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MEMORANDUM

To: The Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Plans for Holy Cross Hospital at Montgomery College's Germantown Campus

I am pleased to share with you today's news that the Maryland Health Care Commission voted to support the Holy Cross Hospital proposal to build a new hospital on the College's Germantown Campus. The commission's decision to award a Certificate of Need to Holy Cross Hospital followed last month's recommendation by Commission Chair Marilyn Moon, Ph.D., who presided over a nearly two-year regulatory process that included evidentiary hearings and a review of both the Holy Cross Hospital and Adventist Healthcare proposals in her role as the hearing officer. Holy Cross Hospital will be located within the College's future Science and Technology Park on the Germantown Campus.

Since 2001, the College—at the request of the county and with the financial support from both the state and county—has planned its park to replicate the success of the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center, anchored by Shady Grove Adventist. That center helped give rise to companies like Human Genome Sciences—an industry leader and employer for many of our students and graduates. As our park's anchor tenant, Holy Cross Hospital will attract other medical, bioscience, and technology companies to the park, which will provide many new opportunities for employment as well as learning experiences for our students.

Students will have the opportunity to observe and interact with a working hospital on their campus and to pursue part-time jobs or internships. Most importantly, our students will soon have 64 total openings for clinical rotations at Holy Cross Hospital, which are critical to the College's goal of doubling the number of nursing graduates to help address the severe nursing shortage in Maryland.

Holy Cross will encourage hospital employees to support instructional programs at the College through guest lecturing, student mentoring, student clubs, and other programs. Additionally, Holy Cross will allow instructional space within its future Germantown location to be used by the College's academic programs.

Today's action is a huge step forward, and the College looks forward to Holy Cross Hospital and the Science and Technology Park becoming realities. We also look forward to expanding our ongoing partnerships with both Holy Cross Hospital and Adventist Healthcare in the future.