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MBI Alumni attend Second Annual Reunion

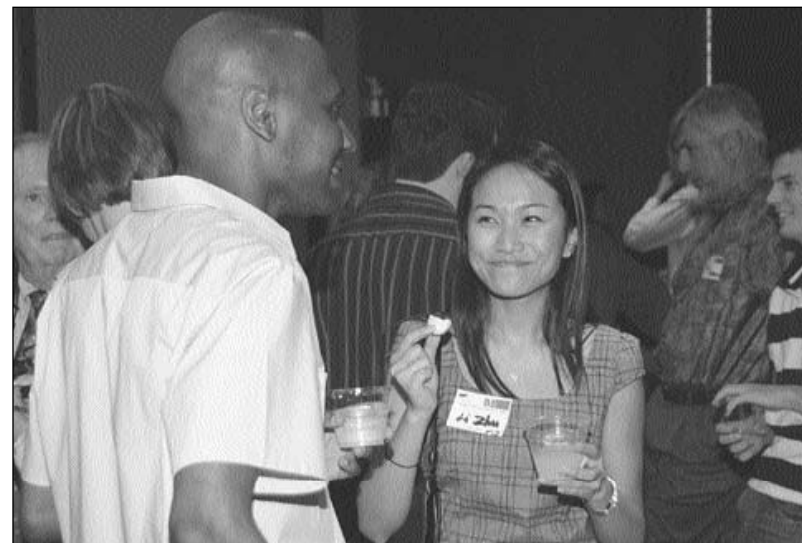
On Friday, May 11 the Macklin Business Institute and the Montgomery College Alumni Association celebrated the second annual MBI reunion. It was an opportunity for MBI alumni to welcome the newest graduating scholars of 2007 into their ranks and to exchange favorite memories of the MBI program and of the program's benefactor and founder Gordon Macklin.

A tight-knit group, these alumni cherish their MBI experience at Montgomery College. Now, with real-world experiences and perspectives, the graduates took the opportunity to share advice with the younger class.

Trish Downing ('02), for example, said, "Make the most of these days. The relationships you established in this program will help you throughout your life and career."

The Macklin curricula provides students experiences outside the classroom, including hands-on experience in their own campus-based business, the MBI Café, and other events that bring them in contact with local business leaders and educators.

With MBI scholars, faculty and staff in attendance, the institute's founder, friend and advocate, Gordon Macklin, was missed. More than a benefactor, Macklin participated with students, often attending events such as this one.



Macklin alum Li Zhu '02, also an alum of UMCP's Smith School of Business, attended the second annual MBI Reunion. A tight-knit group, the scholars enjoy opportunities to visit with each other, new students and staff.

Many recalled the first annual reunion in May 2006, where Macklin eagerly participated. The alumni, happy to have him in attendance, used the reunion to celebrate his birthday.

Macklin's vision and values live on in the accomplishments of the class of 2007, including generating a record \$89,000 in revenue and \$14,000 in profit at the MBI Cafe; being named regional champions at the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Competition and invited to the SIFE National Exposition; and

representing the only two-year college at the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Business Ethics Competition in Los Angeles.

For more information about the Macklin Business Institute, visit www.macklin.org or call 240-567-1707.

'Thanks for the Memories'

During the reunion MBI alumni reflected on their experiences and took the time to record them in a memory book for Macklin.

"My fondest memory of Gordon and the program was when he sat with our class in the Conference Room and told us that investing was all about integrity and people. ... I hold [those words] more dearly than any other advice. He and the Macklin team raised us with an old-fashioned perspective that makes us stand out in our industries."

— Ryan McGoff '04

"My year as an MBI student changed my life forever. Being part of this amazing program provided me with an opportunity to gain experiences I could never have made otherwise—especially the values Mr. Macklin taught us by living them every day—they have left a lasting impact, and I will never forget him."

— Julia Sebacher '04

"Dear Mr. Macklin, thank you for giving me this wonderful experience my second year of college. I can never forget the endless hours I spent in the MBI office ... Now as I graduate, I feel like I am leaving my home country India all over again. The fantastic friendships I made here are very close to my heart, and I will remember these memories throughout my life. Thanks."

—Purva Narula '07

Entrepreneurial Expo Winners

Congratulations, winners of the Fourth Annual Entrepreneurship Expo, held at the Universities of Shady Grove on April 21. Montgomery College winners and topics included Matthew Bresler for his pitch idea of "Mobile Auto Services" (Rockville Campus); Anna Tulchinskaya, Anna Podkovyrova and John Wang for their restaurant/comedy venue "The Buzz" (Germantown Campus); and Rani Barnasi for his "Oxygen Bar" (Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus).

Competition winners received \$250 and the opportunity to compete in a final Quick Pitch round. Judges deliberated over the three final presentations and awarded the Grand Prize, a Dell Laptop computer, to Matthew Bresler.

The Expo, cosponsored by Montgomery College's Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) and the Montgomery County Public Schools' Division of Career and Technology Education, comprised a half-day program with speakers, a panel discussion, and the business plan competitions. Keynote speaker was Ms. Julie Kantor, executive director of the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE).

Following a welcome by Ms. Sandra Navidi, coordinator of the Career and Technology Education program at MCPS, opening remarks were made by Dr. Brian Johnson, president of Montgomery College; Dr. Jerry Weast, superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools; Dr. Robert Snyder, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship at Montgomery College; and Ms. Shelley Johnson, director of Career and Technology Education program.

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