

TRUSTEES INFORMATION PROGRAM

**Board of Trustees Scholarship Program**  
Fall 2007

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Board of Trustees Scholarship Program Background:**

Montgomery College awards three types of Board of Trustees (BOT) merit scholarships: Academic Potential, Academic Specialty and the Second Year award. Each BOT scholarship covers one year (two semesters) of tuition and fees (up to 15 credits per semester -- \$1,938.00 in fall 2007) for use at any of the three campuses.

The **BOT Academic Potential** Scholarship is awarded to one outstanding high school senior from each of the twenty-three (23) Montgomery County public high schools; the recipient is nominated by the school. The **BOT Academic Specialty** Scholarship is selective. A committee of faculty and staff review applications and select the recipients based upon essay responses, high school transcripts and letters of recommendation. For fall 2007, seventy-seven (77) high school seniors were awarded. Applicants are considered based upon the BOT Academic Specialty Scholarship application or from the Montgomery Scholars Honors Program application (specifically, students who are not admitted into the Scholars program). In terms of first year BOT Potential and Specialty recipients, distinctions only are made regarding how the student is initially selected; afterwards, all BOT first year students are treated as a cohesive group in terms of follow-up, correspondence, and financial aid system records.

The **BOT Second Year Award** is offered to first year BOT (Potential and Specialty) recipients who achieve a certain level of academic performance during their first year at the College. In fall 2007, fifty-four (54) first year BOT 2006 recipients received a second year award. Each year first-year BOT recipients are ranked by cumulative GPA, and the top 50-55 students (depending on funding) receive the scholarship for an additional year. Students attaining at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA are guaranteed the award, and students with a GPA below that level are awarded based upon the availability of funds.

**Board of Trustees Scholarship Program Discussion Points:**

1. The program has effectively sustained diversity, with 50% or more of recipients coming from Hispanic, African-American and Asian backgrounds
  - a. Half (50%) of the BOT 1<sup>st</sup> year recipients are students of color (57% in 2006 and 65% in 2005). The number of Black students receiving awards increased, although the number of Asian and Hispanic recipients decreased slightly.
  - b. Half (52%) of the BOT 2<sup>nd</sup> year recipients are students of color, with Asian and Hispanic students accounting for this diversity for fall 2007 (down from a peak of 72% in 2006).
  - c. Although fall 2007 recipients reflect a drop in representation of students of color, the College has devoted effort and resources to recruit a diverse pool of applicants.
2. The program continues to attract highly talented students, with increasingly stronger academic performance at the College.
  - a. BOT scholarship recipients performed exceptionally well at Montgomery College (3.4 average GPA in 2006-07; the highest cumulative grade point average ever).
  - b. The many outstanding accomplishments of BOT recipients are highlighted below.
  - c. The number of BOT Specialty applications increased in 2007, after dropping in 2006.
3. The program consistently attracts and selects more females. Females continue to receive disproportionate numbers of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year awards (63% 1<sup>st</sup> year and 61% 2<sup>nd</sup> year awards).

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## Board of Trustees Scholarship Recipients Achievement Highlights

The College has recruited and offered Board of Trustees scholarships to the brightest and most talented high school seniors across Montgomery County. Over the years, these students have excelled on our campuses and have enriched the lives of the College community.

### Campus Involvement, Leadership, Awards, and Special Programs:

President, Phi Theta Kappa  
 Editor-in-Chief, The Advocate  
 Honors Student of the Year  
 Smithsonian Internships (Sackler Gallery and Museum of Natural History)  
 Beacon Conference competition, including 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Research Internship at National Institute of Health  
 Macklin Business Institute  
 Biomedical Scholars Program  
 Project Portal to Success in Engineering Program  
 Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Program  
 Student Senate Executive Board  
 Math/Science Center Tutor  
 Women's Studies Program Award for Service  
 Outstanding A.A.T. Teacher Education Student  
 Scholar Athlete of the Year  
 Clifford K. Beck Award for Excellence in Physics  
 President, Student Government Association (Universities at Shady Grove)

### Special Awards:

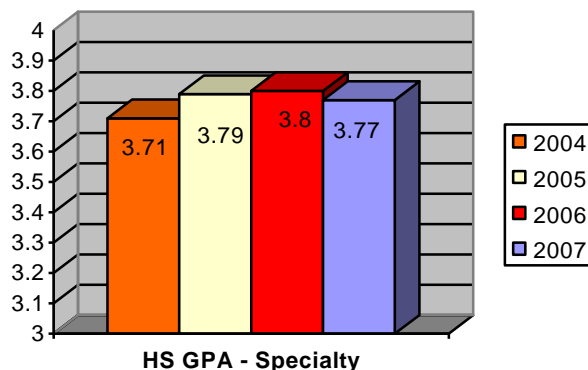
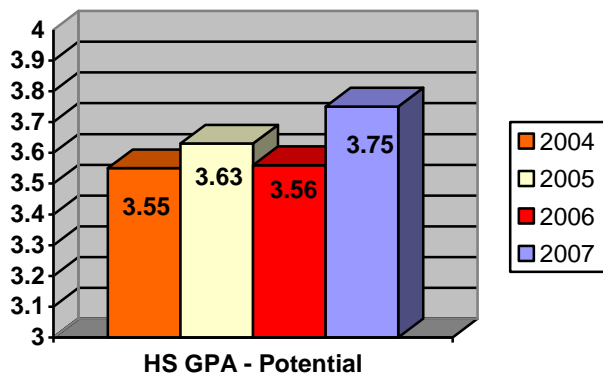
Gates Millennium Scholarship (2000)  
 Board of Trustees Scholar (2001)  
 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship (2003)

### Examples of Transfer Schools:

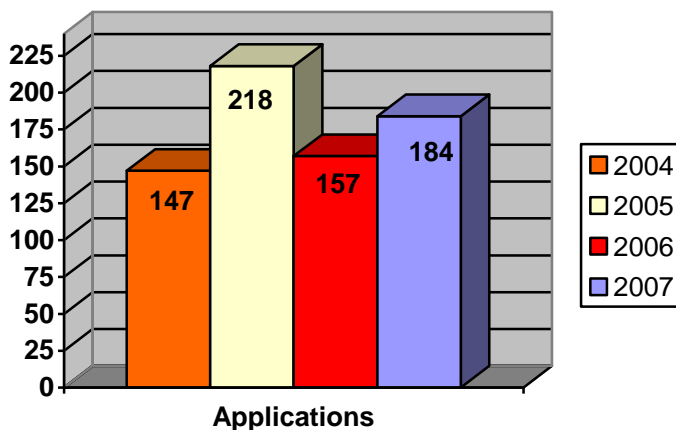
American University	Morehouse College
Berklee College of Music	St. Mary's College
Corcoran College of Art & Design	Salisbury University
Cornell University	Shepherd University
Frostburg State University	Towson University
George Washington	University of California Berkeley
Hood College	University of Maryland Baltimore County
Howard University	University of Maryland at College Park (most common choice)
James Madison University	Universities at Shady Grove (including Smith School)
Kent State	Virginia Tech
McDaniel College	William and Mary

Board of Trustees Scholarship Program: 2004 – 2007

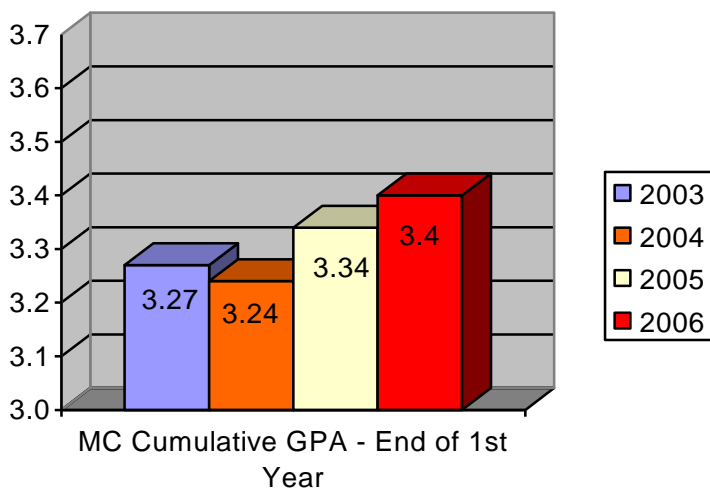
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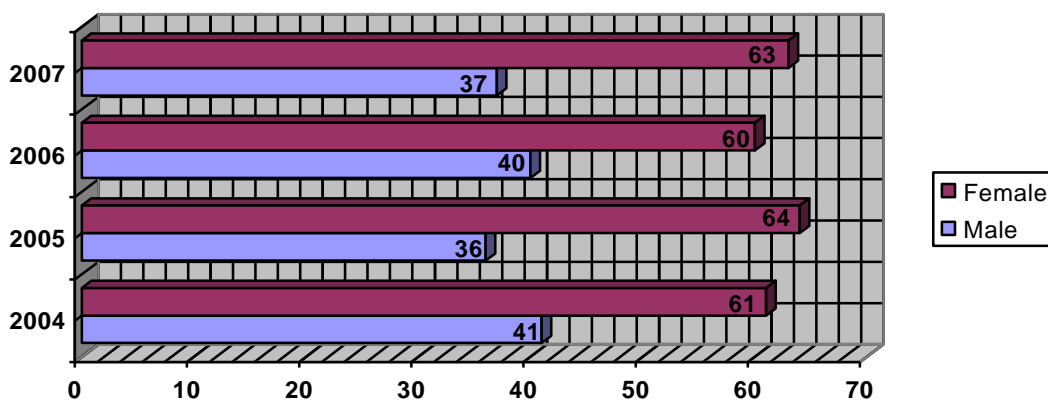
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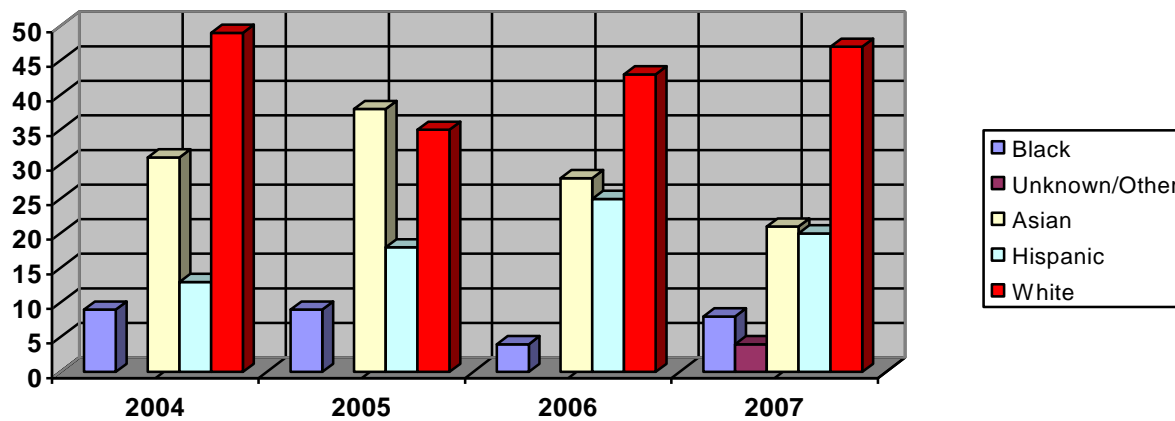
Montgomery College Grade Point Average Performance of All BOT First-year Recipients (Potential & Specialty):



BOT First-year Recipient (Potential and Specialty) Distribution by Gender:

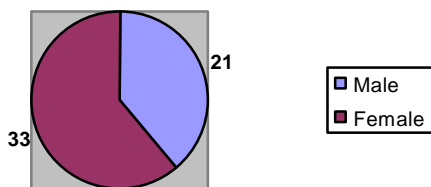


BOT First-year Recipient (Potential and Specialty) Distribution by Race:



Board of Trustees Second-year Scholarship Awards

2007 2<sup>nd</sup> Year BOT Recipients -Number of Students by Gender:



2007 2<sup>nd</sup> Year BOT Recipients—Number of Students by Race:

