

THE EVENING WEEKEND NEWS

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Meet Katie Torkashvan

By Charlotte Jacobsen

If you've visited the EWO in Rockville recently, you've noticed a big difference! We now have a morning office assistant. Instructors are thrilled to have support in getting ready for pre-noon classes. Khadijeh Torkashvan better known as Katie is this new person! The really cool part is that Katie is attending classes here at MC. She is working towards a degree in Public Management and a Certificate in General Management. Diversity Management and Organizational Behavior (courses taught by her favorite professor, Nancy Higgins) helped her to improve her people and priority setting skills. She is excellent at both!

She confesses to being a neatnik! Her family is looking forward to her upcoming absence when she visits her mother in Iran so they won't have to keep everything in place. She has two children, a son, a high school student and a daughter, a MC pre-med student. Her husband works at NIH.



Margarita Rodriguez-Kelly

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"The first plus in coming to GW for radiation treatment was that I started right away," says Margarita Rodriguez-Kelly. Initially treated for breast cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, she couldn't continue to make that trip on a daily basis for radiation. "I told them I wanted a

hospital as good as Hopkins," she says, "and they sent me to GW. I called and had an appointment the very next day." And thus started her positive experience with GW.

"My treatment has been excellent, and the staff is fantastic. I am very pleased with GW," she said. But making the initial call might have been the hardest step in the treatment process. Undergoing radiation was an enormous step for Rodriguez-Kelly, one that required an ex-

ceptional amount of courage. In addition to the normal fears that patients experience, Rodriguez-Kelly had preconceived notions about radiation. "When Latin American people hear the word 'radiation,' they have fears. The first thing that comes to mind for some Latinos is tortura—torture—because we grew up with the

knowledge that radiation was used as a punishment for political prisoners. In my culture, the perception is, 'They are going to fry you.' I was the first person in my family to have cancer. We just didn't know what to expect."

But Dr. Singla was sensitive to Rodriguez-Kelly's fears and was able to allay them. "He was kind enough to take the time to explain the treatment in detail—the pros and cons, the consequences, the short- and long-term effects."

In her last week of treatment, Rodriguez-Kelly had no regrets. And, even better, she said she experienced no symptoms, except a rash, and some fatigue. But no one would ever guess she's tired based on her amazing energy. "I walk 23 blocks every day," she boasts. She also eats carefully and takes vitamins daily. "Ninety-five percent of what I anticipated never occurred," she admits. "I was living with a false belief."

This false belief was fueled by taboos in Hispanic culture surrounding cancer that still exist today. "For many Hispanics," she explains, "cancer is synonymous with death. It means death. We think we will die immediately. The mere term "suspicious mammography," or even the word cancer elicits 'miedo,' a fear of the unknown."

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Rodriguez-Kelly attributes the persistence of these beliefs, in part, to a paucity of basic, easy-to-understand literature on cancer geared toward Hispanic women. A scholar and professor who splits her time between three institutions—Holy Cross Hospital, where she teaches Spanish to medical personnel; Trinity University; and Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland—Rodriguez-Kelly had plenty of access to information in both English and Spanish about her cancer and her treatment options. “But not all Hispanic women have the education, the language capability and the resources that I have,” she says. She was pleased to learn that GW is committed to addressing this problem.

With the end of her treatment nearing, she had nothing but positive remarks to say about GW, the staff and the care she received. “At first I was reluctant. But today, I am so grateful to this wonderful team.”

A Copier Prayer

Dear God,

PLEASE let this copier work this ONE time. I'm running late for class and 26 sleepy students are waiting for me to walk through the door. It will be extremely tough for me if I don't have this final to pass out as it's the last class of the semester! If you're busy now and can't grant this request at least help me to control my emotions so I don't punch or even worst kick the copier as we will then have to wait for a new part!

Adjunct Happenings

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Wade Harrell, an adjunct instructor of English at Takoma Park/Silver Spring, attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Workshop for Community College Teachers in Concord, Massachusetts. The interdisciplinary workshop from July 16-22, was entitled Concord, Massachusetts and Utopian Thought of the Early 19th Century, and brought together twenty-five community college faculty members from all over the United States and a panel of four experts on 19th century literature and culture.

The faculty members toured major literary sites in Concord, traveled to Brook Farm and a Shaker village in New Hampshire, attended lectures by the scholars, and conducted research at the Concord Public Library. At the end of the week, each faculty member made a short presentation about how the information from the week would be used to enrich his or her teaching. Wade's presentation showcased activities that he added to his English 101 and developmental writing courses.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 17-23	Final week of classes—exams
Dec 23	Last day of classes
Dec. 24-Jan 1	Winter Holidays; College closed
Dec. 27	Final grades due
Jan 22	Spring Semester Classes Begin
Mar. 12-18	Spring Recess
May 7-13	Final week of classes — exams



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New College ID Numbers..... Coming April 2007

What You Should Know

By Gloria Brewer, IT Planning Analyst

On October 1, 2005, Executive Vice Presidents William Campbell and Dr. Mary-Kay Shartle-Galotto authorized a college wide initiative to convert to a new College ID Number and reduce use of the Social Security Number (SSN) in College business. This decision was based on the results of a 2004 survey on SSN usage at the College as well as an increasing concern over information piracy.

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) and college wide academic and administrative representatives are now working on the final phase of this project and plan for a Spring Semester 2007 conversion. Here's what you should know to be prepared for the conversion:

- The new College ID Number is currently scheduled to become effective **April 2, 2007**. College wide computer applications supported by OIT will be converted starting on Friday, March 30. This mid-semester conversion date was chosen by college wide representation in an effort to minimize overall College impact, especially to our students. The biggest factors in choosing this date were overlapping registration schedules, financial aid processing, and the distribution of student ID cards.
- The new College ID Number format will be M2##### where # denotes a randomly generated number. This ID number will also serve as the Banner ID Number.
- The MyMC ID and PIN will still be used to access all Web Portal activities. MyMC Portal activities will not be affected by the conversion.
- The SSN will continue to be collected for all employees, and for some students as a condition of enrollment. This information will continue to be stored in the Banner system SSN area as it is today.
- There is no new SSN Policy. Current College policies on the proper handling of information are in force and apply to this initiative. Policies 31103, Confidentiality: Employee Use, Release and Disclosure of Information and 41004, Student Cumulative Records, are of particular relevancy. The College's position is that the SSN should not be used as an ID unless mandated by law, or it is impossible to complete business with an external agency without using the SSN.

- All students registered for the Spring Semester 2007 will be issued new Student ID Cards. The new College ID Number will be printed on the card. Positions 2-9 of the number will be bar-coded on the card to be used for such services as library, technology lab, and bookstore services.
- Human Resources is currently developing its plans to distribute new College ID Numbers to all employees and to provide new ID Cards to employees who will require their use.
- Individual offices and departments are responsible for updating their forms, reports, local files and databases to include the new College ID Number where appropriate. These offices and departments should also remove the old College ID Number information from their active files as it is often a SSN.
- As this is a mid-semester conversion, some reports and listings published at the beginning of the semester (such as class rosters) will need to be republished to display the new ID Number information.
- The look of the Banner system will not change. No new software changes will be made.
- When the ID Number is not available, the Banner Name Search will be the primary way to find a person in Banner. Banner Navigation Training is available through CPOD.
- Everyone at the College is responsible for protecting the personal information collected on our students and colleagues. Working hardcopy documents and computer files should always be secured when not in use if they contain personal and sensitive information. Transportation of personal and sensitive information should be minimized.

For any further questions, please visit our website or contact us directly at CollegeID@montgomerycollege.edu. We encourage you to visit our website www.montgomerycollege.edu/collegeid regularly for current project information.