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Curtain Rises as Montgomery College Ushers in Performing Arts Center

Theatre, dance, and music now have a stunning new showcase in South Silver Spring—Montgomery College's eagerly-anticipated Performing Arts Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

"It's a world-class performing arts space," said Film Professor Perry Schwartz, chairman of communication and performing arts at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Schwartz was intimately involved in the development of the \$30.7 million

facility, which was conceived 15 years ago. "The facilities for our communication arts programs have been updated beyond our hopes and dreams. It's everything we hoped it would be," Schwartz said.

The 57,243-square-foot building, located at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and East-West Highway, features a state-of-the-art film editing lab, a piano and guitar lab, smart classrooms, staff offices, and art gallery. An expansive

glass-walled dance studio facing Georgia Avenue offers a window into the lively performance space.

The center also houses two full performing arts theatres: a 500-seat main theatre with balcony and a 120-seat studio theatre with dressing rooms, costume shop, and scene and prop shop. A parking garage and

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Curtain Rises at New Performing Arts Center



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Students enjoy a class in the spacious dance studio; Professor Ellen Mansueto chats with theatre students in the new studio theatre; a 500-seat theatre offers a great view from all seats.

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ground lot with more than 400 spaces will open in November.

“The center blends form and function in a way that makes teaching even more of a delight for me,” said Theatre Professor Ellen Mansueto. “The classrooms are flexible enough to accommodate many modes of teaching and learning, and the laboratory and studio spaces are outstanding facilities for practice and performance.”

Theatre student Paul-Marie Brou is equally enthusiastic about the new facility. “I like the way my theatre class was built. The acoustics are great. We can see and hear my professor from anywhere in the room.”

Every seat in the main theatre offers a clear view of the stage, creating an appealing intimacy. “There’s not a bad seat in the house,” said Schwartz.

“The [dance studio] floor feels like silk under my feet. It’s a dancer’s dream for pirouettes,” said Dance Professor Meryl Shapiro. “When we go across the floor ... for locomotor movements, I make sure we leap towards the windows as though we’re leaping straight out across

Georgia Avenue. The acoustics are wonderful and so is the sound system. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful space.”

The center now serves as the southern anchor of the Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment District. To celebrate and acknowledge the diverse student population and the surrounding communities, the center will offer concerts and events for all ages, with a focus on cross-cultural performances. The College will also partner with area performing groups to offer educational activities and maximize the use of the center by the community.

The Performing Arts Center received funding from Montgomery County and the state of Maryland, and was designed by the Smith Group, a Washington, D.C. architecture, engineering, and interior planning firm. The building received an AIA-DC Award of Excellence this fall.

It is the final building constructed as part of a larger, three-phase expansion of the College’s Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Since 2004, the College has opened a Health Sciences Center, the Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, and a pedestrian bridge.



A Message from Dr. Hercules Pinkney, Interim President of Montgomery College

Montgomery College is the community’s college. Since assuming the role of interim president at Montgomery College this fall, I have been reminded of this fact as support for the College has poured in from all over Montgomery County and the state of Maryland. I am humbled and honored that the Board of Trustees granted me this opportunity to give back to the institution I love. Since my first day on the job, the College community has heard me repeat the same message: Montgomery College is strong.

Montgomery College is family. Montgomery College is one.

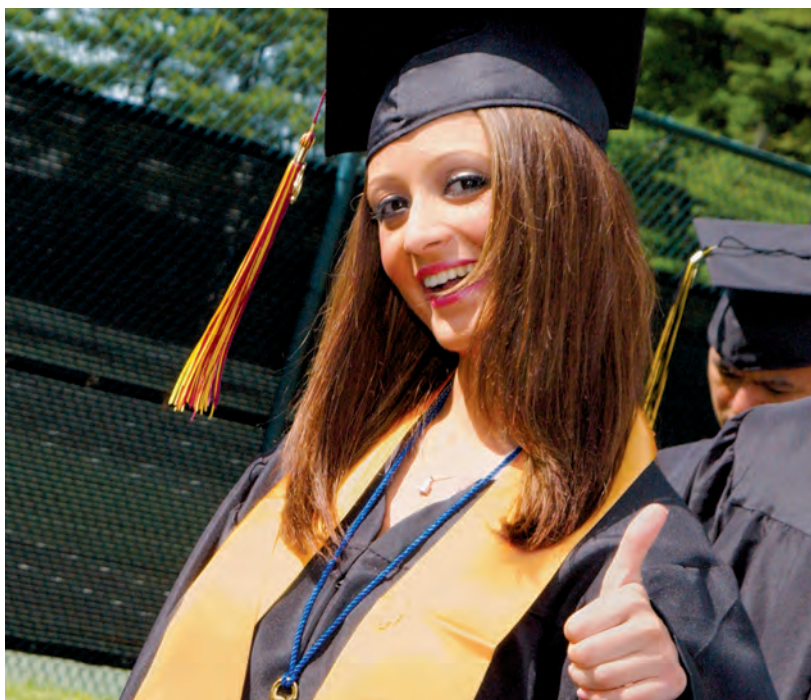
This mantra has become my rallying cry and my public promise to Montgomery College and the greater Montgomery County community. It also mirrors the three goals set for me by the Board of Trustees to restore stability, rebuild confidence, and prepare the College for the future.

As you leaf through this issue of *Montgomery College Today*, learn more about Montgomery

College’s impact on our community—from quality educational opportunities and cultural events to our commitment to changing the lives of our students.

Find out more about your community’s college. Take a class with us. Visit one of our art galleries. Come to a lecture or a play. We are here to serve you.

Best wishes,
Dr. Hercules Pinkney



By Don Rejonis

Aluma Ola Alrifai '09, who transferred to the University of Maryland with a substantial scholarship, found a welcoming environment at Montgomery College, where she was able to perfect her English language skills.

MC Transfer Student... Making a New Start

Having fled Syria in 2005, Montgomery College alumna Ola Alrifai '09 is thriving in her new life. A government and politics major, 22-year-old Alrifai graduated from the College and received a Transfer Academic Excellence Scholarship, which will cover tuition for four full semesters at the University of Maryland (UM).

Raised in Damascus, Syria, Alrifai finds life in America refreshingly different. "... I really value and appreciate the freedom here," says Alrifai. "I can choose what to study and what to wear. I can express my thoughts freely."

The eldest child of pro-democracy activists, Alrifai was raised with certain western values, which set her apart from many of her peers.

In 2002, Alrifai's parents founded the Tharwa Foundation, which promotes human rights and political change in Syria, the Middle East, and the North Africa region. Tharwa in Arabic literally means "wealth," but Alrifai explains that

it also embodies the larger idea of diversity and accepting differences as a form of wealth for society as a whole. They lead grassroots efforts to break the government's "information blockade."

As a result of those activities, Alrifai says, her family was forced into exile and emigrated to the United States. They are considered political refugees. "We cannot return, until a regime change, and our relatives are banned from traveling."

During her first weeks at Montgomery College, Alrifai found the multicultural atmosphere helpful for overcoming her initial shyness to communicate in English. "I met students from all over the world," she says. "We could correct each other. To be honest, everybody, including professors, were very supportive."

"The most important thing is that I can dream, and work hard, and I can achieve my dreams. I have done so many things since 2005 that I could never have been able to achieve in my homeland."

College Program Seeks to Transform Boys into Men

Professor Clif McKnight won't take no for an answer. Just ask Rorlando Nelson. Over a period of months, McKnight gently badgered Nelson to join Boys to Men (BTM), a College mentoring program now in its second year that aims to strengthen academic success, retention rates, and graduation rates among black and African-American male students.

Nelson finally acquiesced; he attended a Boys to Men meeting and was hooked. "So many black and African-American men come to college and fail," he said. "I almost flunked out my second semester. Boys to Men helped me to get through those rough areas."

Out of an initial cohort of BTM students from the spring 2009 semester, the mean GPA was 2.50—higher than the mean GPA of all black, Hispanic, Asian, and white males at Montgomery College, and higher than *all* male and female students combined.

"When I was in community college some 20 years ago in California, the same problem among black male students existed," said Gustavus (Gus) Griffin, a counselor and professor at the Rockville Campus. "So several of us thought that instead of talking

about and studying the problem, we would try to do something about the problem."

Relationship building with successful role models is key. Throughout the semester, students work one on one with mentors—black and African American faculty and staffers—who encourage self esteem, academic growth, and social empowerment.

Just as important, the program helps students develop a sense of community on campus. Research shows that students do better if they feel they are connected to the campus through academics, extracurricular activities, and social networking.

To that end, BTM sponsors biweekly meetings, lectures, outings to restaurants and basketball games, and open gym nights to foster a closer bond among students. And although the program targets black and African-American men, students of any race or gender are welcome to attend the on-campus activities.

For more information about Boys to Men, call Professor Gus Griffin at 240-567-5090 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/studevrv/mentoring.html.



By Jennifer Baugh

Professor Gus Griffin, far right, and Professor Marcus Peanort, center, with a few members of Boys to Men, a program that seeks to boost academic achievement of black and African-American male students.

In a Class by Themselves

Two Select Honors Programs Celebrate 10-Year Anniversaries

In 1999 Montgomery College launched two new honors programs: the Montgomery Scholars program and the Macklin Business Institute honors program for students seeking a career in business. Both programs are celebrating their 10-year anniversaries of providing gifted students with a top-quality education that rivals the nation's finest four-year institutions.



By Don Rejonis

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

Montgomery Scholars: From Students to Citizens of the World

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

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

The Scholars Program has received local and national awards and accolades, including being featured in *The New York Times*. In addition, honors faculty from other colleges often seek the Scholars Program out as they begin similar programs on their campuses.

The scholars have flourished academically at Montgomery College

and have contributed to the College community and campus life through the student newspaper, on the athletic field, in clubs, as a student member of 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. Three scholars—Min Bui '01, Yiyi (Coco) Tsai '02, and Ekta Laheri '03—have received Ph.Ds. Four more scholars are enrolled in Ph.D. programs.

Nearly 30 percent are in graduate programs, and their social consciousness is reflected in a range of service—from volunteering as EMTs in Montgomery County to working for the Peace Corps, Teach for America, and Doctors without Borders.

For more information about the Montgomery Scholars Program, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions/MCScholars.

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 represented the only community college at the event, and were pitted against college juniors, seniors, and graduates; MBA students; and MBA graduates.

Winning local, regional, and national business school competitions comes naturally to MBI scholars, who, like the Montgomery Scholars, represent la crème de la crème of Montgomery College students.

MBI was established 10 years ago with a \$1.26 million contribution by Gordon Macklin, founder of NASDAQ—the largest endowment to a community college at the time. Over the past decade, approximately 170 students have graduated as MBI scholars, with nearly 100 percent continuing their business education at four-year institutions such as Georgetown, Cornell, NYU,

and the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, to name a few.

An added focus of the MBI Program is experiential learning opportunities. Students thrive in an environment beyond classroom walls, managing a Starbucks® Café at the Rockville Campus. In fact, the Café's business plan that MBI students developed in 2003 is now an operational business with almost \$120,000 in yearly revenues. Profits go toward scholarship assistance for future MBI 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 grow MBI from a one-year sophomore level honors program to include an additional two-year program for entering freshman.

For more information about the Macklin Business Institute, visit www.macklin.org.



Courtesy Macklin Business Institute

From left to right: MBI Director Steve Lang with students Andrew O'Connor, Ricardo Camacho, Ksenia Prokunina, Crystal Quinones, and Professor Brian Baick at a business competition in which the MBI team won top honors.

By the Numbers—Montgomery College Grows Greener by the Day

"Green" practices and an aggressive resource conservation program form the basis for a healthy and responsible approach to environmental integrity—and Montgomery College is no stranger to these conservation initiatives. Since the late 1970s, the College has been at the forefront of promoting sound environmental practices. Here are a few hard facts and figures:



75: Percentage of College electricity generated from renewable wind power in year 2010. Fiscal year 2005 and 2006: 5 percent; fiscal year 2007 and 2008: 10 percent; fiscal year 2009: 70 percent

25,000: Dollars saved annually from renewable solar energy, generated on-site and converted into electricity (photovoltaics) and hot water (evacuated tube collectors)

27 million: Number of pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas, displaced annually by the College's renewable energy programs

69: Percentage of waste recycled in 2008, which exceeds Montgomery County's mandated 50 percent recycling requirement

2 million: Increase in pounds of waste the College has recycled from 2002 to 2008—from one million pounds in 2002 to three million pounds in 2008

6: Number of times Montgomery College has received the county's Excellence in Recycling Award over the past eight years

2: Ingenious ways the College reduces its daytime peak electricity demand: (1) by producing ice at

night, and (2) by melting it during the day for cooling buildings

4: Number of central chilled water cooling plants on the three campuses that use high-efficiency ammonia refrigerant chillers (natural refrigerant, zero ozone depletion potential, zero global warming potential)

2: Number of buildings that will have the coveted LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification: the science building under construction at the Rockville Campus, and the bioscience center in design at the Germantown Campus. (Montgomery County only requires county-funded building projects to meet LEED Silver certification.)

50: Percentage of students at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus who take advantage of free bus transportation to their classes, thereby decreasing carbon monoxide emissions from the cars they leave at home

1: Enlightened College community—students, faculty, staff, and public—working together to ensure success of the College's resource conservation program

Color Your Career Green

Montgomery College's Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WD&CE) now offers courses on green energy and sustainability management. The courses are offered through a partnership with the Green Building Institute, a nonprofit organization committed to fostering sustainable building practices through education.

Many credit and noncredit programs integrate green technology themes—architectural technology, building trades technology, engineering, the sciences, and landscape technology, to name a few. Alternate fuel vehicles; LEED certification preparation workshops; and landscape planning, design, and construction of energy efficient buildings are ongoing topics in these programs. Training in weatherizing and performing certified home energy audits began in partnership with the Maryland Energy Administration and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development began this past June, and a new course series in community and business green practices awareness launched in September.

In the months ahead, WD&CE plans to offer a green business certification program in partnership with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. The monthly three-hour course presented both online and face to face, will help businesses learn how to achieve Green Business Certification, an essential seal of approval.

For more information about green technology courses, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce.

To learn more about the College's green initiatives, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/facilitiesca and click on Energy Management.

Child Care Is Granted

Interested in taking courses at Montgomery College, but don't know how to finance high-quality child care for your preschoolers? You've come to the right place.

Montgomery College's accredited Early Learning Centers now offer child care tuition assistance to eligible students, thanks to the Child Care Access Means Parents in School State Grant (CCAMPIS

Grant) awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. The Early Learning Center at the Rockville Campus also received funding from the Montgomery County Head Start Program to offset expenses incurred in providing care for children eligible for Head Start.

The centers, which operate at all three campuses, are open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and serve children 2½ to 5 years old.

Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/departments/auxiliaryservices and click on Early Learning Centers.

Project Management: Hot Career, Cool Salary

Looking for a great career with an attractive salary? Find out more about project management. Montgomery College's Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WD&CE) now offers a series of courses that can start you on a new career path to this booming profession, or help you upgrade your project management leadership skills. Find out the answers to questions you might have about the profession and the program at Montgomery College:

What is the role of a project manager?

Project managers use their organizational and leadership skills to manage teams, equipment, and other resources in businesses where work is project based, rather than being a continuous process. Whether the task is constructing a new building, or developing and testing a new piece of software, the project manager is responsible for making everything run smoothly.

Where do project managers work?

You'll find project managers in every industry. The federal government, in particular, is a huge employer of project managers.

What is the job outlook for project managers?

According to WD&CE Dean Steve Greenfield, project management, particularly in the federal government, is "a hot commodity and a hot career. It's a portable profession recognized all over the world."

What type of salary can I expect?

According to Monster.com, entry-level project managers with accreditation from the Project Management Institute can earn upwards of \$60,000 annually. Experienced, credentialed project managers can earn \$90,000 to \$125,000.

What does Montgomery College offer?

Montgomery College is certified by the Project Management Institute as

a provider and resource for project management and training in Maryland. The College offers open enrollment and contract training for individuals and businesses seeking the nationally and internationally recognized project management professional certification, which is awarded by the Project Management Institute, not the College.

WD&CE prepares you for certification exams administered by the Project Management Institute: certified associate project manager (CAPM) for entry-level to senior members of a project team, and project management professional (PMP) for experienced project managers who want to increase their skills and apply a standards-based approach to project management.

I've always managed projects. Why do I need additional training and education?

In today's tough economy, companies are looking for ways to increase



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efficiency and decrease costs—skills that credentialed project managers possess. Increasingly, the federal government wants its project managers and contractors to have the credential.

How do I find out more?

Call Steve Greenfield at 240-567-2583; e-mail steve.greenfield@montgomerycollege.edu; or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/bits/projectmanagement.html.

Sign Up Today for Free Job Hunt Boot Camp

Are you stuck in a boring job or a dead-end career? Are you—or someone you know—out of work and desperate to find a position? Would you like to find your "dream job?" Then plan to attend Job Hunt Boot Camp.

In this **FREE**, three-hour workshop, you'll learn how to:

- Identify your own unique talents, natural abilities, and skill sets
- Develop realistic but exciting career goals
- Discover your stress levels and learn strategies to leverage them
- Find the **NUMBER ONE source of great jobs** (hint: it's NOT Monster.com)
- Craft a winning resume and cover letter
- Identify key steps in preparing for a job interview

- Answer the most important question an interviewer will ask
- Evaluate multiple job offers and negotiate a great salary

The workshop, sponsored by the College's Student Employment Services, will be led by Malcolm O. Munro, a nationally known author, speaker, consultant, and coach with an extensive human resources background. Munro is author of *Marketing Yourself for Your Dream Job: How to Get the Job and Career You've Always Wanted*, and has presented this workshop to rave reviews.

When: Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Germantown Campus, Globe Hall, High Technology and Science Center

How: To sign up, visit www.jobhuntbootcamp.com

Make Your Layoff Pay Off

A job loss just might be an opportunity in disguise: it can give you time to reflect on where you are headed, and where you might need additional training and education to launch a new career. So whether you need direction to strengthen your skills for new work challenges or would like to complete the degree you once started, plan to attend Montgomery College's Create Your New Career series of fall workshops, sponsored by the Office of Adult Student Services.

Create Your New Career focuses on the essential personal and professional changes you need to make to transition to new employment.

- On November 3 and 17, the Office of Adult Student Services will partner with Student Employment Services to capture key changes and developments in creating professional resume

designs, a critical tool to a successful hire today.

- On November 12, the federal employment opportunities and application process will be featured, highlighting shortcuts to mastering the complexities of government applications and building that all-important network to get employed.
- On December 1, a panel of local business experts will present an informative forum to help you understand the "layoff to new job launch," highlighting the academic preparation, employment skill transfer process, and "get ready" attitude for your career change.

For more information about these events and to reserve your spot, call 240-567-4243 or 240-567-5135 or e-mail adultreentry@montgomerycollege.edu.

Explore the Music of the Civil Rights Era

Legendary civil rights leader and Congressman John Lewis joins scholars Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Dr. Portia Maultsby, and Dr. Tricia Rose for “Music of the Movement,” a free event moderated by Maureen Bunyan, news anchor for WJLA-TV. The presentation will be held Tuesday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the new Performing Arts Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of Montgomery College.

The experience, scholarship, and ideas voiced by the participants will be embodied by the music of the award-winning Bowie State University Gospel Choir, led by Professor LaTonya Wrenn.

“*Music of the Movement*” is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. To register, visit www.mdhc.org.

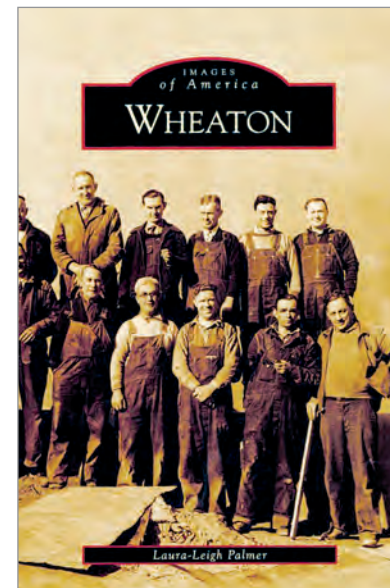
Illustration Professor Pens First Book about Wheaton

While serving as president of the Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce several years ago, Laura-Leigh Palmer, an illustration professor at the Rockville Campus, realized that very little had been published about the area. An avid history buff—she has a Washington, D.C. tour guide license—and with more questions than answers, she began searching for the area’s past.

“There was a lot of information out there, but nobody was collecting it,” said Palmer. From the dusty attics of Wheaton residents to the halls of the Library of Congress, Palmer uncovered so much buried treasure that she knew she had a potential book in the making. What emerged is *Images of America: Wheaton* (Arcadia Publishing, 2009), the first book ever written about the Wheaton area.

Although the community can trace its roots back to 1689, the name Wheaton was first adopted when Union veteran George F. Plyer became postmaster in 1869. Plyer sought to honor Gen. Frank Wheaton, the commander in charge of the 1864 defense of Washington, D.C. at Fort Stevens.

Proximity to the nation’s capital, large tracts of farmland, and existing roads were an ideal combination for suburban development. The construction boom that began during World War II had



entire communities developing at a pace that seemed to occur overnight. The area’s population soared, and a new way of life began.

Although Wheaton boomed, few people bothered to chronicle its past, Palmer said. Through archival photographs, historical documents, articles, and countless interviews, Palmer presents the distinctive stories from the past that shape the character of the community today.

“I hope that this will be a beginning for others to preserve the uniqueness that makes Wheaton,” said Palmer.

For more information, visit Palmer’s Web site: www.images-of-wheaton.com.

Fall 2009 Open Houses at Montgomery College

Join us for one or more open houses at Montgomery College to take a campus tour and learn about academic programs, special admissions programs, and student services.

Montgomery Scholars

Saturday, October 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Rockville Campus
Theatre Arts Arena
maria.adams@montgomerycollege.edu
240-567-5039

Medical/Health Sciences

Tuesday, November 10, 5–7 p.m.
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
Health Sciences Center
camille.scott@montgomerycollege.edu
240-567-1583
Application fee waived during Open House

Career Programs Expo

Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Germantown Campus
High Technology and Science Center
cathy.kwolek@montgomerycollege.edu
240-567-7816
Application fee waived during Open House

Adult Information Sessions

Are you returning to college or a first-time college student? Select a session geared for adult students. Choose from one of the following sessions to learn about the college admissions process and your enrollment options.

Wednesday, November 11, December 16, from 5:30–7 p.m.
Germantown Campus
216 High Technology and Science Center

Wednesday, November 18, January 6, from 5:30–7 p.m.
Rockville Campus
Faculty/Staff Dining Room
Campus Center

For information about these sessions for adult students, contact kim.brown@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-4145.

Information Sessions

Can’t make it to one of our Open Houses? Join us for an Information Session and tour. A session will be available in Spanish.

Si no puede asistir a uno de estos eventos, favor de acompañarnos durante una sesión informativa en español.

Wednesday, November 4, December 9, or January 13, 5:30 p.m.
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
302 Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center
camille.scott@montgomerycollege.edu
240-567-1583

En español contactar: gloria.bonilla@montgomerycollege.edu
240-567-3961

Para preguntas en español, llame al 240-567-5000 y oprima el dos.

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Photo of Native Pride Dancers by
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Performing Arts and Community Events CALENDAR

Montgomery College offers a tremendous variety of events right in your backyard, many of them free. Here's a brief sampling. For a complete listing of what's going on at all three campuses, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu and click on News and Events, then Event Calendar.

MUSIC

Free!

Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 pm.
RON WARREN BAND

Ron Warren, of the Echota Tsalagi tribe, is a composer/arranger and performer on Native American flutes and keyboards.
Music Recital Hall, Rockville Campus
240-567-5209

Saturday, November 7 at 11 a.m.
NATIVE PRIDE DANCERS

American Indian dance, drum, and song. Recommended for all ages. \$7 adults; \$6 students and seniors
Performing Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
240-567-5775

Free!

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.
BSO CONCERTMASTER
JONATHAN CARNEY ON
VIOLIN AND VIOLA

With guests from the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras and pianist Lura Johnson. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series
Music Recital Hall, Rockville Campus
240-567-5209

Free!

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.
MUSIC OF THE MOVEMENT
(See page 7 for details.)
Performing Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
Register at www.mdhc.org

Friday, December 11 at 8 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM

RONNIE SPECTOR AND DARLENE LOVE
Ronnie Spector and Darlene Love defined the essence of the "girl group" sound, paving the way for future generations. Now they have come together in a historic reunion to create an exciting concert version of the album, *A Christmas Gift for You*, considered the greatest rock and roll holiday album ever made. \$40 general admission
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
240-567-5301

THEATRE

October 30–November 22

Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m.
Sunday at 2 p.m.

THREE ONE-ACT FANTASIES: WOODMAN AND THE GOBLINS, FAIR ROSAMUND AND HER MURDERER, DR. FAUSTUS
By Don Nigro. An Arts Alive Theatre and Happenstance Theatre Presentation. \$20 general admission; \$5 MC students, faculty, staff
Performing Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
240-567-5780

Wednesday–Saturday, November 11–14
At 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 15, 2 p.m.

HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES

By John Guare. College Performing Arts Series. \$10 general admission; \$8 students and seniors
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
240-567-5301

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Saturday, November 28 at 11 a.m.

HENRY AND MUDGE

A TheatreworksUSA Presentation. General seating. Recommended for ages 5 and up. \$7 general admission; \$6 children, students, seniors
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
240-567-5301

Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 11 a.m.

RUDYARD KIPLING'S HOW THE ELEPHANT GOT HIS TRUNK AND OTHER ANIMAL TALES

With Jim West. A TheatreworksUSA Presentation. General seating. Recommended for ages 5 and up. \$7 general admission; \$6 children, students, seniors
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
240-567-5301

DANCE

Friday, November 20 at 8 p.m.

VIRSKY UKRAINIAN NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY

This dance company embodies the exquisite charm of Ukrainian folk dance. \$40
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
240-567-5301

Tuesday, November 17 at 8 p.m.

FALL DANCE SHOWCASE

Original works by dance composition students and guest artists to raise funds for dance scholarships. Admission by donation.
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
240-567-7506

Free!

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

DANCE INFORMAL

Variety of dance styles and genres performed by Montgomery College dance classes
Theatre Arts Arena
Rockville Campus
240-567-7506

PUBLIC INTEREST

Free!

Wednesday, November 4 at 11 a.m.

PEACE, JUSTICE, AND THE LAW

Talk by Judge Jane R. Roth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
Performing Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
240-567-1385

POPULAR SCIENCE

Free!

Saturday, November 21 at 7 p.m.

BLACKHOLES: GRAVITY TO THE MAX

Suitable for all ages, this planetarium show is a friendly introduction to the general theory of relativity.
Planetarium
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
240-567-1463

Free!

Monday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

WINTER SOLSTICE: DAY OF THE SUN'S RETURN

This planetarium show explores the astronomical events associated with the first day of winter and demonstrates how the position of the solstice has changed over the millennium.
Planetarium
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
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