

## **II. MISSION AND INTERNAL SPIRIT**

The Mission and Internal Spirit Statement for Montgomery College developed in 2000 was the foundation for developing the Academic Master Plan. It is a resource and reminder of the many services that the College provides in the community. The three major tenets of the mission statement focus on Changing Lives, Enriching Our Community, and Holding Ourselves Accountable.

### **Mission and Internal Spirit Statement for Montgomery College**

#### **Our Mission:**

##### **Changing Lives**

We are in the business of changing lives.  
Students are the center of our universe.  
We encourage continuous learning  
for our students, our faculty, our staff, and our community.

##### **Enriching Our Community**

We are the community's college.  
We are the place for intellectual, cultural, social, and political dialogue.  
We serve a global community.

##### **Holding Ourselves Accountable**

We are accountable for key results centered around learning.  
We will be known for academic excellence by every high school student  
and community member.  
We inspire intellectual development through a commitment to  
the arts and sciences.  
We lead in meeting economic and workforce development needs.

#### **We Will Tend to Our Internal Spirit.**

#### **Internal Spirit:**

We are committed to high academic and performance standards  
and take pride in our collective achievements.  
We are welcoming, compassionate,  
and service-oriented to our diverse communities.  
We operate in a creative, innovative, flexible,  
and responsive manner.  
We practice collaboration, openness, honesty,  
and widely shared communications.  
Integrity, trust, and respect guide our actions.  
We value and respect academic vitality and excellence.  
Our spirit is renewed through enthusiasm, celebration,  
a sense of humor, and fun.