Melanie R. Stull '02**

Ms. Stull earned her associate's degree in general studies at the College. She is currently a quality management coordinator for the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and is majoring in psychology at the University of Maryland, University College.



**Branka Kienstra '79-'00**

Ms. Kienstra retired from Montgomery College in 2000 after 21 years of service to the College, most recently as a benefits assistant. She will represent the retired staff of Montgomery College on the Board of Governors.



**Wendy Thompson '92**

Ms. Thompson is the general manager of WZDC-TV 64, the Washington, D.C. affiliate for Telemundo, and VIVA 900 AM. She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Maryland and is involved with the National Center for Community Justice.



**Joyce M. Knight '91**

Ms. Knight graduated from the University of the District of Columbia in 1993. She is currently a flight attendant with United Airlines and is a member of the Association of Flight Attendants. Ms. Knight is also a member of the Washington Area Actors' Center.



**Ratan Achreja**

Mr. Achreja is a Montgomery Scholars student who is serving a one-year term on the Board of Governors as the student representative. He is a computer science major and is also serving as vice president for the Montgomery Student Ambassadors for this academic year.

## CLASS NOTES

> **Wally '56 and Ruth '82 Becker** are happily retired in Boca Raton, Florida. Mr. Becker travels frequently while conducting sales training and enjoys golf. Mrs. Becker volunteers as a moderator at an alcohol and drug rehab center and helps children at local elementary schools learn to read.

> **Sam '57 and Patricia (Kinney) Ridgeway '56** are happily retired in Riva, Maryland, where they are enjoying the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay area.

> **R. David Gill '67** is retired from the Prince George's County Public School System, where he worked as an administrator. He now works as a specialist with the Special Education Department for the P.G. school district and serves as the director of golf for Special Olympics Maryland.

> **Earl Lauer '68** retired as a colonel from the Maryland Army National Guard after 28 years of service. He last commanded the 58th Troop Command, 2,500 guardsmen in 17 armories throughout the state of Maryland.

> **Vernette Molloy '80** received her bachelor's degree in health care administration and then earned a MBA from Frostburg State University. She is now the principal owner of GCPA, Inc. in Fairfax, Virginia, which is a clinical auditing firm.

> **Nicolas L. Relacion '82** is a corporate recruiter with EG&G Technical Services, Inc. and a staff sergeant with the 5th Bureau of Explosives, 78th Division (TS) of the United States Army Reserve.

> **Honorable Lance L. Barry '86** is an administrative patent judge with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. On weekends, Judge Barry tutors minority at-risk children in Anacostia (southeast Washington, D.C.).

> **Denise Cherewaty '86** earned her bachelor's degree from Lamar University and her MSW from the University of Houston. She is a geriatric social worker for the Alzheimer's Association in Houston, Texas.

> **Patricia A. Pickrel '93** earned a bachelor's degree from Hood College in early childhood education. She is currently a pre-kindergarten teacher at Beall Elementary School in Rockville, Maryland.

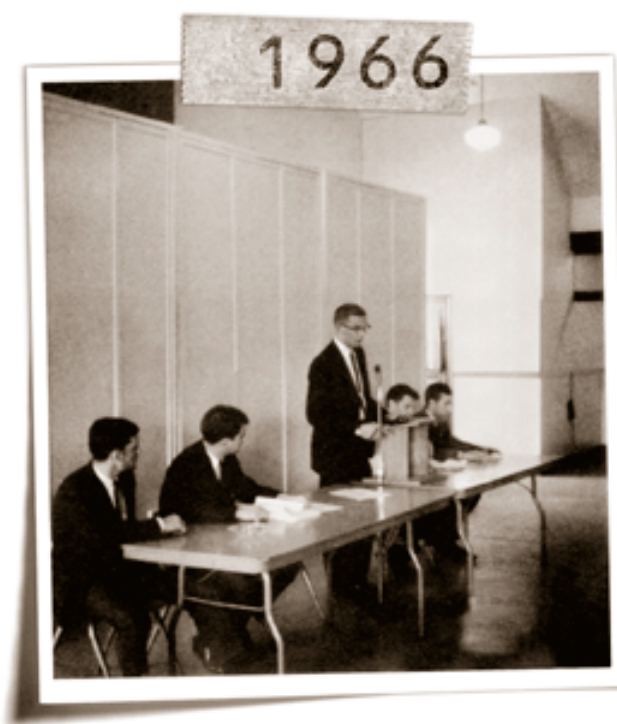
> **Kimberly Ruth Diamondidis '96** graduated from the University of Maryland University College with a bachelor's degree in behavioral and social sciences. She developed an interest in Web design after completing an online course at MC entitled "Exploring the Internet" and is now employed as a Webmaster.

## MC RELATIVES



We try our best to capture the relationships between alumni, but sometimes we miss. If you have a brother, sister, parent, uncle, aunt, grandparent, or great-grandparent who attended MC, please e-mail that information to [alumni@mc.cc.md.us](mailto:alumni@mc.cc.md.us) so that we can update our files.

## REMEMBER WHEN...



The year was **1966** and the administration at MC was proposing to use IBM machines to process schedules for students in an effort to streamline the registration process. The students protested the effort by holding a rally, led by Rockville Student Senate President Taylor Stone (standing). Today, all student schedules at Montgomery College are processed entirely by computer, giving students more free time by eliminating those incredibly long lines at registration that used to be commonplace at MC. We've come a long way, baby boomers.





1) Tom Kleinsorge; 2) Terry McGovern; 3) unknown; 4) unknown; 5) Eugene Kornick; 6) Bernard Corbett; 7) Harold Wood, instructor, drafting and machine shop; 8) unknown; 9) Morris Pomerantz; 10) unknown; 11) Richard Bartlett; 12) Mr. Irvin Schick, head of the electrical curriculum, electronics instructor, and future administrator of MC; 13) Donald Christie, instructor, mathematics and electrical code; 14) William V. Jouvenal, instructor: electrical theory; 15) Robert Mills; 16) unknown; 17) unknown; 18) unknown; 19) Robert R. Green; 20) Jerome S. Brown.

The above photo is of the Bliss Electrical class of 1956, taken in front of the Takoma Park Administration Building. This was the first electrical class to be held after the acquisition of the Bliss Electrical School by the state of Maryland.

I regret to say that after 46 years I have forgotten the names of several of my classmates and the spelling of some of the names may be incorrect. If you can identify any of those “Blissterns,” e-mail the Alumni Office at [alumni@mc.cc.md.us](mailto:alumni@mc.cc.md.us). Write the photo’s corresponding number and name.

I enjoyed reading the article “Reflections of a Prankster” by Mr. Larry Bubes ’56 in the spring 2002 edition of *Insights*.

I can readily attest to some of the legendary antics performed by Mr. Bubes at the Takoma Park Campus. I was enrolled in the electrical course, Mr. Bubes in the psychology curriculum. I assumed that the shenanigans were a prerequisite for becoming a psychiatrist.

Mr. Eugene Kornick ’56 took a job with IBM upon graduation. He became enthralled with

flying and with other interested co-workers formed a small flying club. The idea hit them, “What would happen if the plane developed trouble?” The club members then decided to learn to parachute. His first jump was beautiful, except he broke his leg.

Mr. Morris Pomerantz ’56 worked for years at the National Security Agency (NSA). To celebrate a wedding anniversary he took his wife to an Asian restaurant in Baltimore. He then spent the better part of a week explaining to federal authorities why he was at a Communist enclave.

I worked in a telemetry test lab with six other engineers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). During that time, I received NASA’s coveted “Silver Snoopy Award,” NASA’s highest civilian award. It was presented to me by John Biggs, NASA administrator and astronaut James Buche. —Richard Bartlett ’56

*In 1950, the grounds of the Bliss Electrical School in Takoma Park were purchased to establish Montgomery College’s first campus.*

The Alumni Association would like to pay a tribute to Montgomery College faculty and staff who have within the year passed away.

## Kirsten Shumway

December 1, 2001  
Senior Administrative Aide  
Humanities Department  
Rockville Campus

## Margaret D. Russell

December 27, 2001  
Administrative Aide  
Psychology Department  
Rockville Campus

## William Etz

May 7, 2002  
Instructional Assistant for  
Electronic Technology  
and Engineering  
Business, Science, Mathematics,  
and Technology Department  
Germantown Campus

## Mary Gordy

May 11, 2002  
Accounts Payable Supervisor  
Montgomery College Bookstore  
Rockville Campus

## Paul L. Peck

June 15, 2002  
Professor Emeritus  
Biology Department  
Rockville Campus

## Marjorie Edwards

July 3, 2002  
Professor and Former  
Instructional Dean  
English Department  
Germantown, Rockville,  
and Takoma Park Campuses

## Norton R. Schonfeld

July 17, 2002  
Professor Emeritus  
Criminal Justice Department  
Rockville Campus

## Polly Ann Proett

August 11, 2002  
Professor Emerita and  
Head Librarian, Retired  
Germantown and  
Rockville Campuses

## Frank E. Gentry

September 2, 2002  
Building Equipment  
Mechanic, Retired  
Facilities Department  
Rockville Campus

## ALUMNI AWARDS

### 2002 Outstanding Montgomery College Alumni

#### > Howard C. Behrens '56

Howard Behrens is a world-renowned artist whose signature palette-knife paintings are sold in galleries around the world. His home/studio is located in Potomac, Maryland, where he creates paintings of romantic sunsets and hillside paths, powerful mountain vistas, and quaint Mediterranean villages. Mr. Behrens was one of the official artists for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and he holds a master's degree in fine art from the University of Maryland. For more information on Mr. Behrens or to view many of his paintings, visit [www.howardbehrens.com](http://www.howardbehrens.com).

#### > Robert F. Costello III '64

Robert Costello has been a long-time supporter of Montgomery College, having served on the Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors since 1990, and has just completed a two-year term as President of the Montgomery College Alumni Association. He was instrumental in launching the College's first annual fund drive and anniversary golf tournament and helped establish the MC Athletic Hall of Fame. He has received an honorary degree from Montgomery College for his service to the institution. Mr. Costello earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and holds a professional designation of certified financial planner. He is currently Senior Vice President of Investments for UBS/PaineWebber in Bethesda, Maryland.

#### > Donald E. Dworkin '62

Donald Dworkin, Montgomery College graduate of 1962, is an award-winning senior broker for First Capital Realty. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in education from George Washington University. He has served on the Board of Governors of YACHD (Hebrew for "together") where he funded and provided professional expertise to inner-city minority non-profit groups. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, The National Multi-Housing Council, and the Jewish Community Housing Development Corporation of Greater Washington. Mr. Dworkin has been involved with the Montgomery College Annual Golf Classic since 1991 and in 1997 he became chair of the event.

#### > Dana Kelly '75

Dana Kelly graduated from Montgomery College in 1975 with an A.A. in early childhood education. She continued her studies in special and elementary education at the University of Maryland and earned a master's in special education at Indiana University. She has been teaching for 24 years, most recently at Southwest Elementary School in Lakeland, Florida. Ms. Kelly earned an induction into the National Teachers Hall of Fame, Class of 2002, an honor that only five teachers nationwide receive each year. She has also written and received five United Way "Youth Promise" grants and has established a model school youth council that reads and approves mini-grant applications for special teacher projects.

#### > Irvin H. '47 and John F. Schick '39

Irvin H. and John F. Schick are graduates of the Bliss Electrical School, the original home of the Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus. Irvin, a Bliss graduate from 1947, later earned a master's of science in electrical engineering. For 28 years, he served as one of Montgomery College's dedicated administrators and retired as administrative vice president. He also taught at Bliss and later at the College part-time following his retirement. Irvin's brother John is a Bliss graduate from 1939. John had a long and exceptionally successful career at IBM and is currently enjoying his retirement in Binghamton, New York.

#### > Jorge R. Urrutia '74

Jorge Urrutia earned his associate's degree from the College and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. Mr. Urrutia has worked for the U.S. Department of Defense, where he was responsible for the construction of military facilities throughout the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, and the Indian Ocean. He received the Secretary of Defense's certificate of recognition for contributions during the Cold War and a certificate of appreciation from President Jimmy Carter. Mr. Urrutia has also worked as director of engineering for NIH. Currently, he is the director for administration and chief financial officer for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). In September 2002, the Secretary of Commerce recognized Mr. Urrutia with the highest award from the Department of Commerce: the Gold Medal.

#### > W. Gregory Wims '70

Greg Wims has spent more than 30 years volunteering his time to organizations in the Montgomery County area. He is the founder and volunteer president of the Victims Rights Foundation, Inc., which raises money to assist crime victims, their families, and communities. Mr. Wims has served as president of the state and county chapters of the NAACP; chairman of the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission; president of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase YMCA; and on the board of directors for Montgomery County Boys & Girls Club, Leadership Montgomery, Olney Theatre, Committee for Montgomery, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and Children's Charities Foundation. He has received the key to the City of Gaithersburg for 25 years of volunteer service and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Human Relations Commission of Montgomery County.

#### > Morgan Wootten '52

Coach, author, and former teacher Morgan Wootten attended Montgomery College in 1951 and 1952. Wootten began his professional career at Dematha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland in 1956, where he taught world history and coached basketball and football. Over the next 45 years he became a basketball coaching legend and still holds the record for all-time victories by a high school basketball coach. Wootten was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for his lifetime



achievements in October 2000. He is only the third high school coach in the award's history to be so honored. He has also written five books including one that is the best-selling basketball book of all time, *Coaching Basketball Successfully*.

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Do you know a Montgomery College alum who has excelled in his/her profession or has contributed significantly to the community or to Montgomery College? Then let the world know about it! Nominate that person for the *Milton F. (Sonny) Clogg* Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

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### 2002 Montgomery College Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

#### > Dennis J. Casey '78

Dennis Casey was the leading scorer and rebounder for the 1977 and 1978 Montgomery College basketball teams and was also both teams' MVP. He was All-Conference and All-Region for the 1977 team and All-Conference, All-Region, All-Tournament, and All-American for the 1978 team. He received his bachelor's degree from Coastal Carolina University where he attended on a full scholarship and was an Academic All-American. Mr. Casey later earned a master's degree in education administration from the University of South Carolina. He has been a volunteer coach for the Columbia (MD) Basketball Association and the Columbia Youth Baseball Association.

#### > Francis A. Parry, Jr. '69

Francis Parry was a member of the track and field team that won the Maryland JUCO and Region 15 NJCAA championship in 1968 and 1969. He was the MC record holder for the 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash and was the Region 15 NJCAA 220-yard dash champion in 1968. Mr. Parry has taught in the Montgomery County Public School System for more than 29 years, and today serves as the Head Coach for the Gaithersburg High School track and field team. Under Mr. Parry's leadership, his teams have won over 64 division, regional, and state championships in both indoor and outdoor track events. He was named All-Metropolitan Track Coach by *The Washington Post* in 1995 and has been named Outdoor Track Coach of the Year by the *Montgomery Journal* and the *Gazette* newspapers. Mr. Parry received his bachelor's degree from Towson State University and his master's degree from Bowie State University.

#### > 1990 MC-Rockville Golf Team

Under head coach Dutch Hahn, the 1990 golf team—Bernie Deane '92, Brian R. Grimes '91, Michael J. Kenny '94, Michael Meyer '95, and Scott A. Peterson '90—went 15-0 to become the Maryland State JUCO champions and the JUCO Division III National Champions. Team member Brian Grimes won the longest drive contest for all divisions at the JUCO National Championship Tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona, driving the ball 317 yards.

### 2002 Alumni Scholarship Awardees

#### > Kelly Marie Enis

Kelly Marie Enis, 18, a graduate of Seneca Valley High School, plans to be a teacher and is enrolled in the College's Growing Teachers Program. She was an honor roll student throughout her high school career. Also, she was a student athlete at Seneca Valley and a member of several high school and church choir groups. Ms. Enis received an Alumni Association Scholarship.

#### > Jennifer Faria

Jennifer Faria, 18, a Highpoint High School graduate, is considering a major of general studies and may study psychology at Montgomery College. While at High Point, she was the on-air anchor for the morning news program that reported all the happenings at High Point. She also was a member of the Hispanic Club. Ms. Faria received the Statue of Liberty Scholarship.

#### > Janice Strasser-King

Janice Strasser-King, 20, is pursuing a degree in education and psychology at Houston Baptist University. While at Montgomery College, she was a member of the Montgomery Honors Program and the Montgomery Student Ambassadors, and she served as the student representative on the Alumni Board in her final year at the College. Ms. Strasser-King received an Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

#### > Ezinne Uzo-Ororo

Ezinne Uzo-Ororo, 19, is attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to pursue a degree in computer science. She began her college career at Montgomery College at 15 after emigrating from her native Nigeria in 1999. Among her many accomplishments at the College, she was the president of the Montgomery Student Ambassadors two years running and she graduated with honors. Ms. Uzo-Ororo received an Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

#### > Richard Wyne

Richard Wyne, 18, a Poolesville High School graduate, is majoring in MC's pre-medicine program and expects to pursue a career as a doctor. While at Poolesville, he was a student athlete, participating in wrestling and cross-country and was a member of the National Honor Society. He is also an accomplished pianist. Mr. Wyne received an Alumni Association Scholarship.

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