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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Scholars, Parents, and Friends of Scholars:

Twenty years ago, a group of administrators, faculty, and staff came together and began to flesh out an idea for a stellar, demanding honors program for Montgomery County graduating high school seniors. Our first class arrived on campus in the fall of 1999 and graduated from Montgomery College in 2001. Our 20th class recently began their first semester. For those of us around at the start, it seems impossible to fathom that we have already reached that 20th class. Those first years of the program were exciting, demanding, exhilarating, and dynamic, and their spirit still permeates all we do. Initially funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, the program aimed to produce a multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary, and co-disciplinary learning cohort long before all those terms became ingrained in edu-speak. We were convinced that the first two years of undergraduate education could be re-imagined. We promised to produce excellent results for students in the program at Montgomery College and at their transfer schools. Terrified of not delivering on this promise, we gave far too much work to our first class—just do not tell them that!

The Montgomery Scholars program owes a great debt of gratitude to numerous individuals: the initial and current presidents, Dr. Nunley and Dr. Pollard; administrators such as Dr. Shartle Galotto, Dr. Rai, Sherm Hellberg, Dr. Melissa Gregory, and Carolyn Terry (featured on page 37); the first director, Dianne Scheper; our dedicated counselors and engaging faculty such as Bob White, who still runs philo café; college recruiters, especially Maria Adams; and staff such as Paty Lopez, Patti Chalkley, Sepy Yousefi, and Monica Young. Indeed, the names are too many to list here—if you look at our 10th anniversary edition, you will see biographical sketches of many of them. It is impossible to do all of them justice, and in this final newsletter I will produce as director, I wish to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of them with a special shout-out to our Office of Advancement, which handles the newsletter, and our outstanding text and layout editors, Allie Buzzell and Tamara Lee.

Fundamentally, it is the students themselves and their achievements that have made the program successful. Their completion rates are off the charts; the national achievement gap is not a reality in the Montgomery Scholars program. Over 94 percent of alumni stay in touch with the program and many with one another. Indeed, alumni from different classes find they have a common vocabulary when they meet—Core, Capstone, Keystone, Colloquium, Skoal, and the various contributions and idiosyncrasies of all the faculty and experiences they encountered along the way. Many return to the college and now present some of our roundtables and run our annual picnic; many have stayed in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area and contribute greatly to their communities; two now work for the college. The greatest accolade, therefore, must go to the students themselves. Their successes, achievements, and lives manifest that promise of two decades ago. In this 20th anniversary newsletter, it is fitting, therefore, that we focus on them—all of them.

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William Plum, Mary Furgol, Patrick Hixenbaugh and Crystel Britto

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Thank you so much!

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL DIRECTOR

Queridos Becados, Padres de Familia, y Amigos de Becados:

Hace veinte años atrás, un grupo de administradores, facultad y personal se juntaron y comenzaron a trabajar en una idea para crear un programa de honores estelar y demandante para los bachilleres en el condado de Montgomery. Nuestra primera clase arribo en nuestras instalaciones en el otoño de 1999 y se graduaron de Montgomery College en el 2001. Nuestra vigésima clase acaba de empezar su primer semestre. Para aquellos de nosotros que estuvimos desde el principio, es imposible creer que hemos alcanzado la vigésima clase. Aquellos primeros años del programa fueron emocionantes, demandantes, regocijantes, y dinámicos, y su espíritu todavía esta impregnado en todo lo que hacemos. Inicialmente fundados por la subvención de la Fundación Nacional para las Humanidades, el programa apuntaba a producir un plan de aprendizaje multi-disciplinario, interdisciplinario, y co-disciplinario mucho antes de que esos términos se volvieran arraigados en el vocabulario educativo. Estábamos convencidos que los primeros dos años de educación universitaria podían ser reinventados. Prometimos producir resultados excelentes para los estudiantes en el programa de Montgomery College y en su universidad de transferencia. Aterrorizados de no cumplir con esta promesa, dimos demasiado trabajo a nuestros alumnos de la primera clase, solo no se los digan.

El Programa de los Becados de Montgomery tiene una gran deuda de gratitud a numerosos individuos: a los primeros y actuales presidentes, Dr. Nunley y Dr. Pollard; a los administradores como Dr. Shartle Gallotto, Dr. Rai, Sherm Hellberg, y Dr. Melissa Gregory y Carolyn Terry (resaltada abajo); el primer director, Dianne Scheper; nuestros consejeros dedicados y facultad maravillosa como Bob White, quien todavía esta a cargo del café de filosofía; nuestros reclutadores, especialmente Maria Adams; y el personal como Paty Lopez, Patti Chalkley, Sepy Yousefi, y Monica Young. De hecho, los nombres son muchos para listarlos aquí, si buscan en la edición de nuestro décimo aniversario, encontrarán bostetos biográficos de muchos de ellos. Es imposible hacer justicia a todos ellos, y en este último boletín que produciré como directora, deseo expresar mis más sinceras gracias a cada uno de ellos con una mencion especial para la Oficina de Progreso, que se encarga de este boletín, y a nuestros increíbles editores de texto y diseño, Allie Buzzell y Tamara Lee.

Fundamentalmente, son los estudiantes y sus logros que han hecho del programa exitoso. Los porcentajes de terminación estan fuera de las tablas; la brecha en el logro nacional no es una realidad en el programa de Becados de Montgomery. Sobre el 94 por ciento de graduados siguen en contacto con el programa y muchos uno con el otro. De hecho, graduados de clases diferentes encuentran que tienen un vocabulario en común cuando se reúnen Core, Capstone, Keystone, Colloquium, Skoal, y varias contribuciones e idiosincrasias de toda la facultad y las experiencias que tuvieron en su camino. Muchos regresan a esta universidad y ahora presentan algunas de nuestros paneles y dirigen nuestro picnic anual; muchos se han quedado en la area de DC, Maryland, and Virginia y han contribuido grandemente a sus comunidades; dos de ellos trabajan para esta universidad. El mas grande premio, entonces, debe ir a los mismos estudiantes. Sus éxitos, logros, y vidas manifiestan la promesa de dos decadas hacia atrás. En este boletín del vigésimo aniversario, es apropiado, entonces, que nos enfoquemos en ellos, todos ellos.

[Translated by **Estefany Carillo '09.**]

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Class of 2008 Alumni Reunion



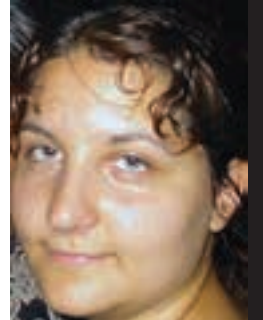
Mariano Roundtable for Class of 2020

These pages present photos and educational credentials for all the members of the Montgomery Scholars program since the program's inception at Montgomery College in 1999. The photos of former scholars are organized according to the studies and careers they have gone on to pursue or the advanced studies they are still pursuing after graduating from MC. Current scholars who will graduate in 2019 and 2020 are also pictured. The album tells a truly inspiring story of hard work, determination, talent, and accomplishment on the part of students who entered the Scholars program as hopeful high school graduates over the past 20 years. In essence, this "20-year yearbook" is a celebration of our scholars—the ties that will always bind them to MC and the Scholars program, and their diverse contributions to the 21st century world in which they live.

Architecture



Bert Tondo '02
MS (The George Washington U);
B.Arch (Catholic U); AA



Veneta Dontcheva '03
B.Arch (City College of
New York); AA



Masha Sadyakov '05
B.Arch (Catholic U); AS

Architecture— Real Estate



Divya Matthew '09
M.Arch (Andrews U);
BS (Andrews U)



Peter Dunne '05
MS (Philadelphia U);
B.Arch (Philadelphia U); AA

Armed Services



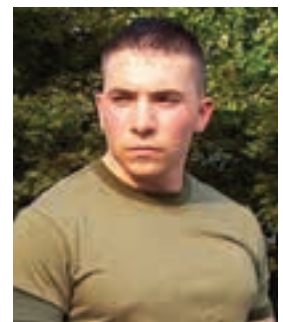
Onykachi Udeinya '02
AA
Air Force Special Operations
Command; loadmaster



Kristie (Speelman) Shain '04
BS (UMUC); AA
Sergeant; translator



Laura Vasquez '05
MPH (Johns Hopkins U);
BA (Johns Hopkins U); AA
1st Lt.; environmental scientist
[now with Kaiser Permanente]



Malcolm Royer '06
MS (cybersecurity); BS (UMBC); AA
Captain; company commander

Arts



Kristen Santos '10
BA (McDaniel College); AA
Executive officer, National Guard



Claire Ramirez-de-Arellano '15
AA
National Guard



Afsaneh Samari '06
BS (Allegheny College); AA



Nathan Rapp '09
BA (UM); AA



Timothy Ossi '09
BA (UM); AA

Arts—Actor



Ronald Stepanik '11
BA (UM); AA



Maite Moncayo '13
AA



Janice Mays Landry '05
BA (Catholic U); AA



Gracie Jones Hedgpeth '09
BA (UM); AA



Sarah Lasko '10
BA (UM); AA

Arts—Artist



Milagros Diaz '13
BFA (Pace U); AA



Kari (Evans) Faherty '03
AA



Georgi Smigen-Rothkopf '03
BA (Chicago Institute of Art)



Ana Weider-Blank '04
MFA (Pratt Institute);
BA (American U); AA



Catherine Cobblah '11
BA (UM); AA

20 YEARS

Arts—Dancer



Megan Wyble '14
BA (Savannah College of Art & Design); AA



Claire Jones '12
BA (UMBC); AA

Arts—Designer



Amber Lee '05
BS (Radford U); AA

Arts— Film Production



Melissa Gilpin '05
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA

Arts— Graphic Designer



Francis Igot '07
BFA (Maryland Institute College of Art); AA

Arts—Museum

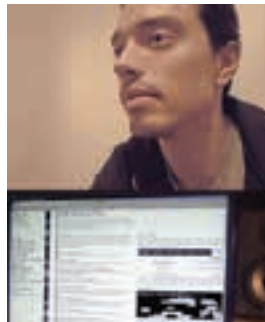


Hannah Freeman '05
MEd (UM); BA (UM); AA

Arts—Musician



Jeremy Collins '02
BA (Amherst College); AA



David King '03
BS (UM, Smith School of Business); AA



Blythe Crawford '06
AA

Arts—Organ Builder



Michael Tondo '09
BMus (Ave Maria U); AA

Arts—Photographer



Taanya Fox '06
BA (Accademia di Belle Arti); AA



Liz (Plum) Fogarty '08
BS (UMBC); AS

Arts— Project Manager



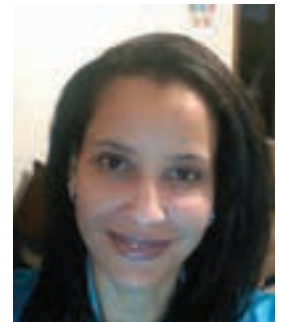
Kathryn (Coursey) Giganti '03
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA

Arts— Technical Theatre



Julia Junghans '14
BA (UMBC); AA

Arts—Writer (including technical)



Janora (Ware) Sautler '01
MFA (Southern New Hampshire U); BA (Kennesaw State U); AA

A Promise Fulfilled



Brandon Bryn '02
BA (Florida State U); AA



Kseniya Yarosh '04
BA (Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School); AA



Kara Close '05
AA



Richard Conlon '06
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Catherine Garbade '06
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA

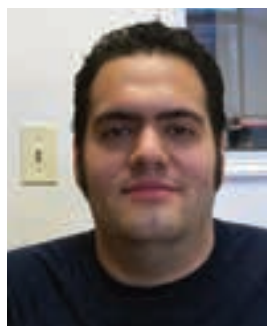
Business— Accountant



Sara Montone '06
BA (U of Puget Sound); AA



Holly Kent-Payne '07
MFA (NYU); BA (Washington College); AA



Gonzalo Molinolo '12
BA (UM); AA



Brogan Murphy '12
BA (UM); AA



Yvonne Monyei '03
BS (UM, Smith School of Business); AA



Elizabeth (Ringling) Ovando '03
BS (Salisbury U); AA



Bao Vuong '04
BS (UM, Smith School of Business); AA



Kim Le '06
MS (UM, Smith School of Business); BA (Georgetown U); AA



Lakeisha Prather '06
BS (UM, Smith School of Business); AA



Jennifer Yeboah '13
BS (Towson U); AA

20 YEARS

Business— Administration



Van Ha Le '15
BS (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA



Andrew Khosrofian '08
MBA (Indiana U); BA (Tulane U); AA

Business—Analyst



Muhammad Omari '12
BS (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA



Sairam Nagulapalli '12
BA (Amherst College); AA

Business—Banker



Jonathan Hurkett '10
BS (UM); AA

Business—Disaster Risk Management



Claudia Soto Orozco '06
MA (Graduate Institute of
International and Development
Studies, Geneva); BA (American U)

Business—Diversity Consultant



Judith (Martinez) MacNeill '03
MA (UM); BA (Rutgers U); AA

Business— Entrepreneur



Michael Somerville '01
MS (Johns Hopkins U); BS (UM,
Smith School of Business); AA



Diana (Gonzalez) Zeni '01
BS (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA



**Maria (Kostaris)
Stephenson '02**
BS (Georgetown U); AA



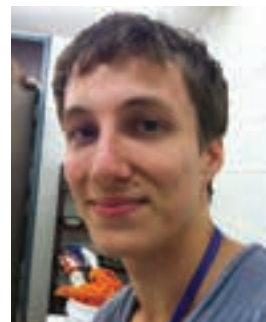
Lisa Ku '04
BS (Georgetown U); AA



Ryan McGoff '04
BS (UVA, McIntire School of
Business); AA



Corinne Wilhelm-Glab '11
BA (UM); AA



Casey McGoff '13
AA



Alyssa (Hammerley) Shook '09
BS (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA

Business—Finance

A Promise Fulfilled

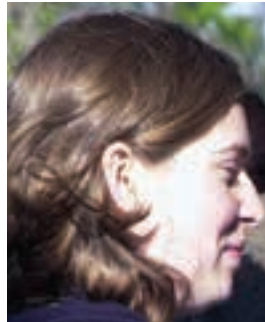
Business— Financial Analyst



Kristen Wellman '09
BS (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA



William Evan Ricucci '11
BA (UMBC); AA



Elizabeth Browning-Elam '02
MS (UMUC); BS (UM, Smith School
of Business); AA

Business— Human Resources



Claudia Quiroz '05
BA (American U); AA

Business— Management



Chris Lynn '04
BA (Hood College); AA

Business— Marketing



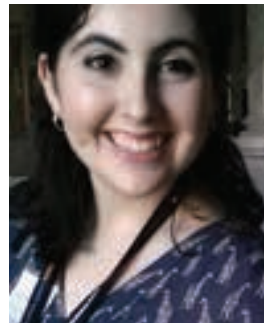
Estefania Menendez '05
BA (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA



Carolina Lasso '02
MBA (NYU, Stern School of
Business); BS (UM, Smith School
of Business); AA



Lena (Kem) Jackman '10
BA (The George Washington U);
AA



Sydney Axelrod '15
BA (American U); AA



Lea Antic '11
BA (UM); AA

Business— Program Assistant

Business—Real Estate Development



Cecilia Nicolich '11
BS (American U); AA



Viktoria Ivanova '12
BA (American U); AA



Charles J. Overly '06
MBA (UNC, Chapel Hill);
BS (Georgetown U); AA

Business—Real Estate Management



Adam Lotinsky '04
BS (UM, Smith School of
Business); AA

Business—Realtor



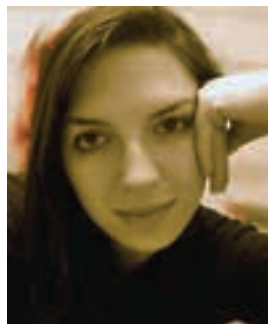
Gaby Behzadi '08
BA (UM); AA

20 YEARS

Business—Support



Emily Thron '09
BS (UM, Smith School of Business); AA



Ofelia Cabrera '01
AA



Andrea Mayer '01
AA



Karen Vanegas '14
BA (UM); AA



Natalie Macek '15
BA (Liberty U); AA

Business—Tax Specialist



Harriet Mensah '01
BS (UM, Smith School of Business); AA



Stephanie (Mills) McGuire '01
BA (UM); AA



Carolina (Pena) Galeano '07
BA (UM); AA



Gabriela Gomez '13
BA (UM); AA



Rania Hentati '15
BS (UM); AA

Communications—Journalist



Noelle (Royer) Schwarzenberg '14
BA (UM); AA

Communications—Public Relations



Daniel Garay '14
BA (American U); AA

Computing



Michael Ogata '05
BS (UMBC); AA

Computing—Communications



Daniel Hurtado '01
BA (American U); AA

Computing—Cyber Security



Benjamin Tedesco '02
MS (Penn State U); BS (UM); AA

A Promise Fulfilled

Computing—Data- base Administrator



Richard Mayfield '03
BS (UMBC); AA

Computing— Engineer



Roberto Lara '01
BS (UM); AS

Computing— Game Design



James Swartz '12
BA (American U); AA

Computing—Net- work Administrator



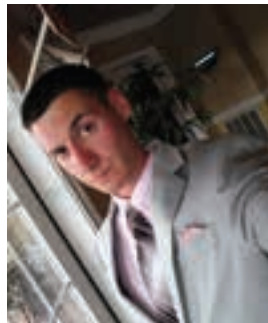
Andrew Dodge '01
BS (UMBC); AA

Computing— Risk Advisor



Rasmi Shrestha '15
BS (Louisiana Tech U); AA

Computing— Software Developer



Nicholas Tedesco '03
MS (Johns Hopkins U); BS (UM);
AA



Philip Kem '12
BS (UM); AA



Stephen Calderone '15
AA

Computing— Software Engineer



Dwayne McFarlane '01
BS (UM); AA

Computing— Support Analyst



Ezequiel Galeano '07
BS (UM); AA



Ivan Melyakov '08
BS (UM); BA (Columbia U); AA



Rodrigo Castro '11
MS (UMBC); BS (UMBC); AA



Seungjoo Hong '15
AA

Computing— Support Specialist



Govinda Rubin '09
BA (UM); AA

20 YEARS

Computing— Technical Support



Alexandra Smith '10
BA (College of William and
Mary); AA



Sushant Tamraker '15
BS (UM); AA

Computing— Web Manager



Alex Podpaly '05
BS (Frostburg State U)

Computing— Web Programmer



Christopher Holland '04
BS (Capitol College); AA

Criminal Justice



Rachel Grant '04
BA (UM); AA

Education— Teachers



Isis Barrera '06
BA (UM); AA



Stephanie Williams '10
BA (UM); AA



Amy (Wayne) Blessing '01
BA (Towson U); AA



Hannah (Chambers) Gilbert '01
BA (Columbus State U); AA



Andrew Franklin '02
BA (UM); AA



Katherine (Rainey) Taylor '02
BA (Towson U); AA



Michael Trageser '03
BA (UM); AA



Konstantin Gulish '04
MEd (Marymount U); BA (St.
Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Nathan Parry '04
MS (Towson U); BA (Salisbury U)



James Coursey '05
BA (UMBC); AS

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Gabe Modderman '05
BA (UM); AA



Patrice Cotman '06
BA (UM); AA



Lauren (Minard) Rohwer '06
AA



Justin Wojtkowski '06
BA (American U); AA



Alison Drury '07
EdS (American U); MA (American U); BA (UNC, Chapel Hill); AA



Lauren Hoxie '07
BS (Ringling College of Art and Design); AA



Phuoc Nyugen '07
MEd (UMBC); BA (UM); AA



Neelam Sharma '07
BA (UM); AA



Alicia Tito '07
MEd (UCLA); BA (UM); AA



Sarah (Paquette) Daugherty '08
MA (Western Washington U); BA (UMBC); AA



Natalie Ramirez '08
MEd Art (UM); BA (UM); AA



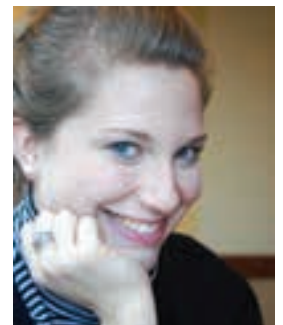
Merit Shalom '08
BA (Mt. Holyoke College); AA



Pierre Van Boxel '09
MS (U of Luxembourg); BS (U of Luxembourg)



Nika (Nauman) Carpio '10
BS (UM); AA



Sarah (Stogsdill) Brunson '10
BA (Grove City College); AA

20 YEARS



Kunal Arora '11
MFA (National University); BA (UM); AA



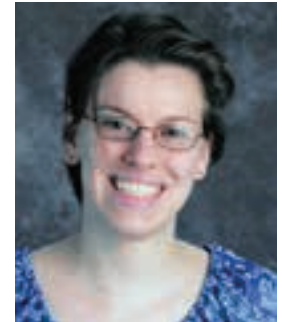
Sarah Chan '11
MEd (UM); BA (UM); AA



Brad Williams '11
BS (UM); AA



Gretchen Winch '11
MA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Sam Cameron '12
MAT—Master of Arts in Teaching (St. Mary's College of Maryland); BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA

Education—Administration Support



Maggie O'Brien '13
BA (Evergreen College); AA



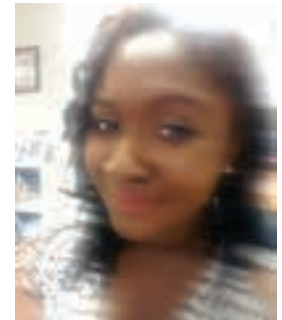
Rebecca Harris '14
BA (Towson U); AA



Andrea Falcon '14
MEd (UM); BA (UMBC)



Maria Belen Marquina '10
MA (American U); BA (UMBC); AA



Monica Young '11
AA

Education—Librarian



Meghan Garvey '14



Janice (Strasser-King) Thomas '02
MLS (UM); BA (U of Houston); AA

Education—Museum



Danielle (Kurtz) Wood '12
MA (Johns Hopkins U); BS (UM); AA

Education—Program Coordinator



Rachel (Czarniak) Hill '13
BA (UM); AA

Engineering



Sam Russell '05
BS (UM); AA

A Promise Fulfilled

Engineering— Chemical



Kevin Puetate '12
BS (UM); AA



Joseph Sonken '15
BA (UM); AA



Luis Condorimay '12
BS (UM)



Nigel Britto '13
BS (UM); AA

Engineering—Civil



Bryce Hoover '09
MBA (Oxford U, Said Business School); BS (UM); AA

Engineering— Electrical



Andrew Thron '13
BS (UM); AA



Haj Rabemanajara '14
AA; AS



Alon Shalev '02
PhD (U of Toronto); MS (Ryerson U); BS (UM); AS



Estefany Carillo '09
MS (UM); BS (UM); AA



Larry Hixenbaugh '12
BS (UM); AA

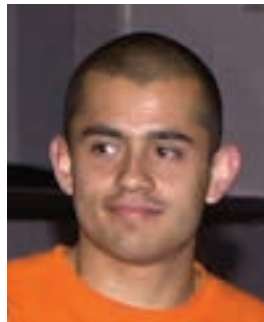
Engineering— Fire Protection



Victor Ontiveros '04
PhD (UM); MS (UM); BS (UM); AA



Nate May '13
MS (UM); BS (UM); AA



Gustavo Suarez '02
BS (UMBC); AS



Charles Meadows '10
MS (UM); BS (UM); AA



Seung-Yeob Yang '15
BS (UM); AS

Engineering— Mechanical

20 YEARS

Environment



Patrick Hixenbaugh '09
BS (UMBC); AS



Fabian Padron '11
BS (UM); AS



Benjamin Foltin '12
BS (UMBC); AA

Environment— Conservation



Sinead Goldman '04
MS (Johns Hopkins U); BS (UM,
Smith School of Business); AA



Victoria Winch '13
BA (The George
Washington U); AA

Environment— Geography Systems



Juan Cruz '08
MS (UMBC); BS (UMBC); AS

Environment— Management



Abby Furnish '05
MA (Duke U); BS (American U); AA

Government— County



Noah Stone '03
BA (St. Mary's College of
Maryland); AA
Administrator

Government—DC



Crystal Britto '09
BA (The George
Washington U); AA
Quality assurance



Christian Barrera '08
MA (Harvard U); BA (The George
Washington U); AA
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Legislative Director, Health and
Human Services, District of
Columbia

Government— Defense



Emil Parker '01
MPS (Penn State U); BA (UM); AA
Army training

Government— Diplomatic



Mauricio San Miguel '07
BA (UMBC); AA
Consulate General of Peru Office

Government— Federal



Jonathan Thron '02
BA (Georgetown U); AA
Compliance officer, Consumer
Product Safety Commission



Stephan Faherty '03
MPP (UM); BA (American U); AA
Budget analyst, U.S. Department
of Justice



Sarah (Megorden) Dale '04
MS (The George Washington U);
BA (UMBC); AA
Economist, Bureau of Labor
Statistics

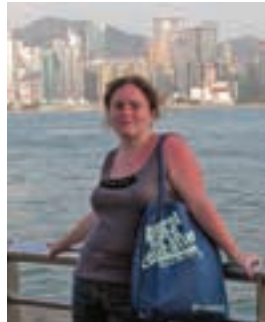
A Promise Fulfilled



Anthony Gomez '04
MS (Johns Hopkins U);
BS (Hood College); AA
Business liaison specialist,
Department of Commerce



Michelle Kung '04
CPA; BS (UM, Smith School
of Business); AA
Accountant, Government
Printing Office



Jessica Center '05
BA (West Virginia U); AA
EEO specialist, National Institutes
of Health



Kevin Wilkerson '06
BS (Hood College); AA
Environmental Protection Agency



Tim Chan '07
BA (St. Mary's College of
Maryland); AA
Financial Industry Regulatory
Authority



Regie Samuel '07
BS (UM); AA
Food and Drug Administration



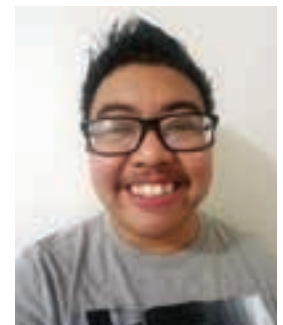
David Galbraith '08
MA (Johns Hopkins U); BA (The
George Washington U); AA
Economic issues analyst, South
Asia, Department of the Treasury



Mary (Megorden) Wilson '08
BS (UM); AA
Statistician, Food and Drug
Administration



Joy Liang-Machado '09
MS (UMUC); BS (UM, Smith
School of Business); AA
Environmental specialist, Federal
Highway Administration



Nat Pila '12
BA (Mt. Holyoke College); AA
National Institute of Child Health
and Human Development

Graduate Studies— Masters Programs, Current



Alisa Tsaturov '12
BA (UM); AA
Department of State



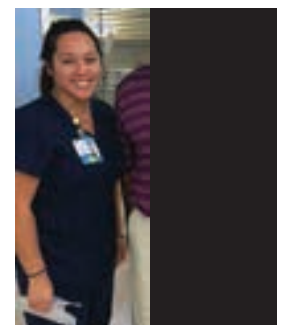
Nathalie Flores '05
BS (Smith College); AA
MBA program (U of Michigan)



Tiffany Jones '05
BS (UM); AA
Human resource development
(Villanova U)



Mauricio San Miguel '07
BA (UMBC); AA
Public policy (UM)



Josephine Ta '07
RN; BS (UNC, Chapel Hill);
BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA
Nurse anesthesia (UM School
of Nursing)

20 YEARS



Ines Ureta '08
BS (UM); AA
Chemical engineering (UM)



Crystel Britto '09
BA (The George Washington U); AA
Couples and family therapy (UM)



Paula Chung '09
BA (UM); AA
Health counseling (U of the
Cumberlands)



Claire Kalala '10
BA (Philadelphia U of the Arts); AA
Art therapy (The George
Washington U)



Eva Lenoir '10
BA (UM); AA
Public health—behavioral
pharmacology (Johns Hopkins U,
School of Medicine)



Anna Pomerantseva '10
BS (Georgetown U); AA
MBA program (Northwestern U,
Kellogg School of Management)



**Katherine (Easthope)
Manzano '11**
BA (UM); AA
Steinhardt Communicative
Sciences and Disorders program
(NYU)



Julia Branco '12
BA (U of Baltimore); AA
City and regional planning (U of
California, Berkeley)



Alisa Tsaturov '12
BA (UM); AA
International affairs (The George
Washington U, Elliot School of
International Affairs)



Caitlyn Maczka '13
BS (UMBC); AA
Genetic counseling (U of Utah)



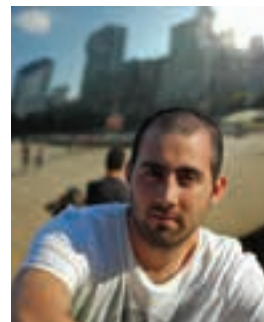
Chelsea Marcus '13
BS (Cornell U); AA
Health care management (Yale U)



Kendall Wilhelm-Glab '13
BS (UM); AA
Athletic training, kinesiology
program (Texas A&M)



Jennifer Yeboah '13
BS (UM); AA
MBA program (UMUC)



Vicente Saez '14
BA (UM); AA
Industrial and organizational
psychology (Pontifical Catholic
University of Chile)



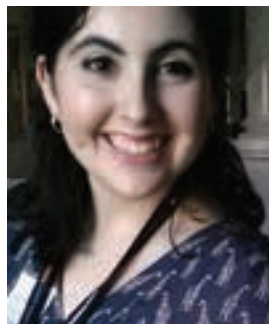
Matthew Schwarzenberg '14
BA (UM); AA
School counseling (McDaniel
College)

A Promise Fulfilled

Graduate Studies— Doctoral Programs, Current



Tiffany Wilt '14
BA (Smith College); AA
Latin American studies
(Georgetown U, School of
Foreign Studies)



Sydney Axelrod '15
BA (American U); AA
Secondary education (American U)



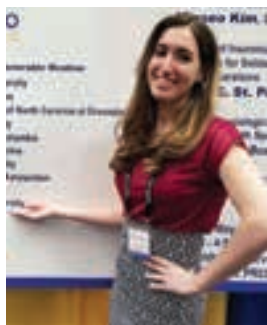
Nicole Jackson '15
BA (UM); AA
Clinical behavior social work (UM)



Megan Anders '04
MS (Johns Hopkins U); BA (UMBC)
Applied behavior analysis
(Chicago School of Professional
Psychology)



Kenia Avendano-Garro '10
MA (U of Wisconsin); BA (UM); AA
Japanese studies (U of
Wisconsin)



Diane Lameira '11
BA (Georgetown U); AA
Clinical psychology
(George Mason U)



Catherine Hoover '13
BS (UM); AA
Plant biology (Penn State U)



Siobhan Summers '13
MA (UM); BA (Dickinson College); AA
Forensic anthropology
(U of Florida)



Bhakti Patel '16
BS (UM); AA
Chemistry (Clemson U)



Hanna Crawford '04
MA (Columbia U); BA (Antioch
College); AA

Grassroots Worker

Health



Quesia Sousa '04
BS (Union College); AA

Health— Behavior Specialist



Megan Anders '04
MS (Johns Hopkins U); BA (UMBC)

Health— Clinical Research



Maria Suarez '03
MS (The George Washington U);
BS (UM); AA

Health— Community Health



Tiffany Jones '05
BS (UM); AA



Selene Tituana '10
MPH (UM); BS (UM); AA

20 YEARS

Health—Dentist



Marcia Puig-Lluch '15
BA (American U); AA



Wendy Rizzo '16
BS (Trinity U); AA



Ekta Laheri '03
DDS (Temple U); BS (UMBC); AA



Shahram Bahrami '11
DDS (UM, School of Dentistry); BS (UMBC); AA

Health—Dietician



Nora (Jansen) Shank '01
BS (UM); AA

Health—Finance



Ruth (Medler) Goodling '03
AA



Silvia Argueta '12
BA (U of Pennsylvania); AA



Megan (Brittle) Lara '01
BA (UM); AA



Rachel (Robb) Hoover '08
MS (Loyola U Maryland); BS (UM); AA



Katherine (Easthope) Manzano '11
BA (UM); AA

Health—Kinesiology



Nada Babaa '16
BA (UM); AA

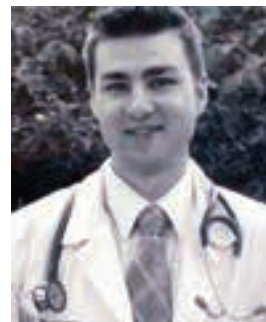


Gadi Sadan '05
BA (UM); AA

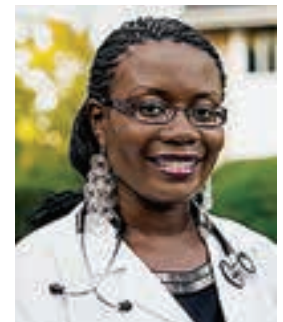


Pauline Roa '10
BS (UM); AA

Health—Medical Doctor



Adam Widenhammer '02
MD (New York College); BS (Georgetown U); AA



Amy Gueye '03
MD (UVA); MPH (Johns Hopkins U); BS (Hood College); AA

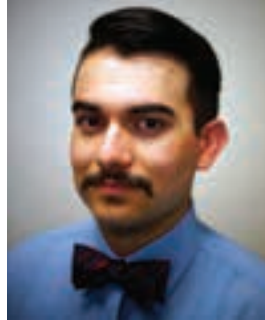
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Tim Costales '08
MD (UM); BS (Georgetown U); AA



Danny Mays '08
MD (The George Washington U);
MS (London School of Hygiene and
Tropical Medicine); BS (UM); AA



William Plum '09
MD (Johns Hopkins U, School of
Medicine); BS (UM); AA



Getachew Mengistu '09
MD (Howard U); BS (The George
Washington U); AA



Rakesh Chopde '11
MD (St. George's U); BS (UMBC);
AA

Health— Medical Student



Arne Eliasson '08
BA (Johns Hopkins U); AA
Uniformed Services University of
the Health Sciences



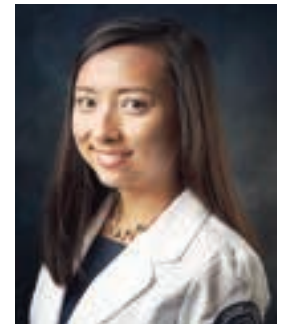
Stephannie Acha-Morfaw '10
MS (Drexel U); BS (Hood College);
AA
Chicago Medical School



Lucy (Bauer) Aldridge '11
BS (UM); AA
Touro U



Theresa Price '11
BS (UM); AS
College of Osteopathic Medicine
at Western University



Anh Nguyen '12
BS (UM); AS
Liberty University College



Mariame Sylla '12
BA (Amherst College); AA
Harvard University Medical School



TinLok Wong '13
BS (UM); AA
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic
Medicine



Robin Denny '15
BS (UM); AS
Loma Linda U, School of Medicine



Sahar Naghibi '15
BS (UM); AA
Bastyr U, School of Naturopathic
Medicine



Denise Venero '15
BS (UM); AA
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
program, UM, Eastern Shore

20 YEARS

Health— Medical Interpreter



Jemina (Cornejo) Paredes '10
BS (Brigham Young U); AA

Health—Nonprofit



Kathy Bui '07
MEd (UM); BS (UM); AA

Health—Nurses



Grace (Igot) Quick '01
RN; BA (UM); ASN; AA



Adie Adesola '02
RN; MSN (UM, Baltimore); BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Michelle Mays '02
RN; MA (American U); BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Christina (Choi) Smart '02
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Katie (Linton) Bradley '03
RN; MS (U of Texas, Arlington); BSN (Los Angeles Valley College); AA



Rose (Wyzga) Simpson '04
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Chris Pacious '05
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Alex Artcher '07
RN; BSN (Towson U); AA



Alicia Carroll '07
RN; BSN (Towson U); AA



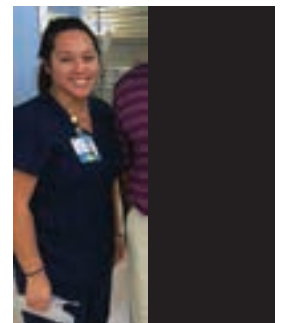
Florence Nwanety '07
RN; BSN (Towson U); AA



Irene Odia '07
RN; BSN (Towson U); AA

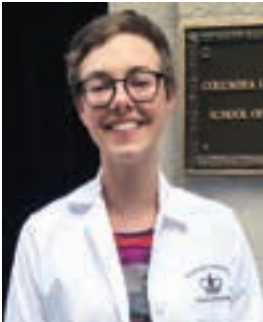


Rachel (Patrick) Pacella '07
RN; MS (UM, Baltimore); BS (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Josephine Ta '07
RN; BS (UNC, Chapel Hill); BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA

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Allie Butts '08
RN; BSN (Columbia U); BA (UM);
AA



Sheena (Austria) Badger '09
RN; BSN (Georgetown U); BA
(Georgetown U); AA



Athena Balanou '09
RN; MS (UM, Baltimore); BS (UM);
AA



Samantha Moorman '09
RN; BSM (UM, Baltimore); AA



Cathryn Calantonio '11
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Siomara Parada '11
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Steffany (Palazzo) Tasse '11
RN; BSN (U of Central Florida); AA



Kristen Emelio '13
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Alina Dzekunova '14
RN; BSN (Towson U); AA



Lola Saidkhodjaeva '14
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA

Health—Occupational Therapist

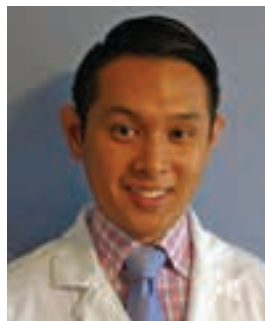


Lauren Ratino '15
RN; BSN (UM, Baltimore); AA



Carli McGoff '07
MS (Shenandoah U); BS (Franklin
and Marshall College); AA

Health—Orthopedics



Jeff Ta '13
BS (Salisbury U); AA

Health—Pharmacist



Yiying Tsai '02
PharmD (UM, Baltimore); MS (UM,
Baltimore); BS (UM); AA



Xiaoxue Bo '05
PharmD (UM, Baltimore); BS
(UMBC); AA

20 YEARS

Health—Pharmacist Student



Theresa Brush '09
PharmD (UM, Baltimore) BS
(UM); AA



Mohammad Haque '06
BS (UM); AA
UM, Baltimore, School of
Pharmacy



Yves Gomes '12
BS (UM); AA
UM, Baltimore, School of
Pharmacy

Health—Physician Assistant



Kristen (Hand) Smoker '04
MMS (Arcadia U); BS (UM); AA



Danielle Tropper '06
MPH (The George Washington U);
MSEd (George Mason U); BA (The
George Washington U); AA

Health—Physiology



Sophia Venero '13
MS (Georgetown U); BS (UMBC);
AA

Health—Psychology



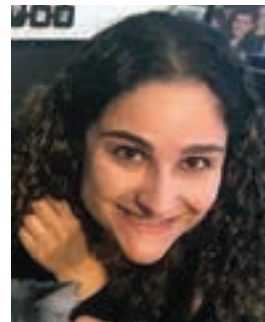
Christy (Brumfield) Ford '01
MA (Towson U); BA (Wake Forest
U); AA



Heidi (York) Payne '01
MA (Towson U); BS (Notre Dame
of Maryland U, Baltimore); AA



Kate Reed '03
BS (Hood College); AA



Rebecca Reich '06
MS (UM, Baltimore); BS (UM); AA

Health—Public

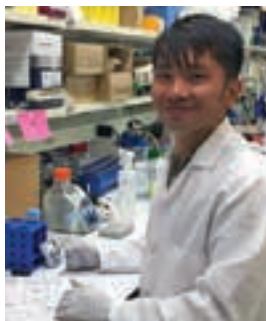


Joseph Cabahug '09
BS (UMBC); AA; REHS/RS



Eyvonnka Rizkallah '15
BS (UM); AA

Health—Research



Minh Bui '01
PhD (UM); MS (UM); BS (UM); AA



Irena Antic '06
PhD (Northwestern U); BS (Hood
College); AA



Callie Kambanis '12
BS (UM); AA

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Health—Technician



Yael Tsiotahay '14
BS (Smith College)



Forsythia Igot '02
BS (Penn State U); AA



Katherine Perez '13
BS (UM); AA

Hospitality—Chef



Mariano Ramos '01
BS (UMBC); AA

Hospitality—Manager



Lindsay Schattenstein '07
BS (Cornell U); AA

Law



Garrett Wozniak '02
JD (U of Baltimore); MPA (U of Delaware); BS (Towson U); AA



David Casler '06
JD (Columbia U); BA (UM); AA



Azita Saleh '06
JD (American U);
BA (American U); AA



Jessica Cedillo '08
JD (American U); BA (UM); AA



Todd Culliton '08
JD (UM, Francis King Carey School of Law); BS (UM); AA

Law—Support



Erica Espinosa '11
JD (UM, Francis King Carey School of Law); BA (UM); AA



Neydyn Gomez '11
JD (UM, Francis King Carey School of Law); BA (Georgetown U); AA



Elizabeth Le '13
BS (UMBC); AA



Marguerite Stevenson '13
BA (Dickinson College); AA



Nicole Byrd '14
AA

20 YEARS

Nonprofit



Emily Christian '15
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Nicole (Crone) Moorman '07
BA (Hood College); AA



Sarah McIlvried '10
MA (Yale Divinity School); BA (Capital University); AA



Ana Palomino '10
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Kristin (Hoover) McMullin '11
BA (UM); AA



Jonathan Jayes Green '12
BA (Goucher College); AA



Carly Stoliker '16
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Gislene Tasayco '16
BS (Trinity U); AA



Whitley Richards '10
MPA (NYU); BA (UNC, Chapel Hill); AA



Nicholas Lovesee '04
BS (UMUC); AA

Nonprofit— Management

Politics



Aaron Kaufman '08
BA (UM); AA



Javier Pena '09
MA (Georgetown U); BS (Georgetown U); AA



Stephen Lippincott '14
BA (UMBC); AA



William Rave '15
BS (The George Washington U); AA



Brian Schoem '15
BA (UM); AA

A Promise Fulfilled

Research



Daniela Rebolledo '16
BA (American U); AA



Angelina Shtereva '16
BS (UM); AA



John Van Druff '03
MS (UMBC); BS (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Jason Wendt '05
BS (UM); AA



Rocio Rossi '10
BS (Catholic U); AA



Elizabeth Hellman '12
BS (UM); AA



Mpho Mafune '12
BS (U of Cape Town, South Africa); AA



Andrei Mino-Olivares '14
BS (UM); AS



Jasmin Zarb '14
BS (UMBC); AS

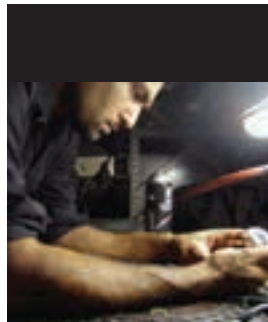


Rima Sakhawala '15
BS (UMBC); AS

Research— Food Scientist



Mary Close '06
BS (Cornell U); AA



Pardeep Bhandary '01
BS (Howard U); AA



Charles Shook '01
BS (UM); AA



Nate Somerville '01
BA (Hillsdale College); AA



Maria Tondo '04
BS (UM, Eastern Shore); AA

Service Industry

20 YEARS



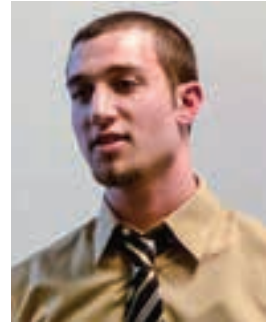
Sara Owens '05
BA (St. Mary's College of Maryland); AA



Rafael Constante '07
BS (UM); AA



Sam Westbrook '10
BA (U of Baltimore); AA



Daniel Bower '14
BS (Salisbury U)

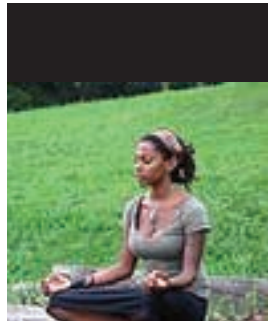


Pablo Giraldo '17
Gaithersburg HS

Social Work



Dvija (Stempel) Maurer '02
BSW (UMBC)



Krystal Birdsong '02
BA (Barry U)
deceased



Nicole Couturier '15
AS
Chemical engineering (UMBC)



Betzaida Nolasco '15
BA, romance languages and global poverty (UM); AA

Undergraduate Studies—Class of 2015

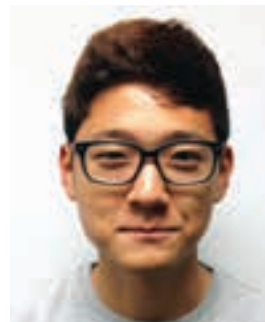
Undergraduate Studies—Class of 2016



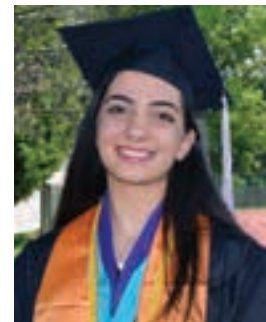
Gabby Green '16
AA
Music education (Towson U)



Hesu Ha '16
AA
Psychology (Towson U)



Seungsoo Hong '16
AA
Computer science (UM)



Yasi Hosseini '16
AA
Public health (UM)



James Hoxie '16
AA
Computer science (UM)

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Ashley Magliaro '16
AA
Nursing (Towson U)



John Nguyen '16
AA
Computer engineering (UM)



Bianca Noveno '16
AA
Environmental science (UM)



Nicole Obongo '16
AA
Biological sciences (UM)



Emily Pfannschmidt '16
Songwriting (Los Angeles College of Music)

Undergraduate Studies—Class of 2017



Carlos Puerta-Salazar '16
AA
Psychology (UM)



Gabriel Rodriguez '16
Chemical engineering (UM)



Daniel Wacławiw '16
AA
Nutritional science (UM)



Alissar Abbouchi '17
AA
International business (The George Washington U)



Brianna Clark '17
AA
Graphic communications (UMUC)



Jose Diaz '17
AA
Civil engineering (UM)



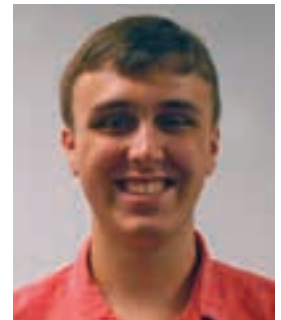
Chadwick Dunefsky '17
AA
History (UNC, Chapel Hill)



Mafe Farieta '17
AAS
Architecture (UM)



Elijah Gordon '17
Film studies (UM)



Trent Hooper '17
AA
Film and media studies (St. Mary's College of Maryland)

20 YEARS



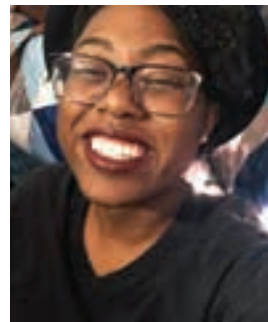
Anna Hovey '17
Journalism (UM)



Gabriela Huanan '17
AA
Anthropology (UM)



Tashi Islam '17
AA
Public health (UM)



Enidrea Jones-Smith '17
AA
Linguistics (UM)



Melissa La Noire '17
AA
Biology (Swarthmore College)



Ariel LaBossiere-Little '17
AA
Communications (UM)



Jenny Lam '17
AA
Chemical engineering (UM)



Benjamin Lee '17
AA
Anthropology (UM)



Michelle Menendez '17
Kinesiology and exercise science
(UM)



Taanya Puthran '17
AS
Neurobiology (UM)



Ramin Rafizadeh '17
AA
Aerospace and computer
engineering (UM)



Melissa Rojas '17
AA
Interior design



Elley Simmons '17
Mission work



Ryan Thron '17
AA
Pre-med studies (UM)



Abigail Wikner '17
AA
Anthropology and international
development (UM)

A Promise Fulfilled

Undergraduate Studies—Class of 2018



Lori Wysong '17
AA
History (Washington College)



Mary Abate '18
AA
Nursing (UM, Baltimore)



Victoria Alexis '18
AA
International relations
(U of Southern California)



Abena Amfo-Koranteng '18
Bioengineering



Alexandra Atienza '18
Architecture



Angelo Dias '18
AS
Biochemistry (UM)



Janet Escano '18
AS
Mathematics (UM)



Lauryn Fanguen '18
AA
Political science (UMBC)



Hana Fischer '18
AA
Psychology (UM)



Evelyn Gray '18
AS
Physics (UM)



Quil Kibak '18
AA
Political science
(Dickinson College)



Dara Olokode '18
Public health



Aashna Pradhan '18
AA
Biology (UM)



Hannah Shraim '18
AA
Business management and
pre-law (UM)



Jennifer Sorto '18
AA
Nursing

20 YEARS



Kimberly Stamets '18
AA
Sports, arts, and entertainment
management (Point Park U)



Julia Tallon '18
AA
History (UMBC)



Emma Trebel '18
AA
Civil engineering (UM)



Charles Varga '18
AA
Computer science (UMBC)



Dana Wilson '18
AA
Environmental science (UM)

Current Students—Class of 2019



Jeong-Yeob Yang '18
Computer science



Merveille Adomou '19
Rockville HS



Jasmine Bellard '19
Blake HS



Susan Chen '19
Magruder HS



Govita Etwaroo '19
Paint Branch HS



Alec Felix '19
Clarksburg HS



Hiruni Fernando '19
Gaithersburg HS



Antonio Galindo-Zabel '19
Walter Johnson HS



Christian Huaman '19
Richard Montgomery HS



Esther Israel '19
Watkins HS

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Alexander Keninitz '19
Northwest HS



Cheyenne Kingrea '19
Blake HS



Sandy LaCrete '19
Gaithersburg HS



Nina Lao '19
Seneca Valley HS



Aaron Liiva '19
Blake HS



Semee Lim '19
Quince Orchard HS



Kaelyn Milby '19
Poolesville HS



Nao Miura '19
Walter Johnson HS



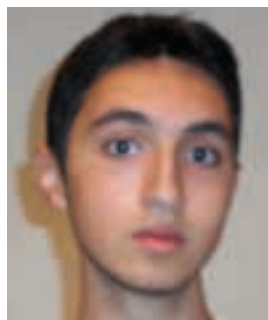
Julia Montone '19
Poolesville HS



Brylle Pangilinan '19
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS



Sandra Pattamady '19
Damascus HS



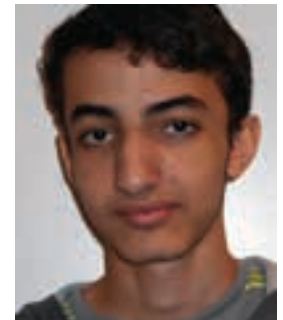
Joshua Turbyfill '19
Poolesville HS



Jennifer Vargas '19
Blair HS



Alejandra Villagran '19
Magruder HS



Mushin Younis '19
Gaithersburg HS

20 YEARS

Current Students—Class of 2020



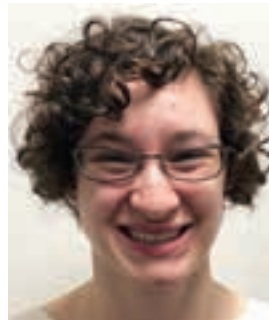
Victoria Archvadze '20
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS



Brigitte Bazie '20
Northwood HS



Thifany Braga '20
Watkins Mill HS



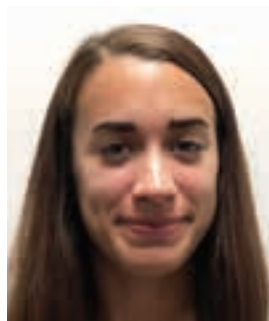
Laura DeMarco '20
Winston Churchill HS



Mathan Desai '20
Clarksburg HS



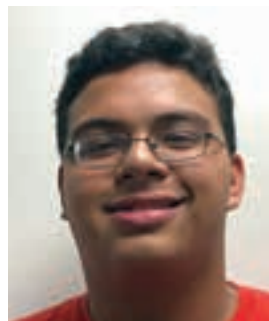
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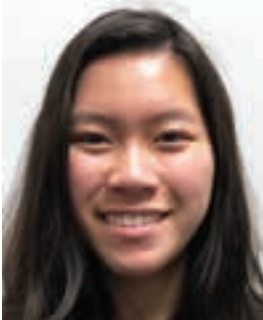


Madelyn Marshall '20
Damascus HS



Montague Nagel '20
Wheaton HS

A Promise Fulfilled



Emily Nguyen '20
Northwest HS



Lindsay Nguyen '20
Paint Branch HS



Richard Nguyen '20
Blake HS



Romina Nunez '20
Clarksburg HS



Tiffanie On '20
Clarksburg HS



Hazel Saravia '20
Blake HS



Leticia Sato '20
Kennedy HS



Veronika Schuermann '20
Wootton HS



Hannah Simco '20
Yeshiva of Greater Washington



Daniela Torres '20
Clarksburg HS



2020 Class Retreat at Harper's Ferry

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOLARS MATCH

During the two decades of the Scholars program, 20 scholars have met their life partners for a total of 10 double scholar couples so far and several double scholar babies. Of course, finding love is not one of the program's objectives; but when it happens within the scholar community, it's cause for a big smile.



Rowan Christopher Shook



Danielle Christine Ford



Siena Violet Mirella Tedesco



Valentina Galeano



Chloe Elise Dimopoulos



Leonardo Minera



Lila Valerie McCullam Collins

Seven Births

Congratulations to **Alyssa (Hammerley) Shook '10** and her husband, Christopher, on the birth of their son, Rowan Christopher Shook, on August 29, 2017; to **Christy (Brumfield) Ford '01** and her husband, Danny, on the birth of their third child, a daughter, Danielle Christine Ford, on May 7, 2018; to **Ben Tedesco '02** and his wife, Steph, on the birth of their daughter, Siena Violet Mirella Tedesco, on June 15, 2018; to **Carolina (Pena) Galeano '08** and **Ezequiel Galeano '08** on the birth of their daughter, Valentina, on June 15, 2018 (a double scholar baby!); to **Carli McGoff '08** and her husband, Chris, on the birth of their second daughter, Chloe Elise Dimopoulos, on June 20, 2018; to **Neelam (Sharma) Minera '07** and her husband, Hugo, on the birth of their second son, Leonardo Minera, on July 23, 2018; and to **Jeremy Collins '02** and his wife, Kristin, on the birth of their second child, a daughter, Lila Valerie McCullam Collins, on August 3, 2018.



Belen Marquina and Laith Abu-Taleb



David Galbraith and Kruti Mehta



Stephanie Williams and Bernardo Cuevas

... and Four Weddings & Two Engagements

Congratulations to the following scholars on their marriages: **Belen Marquina '10** to Laith Abu-Taleb on April 7, 2018; **David Galbraith '08** to Kruti Mehta on May 4, 2018; **Stephanie Williams '10** to Bernardo Cuevas on June 23, 2018; and **Sophia Venero '13** to **Jeff Ta '13**, a double scholar wedding, on June 30, 2018.

Best wishes also to the following alumni on their recent engagements: **Danielle Tropper '06** to Ronnie Thomas, and **Lauren Ratino '15** to Ryan Kilner.



Sophia Venero and Jeff Ta



Danielle Tropper and Ronnie Thomas



Lauren Ratino and Ryan Kilner



Behind the Scenes: Carolyn Terry

By Julia Tallon (Class of 2018)

Even before she began serving as the administrator for the Montgomery Scholars program, Carolyn Terry was well acquainted with the power of honors curricula. As an undergraduate student at Penn State, the current Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs entered the University Scholars program as an English student—an experience that continues to inform her work with the scholars today.

"I had a lot of the same experiences that the Scholars students have," Terry said. "Small classes, honors faculty, seminars, honors projects. It gave me a much more personalized experience in a big, impersonal place, and that's what I think people achieve through the Montgomery Scholars program too. It was really helpful to have that experience as a student in order to know what people get out of it."

Terry, who has worked at Montgomery College for the past 30 years in various teaching and leadership roles, has also been the administrator for the Scholars program since its beginnings. Behind the scenes, Terry helps to secure funds for the program and aid in planning the summer travel experience every year. "I see the students basically at three points," Terry said. "I see them at the very beginning when they come out to the brunch, I see them halfway through when they head off to the summer program, and then I see them at the end during the Skoal...and it's always really fun to see the changes in those students."

The biggest change, Terry believes, is in students' abilities to be flexible and explore different paths.

"An honors path takes you on different detours," she said. "If you have the option of taking those detours with a guide, you can find yourself in a whole different destination from where you thought you were going to be. That's happened in my life, and in other people's lives too. They continue to be scholars throughout their lives."

Clif's Students' Notes

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Professor Collins on August 20, 2018. Clif had fought two autoimmune diseases for the past several years. We will always remember him for his wit and energy as well as his love of literature, music, and baseball. In his honor, we will respect his constant advocacy of the power of the "economy of language." Our heartfelt condolences go to Clif's family and the entire scholar family.

Clif was the Core Professor of World Literature, wrote the popular column "Clif's Notes" in this newsletter, and was a key believer in the Scholars program. Sister scholars **Kristen (Hand) Smoker '04** and **Paula (Hand) Chung '09** have put into a few words what Professor Collins meant to them.

We Made It *By Kristen (Hand) Smoker (Class of 2004)*

I always knew better than to come to a Lit class unprepared. I knew that Professor Collins would know if I didn't give my all every time. I knew he expected me to care, to read, and to transform my thoughts and opinions. And because of that expectation, it happened. I can say with confidence that I have developed a level of empathy and a curiosity about the world around me because of Professor Collins's expectations. And I know he saw it.

There are so many wonderful things one could say about Professor Collins: his banter and humor, his unique perspective of literature honed by his own personal experiences, the way he let us reason and figure our way through literature from generations of voices. But I believe that one thing he thrived on, and something I will always love and remember about him, was the satisfied look on his face when we made it—when I saw in myself what he saw in me, and I pushed through until I became that person time and again. I saw it in his face in the classroom, and I saw it in the years after when we would catch up during reunions, when we would share a game of catch, when he met my daughter. He was a mentor who wouldn't quit, and I will miss him dearly.

Professor Collins, I am so grateful that you pushed and expected. I am a better person because I met you, and I hope to take your determination, personal integrity, and humor on with me. In that way, you will never be forgotten.



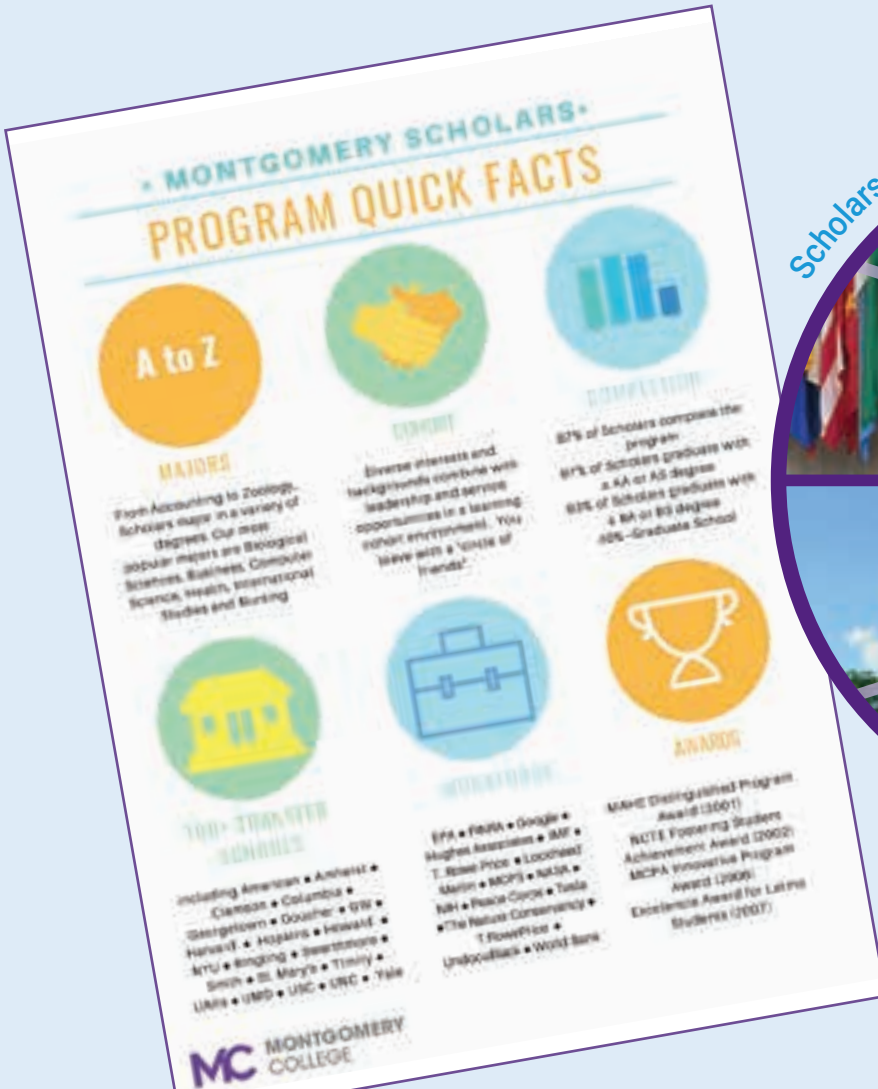
A Homerun or Nothing *By Paula (Hand) Chung (Class of 2009)*

"It's a homerun or nothing here at Homerun Derby."—Prof. Clif Collins

When tempted to live a mediocre life—settling for groundouts and pop-ups—we all need an extra dose of passion from the outside: a little bit of spunk and a hand on our shoulder telling us to go for it. Professor Collins has always been that voice, that spunk, that guiding hand. In teaching literature, Collins conveyed a zeal for life that we could not help but catch (no pun intended).

At the end of the Scholars program, Professor Collins presented me with a baseball inscribed with the above quotation. It was a Collins original. This is not surprising from the man who taught us to give our all, play a little rough, and not take ourselves too seriously. Professor Collins, your life has been marked by homerun after homerun. We miss you and cannot believe the time has come for you to run home.

FUN, FAST FACTS



Starting top left clockwise:
Flags representing MC international students,
Ryan Thron '17,
Scholars from Peru,
Kimmie Stamets '18

Alumni Scholars at Work

The majority of alumni scholars still live and work in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area and have gone on to apply their intellect and energy to their careers. These are just a few of the companies and organizations that employ them.



FACULTY SHOUT-OUT



We recognize many of the faculty members who have taught and counseled the scholars over the years.

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARLY PURSUITS

This newsletter, which has long chronicled the Montgomery College Scholars program, was recognized on two separate occasions for excellence by the National Collegiate Honors Council in its competition for the best honors newsletter in the United States. In 2010, *Scholarly Pursuits* placed third and was the first ever community college honors newsletter to be recognized. In 2015, *Scholarly Pursuits* placed third again in the national newsletter contest. We thank all those who work hard on our biannual newsletter and the scholars whose compelling stories grace its pages. These are a few of the favorite front covers from the newsletter over the years.

For more, go to

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