

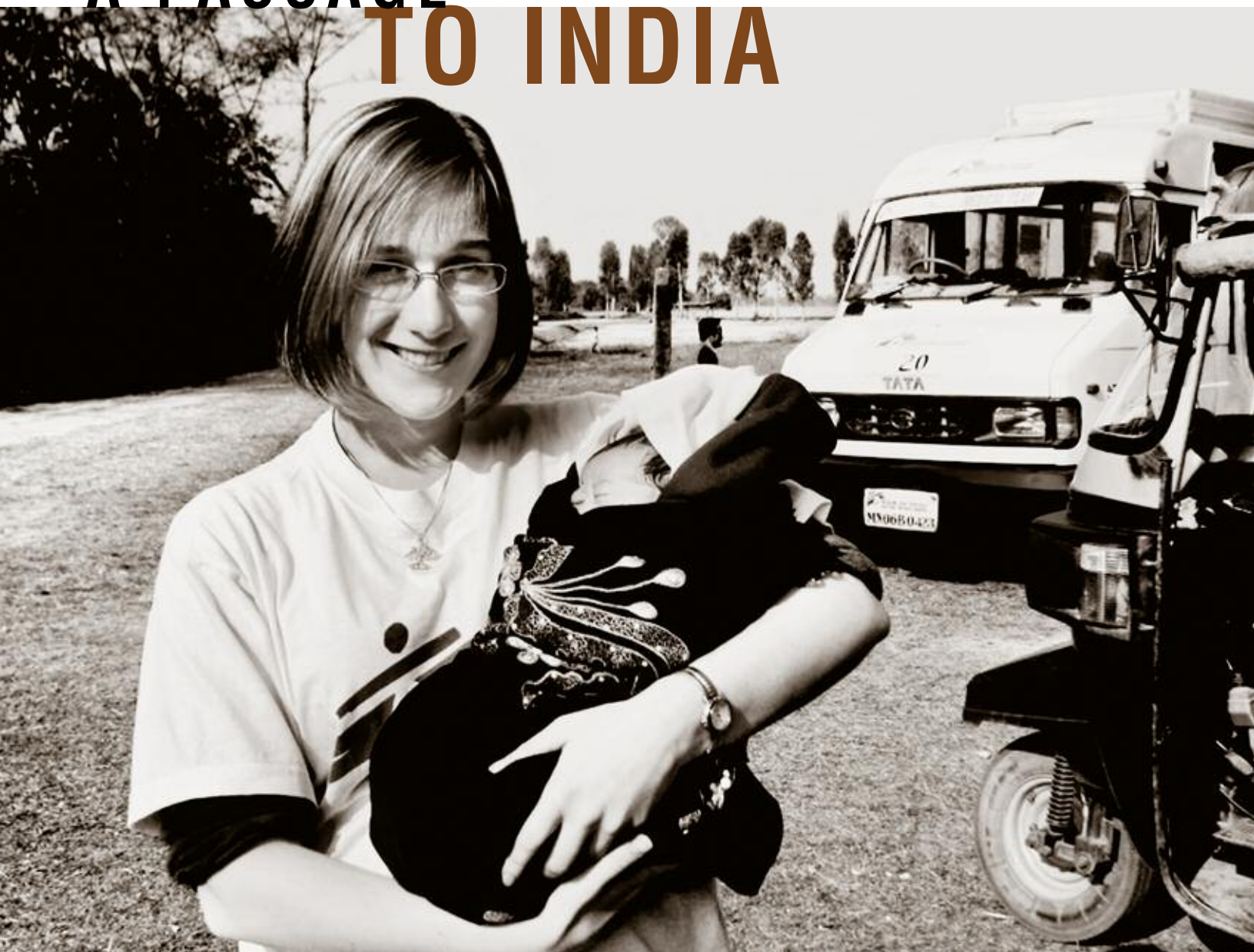
# INSIGHTS

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A PASSAGE

MICHELLE MAYS '02

TO INDIA



## Message from the Interim President of Montgomery College



**G**reetings! As many of you may know, I came out of retirement to assume the role of interim president in September. I was humbled and honored that the Board of Trustees granted me this opportunity to give back to the institution that I love, having served as the vice president and provost of the Germantown Campus for many years.

The Board of Trustees set three major goals for me during my tenure as interim president: restore stability, rebuild confidence, and prepare Montgomery College for the future.

Thankfully, the work of our outstanding faculty and staff has meant that our College is not only stable but strong. Their tireless efforts and dedication have kept the institution focused on our mission of changing lives.

I am proud to report there is widespread support for the College across Montgomery County and the state of Maryland. Governor Martin O'Malley, County Executive Isiah Leggett, and many legislative and community leaders from our county have spoken positively to me about Montgomery College. Much of their support is the direct result of your good work and accomplishments—our alumni are incredible ambassadors for the College.

In fact, our alumni have been among our strongest and most steadfast supporters. Through good times and difficult times, you have advocated for the College, our mission, and our students. The College and I thank you. And to the Alumni Board of Governors, who give tirelessly of their time and energy to Montgomery College, your volunteer service is especially appreciated.

In my short tenure as president, I receive confirmation every day that our alumni are everywhere. At almost every event I attend, I meet or become reacquainted with Montgomery College alumni. One of the wonderful things about community college transfers and graduates is that they often stay close to home after college, so we benefit directly from their contributions to our community.

I encourage you to stay in touch with the College, through our wonderful Alumni Office staff professionals and the College Web site. As part of my commitment to openness and transparency, I am posting both my public schedule and weekly video blogs on the College's e-newsletter. I encourage you to visit and perhaps learn something new about the College along the way (<http://insidemc.montgomerycollege.edu>).

As we prepare for the future, there will certainly be challenges. Both the county and state anticipate serious revenue losses, which may mean additional budget cuts for Montgomery College. This is especially worrisome during an economic downturn, as our College is more important than ever as a source of affordable education and retraining. Just this fall, a record 26,000 students enrolled in credit programs at the College. As part of our mission, it is imperative that we make room for all who can benefit from Montgomery College.

We hope you will support us in these efforts and remain engaged in the future of Montgomery College and our mission of changing lives. As alumni, your successes and achievements are a living testament to that mission.

Thank you for all you do and achieve in your communities. We at Montgomery College are proud to call you alumni.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hercules Pinkney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'H' and 'P'.

**Hercules Pinkney, Ed.D.**  
**Interim President, Montgomery College**

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## Message from the President of the Alumni Association



Each year, the Alumni Association recognizes a selection of exceptional former students with the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Awards. One of this year's honorees, Michelle Mays, set the record for the youngest alumna honored with the award, and you'll see why as you read more about her in this issue of *Insights*.

Thousands of former Montgomery College students—graduates and transferees alike—have built amazing careers and made remarkable contributions to their professions and their community. Those are the qualities we look for when presenting our annual awards. So why do we learn about only a few of these alumni every year? One reason is that we're surrounded by so many success stories, it often doesn't occur to us to connect those successes back to a Montgomery College education.

I'd like you to help us change that by nominating a fellow alum for a future award. I'm sure I'm not the only one who's kept in touch with MC classmates throughout my career. Think about friends from your MC days, and consider whether their lifetime accomplishments set them so far above their peers that they warrant recognition. If you're in the working world, ask a successful colleague, your boss, or her boss whether they attended MC, and consider putting their names forward.

Even if you don't know anything spectacular about a classmate, let us know about them. It's how we keep our Class Notes up to date. Please use the reply envelope in this issue to update us on your classmates' news—and your own.

Of course, recognizing outstanding alumni isn't the only thing your alumni association does. Our main focus is to help you continue transforming your life, just as MC did when you were a student. As part of that effort, we are reviewing our benefits to ensure that you have opportunities available only to Association members—and that what we offer will be useful to you. This issue inaugurates a section devoted to Association benefits, a section we hope to expand soon.

Next year, you'll see a new look for *Insights*. We're going to add content and freshen up the design. But *Insights* is still your magazine—and if we're not offering the information you need, I hope you'll let us know how you think we can improve. Again, use that reply envelope to help us meet your needs.

There is, of course, one more way that envelope can help. By the time you read this, we hope to conclude Montgomery College's first \$25 million fundraising campaign. It was an ambitious amount when we started, and the recent economic situation didn't make it any easier. It is now even more important for us to give back to MC to support student scholarships, when so many of our students are finding it harder to afford tuition on their own. I hope you'll consider making a contribution to our Annual Fund. If your MC experience led to your success, please include something in that envelope that will help our newest generation of students transform their lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. Costello III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark at the end.

Robert F. Costello III '63  
Alumni Association President

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Montgomery College honored Michelle Mays '02, B.S.N., M.A., for her exceptional service in the areas of "children, peace-building through health initiatives, and humanitarian negotiation"—activities that have taken her to the West Bank, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and India.

BY CAROLINA PENA '07

# A PASSAGE TO INDIA

**F**ew people can honestly say they have given their life to service as Michelle Mays '02 has done. Since graduating from Montgomery College and completing the Montgomery Scholars honors program, Mays has woven her passion for nursing and volunteering into a fulfilling life overseas with the nonprofit Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), also known as Doctors Without Borders.

"Many different experiences and opportunities have led me here," Mays explained.

Her path led her to Manipur, a state in north-east India on the Myanmar (formerly Burma) border, where she recently completed her tour of service. Through five clinics, Mays and her colleagues provided care in the areas of reproductive health, mental health, nutrition, HIV, and tuberculosis.

"We see several hundred patients a day, so we keep quite busy," said Mays in an e-mail. "My job also spans several areas, so each day has new surprises."

In her role with MSF, Mays supervised the other nurses, health educators, and clinic staff. She was also in charge of health education and outreach, clinic management, and vaccinations.

"I have learned from the experiences here and from my colleagues. I'm proud to have worked with a talented and dedicated group," she said.

Mays' volunteer work and service led Montgomery College's Alumni Association to name her as the youngest alumna ever to receive the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. Mays could not attend the award ceremony because she was working in India, but she sent a special video message to the Alumni Association, other honorees, and special guests. Her brother, Daniel Mays '08, accepted the award on her behalf.

**"The most valuable thing I gained from Montgomery College was a desire to learn and obtain an understanding of the world that is holistic, not just from one perspective..."**

Mays credits her experience in the Montgomery Scholars honors program with influencing her career and education. "I started out at MC thinking that I would finish school as soon as possible—maybe an A.A. and that would be it," she recalled. "However, being a part of the Scholars made me want to go farther than that." Mays' eyes were opened as she studied and participated in the program's team-taught, interdisciplinary core curriculum during her freshman year.

"Dr. [Mary] Furgol unforgettably showed us a picture of the world and asked us to think about how we saw the world differently from when we first began Scholars," she explained. "My view had certainly changed because what I learned made me want to learn and experience more than I had before."

Since high school, Mays had planned on becoming a nurse, but her experience at Montgomery College and the Scholars program helped her realize that a career in a hospital would not be her best choice.

"The most valuable thing I gained from Montgomery College was a desire to learn and obtain an understanding of the world that is holistic, not just from one perspective or from what is readily apparent. In Scholars, we studied periods of history from the perspectives of philosophy, literature, history, and art history, which gave us a much more whole understanding of the period than one of these perspectives can allow on its own."

Mays went on to obtain her nursing degree from the University of Maryland, followed by a job at Johns Hopkins Hospital for four years. During that time, she had the opportunity to work as a nurse in India for a local organization.

With an ever-growing interest in international relations and international work, she enrolled in what she considers the "perfect" graduate program for her—International Relations/Conflict Resolution—at The American University's Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs program. It allowed her to combine her interests in ethics and philosophy, and to do graduate research in the West Bank and in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the issues of children and violent conflict, peace-building through health initiatives, and humanitarian negotiation.

Given her extensive preparation, Mays is not only trained and experienced to carry out her daily work in Manipur but she has the long-term, humanitarian vision necessary to ensure a healthy future for a community in need. But when it comes to her own future, she is still trying to figure out what is next: continuing her work for Doctors Without Borders or pursuing a doctorate degree.

Whatever Mays' future will bring, one thing is for certain—her experience and real-life education in India will serve her well.

"I will certainly be able to draw from what I have learned here for many years to come!"

BY TINA KRAMER

# IN A CLASS BY THEMSELVES

## Two Select Honors Programs Celebrate Tenth Anniversaries

Michelle Mays '02, recently honored with the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, participated in the Montgomery Scholars—one of two signature honors programs now reaching a 10-year milestone.

### Montgomery Scholars: From Students To Citizens Of the World

**A**n inaugural class of 25 Montgomery Scholars arrived on the Rockville Campus in the fall of 1999. The honors cohort program was new and untested; professors joked with the initial group of scholars, calling them “guinea pigs.”

The academically rigorous program was designed to transfer students at the end of their sophomore year to the nation’s finest colleges and universities. Scholars enjoy opportunities for research, study, and summer attendance at the University of Cambridge in England. At the heart of the program is a curriculum of specially designed, team-taught honors seminars.

“I think we, the professors, were more nervous, fearing we may have been too ambitious in our dreams,” said Dr. Mary Furgol, director of the program. “Ten years and 275 students later, it’s hard to realize how concerned we were.”

The scholars program has received local and national awards and has been the center of written accolades in major newspapers including *The New York Times*. Honors faculty from



Founded in 1999, the Montgomery Scholars program has graduated nearly 300 students who have transferred to prestigious four-year institutions.

other colleges often seek out the Scholars program as they begin similar programs.

The Scholars have flourished academically at Montgomery College and have contributed to the College community through the student newspaper, on the athletic field, in numerous clubs, in student government, on the board of trustees, and as tutors and volunteers.

They have also succeeded at their transfer institutions, from the University of Maryland

to Georgetown to the University of Geneva. Nearly 30 percent are in graduate programs, and three scholars—Min Bui '01, Yiyi (Coco) Tsai '02, and Ekta Laheri '03—have earned their doctorates. Four others are currently enrolled in doctoral programs.

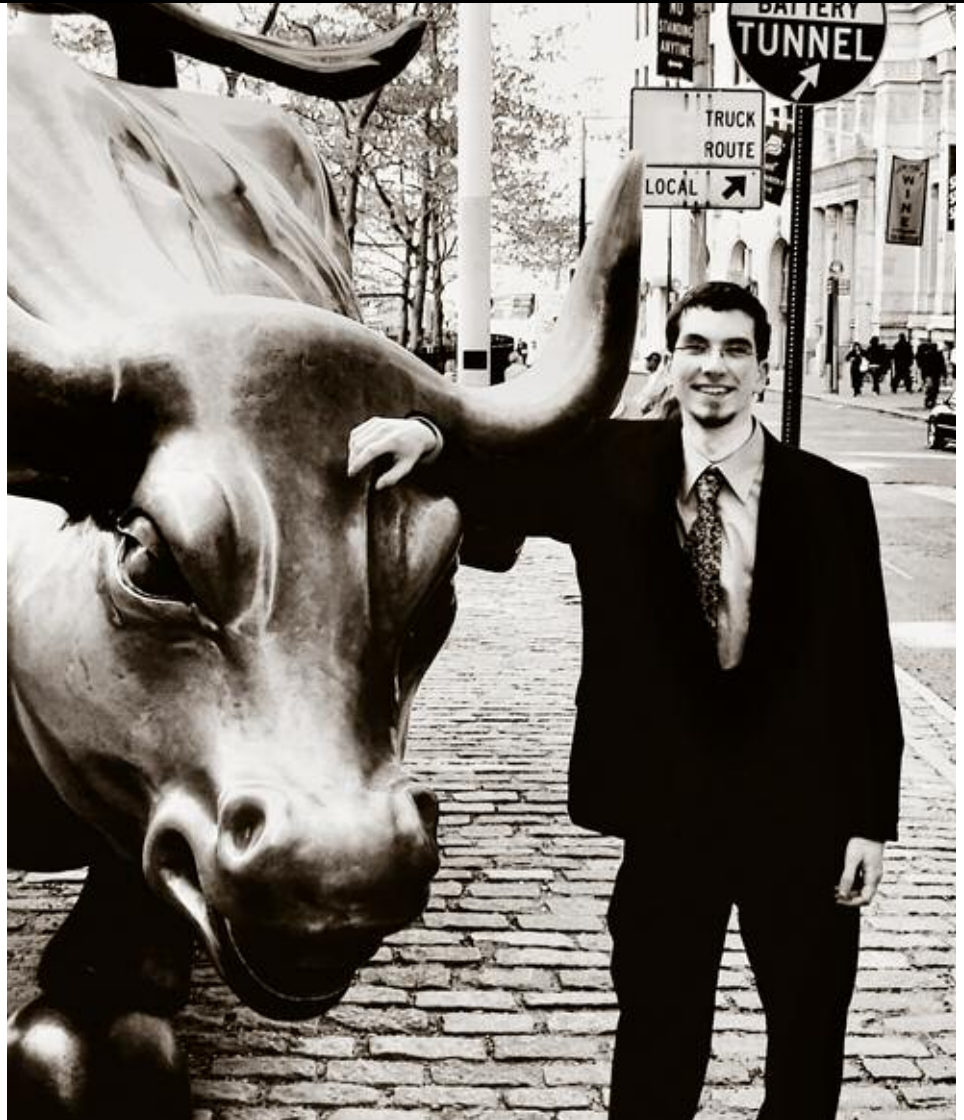
Their social consciousness is reflected in a range of service, from volunteering as emergency medical technicians in Montgomery County to working for the Peace Corps, Teach for America, and Medecins Sans Frontieres.

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The Montgomery Scholars program will hold a 10th anniversary celebration on August 21, 2010 (see Alumni Chapter News, page 9). Montgomery Scholars alumni are invited to check the Montgomery Scholars group on Facebook for updates.



David Adi '06 (shown in Manhattan on a class visit to the New York Stock Exchange) was among the first decade of Macklin Business Institute students.



## Macklin Business Institute: Educating Tomorrow's Business Leaders Today

It was just business as usual when the Macklin Business Institute (MBI) team walked off with top honors this fall at the Loyola Marymount University Intercollegiate Business Ethics Case Competition in Chicago. The Macklin students, pitted against college juniors and seniors, college graduates, MBA students, and MBA graduates, were outnumbered by more than five to one.

Winning local, regional, and national business school competitions comes naturally to MBI scholars, but the team of four almost didn't make it to the competition.

"We thought we had to pass up this opportunity for our students, but the director of Loyola's Center for Ethics stepped up with a \$3,200 grant

to help cover our travel expenses," said MBI Director Steve Lang. "He said it was important for our students to be at the event because he considered Montgomery College 'one of the competition's greatest success stories,' and he echoed those sentiments again after our students were named the overall winner."

MBI was established 10 years ago with a \$1.26 million contribution by the late NASDAQ founder Gordon Macklin—the largest endowment for a community college at the time. In the past decade, about 170 students have graduated as Macklin scholars, with nearly all continuing their business education at institutions such as Georgetown University, Cornell, NYU, and the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

One MBI focus is on experiential learning opportunities. Students thrive in an environment beyond classroom walls, managing the MBI Café at the Rockville Campus, which serves Starbucks® coffee. In fact, the Café's business plan that MBI students developed in 2003 is now an operational business that generates almost \$120,000 in yearly revenues. Profits go toward scholarship assistance for future Macklin scholars.

MBI is the first two-year college program to receive a grant from the NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation, with \$400,000 recently committed to an endowed scholarship fund. Gifts such as this have helped MBI grow from a sophomore-level honors program to include a two-year program for entering freshmen.

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The Macklin Business Institute celebrated its 10th anniversary last spring. Macklin alumni are invited to check the MBI Alumni group on Facebook for updates.

BY JOSEFINO SABIO

# 2009 ALUMNI AWARDS

## Retired Dean, Statesmen, and Athletes Honored

**M**ichelle Mays '02, Maryland State Senator Royden P. Dyson '69, Dean Emeritus Thomas M. Logan Jr. '73, and Walter Kevin Hughes '80 were among eight former students honored at the Alumni Association's April 2009 Outstanding Alumni Awards program. A sense of achievement, service, and dedication to others in the larger community is shared by all four co-recipients of the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

The award, named in honor of Sonny Clogg '48, recognizes noteworthy alumni for exceptional service to the College, to their professions, or to their community.



**Roy Dyson** has served District 29 (Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties) in the Maryland Senate since 1995. From 1981 to 1991, he represented Maryland's 1st District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

His concern for the people of southern Maryland, notably his support for the St. Clement's Island-Piney Point Museum in St. Mary's County, was noted in his award presentation.



**Tom Logan** went from a Montgomery College student to a 30-year faculty member and dean, retiring in 2004 as instructional dean for the Fine, Performing, and Visual Arts Department and as director

of the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center. He was honored for service, since his retirement, as a trained volunteer with Court Appointed Special Advocates in West Virginia. He investigates cases of child neglect or abuse, and ensures that children

removed from their homes have their basic needs met. He also assists children with behavioral or academic problems, and reads aloud to students, employing his skills as an amateur magician.



**Kevin Hughes** has used his public policy experience in both the State General Assembly and the Governor's Office to help enhance community college resources and to provide greater access for students.

As senior staff to the Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee, he worked with Del. Henry B. Heller '62 to improve funding formulas for Maryland community colleges. His work with the Maryland Association of Community Colleges also enabled him to provide valuable advice to college administrators on the legislative process.

### Athletic Hall of Fame

The association inducted Mike Carroll '66, Jim Meehan '69, Dino Miltiadou '72, and Joe Adam '77 into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.



**Mike Carroll** was captain of the College's first track and field team in 1966, which took both the Tri-State and Region 15 National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) championships. He was

co-captain of the 1965–1966 cross-country team, which stayed in the top four in both Tri-State and NJCAA leagues. At Catonsville Community College, he coached cross-country, indoor and outdoor track and field, and was named NJCAA Coach of the Year in 1981. He also volunteers as head volleyball coach for the Howard County Special Olympics team.



**Jim Meehan** was a starter on the wrestling team from 1966 to 1968. He heads the physical education department at Olney Elementary School, and is the athletic director at Sherwood High School.

He was 1998 Maryland State Wrestling Association Man of the Year and was elected to the Maryland Public Schools Scholastic Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2005.



**Dino Miltiadou** was the College's first soccer player to join the All-American Soccer team in 1970–1971. He led the NJCAA in scoring in both 1970 and 1971. An immigrant who left Cyprus at age 12, he

has lobbied on issues such as jobs for immigrants. He is currently general manager of Auto Wholesale Supermarket in Laurel, Md. He coaches the Pancyprians team in the Washington International Soccer League, and is president of Pancyprians of Metropolitan Washington, D.C.



**Joe Adam** played baseball from 1975 to 1977, making the All-American team in 1977. That year he had a 22-game hitting streak, led the national statistics with a batting average of .579, and finished the

season at .457. He has coached the Olney Boys and Girls Club's in-house and select baseball programs for the past 19 years. As coach, Adams led the Olney Pirates to 113 wins, 27 losses, and 3 ties over three seasons. His coaching tenure was highlighted by a 15-game winning streak.

Mark your calendar now for the 2010 Alumni Awards dinner on Friday, April 16, 2010, in the Theatre Arts Arena, Rockville Campus. For information, e-mail [alumni@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@montgomerycollege.edu). See the 2010 honorees now at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/achievement.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni/achievement.html).



# HELP US HELP OUR STUDENTS

## Did You Know?

- **60,000 students** attend Montgomery College each year.
- More than **18,000 students** apply for some type of **financial assistance** to help them during their time at the College.
- The College is **unable** to meet the financial need **to assist half** of those students.
- **More than \$1 million** in scholarship assistance is awarded annually.

**A** gift to the Montgomery College Annual Fund provides scholarship and program support that go directly to students in need.

**As a former student, please make a gift to support today's students. Simply include a check in the envelope enclosed in this magazine. You may also make a secure, credit card gift through the College's Web site at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/giving/](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/giving/).**

Thank you for being not only a past student — but also a continuing partner and friend. Montgomery College has played an important part in your life and continues to play an integral role in our community. Gifts of any size go a long way to support our students. Please consider making your gift today.

For additional information, please contact: Kathy Stevens, annual fund director, 240-567-4108, or e-mail [kathy.stevens@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:kathy.stevens@montgomerycollege.edu).

**Montgomery College students like Sheena Austria treasure the support provided by alumni like you:**



**Sheena Austria '09**

*"One day, I hope to bestow the same kindness that you have on me, on someone that might need the*

*extra help. You are like the ripples in a pond that spread outward and make an impact. You lead by example, provide an opportunity to attend school, and remind me that as long as there are individuals like you in the world, everything will be alright. I hope to continue this legacy of generosity and hope in the future."*

—Kathy Stevens



# LIVING WELL IN 2010

## 10 Tips from (Our Own) Experts

**I**nsights wants to provide you with valuable information that can benefit you in the coming year. To kick off this new feature, we spoke with Montgomery College's leading alumni—members of your Alumni Association's board of governors—to gather their words of wisdom for enjoying a rewarding life in 2010.



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### 1 Reach Out to Others

"Find something you have a passion for and go volunteer! There are many places of worship, community organizations, or groups you can get involved with. Reach out to people and they too will reach out to you."

—Rosemary O. Arkoian '05



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### 2 Volunteer at Montgomery College

"Volunteer at MC, especially if you have received a scholarship from MC. As a microbiologist and volunteer tutor at the College, I have gained a great deal of satisfaction. Volunteering is especially rewarding if you have been the recipient of grants and financial support in your college years."

—Sue Flatow '72



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### 3 Be in Control of Your Finances

"Financial stability is crucial after the holidays. If you don't have the money, don't buy it. Be aware that credit cards at 14% or more can lead to financial disaster."

—Robert F. Costello III '63



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### 4 Keep an Open Mind

"People with experience are always willing to share their knowledge with those who want to learn. ... Learn from the young and the old. Appreciate everyone."

—Masoud A. (Tony) Edalatkhah '06



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### 5 Learn Some History

"Take a trip and learn about Southern Maryland. Visit St. Clement's Island Museum at Colton's Point. Historically, it's the beginning of Maryland and marks the first colonial landing. Few know that St. Clement's Island also played a part in the Civil War."

—Ida C. McAuliffe '83



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### 6 Help the Less Fortunate

"Reach out to those who are less fortunate. Tell them that they too can go to college. Serve as a role model. Encourage them to overcome their challenges and earn that degree. Just a few minutes of your time can inspire someone to succeed. Imagine the impact you can have."

—Jorge R. Urrutia '74



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### 7 Be Active in the Alumni Association

"Support Montgomery College by being a part of the Alumni Association. An active alum can participate in a variety of committees on scholarships, legislative affairs, and more. Become an active alumni member. It's a great way to give back to the College."

—Susan L. Fisher '91



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### 8 Focus on the Positive

"Take a few minutes at the end of each day to focus on something positive that happened that day. Too often we become busy and filled with negative thoughts from everything that is going on around us. We forget to focus on our blessings."

—Lori Thomas '99



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### 9 Keep Things in Perspective

"When you are experiencing a bad moment, think to yourself, 'Is this going to matter in five years?' Sometimes perspective can make a world of a difference."

—Dr. Lucy U. Vitaliti '77



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### 10 Take a Class

"Take a class at Montgomery College."

—Judith Vaughan-Prather '69

## ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWS

**B**oth the Montgomery Scholars and the Macklin Business Institute programs have active alumni chapter efforts underway. And they're not the only groups who are keeping in touch with their classmates.

Check out the alumni groups for interior design, engineering, and construction management. Several chapters are networking via Facebook to announce events and meetings. Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and then search for Montgomery College and your program's name.

Another way to learn about chapter offerings is to visit the "Alumni and Friends" link on the College's Web site, [www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu).

### Montgomery Scholars Chapter

Past scholars hold reunions each summer and keep in touch via Facebook and newsletters that are distributed by Dr. Mary Furgol, the program coordinator. Plans are underway for a special tenth anniversary event on August 21, 2010.

Scholars alumni should check the Montgomery Scholars group on Facebook for updates.

### Macklin Business Institute Chapter

Macklin alumni are closely connected, as they traveled through their program as a cohort. They hold annual reunions and recently celebrated their program's tenth anniversary. They are active on Facebook and keep in close touch with the Macklin program.

Macklin alumni are invited to check the MBI Alumni group on Facebook for updates.



Don Rejnais

A Macklin Business Institute reunion in May marked the institute's 10th year.

### Nursing Chapter

Nursing alumni comprise one of the oldest chapters—and are some of the busiest members professionally. Because its members are interested in professional development, the chapter has sponsored seminars on interview techniques and job opportunities in the area, as well as professional lectures. The opportunities are shared with the Student Nursing Chapter at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus via Facebook.

This fall, the chapter co-hosted two lectures with the nursing faculty: one on fibromyalgia, given by alumni board member Juan F. Mendoza '03, a certified FMS instructor; and another by Georganne Derick on integrating herbs with conventional medicine, arranged with help from Montgomery College Retirees Chapter member Sue Liggett.

### Interior Design Chapter

Interior design alumni focus on networking. They meet casually at local restaurants and are planning trips and presentations in the near future.

Jeanne Blackburn '97, president of Ariel Publications and field editor for Meredith Publications, recently worked with the owners of Rousch Interiors to arrange a donation of sample books to the interior design program. "We should be vigilant to opportunities within the community that would extend the range of volunteerism that benefits the College," said Blackburn.



Courtesy Helen Youth

Professor Pamela Gragg, interior design department chair, holds a donated sample book.

The National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) has accredited the College's NKBA track in the A.A.S. degree program, which had its first

graduates this year. Interior design graduates can return to complete the courses specific to the NKBA track and receive a second A.A.S. A formal signing and celebration of the NKBA track accreditation is planned for March 25, 2010.

Interior design alumni are invited to check the Montgomery College Interior Design Alumni Chapter group on Facebook for updates.

### Construction Management Alumni

Professor Mario Parcan is working toward building a database for alumni networking. Alumni are invited to join the Montgomery College Construction Management Alumni group on Facebook.

### Engineering Alumni

Engineering students and alumni participate in engaging engineering guest lecture series. In past events, as many as nine alumni—ranging in class years from 1971 to 2008—have been presenters. Efforts are being made to include more alumni as invitees to future programs.

Engineering alumni are invited to check the MC Engineers group on Facebook for updates.

### College Retirees Chapter

More than 500 faculty and staff have retired from Montgomery College. Many have remained in the Montgomery County area. They stay connected to the College by working part time, participating in College book clubs, attending College events, meeting at College sponsored group activities, and mentoring students. The next annual spring retirees luncheon will be March 24, 2010.

College retirees are invited to check out the Montgomery College Retirees group on Facebook, or visit the Retirees Chapter Web page at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/retirees](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/retirees).

*Do you have any equipment or materials that may be of use to your former academic program? Contact the Alumni Office to find out how to donate these materials to College departments. And, if you have studied in any of the programs listed and wish to become a chapter member, e-mail [alumni@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@montgomerycollege.edu), or drop a note in the enclosed reply envelope.*

—Helen Youth



## CLASS NOTES

> **John A. Massie, Bliss '42**, retired from IBM and resides in Fairfax, Va. He remains forever grateful for the guidance of Professor Bliss during the war years, saying, "He knew my training and assisted me to use this training for my country."

> **K. P. Knickerbocker, Bliss '43**, remembers having enjoyed attending his classes at Bliss, exploring Washington D.C., and in December 1942, being sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, and from there to the Naval Technical Training Center on Ward Island. After graduation, he was assigned to a naval fleet and later discharged as Aviation Electronics Technician's Mate 1st Class.

> **Thomas Rooney, Bliss '48**, retired as a patent searcher after 45 years with Bacon & Thomas, PLLC, a patent law firm. He resides in Riva, Md.

> **Willis A. Tripp, Bliss '48** retired as a captain in the U.S. Army having served in North Africa, Italy, Germany, and Austria. He resides in Ocala, Fla.

> **James W. Lear '53** retired as a project manager from the IRS in 1987, having held positions in Virginia, New Mexico, and Washington. He resides in Springfield, Va.

> **Carl H. Dunn '65**, a resident of Manassas, Va., and operations manager at Serco, Inc., was elected chairman of Synergy Federal Credit Union.

> **Charles "Jamie" Jamison '67** was presented the prestigious Dr. James R. Miller Award by the Maryland Grain Producers Association at the Maryland Commodity Classic last July. A grain farmer, he was a founding member of the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board.

> **Joseph T. Page '69**, retired from federal government work in Texas and Georgia, has moved to North Carolina, and takes art classes at the UNC in Chapel Hill. He hopes to earn a master's degree in art history.

> **Bruce Brinkley '70** has published *The "Be-bop-a-lula" Kid*, a children's coming-of-age novel that takes place in the mid-1950s in Cape Charles, Va. ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)).

> **John Combs '74**, an actor, director, and producer, played the role of Bernie Made-off in *Octomom the Musical!* last July at the Fake Gallery, Los Angeles.



Jessica Wernick

> **Patricia Zannie '77**, instructor at MC's School of Art + Design for over a decade, held an exhibit at Washington's Foundry Gallery in May. Her collages showcased whimsical and provocative images exploring humanity as a part of nature. She participated in the Alumni Association's "Mobile Masterpieces" event in March.

> **Harley (Hamid) Seyedin '78** leads the American Chamber of Commerce in South China and has helped build and operate the first Western-owned power plant and toll road in China, and led construction of the first Catholic university in China.

> **Andrew Brandler '79** manages the radiologic technology program at St. John's River Community College in Jacksonville, Fla.

> **David Seager '81** is a financial adviser for Northwestern Mutual. He earned a B.S. in mathematics and education from Virginia Tech.



Kurt Markus

> **Russell S. Drin '84** has been employed as a cleaner at D.C. Chimes since 2003 and is a Nationals season ticket holder, 6-pack Orioles game plan holder, Capitols partial plan holder, and member of the Knox Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring.

> **Louis Wostein '84** sold his dental laboratory, which he managed for 20 years, and now works for Medical Implant Systems. He has taught virtual implant planning and guided implantology to dentists and dental technicians worldwide.

> **Barbara Walsh '75** co-starred last summer in the Broadway-bound tuner version of *The First Wives Club* at San Diego's Old Globe. She was a 2005 recipient of the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

> **Wayson Lee '86**, a member of the Screen Actors' Guild and its Motion Picture Nominating Committee, was invited as hypnotist for the third time at the Star Trek Association of Towson's annual Shore Leave event.

> **Gary S. Dorfman '91** was named boys basketball head coach and athletic director for Forest Glen Middle School, Coral Springs, Fla.

> **Christa Leigh Walter '92** earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Maryland and is now a proud mother of a 7-year-old son. Previously a Montgomery County substitute teacher, she currently works with the Indian Health Service.

> **Stephanie Keilholtz '93** retired as a human resources specialist from the Department of Health and Human Services in 2005. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland in 2000. She is a photographer and executive council member for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Rockville Chapter. She counts as her greatest blessings her wonderful husband, three children, and ten grandchildren.

> **Dhvani Vyas '97** opened Aromi d'Italia Café, a European-style café, at National Harbor, Md. He recently opened Aromi d'Italia's express version at George Mason University.

> **Nga Bui Minh '01** has been employed by the Fontana Unified School District in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., as a preschool teacher aide since May 2007.

> **Kate Reed '03** will soon graduate from Hood College with a psychology degree.

> **John Van Druff '03** earned his Ph.D. in biochemical engineering from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

> **Victor Oliveros '05** is a fire protection engineering student at the University of Maryland.

> **Chris Pacious '05**, a 2009 graduate of the University of Maryland's School of Nursing in Baltimore, is now a nurse at Children's Hospital in Silver Spring, Md.

> **Patrice Cotman '06**, will complete her elementary education degree from the University of Maryland in 2010.

## CLASS NOTES

> **Daren I. Burger '07** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland University College in 2008. He began graduate studies in computing technology in education this year at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

> **Ezequiel Galeano '07** is a computer science major at University of Maryland University College.

> **Phuoc Nguyen '07** is studying engineering at University of Maryland.

> **Rene Raphemot '07** earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Morgan State University and has been accepted in the pharmacology department at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

> **Tim Costales '08** is pursuing an undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Georgetown University.

> **Rachel Robb '08** is pursuing a bachelor's degree in hearing and speech sciences at the University of Maryland.

> **Sheena Austria '09** is majoring in English at Georgetown University with a minor in Spanish.

> **Athena Balanou '09** is majoring in biological sciences at the Universities at Shady Grove.

> **Crystal Britto '09** is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in international affairs at George Washington University.

> **Aaron Kaufman '09** is majoring in American studies at the University of Maryland.

> **Binna Kumwenda '09** passed the nurses' board exam and hopes to become a registered nurse.

> **Joy Liang '09** is majoring in international business at the Universities at Shady Grove.

> **Getachew Mengistu '09** is attending George Washington University.

> **Samantha Moorman '09** hopes to transfer into the University of Maryland's nursing program.

> **Govinda Rubin '09** is now at the University of Maryland majoring in communications.

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*Keep in touch with friends and classmates and let us know what you're doing now. Use the return envelope, write to the Alumni Association, 900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850, or e-mail [alumni@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@montgomerycollege.edu). Got a Web site? Don't forget to include it.*

## IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association notes the passing of faculty, staff, and alumni of the College.



Montgomery College Archives

> **Irvin H. Schick, Bliss '47**, died September 4, 2009. He began his career at the Bliss Electrical School after serving in the Army Air Corps during

World War II. He was teaching electrical engineering at Bliss when the school was purchased to establish Montgomery Junior College. He joined the College's electrical program and was named chairman of the electrical technology department in 1953.

He later became chairman of the entire division of engineering and technology. When the Rockville Campus opened in 1965, he became director of extension. In 1967, he became dean of administration. Upon his retirement in 1978, Schick received the Silver Medallion for his outstanding service to the College. He taught part time at Takoma Park until 1997, and in 2002, he was a recipient of the Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. He is remembered for his role in reorganizing the electrical technology curriculum into a two-year career program, and in developing the College's first elected faculty governance system.

> **Herbert C. Grow, Jr. '88** died January 3, 2009. He enlisted in the Air Force at age 19 and retired after a 30-year career as facilities engineer at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

> **Bradley C. Durst '81** died April 10, 2009. He helped start the Urbana Elementary School Wetlands Project in Frederick County, Md.

> **Ruth Camp** died May 15, 2009. For many years, she served as assistant to the College's president, Dr. William C. Strasser.

> **Jean Louise McPherson Eberhardt '71** died May 31, 2009. She was an executive secretary at the Department of Energy, a Civil Air Patrol volunteer, a Jefferson County Youth Soccer League coach, and president of the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization at Jefferson High School.

> **Charles Offutt** died June 18, 2009. He worked for more than 25 years as a sheet metal mechanic at the Rockville Campus.

> **Michael Maffeo '75** died June 20, 2009.

> **Elizabeth Facciani Sideris '74** died July 18, 2009. A retired medical office manager, she told friends that she greatly enjoyed her studies at the College.

> **Howard William Rick '69** died July 21, 2009. He served in the Army Air Force mapping division during World War II, and later counseled delinquents, patients with mental illness, and families.

> **George J. Connell** died July 24, 2009. He taught graphic arts and computer graphics at the Rockville Campus.

> **Cheryl A. Starke** died October 3, 2009. In 2008, she retired after 25 years as instructional laboratory coordinator in the Rockville Physics Department.

> **Calvin Birchum** died October 8, 2009. He was an instructional assistant with the College's Instructional Technology group.

> **Alan J. Vincent** died October 12, 2009. He retired in 2008 having worked as media production supervisor, audiovisual librarian, and coordinator for the Center for Teaching and Learning at the College.

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member of the Montgomery College Alumni Association, you receive valuable savings and services, including access to child care benefits, employment services, travel and entertainment discounts, financial services, and more.

## Alumni Association Services



In addition to a continuing free subscription to *Insights*, your award-winning alumni magazine, Alumni Association members have the following membership privileges:

**Voting in annual elections** of the association's governing board.

**Updates on happenings** at Montgomery College for alumni. Your e-newsletter, "Happenings at MC," is always available through the Alumni tab on My MC.

**Free continuing education seminars** hosted by the Alumni Association and taught by Montgomery College faculty or local experts, arranged exclusively for association members. Upcoming seminars include a how-to course on iPhones, iPods, and similar devices in spring 2010, and a pain management course in summer 2010.

## College Services



**Reduced ticket rates for many Rockville Campus theatre and music productions.** Call 240-567-5301 or visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac/faq.htm](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac/faq.htm).

**Invitations to special events** based upon your interests. Update your interests by visiting the My MC Alumni tab. Go to "Interests Profile" in the "Check Your Personal Information" channel window.

**Borrowing privileges at campus libraries.** For information, visit the My MC Libraries tab.

**Birthday celebrations at the College's planetarium.** Rent the planetarium for up to three hours. A star show, planetarium machine, and clown are provided for this fun learning experience. Contact Dr. Harold Alden Williams, planetarium coordinator, at 240-567-1463 or [harold.williams@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:harold.williams@montgomerycollege.edu).

**Employment services** offered through the Student Employment Services Office. For information, visit the My MC Alumni tab. Click "Student/Alumni Employment Services" in the "Career Center" channel window.

**Child care services**, on a space-available basis, at all three Montgomery College campuses. For more information, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu) and click on the "Community" tab.

**Reduced fees on pool passes and Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus racquetball court fee.** Call 240-567-1566 or visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/planttp/contactus.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/planttp/contactus.html).

**Discounts on merchandise**, excluding textbooks and computer software, at all campus bookstores. For details, visit <http://bookstore.montgomerycollege.edu>.

## Financial Services



**Membership in the Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit Union.** MCT offers low rates on auto, home equity, and personal loans; higher dividends on money markets, savings accounts, certificates, and IRAs; free checking; and more than 50,000 surcharge-free ATMs. For information, visit [www.mctfcu.org](http://www.mctfcu.org).

**Membership in the Maryland State Employees Credit Union.** SECU offers excellent auto, home equity, mortgage, and Visa credit card rates; interest-bearing checking accounts with many free services, and

"Lunch and Learn Workshops." For information, visit [www.secumd.org](http://www.secumd.org).

**Discounts on auto and home insurance with Liberty Mutual.** For information, visit [www.libertymutual.com](http://www.libertymutual.com). Members in Montgomery County may contact Eric Brady at 301-515-2972, ext. 53199 or [Eric.Brady@libertymutual.com](mailto:Eric.Brady@libertymutual.com). Members outside Montgomery County may contact Scott LeStrange, 301-881-9300, ext. 51556 or [Scott.LeStrange@libertymutual.com](mailto:Scott.LeStrange@libertymutual.com). Mention client code #4800.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## Travel Discounts



Enjoy discounts and services from **Alamo, Hertz, National, Budget, and Avis.** Call the toll-free number on the back of your membership card to contact any of these companies, and use the ID number when asked for your special rate code. You must be at least 21 years of age.

Receive special discounts at participating **Choice Hotels—including Quality, Sleep, Clarion, Comfort Inns and Suites, Cambria, MainStay, EconoLodge, and Rodeway Inns.** Visit [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com) or call 1-800-258-2847. Use the code on the back of your membership card when asked for your "Special Rate ID."

## Special Offers Around Town



Association members enjoy reduced membership to the **Smithsonian Resident Associates Program.**

Call 202-633-3030 and reference your letter from your Alumni Association membership packet. Need additional copies of your letter? Contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@montgomerycollege.edu).

Enjoy discounts at **Carmen's Italian Ice and Café in Rockville, Md.**

Receive a 10% discount for individual walk-in orders or a 20% discount on event orders of at least \$200 with your Alumni Association membership card. For information, visit [www.carmensrockville.com](http://www.carmensrockville.com).

## Ski Resort Discounts



Your Alumni Association membership qualifies you for purchase of a **Night Club Card** for use at area ski resorts:

### Night Club Card Benefits

Unlimited access to Ski Roundtop, Liberty Mountain Resort, and Whitetail Resort Monday through Saturday 4–10 p.m. and Sunday 3–10 p.m. starting January 3, 2010.

### Night Club Card Options

- **Lift Only**  
Unlimited lift access after 4 p.m.
- **Lift and Lessons**  
Unlimited lift access and class lessons after 4 p.m.
- **Lift, Lesson, and Rentals**  
Unlimited lift access, class lessons, and rental skis and snowboards after 4 p.m.

Is the Night Club Card not for you? Discounted consignment tickets are available—at last year's prices. E-mail [events@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:events@montgomerycollege.edu).

## Amusement Park Offers



Take advantage of special discounts at area amusement parks. Look for special offers to these amusement parks in "Happenings," your alumni e-newsletter:

- **Six Flags**  
**Laurel, Maryland**
- **Kings Dominion**  
**Richmond, Virginia**
- **Hershey Park**  
**Hershey, Pennsylvania**

Many of these special discounted rates are not available at the gate. Make sure to sign up in advance!

## How to Apply for Membership

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## AN ENGAGING ENCOUNTER

As they registered for a spring 2005 sociology class, Nestor Corvera and Sherrie Lynn Post had no clue they were each meeting their future spouse. When the two were paired for a class project, they immediately connected and soon began dating.

Sherrie came to Montgomery College after a "tour of other schools," she explains. "I heard good things about the College and wanted to enroll in the nursing program. But I wanted to go away to college after I graduated from Sherwood High School. I got homesick and enrolled at Montgomery College. It was a great experience: the College was close to home, had small classes, and the nursing program is amazing—the pass rate for Montgomery College students taking the nursing board exam is phenomenal."

Nestor, a native of El Salvador, has lived in the United States since he was nine years old. His Montgomery College experience was a bit more unconventional, but not uncommon. Upon graduating from Richard Montgomery High School, he enrolled at Montgomery College full time for one semester. He then began working for the College as a security officer, taking classes part time. Between his job as a security officer and his service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, he was able to earn a living while going to school.

In 2006, Nestor was notified that his Marine Corps Reserve unit would be needed in Iraq. He trained for six months at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and then visited with his family in Maryland.

Nestor was planning a romantic sunset dinner around the July Fourth holiday at Baltimore's Inner Harbor to propose to Sherrie. Yet, upon seeing her, he realized he couldn't possibly wait. He asked her right then and there.

Just prior to Nestor leaving for Iraq, he bought Sherrie a corgi, which they named Ine, to keep her company during his absence. The couple also has another "four-legged child," an orange tabby cat named Muffin, which they found abandoned at a gas station and rescued when she was five months old.

—Jessica Warnick



Courtesy Nestor Corvera and Sherrie Lynn Post

Sherrie fulfilled her desire to become a nurse and Nestor will continue his studies at UMUC in accounting when he returns from his tour of duty scheduled for June 2010.

### Corvera-Post Update



Don Reinos

**Debra Hayre '78, Rockville Campus Safety and Security Supervisor, writes:**

*Nestor's first deployment with Company B, 4th Light Armored*

*Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division was to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I gave him a bracelet my dad had worn in World War II when he was shot several times but survived.*

*Nestor's family and friends were concerned when he left, and he was leaving behind his beautiful fiancée Sherrie, a Montgomery College nursing student at the time. Security officers and other members of the College community regularly sent him care packages.*

*Company B was mobilized and sent to Iraq in October 2006 to conduct riverside reconnaissance, support, and security operations from Al-Qa'im to Fallujah.*

*My dad's bracelet must still have had some magic left in it, as Nestor and his company returned home safely in April 2007 and subsequently were awarded the Navy Unit Citation the next year. Nestor and Sherrie had a beautiful wedding ceremony, and Sherrie, a 2009 graduate of the College's nursing program, now works in Holy Cross Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.*

*In August 2009, orders arrived that Nestor and his unit were once again being deployed, this time to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.*

*As I and others complain about traffic, a favorite TV program being cancelled, or having to work extra hours, Nestor is among many who place their lives on the line in support of world peace and freedom.*

*We are very proud of all our servicemen and women overseas, but especially proud of our friend and co-worker Nestor Corvera. Keep the bracelet close, Nestor, and come home safe once again.*

# NEW HOME FOR BLISS COLLECTION

Whether we are contacted by an alumnus or a family member, we hear that every Bliss student remembered Professor Louis D. Bliss as a changing force in their lives. Navy recruits who trained under him during World War II remember him as the first instructor to treat them like gentlemen.

In 1950, Professor Bliss decided to retire and close the technical school he had founded more than half a century ago. He sold the Bliss Electrical School—including its land and buildings in Takoma Park, Md.—to a newly formed Montgomery Junior College.

## The Bliss Collection

Proud of his association with Thomas Edison and other pioneers of electricity, Professor Bliss kept a collection of early electrical devices near his office. Later, Montgomery College expanded his collection to include items from the Bliss school, including student projects, sports trophies, and fittingly, a telephone plugboard, which was replaced by an automatic switching system.

Montgomery College's Commons building, a pavilion built on the site of an old Bliss dormitory, until recently, housed the Bliss Memorial Room—a lecture and reception space showcasing the Bliss collection. The Bliss school's alumni group, the Bliss Electrical Society, held annual spring luncheons in the Commons. The society held its final meeting in the 1990s, then merged into Montgomery College's Alumni Association.

Many recent additions to the collection come not from Bliss alumni but from their survivors and descendants—some of whom are Montgomery College alums themselves. Peg Vert '81 discovered a letter to her father, Charles Talley '31, that he kept with his Bliss application: the State of South Carolina demanded that he pay a tax on his radio receiver. Meredith Mancini '76 found that her father Quentin W. Mellander '42, had saved his workbooks and his 50-Year Club membership pin from the Bliss Electrical Society. And Marge Saller of Charlottesville, Va., traveled with her son to the new Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, to deliver a class photo showing her late husband Devereux N. Saller Sr. '41.

After a two-year renovation, the Commons will reopen in 2010 with a new area designated as the Bliss Conference and Innovation Center. The new space has meeting rooms, faculty offices, and a lecture hall—all surrounding a new display area for the Bliss collection. Alumni staff, joined by the College's archives and facilities offices, are consulting Bliss grads on how best to display the collection in its new setting.

## Upcoming Event

In 2010, Bliss alumni will be invited to join the College in a reopening ceremony to recognize their school's historical connection to Montgomery College, to see the new display of the Bliss collection, and to meet a new generation of electrical engineers and computer scientists who continue to benefit from the Louis D. Bliss Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Bliss alumni who wish to join the festivities are asked to contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@montgomerycollege.edu) or 240-567-5378, to plan their attendance.

—John Libby

IMPORTANT—This page is to be filled out by two responsible persons of legal age to whom the Applicant is well known. Please answer all questions.

Voucher No. 1.

- How long have you been acquainted with the Applicant whose name is signed to the foregoing application?  
*Eight years*
- If related to the Applicant, please state the relationship.  
*not related*
- Is the Applicant of good moral character?  
*yes*
- Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify the Applicant as a student?  
*no*
- Would you trust the Applicant with employment requiring undoubted honesty?  
*yes*

Signature of Voucher *W. C. Sullivan*  
Address *Rock Hill, S. C.*

Voucher No. 2.

- How long have you been acquainted with the Applicant whose name is signed to the foregoing application?  
*eight years*
- If related to the Applicant, please state the relationship.  
*no*
- Is the Applicant of good moral character?  
*yes*
- Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify the Applicant as a student?  
*no*
- Would you trust the Applicant with employment requiring undoubted honesty?  
*yes*

Signature of Voucher *J. H. King*  
Address *Rock Hill, S. C.*

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT—Pages 1, 2 and 3 to be filled out by Applicant. Page 4 to be filled out by two persons to whom Applicant is well known. Answer all questions.

**APPLICATION  
BLISS ELECTRICAL SCHOOL.  
TAKOMA PARK, WASHINGTON, D. C.**

I hereby apply for admission to the Regular Course for the school year 1930-1931, and enclose the application fee of \$10.00.

If my application is accepted, I agree to pay the tuition fee, \$\_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with plan \_\_\_\_\_ (See expenses and terms in catalog. Students when admitted are enrolled to the close of the school year in which they enter, and never for a shorter period.)

I have read "Requirements for Admission" and "Conduct" on page 71 and "Expenses and Terms" on page 76 in the catalog, and I hereby agree to conform in every respect to the regulations of the Bliss Electrical School.

Signature of Applicant in full: *Charles H. Talley*

P. O. Address, *411 Columbia Ave.*


Town or City *Rock Hill*

State *S. C.* Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby endorse this application, and will be responsible for payment of the tuition as above.

Parent or Guardian  
(Application must be endorsed if Applicant is not of age or, being of age, is not self-supporting.)

Entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Cashier.

  
State of South Carolina  
**South Carolina Tax Commission**  
COLUMBIA  
May 13, 1930.

C. H. Talley,  
Route 6,  
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Sir: It has come to the attention of this office that you now own or operate a radio receiving set. The 1930 session of the General Assembly passed an Act levying a license tax for the privilege of owning or operating a radio.

We are therefore enclosing you appropriate form which we will thank you to execute, having same probated, and return to this office immediately together with remittance in payment of the tax.

Upon receipt of same this office will issue you a permit for the privilege of owning or operating such radio receiving set until December 31, 1930.

Yours very truly,

**SOUTH CAROLINA TAX COMMISSION**  
**LICENSE TAX DIVISION**  
B. A. SULLIVAN, Jr.,  
Assistant Director.

Charles Talley '31 completed a short, four-page application to enroll in the Bliss Electrical School. Among the items he kept with his Bliss papers throughout his life was a letter he received from his home state's tax agency shortly before his acceptance at Bliss. His daughter, Peg Vert '81, shared copies of the papers with the Alumni Association.



# MONTGOMERY COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR

## PERFORMANCES



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

### Saturday and Sunday February 26 and 27, 8 p.m. ISRAEL BALLE

Founded in 1967 by Berta Yampolsky and Hillel Markman, the Israel Ballet is the only company in Israel performing classical and neoclassical ballets such as *The Nutcracker*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella*, *Onegin*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Don Quixote*, and *Giselle*.  
For ticket information, call 240-567-5775.  
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

## January



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

### Saturday, January 16, 8 p.m. THE BAND OF THE IRISH GUARDS

Featuring the Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).  
\$40 adults; \$38 alumni. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus.  
240-567-5301

### Saturday, January 23, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. THE SNOW QUEEN

(See information on back cover.) Recommended for ages 7 and up.  
\$7 adults; \$6 seniors, students, and children.  
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5301



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

### Saturday, January 30, 11 a.m. LAURA INGALLS WILDER

An ARTSPOWER presentation on one of the country's most beloved authors and her family's search for a place called home. Ages 7 and up.  
\$7 adults; \$6 seniors, students, and children.  
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5301

## February



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

### Sunday, February 6, 10 a.m. LESOLE'S DANCE PROJECT

A traditional and modern dance company founded in 2003 by native South African Lesole Maine.  
\$7 adults; \$6 seniors and students. Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-5775

## March

### Wednesday–Saturday, March 3–6, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.

**SHE LOVES ME**  
\$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus.  
240-567-5301

### Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m. URBAN ARTISTRY

A collective of choreographers, freestyle dancers, musicians, and historians who are also professional economists, anthropologists, writers, and IT experts with a passion for urban dance.  
\$7 adults; \$6 seniors and students. Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-5775

### Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m. ODESSA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

In 1993, Ukraine awarded the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra federal status—an acknowledgment of its dynamic progress under director Hobart Earle.  
\$40 adults; \$38 seniors, students, and children.  
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5301



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

### Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. NEW TRINITY BAROQUE

Directed by Predrag Gosta, this Atlanta orchestra has delighted audiences with its beautiful music brilliantly performed on period instruments.  
\$25 adults, \$10 students. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus.  
240-567-5301



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

### Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m. STARS OF THE BOLSHOI

Shamil Yagudin, ballet master of the Bolshoi Ballet, directs this troupe from Moscow's leading companies—the Bolshoi, Moscow Classical Ballet, and Stanislavsky Theatre Ballet.  
\$40 adults; \$38 seniors, students, and children.  
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5301

### Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. STEPHEN CZARKOWSKI, VIOLONCELLO AND PIN-HUEY WANG, PIANO

Stephen Czarkowski is music director and conductor of the Montgomery College Symphony Orchestra. Pin-Huey Wang was the pianist for the Kaohsiung Opera in Taiwan.  
For ticket information, call 240-567-5775. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus

# MONTGOMERY COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR

## April

**Wednesday–Saturday, April 14–17, 8 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m.**

### **WILLPOWER! A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

This performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is part of a weeklong festival from Monday, April 12 through Sunday, April 18 of classes, performances, lectures, and workshops that celebrate Shakespeare. Visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/willpower](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/willpower) for more information or call 240-567-4001.

*\$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students.*

*Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5301*



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

**Saturday, April 17, 11 a.m.**

### **DINOROCK JUNKYARD PIRATES**

Puppets created from recyclables discover that one person's trash is another person's treasure.

*\$7 adults; \$6 seniors and students. Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-5775*

## May



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

**Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m.**

### **JIGSAW JONES: THE CASE OF THE CLASS CLOWN**

Someone in Ms. Gleason's class is playing practical jokes and it's up to Theodore "Jigsaw" Jones to solve the case. Ages 6 and up.

*\$7 adults, \$6 seniors, students, and children.*

*Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5209*

## June



Courtesy Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

**Saturday, June 26, 8 p.m.**

### **THE SELDOM SCENE**

Progressive bluegrass music from the band who first got together in 1971 in Bethesda, Md.

*\$25 per person. Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-5775*

## EVENTS

**Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.**

### **ALUMNI CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR**

FREE to Association members on a first-call, first-served basis. Learn how to use personal digital devices such as the iPod and the iPhone. Please e-mail [alumni@montgomerycollege.com](mailto:alumni@montgomerycollege.com).

**Friday, April 16, 7 p.m.**

### **ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER**

The Alumni Association celebrates the accomplishments of past students, recognizes Milton F. Clogg Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award honorees, and welcomes new members to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

*Theatre Arts Arena, Rockville Campus. 301-567-5378*

## EXHIBITS

### January

**Through Thursday, January 28**

### **JUXTAPOSITION:**

### **THE ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF SHOW**

Artwork by faculty and staff of the Department of Visual Arts and Design at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

*The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-1368*

**Monday, January 25–Friday, February 26**

### **SEASONS: IN TIME AND SPACE**

An invitational exhibition of nature illustrations. *Communication Arts Technologies Gallery, Rockville Campus. 240-567-7521*

## February

**Feb. 8–March 4**

### **LINCOLN: ONE MAN, TWO VIEWS**

Studio EIS and the art of visual storytelling—two new sculptures of Abraham Lincoln in his 200th year. Curated by Lincoln Mudd. *The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-1368*

## March

**Monday, March 8–Friday, April 9**

### **THE ART OF THE POSTER**

*Communication Arts Technologies Gallery, Rockville Campus. 240-567-7521*

**Tuesday, March 9–Friday, April 2**

### **CRAFT ART INVITATIONAL**

*Sarah Silberman Art Gallery, Paul Peck Art Building, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5115*

**Wednesday, March 10–Thursday, April 8**

### **ON AND OFF THE WALL:**

### **PAINTING AND SCULPTURE BY DENNIS BEACH**

Curated by Wilfred Brunner.

*The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. 240-567-1368*

## April

**Tuesday, April 13–Wednesday, May 5**

### **ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION**

*Sarah Silberman Art Gallery, Paul Peck Art Building, Rockville Campus. 240-567-5115*

**Monday, April 26–Friday, July 2**

### **GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION STUDENT EXHIBITION**

Featuring digital and traditional graphic design and illustration by students.

*Communication Arts Technologies Gallery, Rockville Campus. 240-567-7521*

*A full list of events available to alumni, including events offering discounts or free admission with your Alumni Association membership card, is on our Web site, [www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni), or login to visit the Alumni tab on My MC. Your alumni e-newsletter, Happenings at MC, is always available through My MC.*



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# THE SNOW QUEEN

**JANUARY 23**  
**11 A.M. AND 8 P.M.**

In-Flight Theater presents a spectacular athletic performance that can only be described as “theatre-in-the-air”—a 60-minute, multidimensional experience for all! The cast, both hearing and deaf, retells the famous Hans Christian Andersen tale *The Snow Queen* about love, friendship, and courage through eloquent speech and signing. *The Snow Queen* inspires us to move beyond perceptions of physical “limitations” in a truly delightful way.

*Recommended for ages 7 and up. \$7 adults; \$6 students and seniors. **Advance tickets for the 8 p.m. show only are free with your Alumni Association membership card.***  
*Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus.*

**Call the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center Box Office at 240-567-5301 for tickets.**