

TRUSTEES INFORMATION PROGRAM

**Board of Trustees Scholarship Program**  
Fall 2008

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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 -- \$1,992.00 in fall 2008) 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-five (25) Montgomery County public high schools, including recipients from Northwood and Clarksburg High Schools; the recipient being 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 2008, seventy-seven (75) high school seniors were awarded. Applicants are considered based upon the BOT Academic Specialty Scholarship application or from the Macklin Business Institute or Montgomery Scholars Honors Program applications (specifically, students who are not admitted into the Scholars program). In terms of first year BOT Potential and Specialty recipients, distinctions are made only 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 2008, fifty (50) first year BOT 2007 recipients received a second year award. Each year first-year BOT recipients are ranked by cumulative GPA, and the top 50 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 at least 50% of recipients coming from Hispanic, African-American and Asian backgrounds
  - a. Half (51%) of the BOT 1<sup>st</sup> year recipients in 2008 are students of color (50% in 2007, 57% in 2006 and 65% in 2005). The number of Black students receiving awards increased slightly.
  - b. Half (50%) of the BOT 2<sup>nd</sup> year recipients in 2008 are students of color, with Asian and Hispanic students accounting for the majority of this diversity for fall 2008 (down from a peak of 72% in 2006).
  - c. The College has devoted resources to recruit a diverse pool of applicants, including targeted outreach to students of color, extensive recruiting efforts to all county schools, and personal contact via phone, email and mass mail.
2. The program continues to attract highly talented students, and these students sustain a high level of academic excellence, are active leaders on campus, and have impressive transfer options.
  - a. BOT 1<sup>st</sup> year recipients performed exceptionally well at Montgomery College (3.43 average GPA in 2007-08).
  - b. The many outstanding accomplishments of BOT recipients are highlighted below.
  - c. The number of BOT Specialty applications decreased in 2008, after peaking in 2005.
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 in 2008 (64% 1<sup>st</sup> year and 70% 2<sup>nd</sup> year awards).

## 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 all our campuses and have enriched the lives of the College community.

### College-wide Contributions and Achievements:

#### **Leadership and Campus Involvement/Service:**

President, Phi Theta Kappa  
 Editor-in-Chief, The Advocate  
 Student Senate Executive Board (all three campuses)  
 Board of Trustees Scholar - Commencement Speaker  
 President, Bollywood Club  
 President, Volunteer Club  
 Ambassadors, First-Year Experience, Math/Science Center Tutor, Dance Team

#### **Special Programs:**

Student Excellence EXPO (2008 presenter and planning committee)  
 Smithsonian Internships (Sackler Gallery and Museum of Natural History)  
 Beacon Conference competition, including 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Macklin Business Institute  
 Biomedical Scholars Program  
 Renaissance Scholars Program  
 Project Portal to Success in Engineering Program  
 Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Program  
 Research Internship at National Institute of Health

#### **Awards:**

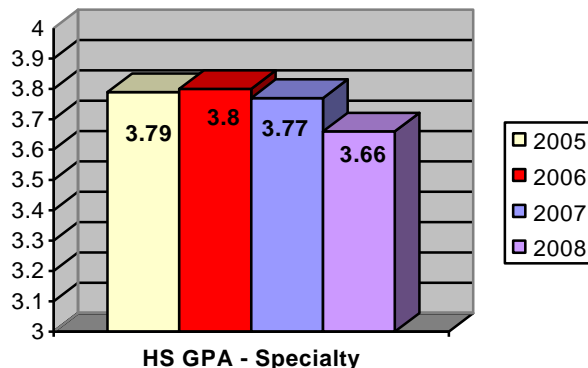
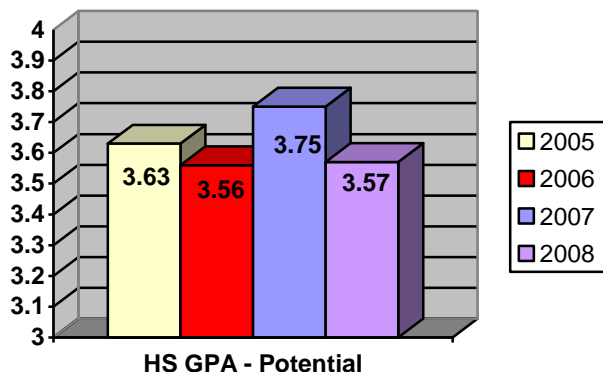
Gates Millennium Scholarship  
 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship  
 Honors Student of the Year  
 Women's Studies Program Award for Service  
 Outstanding A.A.T. Teacher Education Student  
 Scholar Athlete of the Year  
 Clifford K. Beck Award for Excellence in Physics

### Examples of Transfer Schools:

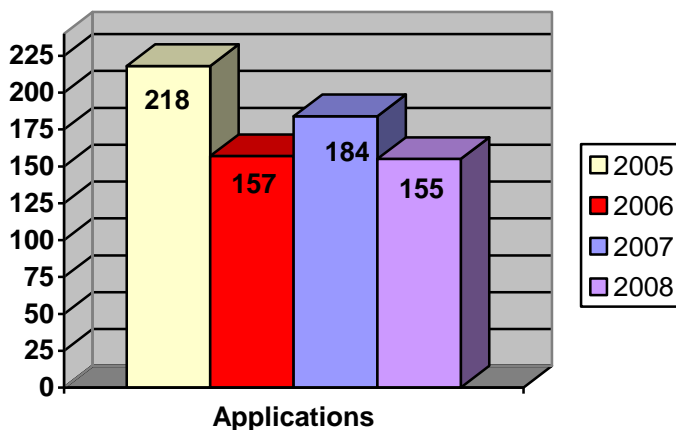
American University	McDaniel College
Berklee College of Music	Morehouse College
Corcoran College of Art & Design	St. Mary's College
Cornell University	Salisbury University
Frostburg State University	Shepherd University
George Washington	Towson University
Georgetown University	University of California 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 of Business)
Kent State University	Virginia Tech University
	The College of William and Mary

Board of Trustees Scholarship Program: 2005 – 2008

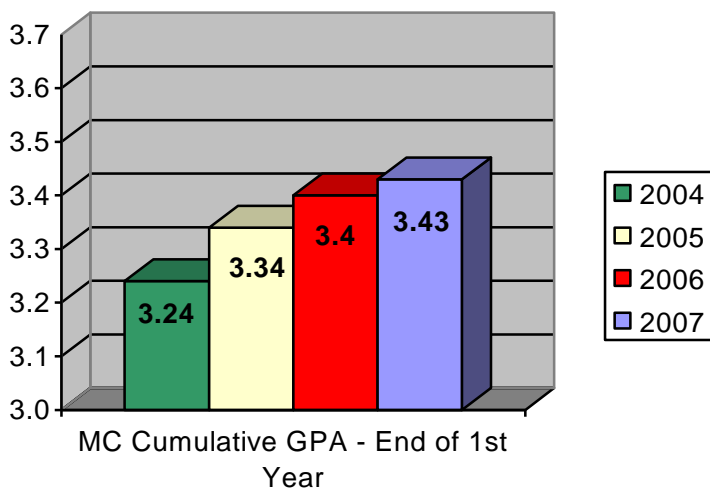
High School Grade Point Average Comparisons of BOT Recipients:



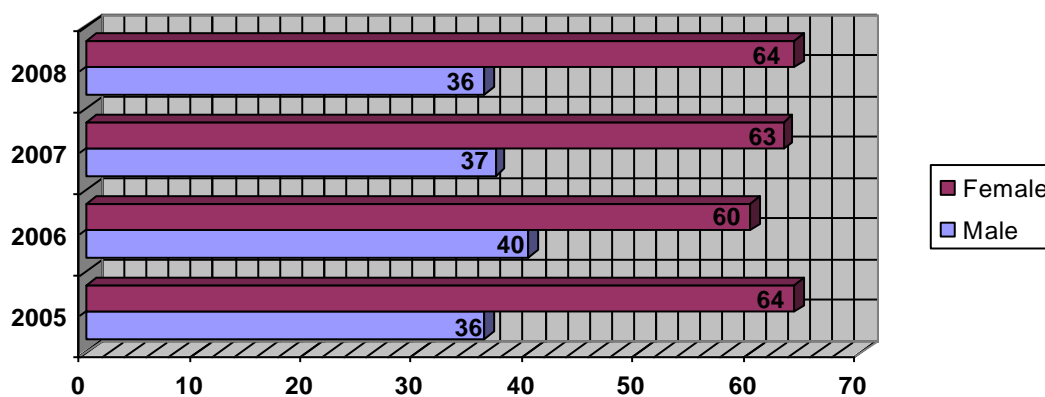
BOT Specialty Scholarship Applications:



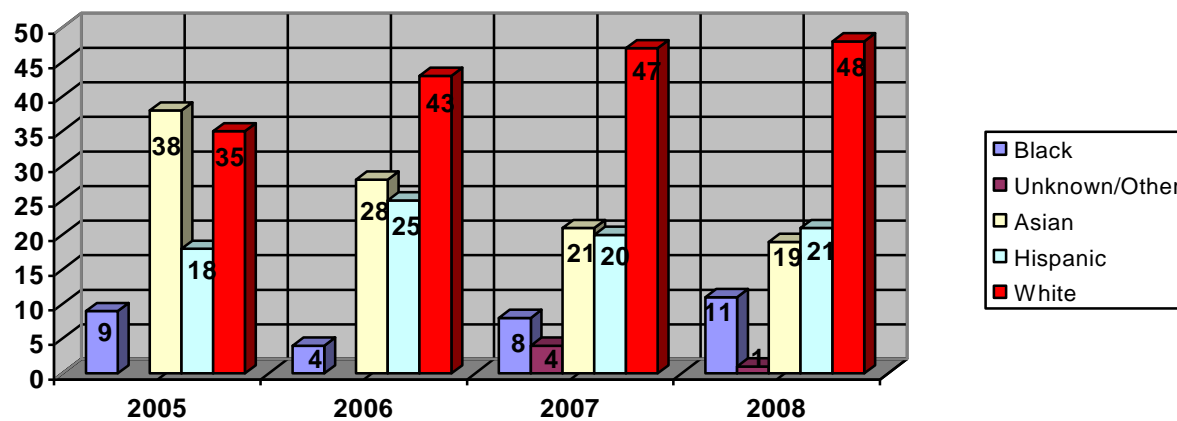
Montgomery College Grade Point Average Performance of All BOT First-year Recipients (Potential & Specialty) 2004 - 2007:



BOT First-year Recipient (Potential and Specialty) Distribution by Gender 2005 - 2008:



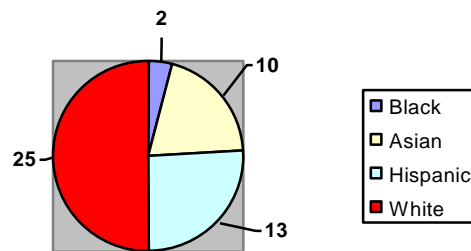
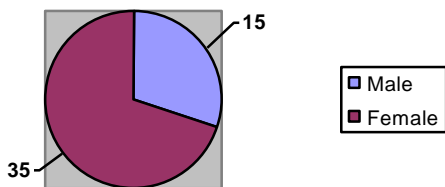
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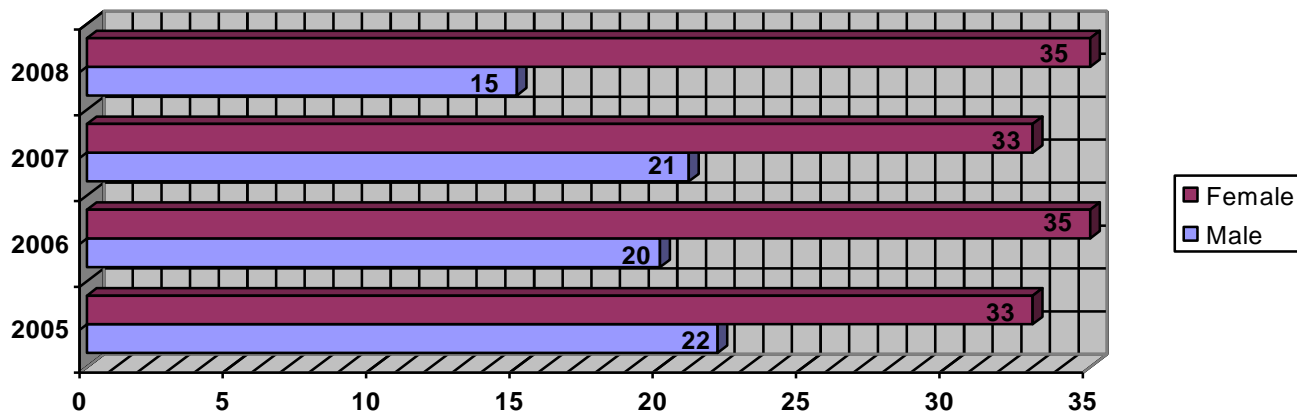
**Board of Trustees Second-year Scholarship Awards – 50 Recipients in 2008**

2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Year BOT Recipients -Distribution by Gender:

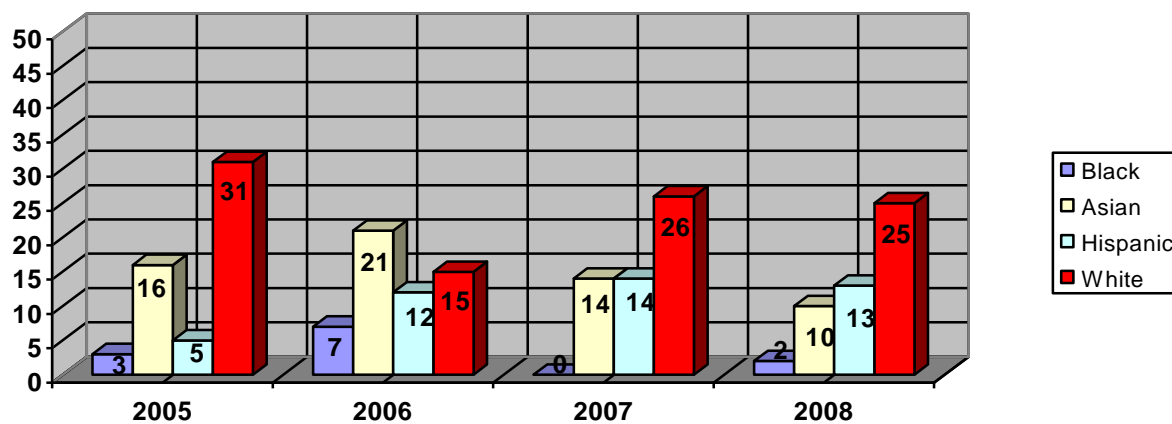
2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Year BOT Recipients--Distribution by Race:



Board of Trustees Second-year Recipient Distribution by Gender 2005 – 2008  
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