

National Science Foundations Scholarship for Service

On Friday October 19th, the latest awardee's of the National Science Foundations (NSF) Scholarship for Service (SFS) were honored at a kick off meeting. Present were several current SFS students from UMBC, including three former MC students, who are now at UMBC. Also at the event were Dr. Alan Sherman, SFS PI at UMBC, Casey O'Brien, SFS PI at Prince George Community College, Keith Young and Sonny Discini from the Montgomery County Government Information Security office and Alexis Banz and Josie Mcfee NSA recruiters.

The SFS Scholarship is awarded to outstanding student in Computer or Information Science, or other related Cyber Security programs. The full scholarship pays for all tuition and expenses, as well as providing a \$22,500.00 annual stipend to cover living expenses. For the MC and PGCC students, their final year at their two-year institution is covered, as well as their final two years at UMB. Once they graduate they are committed to working for a Federal, State, Local or Tribal government for three years (the number of years of their scholarship).

Both Montgomery College and Prince George current have seven students each at UMBC, who were former awardees of the scholarship. The new grant provides this opportunity to one student at MC and one student at PGCC through the 2020/2021 academic years.