Professor Emerita’s Leadership Gift Reflects Enduring Commitment

Montgomery College Professor Emerita Catherine F. Scott keeps giving back to Montgomery College. Her commitment to the College began in 1958 at the then-Takoma Park Campus, where she taught secretarial studies and served as chair of what was then known as the Department of Office Education.

Taking her cue from the needs of the expanding community, she became the driving force behind the creation of several important academic programs at MC, including the legal secretarial curriculum, the medical assistant curriculum, and the legal assistant/paralegal curriculum.

“The time I spent at the College was one of the most rewarding periods of my life,” said Scott.

“I still enjoy keeping up with some of my former students, as well as my colleagues. I like to think that I played some small part in my students’ educational success and professional achievement.”

Scott retired in 1986, but she never really left the College. A generous donation in 2007 established the Catherine F. Scott Endowed Scholarship, which ensured, in perpetuity, that students have access to the quality education they need to achieve their fullest potential.

Now, Scott has donated $1 million to the Montgomery College Foundation.

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Professor Emerita Catherine F. Scott Leaves a Legacy to the College

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“I have such a strong connection to the students, faculty, and staff of Montgomery College,” said Scott. “After all, it was my home from 1958 to 1986. It has been my privilege to watch the College grow and adapt to the times. And I feel it’s my duty to be part of the change; to support the important mission and programs at the College.”

To recognize her significant contributions, the College, for the first time in its history, named one of its buildings in honor of a faculty member. The Commons building at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus was renamed the Catherine F. Scott Commons. A celebration to mark the dedication was held June 12, 2013.

Generosity and Vision

Carol Rognrud, executive director of the Montgomery College Foundation and director of development in the Office of Advancement and Community Engagement, noted that Scott’s gift comes with no strings attached, which is unusual for a donation of that magnitude.

The College earmarked the funds for scholarships for two vital programs: Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES), a partnership between Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Universities at Shady Grove, which offers a seamless pathway from high school to college completion by providing comprehensive support to students who are under-represented in higher education; and the Macklin Business Institute honors program, which provides high-achieving business students with a challenging curriculum, experiential learning opportunities, and mentoring from business executives.

“Catherine Scott’s many years of service to Montgomery College and her generosity are inspiring,” said Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard. “Investing in our students is critical. We appreciate her extraordinary gift, and we are honored that she has such strong faith in the College and has chosen to support our students.”

Forever Young

Now 95 years old, Scott has the energy and appearance of a woman decades younger. Housing Unlimited, Inc., a Montgomery County nonprofit that ensures safe, affordable, permanent housing for adults with mental illness. She currently serves on the organization’s advisory board.

She is an active member on the social justice council at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, and represents the church on the social justice group of the Unitarian Universalist churches of the Baltimore, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia area.

“I have always felt it is important to give something back to the community,” said Scott. “It is a responsibility every citizen has.”
Ask the President

**ACES: A Chance to Give Back**

Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard recently made a donation to the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program, which launches in 10 Montgomery County high schools this fall.

**With so many wonderful causes, why do you feel it is important to support ACES?**

Dr. Pollard: When I think about the students we will reach through the ACES program—including African American, Hispanic, low-income, or first generation college students—I can’t help but recognize that I was once one of them. I grew up steeped in the adage that “to whom much is given, much is expected.” This is my chance to give back.

I was fortunate to receive support growing up. Two specific scholarships come to mind, both of which I received as I was about to leave my home state of Illinois and head to school in Iowa to become the first member of my family to attend college. My church supported every member who was graduating high school with a $500 scholarship, and simultaneously, a private organization gave me a book award to help cover the cost of books and supplies. A product of public schooling, I had no idea that we even had to buy our own books! Needless to say, both scholarships made a tremendous difference financially.

But helping lighten the financial burden is not the primary reason I give. Rather, I give because of the way receiving those scholarships made me feel. It made me realize that members of my community, even strangers, believed in me. They were quite literally invested in my success. I went to college with a greater degree of confidence that any academic degree was within my grasp. Ever since then, philanthropy for me has been an act of support, encouragement, and faith. Giving to others is a way of living up to the expectations that come with being a former recipient of generosity.

ACES is a partnership program between Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), and the Universities at Shady Grove, which supports students from high school to college completion. For more information about this program, please visit www.ACESmontgomery.org.

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From the Executive Director

Life offers us many paths from which to choose. My educational journey began when I was still in high school, and I started taking classes at Dallas County Community College. It eventually led me to Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, where I earned my bachelor’s degree, and then to Johns Hopkins University for my master’s degree.

**Coming Full Circle**

Looking back, I realize that many of the courses I found most interesting, relevant, and challenging were at my community college, where I was fortunate enough to have wonderfully talented professors who took the time to get to know me and to make sure I was fully engaged in the curriculum. Many of my contemporaries chose to attend four-year colleges following high school, but I knew I would not thrive in a classroom with hundreds of other students. I chose instead to become a student who learned from professors who knew me by name. In this environment, I was accountable, and I flourished. The education I received at my community college prepared me to move forward—to follow the path that has eventually led me full circle—to back where my higher education began.

**Giving Back**

As a proud community college graduate, I am grateful for the education I received, and as the executive director of the Montgomery College Foundation, I am grateful to our scholarship donors, who are helping to ensure our students have endless possibilities.

—Carol Rognrud
Executive Director
Montgomery College Foundation
Power of Scholarships Propels Mother and Son on Path to Success

Student guest speakers Angela Bradford, and her son, Sean Abraham, delivered powerful messages to those in attendance at the Scholarship Luncheon held this past April. The annual event offers scholarship recipients the opportunity to meet and thank the donors who help fund their education. Their stories of success are similar to countless Montgomery College students whose lives have been changed for the better by the generosity of others.

Bradford, a nursing major who will graduate this December, received the Harold and Dawn Berger Scholarship. She spoke from the heart, directly addressing her benefactors, Dawn and Harold Berger:

“Your generosity has had a powerful effect on me as an individual…”

Bradford’s son, Sean Abraham, who is also a nursing major, echoed his mother’s feelings. A recipient of the Isiah Leggett Scholarship, Abraham described his family’s severe financial challenges, and his own commitment to help provide for his younger brother:

“The ... scholarship... has given a respite to my parents, who I know work day in and day out... One more consideration I must always make is that of my brother, who has been diagnosed with autism, and who may be dependent on me for the rest of his life. I know now, even so early in my journey, that I want to be able to support him and ensure he is always cared for. ... Because of Montgomery College, I have the opportunity to attain my nursing degree, which will enable me to begin helping my family financially. Thus, I thank Isiah Leggett and all of those who have made this scholarship possible, and I hope they know that everything they do inspires others to strive to become the best they can be.”

Motivated Students

The students at Montgomery College are the most amazing, diverse, motivated, and appreciative group imaginable. Listen to any of their stories and you will understand why the most satisfying aspect of my job was knowing that our collective contributions helped our incredible students realize endless possibilities.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work over the past six years and ask that you continue to work, as I will, to help Montgomery College continue to fulfill its potential as one of the best community colleges in the nation. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve and contribute in my way to the students of Montgomery College.

With gratitude for the opportunity,
—Douglas M. Firstenberg
Chair, Montgomery College Foundation
The family of James S. McAuliffe Jr. ’51, former Montgomery County Circuit Court judge, recently paid tribute to him with a $25,000 memorial scholarship endowment at Montgomery College.

Steve McAuliffe, Judge McAuliffe’s son, said, “When my dad passed away in April 2011, our family decided to honor his legacy. Well, it did not take us long to decide that the best way we could do this was by establishing a scholarship at Montgomery College.”

Legacy of Leadership
Generations of McAuliffes have served as leaders in Montgomery County. Colonel James S. McAuliffe Sr., the family patriarch, was a Montgomery County police officer for 43 years and chief for 16 years. The McAuliffe brothers, James and John, both attended the College, graduating in 1951 and 1952, respectively. Both attended law school and became practicing lawyers and respected judges. For a few years they could look into each other’s courtrooms across the hall on the ninth floor of the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

As a first-generation college student, Judge McAuliffe often shared how meaningful the college experience was to both him and his brother. “I remember my dad telling me often about how much he enjoyed and appreciated the education he received at Montgomery College,” said Steve McAuliffe. His special memories of the College included days on the basketball court with his friend, [MC alumnus] Morgan Wootten, legendary DeMatha Catholic High School basketball coach.

A Family Tradition
“When Dad had the opportunity to serve in a leadership role as vice-chair of the College’s Board of Trustees, he did not hesitate. Years later, I remember how pleased he was when I told him that I was carrying on the family tradition as a director of the Montgomery College Foundation,” said McAuliffe, who has served on the foundation’s board since 2002.

“The philosophy of giving rather than taking is what my dad practiced every day, and that is why our family decided that establishing an endowed scholarship at Montgomery College that will help others... is the best way we can honor my father’s legacy.”

Judge McAuliffe, in 1995, “enjoyed and appreciated the education he received at Montgomery College.”

MC Alumnus, a Former FBI Agent, Supports the College
Education has always been at the forefront of the FBI’s mission. So it is appropriate that Montgomery College receive a gift supporting scholarships from the Former Agents of the FBI Foundation. The gift was made on behalf of John O’Brien, a 24-year veteran of the FBI, who attended Montgomery College after his retirement. The foundation stipulates that the J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship be awarded to “colleges or universities selected by Society [of Former Agents of the FBI] members” and that it be designated for the College’s general scholarship fund, with an expressed preference for students studying criminal justice. Because he was “impressed with the quality education he received and the dedication his professors had to their students,” O’Brien chose to support the College.

With a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and a master’s in electrophysics, O’Brien was required to attend and pass rigorous physical and academic training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. Throughout his career, he stayed current in his field by returning to the academy and participating in their Virtual Academy, ensuring his lifelong love of learning. It is not surprising, therefore, that upon his retirement, O’Brien decided to enroll at Montgomery College.

In addition to serving his country as a member of the Coast Guard and his years of service with the FBI, O’Brien also serves members of his community by ensuring that Montgomery College criminal justice students have access to much-needed funding for scholarships.
Scholarship Luncheon

The annual Foundation Scholarship Luncheon brought together more than 300 donors, scholarship students, foundation board members, faculty, staff, and administrators to celebrate and honor student recipients and the generous donors who fund their Montgomery College scholarships.

Student recipients have the opportunity to meet and spend time with the donors who support their education, while donors are able to witness their contributions in action through stories and testimony shared by the students.

The Need is Great

The Montgomery College Foundation awarded $1.4 million in scholarships to more than 1,200 students in fiscal year 2012. However, more than 1,500 students applied for foundation scholarships, leaving 300 students unable to secure the financial resources they needed to relieve their financial burden.

How your gift helps students:

- **$60** Cost of technology fee for a full-time student
- **$250** Cost of one credit hour for a full-time student
- **$600** Cost of textbooks for one semester
- **$1,250** Cost of full-time tuition each semester

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With Sincere Appreciation

The foundation thanks all the generous donors whose support changes lives and enables Montgomery College students to realize their dreams.

Play So Others Can Learn

The Foundation 28th Anniversary Golf and Tennis Classic is set for October 7, 2013. For information, call Greg Enloe at 240-567-7977.
A Farewell and Thank You

The foundation recognized outgoing board member, friend of the College, and generous donor, Solomon Graham, with a reception in his honor and membership in The 1946 Society. Graham, president, CEO, and founder of Quality Biological, Inc., has been a longtime supporter of Montgomery College and its students for more than 18 years. He completed his term on June 30.

Other outgoing board members include Gregory Prince, president and CEO, Virion Systems, Inc.; and Robert Shoenberg, consultant, and former chair of the College’s Board of Trustees.

The Montgomery College Foundation board is grateful for the leadership, support, and invaluable counsel of Graham, Prince, and Shoenberg.

Donor Ruth Tretter, right, wife of the late George Tretter, with daughter Terry.

Far left and right, Camille and Cliff Kendall, donors; with, from left, Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, president; Professor Emerita Catherine F. Scott, donor; and The Honorable Connie Morella, donor and former Montgomery College professor.

Left: Sol and Dorothy Graham are honored as members of The 1946 Society for their support of students for more than a decade. The Grahams established two scholarship funds—The Solomon and Dorothy Graham Endowed Scholarship and The Quality Biological Biotechnology Endowed Scholarship.

Right: Foundation Board Chair, Doug Firstenberg, left, expresses appreciation and well wishes to outgoing board member Sol Graham. Graham served as director, and, later, chair of the Montgomery College Foundation Scholarship Committee. He worked tirelessly to ensure that Montgomery College students would have access to a high-quality education.
Hillman Entrepreneurs Founder Recognized

Montgomery College President DeRionne P. Pollard and the foundation board recognized the David and Suzanne Hillman Family Foundation in April for a $600,000 pledge to the College to establish the Hillman Entrepreneurs program, an innovative educational initiative tailored to the needs of transfer students who begin their study at Montgomery College and complete their bachelor’s degrees at the University of Maryland.

Four Honorary Degrees Awarded at 2013 Commencement

The Board of Trustees awarded the honorary degree of Associate of Arts in Public Service to Nina H. Clarke, retired educator; Kenneth C. Cook, president and vice chairman, Revere Bank; Sally Rudney, philanthropic advisor; and 2013 commencement speaker, Norman R. Augustine, retired chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Adrian Webber Memorial Lecture

Foundation Executive Director Carol Rognrud, left, presents a Montgomery College anniversary clock to Erica Webber at the annual Adrian Webber Memorial Lecture. Named in honor of her late mother, Adrian, who passed away in October 2007, the lecture is funded by the Webber Family Foundation as part of the annual WILLPOWER! Shakespeare festival. Adrian Webber was a Montgomery College student and lifelong learner.
GlaxoSmithKline Awards $100,000 Grant to Establish Scholarship
GSK Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Endowed Scholarship Supports Training of Future Workforce

Montgomery College received a $100,000 grant from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), a leading pharmaceutical and health care company that recently acquired Rockville-based biotechnology company, Human Genome Sciences (HGS). The grant will create the GSK Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Endowed Scholarship to help ensure a highly-trained pipeline of employees for the Maryland biotechnology workforce.

“Educating and training for 21st-century jobs is essential to the long-term economic growth of our industry and our country,” said Mary Linda Andrews, director of community partnerships at GlaxoSmithKline. “GSK is proud to partner with Montgomery College as they continue their tradition of providing state-of-the-art educational opportunities for students.”

“We are pleased to partner with GlaxoSmithKline and to continue our work with its Montgomery County site to provide high quality education for our biotechnology and biomanufacturing students,” said Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, president of Montgomery College. “Scholarships are crucial to helping promising students with financial need pursue their academic and career dreams. We are grateful to GlaxoSmithKline for its generous support.”

Located at the Montgomery College Germantown Campus, the biotechnology program provides state-of-the-art educational opportunities in applied biotechnology, bioscience, and biomanufacturing, integrating laboratory and classroom instruction. Students may complete a certificate program or receive an associate of applied science degree, and are prepared to move directly into the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Montgomery College Selected to Participate in Gap for Community Colleges Program

Gap Inc., the parent company of Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, Athleta, Piperlime, and Intermix brands, partnered with Montgomery College to offer career development training to adult business students enrolled in an accelerated program to earn their associate’s degree.

White House Initiative
The Gap for Community Colleges program was designed in response to President Obama’s Skills for America’s Future, which focuses on maximizing workforce development, job training programs, and job placement for community college students, with the ultimate goal of the American workforce becoming more competitive in the global economy.

“For more than 40 years, Gap Inc. has been committed to improving education in the communities where we live and work,” said Eva Sage-Gavin, executive vice president of Global Human Resources and Corporate Affairs for Gap. “We are proud to participate in this White House initiative and expand our job training programs to more cities to support efforts to improve the economy. Our hope is that Gap for Community Colleges can be part of the solution to improve workforce competitiveness here in the US.”

Real World Training
The nationwide initiative offers community college students the same comprehensive training curriculum that Gap store managers receive. Taught by Gap employees, the workshops target job searches, interview skills, resume writing, managing people, time management, and workplace communication skills. In addition, students can shadow a Gap manager and gain valuable on-the-job experience.
Local Companies Support Maryland Science Bowl Competition

Grants from Washington Gas and QIAGEN enabled Montgomery College to host the 2013 Maryland Science Bowl Competition at the Rockville Campus this past January.

The Maryland Science Bowl is an academic competition that tests high school students’ knowledge in all areas of science, using a fast-paced, verbal question-and-answer format. Interest in the Maryland Science Bowl has grown exponentially in the seven years the College has hosted the event, with 44 teams from 26 schools competing this year in round-robin matches and elimination rounds.

Washington Gas President and Chief Operating Officer Adrian P. Chapman provided opening remarks to participating students, and both Washington Gas and QIAGEN were among the organizations that provided volunteers for the day.

The foundation sincerely thanks the many individuals from area businesses and organizations and the College community who contributed their time to moderate matches, serve as timekeepers, and assist in a variety of other ways.

Above: Captain Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper, division commander for the Naval Surface Warfare Center/Carderock Division, served as the event’s keynote speaker. A NASA astronaut for 10 years, Captain Piper completed two Space Shuttle missions that included five space walks.

Far right: A slide of Captain Piper in space from her presentation.

From left, Rockville High School students Vibhu Someshwar and Jacob Shpiece confer on a question at the Maryland Science Bowl. Someshwar, Shpiece, Catherine Nguyen, and Gabrianna Andrews represented the Rockville High School team, which placed first in the state.

Gap for Community Colleges

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experience. Participants will also have the opportunity to apply for the company’s management level positions.

The College has tailored the training program to meet the needs of its students and local workforce demands. Workshops will be incorporated into its competitive business program designed for working adults to complete an associate’s degree within two years. Using a cohort model, students in the Montgomery College Accelerated Program (MCAP) in business take classes online and on campus in the evenings and weekends, working around their job schedules. Ten students participate in the current cohort, and many are expected to receive their degrees in May 2014.

In addition to the training, Gap Inc. has provided funding to support book scholarships for students in the MCAP in business program. Students who complete the training program will receive financial support to purchase textbooks for the following semester, helping them to complete their studies towards their associate’s degree.
Retiree’s Gift Honors Parents’ Legacy of Love and Encouragement

Dr. Lisa Carvallo, who recently retired after 31 years of service to Montgomery College, created an endowed scholarship to honor her parents, Dr. Richard L. and Barbara A. Beaudoin.

Carvallo served as director of MESA (math, engineering, and science achievement) and career pathway programs until her retirement. She attributes her own story of success to her parents’ encouragement and support. Carvallo dropped out of high school when she was 16. Her father’s advocacy inspired her to complete a general equivalency diploma (GED). Continuous coaxing from her parents steered her to take a drawing course at the College from Professor Robert Cohen. “His support and encouragement challenged me to continue taking other courses,” said Carvallo. After completing 90 credits at Montgomery College, she transferred to George Mason University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in biology. She also holds an MBA from Johns Hopkins University, and a doctorate in community college leadership from Morgan State University.

“Montgomery College changed my life,” said Carvallo. “It made me realize that the intellectual stimulation that comes from being in a nurturing learning environment was missing from my life. That one course my parents convinced me to take, set me on a pathway of lifelong learning, and I want to give other students the opportunity to thrive through learning.”

Carvallo decided to honor her parents, while giving students the opportunity to change their lives. Carvallo’s father, Dr. Richard L. Beaudoin, was a renowned malariologist who pioneered a method of creating vaccines. During his distinguished career, he taught at Penn State and worked with doctoral students up until his death in 1990. Her mother, Barbara, also an accomplished scholar and longtime volunteer for the American Cancer Society, encouraged Carvallo’s academic pursuits, until her death in 1997. At one time or another, all five Beaudoin siblings worked and studied at the College, including her youngest sister, Jackie Van Epps, and brother Rick Beaudoin ’85. Sisters Michele Paul and Denise Matheny continue to work at the College, proudly serving in procurement and special events, respectively.

Foundation Recognizes Philanthropic Advisor Rudney

Montgomery College 2013 honorary degree recipient, Sally Rudney, received a Montgomery College anniversary clock from the foundation, in recognition of her philanthropic contributions to the community. Rudney has worked in the field of philanthropy for more than 28 years, including 17 years as the founding executive director of The Community Foundation for Montgomery County, a regional affiliate of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. She left The Community Foundation in February 2013 to begin her own philanthropic advisory practice. She helps donors develop and implement strategic philanthropy plans.

Under Rudney’s leadership, The Community Foundation for Montgomery County grew from one family fund in 1996 to 276 family, corporate, memorial, scholarship, and leadership funds in 2012. Last year, the funds gave more than $20 million in grants to nonprofits in Montgomery County, across the Washington metropolitan region, and around the world.

Sally Rudney receives the anniversary clock from David Sears, senior vice president for advancement and community engagement.
Retired MCPS Reading Teacher Wants to Inspire Happy Endings

Everyone loves a good story, especially Karla Berg Walker ’74, a recently retired reading specialist in Montgomery County Public Schools. Walker’s own story began when she enrolled at Montgomery College and took the first step toward becoming a teacher. A fifth-generation Washingtonian, she was the first person on her mother’s side to graduate from college, and the only one to receive a master’s degree.

Walker knows it can be intimidating to embark on this journey, which is why she established the Karla Berg Walker Endowed Scholarship. The scholarships will go to students participating in the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program at Montgomery College. Walker wants to provide all Montgomery County students—even some of her former students—the same chance she had to pursue her higher education dreams.

Walker is passionate about helping others because she knows how tough it is to finance a college education. “My dad came back from World War II with no ideas of what he should do,” said Walker. The GI Bill paid for his entire degree at George Washington University, but that would not be true today, and he wouldn’t have graduated without full financial support,” she said.

Walker received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from the University of Maryland. She taught in Montgomery County schools for 26 years and, as a teacher, understands the importance of reaching students early on to encourage them to envision a brighter future for themselves.

Walker has three grown children, all college graduates. “My children had the advocates and the support they needed to follow the college path, something my students frequently did not have,” she said. Walker sees the ACES program as an answer to this dilemma because it eases students into the process; her endowment will provide financial support to promising students who need a helping hand.

Just as the books she taught her students to read had a happy ending, so, too, does Walker want to ensure that all students have the same opportunity to live happily ever after. She hopes to inspire others to support the ACES program by contributing to the Karla Berg Walker Endowed Scholarship, or even to establish a scholarship of their own.

ACES Builds Bridges

The ACES program is set to launch in 10 Montgomery County high schools this fall. ACES increases access to higher education by providing comprehensive support for participating students to complete college and succeed.

An initiative of Montgomery College in collaboration with MCPS and the Universities at Shady Grove, this program targets those who are underrepresented in higher education, including African American, Hispanic, and low-income students, as well as those who would be the first in their family to attend college.

For information, visit www.ACESmontgomery.org.