



# REACHING THE G.O.A.L.

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## Montgomery College Adult Learners Group Now on Facebook

It's not just for the kids anymore – Facebook has become a place for people of all ages, backgrounds and interests to connect with one another for networking, friendship, information-sharing and more!

According to company information on the Facebook website, "Facebook's mission is to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected. Millions of people use Facebook everyday to keep up with friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet." The Germantown Options for Adult Learners (G.O.A.L.) Program and the MC-Rockville Office of Adult Student Services hope that this page will provide similar opportunities for MC adult students to connect and build relationships.

Once you sign up and create a profile with Facebook (easy to do at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)), type in "Montgomery College Adult Learners" in the search box. Once you find us, click "Become a Fan". This means that you can participate in the group discussions, connect with other students in the group, discuss courses and homework, and begin dialogue with other adult learners at MC.

Worried about privacy? You choose how much information you add to your profile, and decide who gets to see it. You can choose who can see your profile at all, and even among those you choose to add to your list of "Facebook friends", you can control which pieces of information on your profile others can see.

If you have additional questions about joining the group, please contact Amanda McIntosh at [amanda.mcintosh@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:amanda.mcintosh@montgomerycollege.edu).

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### Upcoming Events at MC

- July 3 – Independence Day observed. College closed.
- July 6 – Summer Session II classes begin.
- July 8 – 10 – MC's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chautauqua celebration. 7pm. Outdoors, Germantown Campus.
- July 11 – Credit for Prior Learning information session. 10:00am – 11:30am, Rockville Campus, HU building, room 133.

Want to save time and money by earning credit for your life/work experiences?

Find out how!



**Credit for Prior Learning  
Information Session**

**Saturday, July 11**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Rockville Campus/HU building, Room 133**



Attendance at a CPL information session is required in order to sign up for the Portfolio Development (DS 150) course.

Please RSVP to Amanda McIntosh at [Amanda.McIntosh@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Amanda.McIntosh@montgomerycollege.edu) or 240-567-6976

## Montgomery College Germantown 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chautauqua Celebration



Chautauquas feature scholars who take on the persona of celebrated historical figures, while educating and entertaining audiences as they bring these historical figures to life.

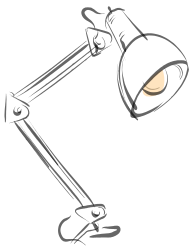
### Chautauqua 2009: "Rights and Reformers."

The dates and featured appearances are as follows:

Wednesday, July 8 - Woody Guthrie

Thursday, July 9 - Jackie Robinson

Friday, July 10 - Eleanor Roosevelt



## Adult Student Spotlight: Carlo and Tammy Farrugia



*Photo courtesy Byron Henson*

When the decline of the Michigan economy forced Carlo and Tammy Farrugia

to close the doors of their privately owned construction company, the married couple did not merely accept their circumstances and wait for things to get better – instead, they made some drastic life changes in an effort to improve their family’s situation. First, Tammy and Carlo moved to Maryland where they had no previous ties, and then, both decided to return to school for the first time in nearly a decade. After enrolling at MC, Carlo began a degree program in Legal Studies and Tammy turned her love of photography into a course of study.

“After the [loss of our business], we found our self-confidence severely shaken; in addition to this, we were cognizant of the fact that we were now living far away from our family and friends. This is where Montgomery College has been instrumental in our life. Our individual academic achievement at Montgomery College acted as the catalysts that helped us rediscover our self-confidence. Additionally, MC is also where we have found most of our new friends, people with similar ambitions, motivations and career goals as ourselves. MC has provided us with a renewed and strengthened self-confidence, strong new personal relationships, and a deep and stable foothold to spring into our new career fields.”

Tammy adds, “In addition to the daily challenges we face...it is very important to us to maintain vigilant to ensure that we spend enough quality time with our young children. This is often a very difficult task when you are trying to balance your children’s wants and needs against the demands of classes, homework and employment obligations.”

Mr. and Mrs. Farrugia seem to have been successful in finding this balance – Tammy is working toward the completion of her associate’s degree in Photography, and Carlo graduated from MC with a 4.0 GPA, successfully transferring to UMUC’s Legal Studies program, and hopes to enroll in law school after earning his Bachelor’s degree.

“With both of us working simultaneously toward the completion of our degrees and raising a family, all the while maintaining full-time employment, things can often become quite hectic. But we have found that by working together, covering for each other, and always keeping an eye firmly fixed on our future goals as a family, we have been able to manage all these things quite nicely.”

The G.O.A.L. Program at  
Montgomery College-Germantown  
Invites you to join us for the

## Fall 2009 Adult Student Open House



Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
GT Campus, HT 216

Join us for all the information  
you need to get your semester  
off to the right start!

### Open House Breakout Sessions:

- Financial Aid Workshop
- Career Planning
- Computer/Distance Learning Workshop
- Time Management/Study Skills

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Also Featuring an  
Adult Student Q & A Panel



Please RSVP to Amanda  
McIntosh (240-567-6976/  
amanda.mcintosh@montgomery  
college.edu) and include the **two**  
breakout sessions (listed above)  
you would like to attend.

**For more information about the Germantown Options for Adult Learners (G.O.A.L.) Program, please contact  
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