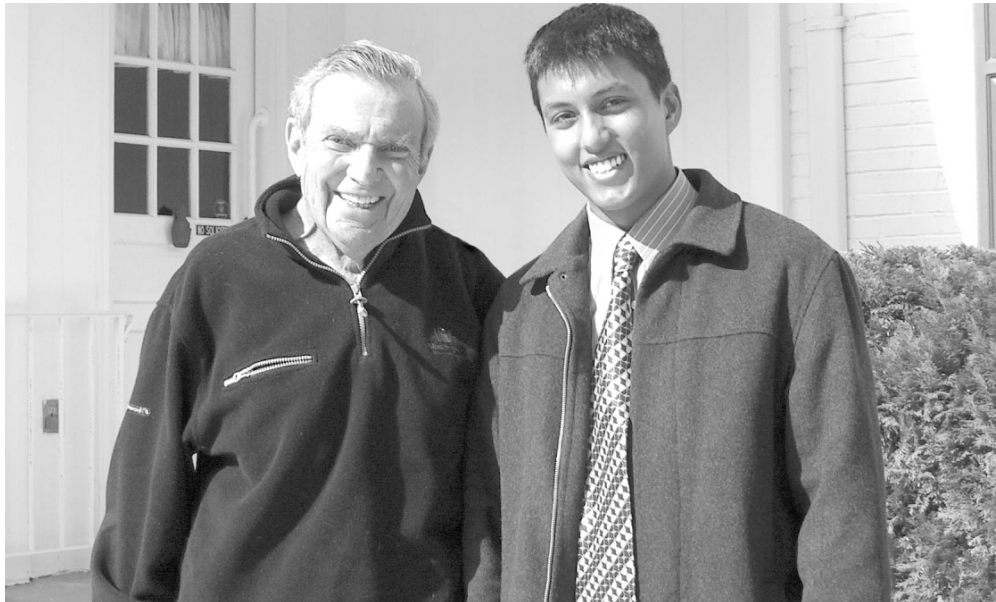


THE MACKLIN BUSINESS INSTITUTE AND CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP at Montgomery College



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Mentors and Students Meet, Greet, Eat



Gordon Macklin (left) pictured here at his home with MBI student Joyanto Roy, following the "Take a Student to Lunch Day," has played an integral role in mentoring Montgomery College's business leaders of tomorrow. His founding endowment began the scholars program in 1999.

Serving up large portions of personal expertise, Montgomery County business leaders lunched with 15 information-hungry Macklin Business Institute (MBI) students during Montgomery College's Take a Student to Lunch program, held in December at various restaurants in the county.

"Although it is a brief experience, the meet-

ing is invaluable to the students," said David Sears, Montgomery College's vice president of Institutional Advancement. "It doesn't require much time, but this event lets professionals share advice with business students at a critical time in their career planning. By these county business leaders volunteering a few hours of their time, they are contributing to the success

of another hard-working future entrepreneur and business leader in the county."

Macklin scholars recognize the value of their lunchtime networking experience. At a closing reception held November 9, in conjunction with the College's Foundation Board meeting, students spoke of how thrilled they were to meet with entrepreneurs, many who started from humble beginnings. In moving and eloquent testimony, they described how the experience in the lunch program had helped them shape their future plans. Each student presented a certificate—with personal thanks—to the business person with whom they shared lunch.

"The business community has generously contributed in this mentoring opportunity," said Sears. "We hope the Take a Student to Lunch Program will continue each semester and expose more students to more business leaders. At the same time, it exposes the business leaders to the tremendous students we have at the College as potential employees of their companies."

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In addition to meeting with students face to face during the "Take a Student to Lunch" event, local business leaders have supported the Macklin Business Institute on various levels of scholarship funding, technical support, and internships. Since 1999, second-year Montgomery College business students selected for the scholars program have been provided semester-long use of donated laptop computers.

MBI Welcomes New Director Steve Lang

The Macklin Business Institute welcomes its new director, Steve Lang, who comes to Montgomery College and MBI after a 16-year career at Georgetown University, where he was assistant director of membership and marketing for the Yates Field House.

A Georgetown graduate ('89), Lang has an M.B.A. from George Mason University. His experience as an entrepreneur in the sports concessions industry lends special credibility to the tasks ahead: namely, leading Macklin students through dynamic and experiential learning opportunities and cultivating ties with the business community.

A Montgomery County resident, Lang lives in Gaithersburg with wife Sarah and their two children.

They also participate in weekly seminars, and learn from hands-on experiences like SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) projects and internships. Guest speakers provide valuable insights on current events for the ongoing Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by MBI and Montgomery College. Most recently, Matt GoBush, an executive of ExxonMobil, spoke to students, faculty and staff on corporate ethics in a world economy.

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