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## First-Year Macklin Students Ready to Tackle Second Semester

It didn't take long for Marcos Moya, a first-year Macklin Business Institute (MBI) student from Gaithersburg, to learn the value of 24 hours in a day. Like many of his peers in the MBI program at Montgomery College, Moya is balancing a full course load with the community service projects, business competitions, and presentations that come along with being a Macklin Scholar.

"When it came to managing my time, I was quite disciplined this past fall semester," Moya said. "I tried to use as much time in the day as possible, even the 15 minutes between classes. A lesson that I learned is that there are, in fact, 24 hours in a day! If you can make use of every second, those hours become longer."

Moya says preparing for the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition has been the main challenge. The SIFE regional competition takes place this March and the MBI students are currently organizing and improving both new and old projects in hopes of advancing to the national competition held in May.

"We have great projects and I expect the MBI program to shine at the regional competition this year," said Moya, who aspires to major in international business at Georgetown University.

The MBI students are again implementing local community outreach projects including visiting Clearspring Elementary School on January 13 to run an interactive business simulation for 75 fifth graders.

This semester marks the first time Macklin Scholars have the opportunity to continue in the program after their first years. According to MBI Director Steve Lang, the first-year students seemed to defer to the returning students, but as the semester wore on, the new students began to ask for more responsibility in projects and activities. Lang expects more of the freshman students to step up and take leadership roles as they enter the spring semester.

"Having freshman MBI students who transition to the sophomore year has been invaluable to MBI," Lang said. "If we did not have students who had gone through the Loyola Marymount Intercollegiate Business Ethics Competition last spring, MBI would not have been unable to field a team in this year's competition."

The Loyola competition date was pushed from the spring to this past September and having seasoned students familiar with the process enabled the Macklin program to send a team to compete. It worked out

perfectly as the MBI team defeated prestigious four-year schools on its way to winning the Emmons Award for overall champions.

First-year MBI student Julliann Le says the feeling of community she shares with her Macklin peers is one of the reasons she earned straight A's this fall.

"In two of my classes, I had at least three MBI students in the class with me," says Le, who would like to earn a master's degree in accounting from the University of Virginia. "Right off the bat, we hit it off very easily and we felt close."

Balancing a part-time job, the various MBI activities, and a demanding course schedule have been challenging for Miken Jenkins, a sophomore at MC and a first-year MBI student.

"You learn how to adapt, and for me, the greatest lesson I learned was to just keep moving forward and no matter what, never give up," Jenkins says. "I received great support and motivation from the numerous MBI students

who've had similar challenges. To see them take on those challenges head on, with a smile, has been awesome."

Before Montgomery College, Jenkins spent three years volunteering with a service organization based in Europe. His long-term goals include accounting and finance. After finishing at Montgomery College and the MBI program, he plans to transfer to a four-year college.

"I am currently focused on the University of Maryland, Georgetown University, and the University of Virginia," Jenkins said. "I cannot think of better preparation for these universities than the Macklin Business Institute."



**MBI Director Steve Lang (far right) talks with Macklin students about their community service projects for the Students in Free Enterprise competition.**