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Steve McAuliffe



Kethaka Yattogoda and Swechchha Shrestha

Growing up, I remember hearing stories from my dad and uncle about their experiences as MC students. At that time, a graduate could transfer directly from MC to law school, which is what they both did. My dad also loved to recount stories of playing basketball alongside his lifelong friend Morgan Wootten, whom he met while at MC. My connection to MC continued when I later married a proud Montgomery College alumna. Because of these connections and the impact MC has had on my own family, I welcomed the opportunity to join the Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors, where I could help ensure that other families had similar access and opportunity.

What I enjoy most about my work with the Foundation is the opportunity to meet, get to know, and, in some cases, work alongside students. This includes two student representatives, **Swechchha Shrestha** and **Kethaka Yattogoda**, who joined the board of directors this last summer.

Swechchha is studying information sciences and systems. Her plan is to pursue her bachelor's degree upon completion of her associate's degree this June and then pursue a master's degree in business administration, with the ultimate goal of working as a data analyst or UX (user experience) or a UI (user interface) designer. She's an active volunteer who works with local high school students to help them plan and begin implementing social justice programs.

Kethaka also volunteers, while balancing the demands of the very

rigorous Macklin Business Institute (MBI) program. He applies what he is learning in the MBI program to the work he does as a valued member of the Treasurer's Committee—an experience that has fueled his interest in pursuing a career either in investment banking or working for a financial advisory firm.

Both students are ambitious and hard-working, and they share a commitment to representing the needs and concerns of their fellow students through their roles as Foundation directors. The perspective they provide to our board is invaluable. The energy and dedication they demonstrate reminds us that the next generation—who has faced incredible obstacles these past few years—remains resilient and, perhaps most importantly, very hopeful—about their futures and about the futures of their peers.

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Foundation's Most Generous Donors Gather for Celebration

Founded at the end of World War II to meet the educational needs of our country's returning soldiers, Montgomery College has remained dedicated to empowering our students to change their lives. And, just as the College founders understood the need to provide educational opportunity to the men and women of American's greatest generation, members of the 1946 Society are keeping that mission alive. Through their exceptional vision, dedication, and unparalleled generosity, they have demonstrated an abiding commitment to guaranteeing opportunities for the many great generations to come.

Members of the 1946 Society represent the foundation's top donors—those who have donated \$100,000 or more cumulatively in support of the College's mission. The impact of their generosity can be found throughout Montgomery

College—in campus buildings and classrooms, and in scholarships and programmatic support. The number of lives positively impacted by 1946 Society members is incalculable.

At a celebration of the 1946 Society's philanthropy this summer,

Dr. Williams and Montgomery College Foundation Board Chair Steve McAuliffe presented each donor with a globe, inscribed: "Opening Worlds of Opportunities of Success."



Dr. Williams and Steve McAuliffe with donors: (top left) Catherine and Isiah Leggett, (top right) Marcia Meltzer, (bottom left) Ken Grunley with daughter Lauren and son Adam, (bottom right) Linda Schwartz

College Expands Outreach

East County Education Center To Open Fall 2023



*“Discovering what a community needs and wants is fundamental to designing opportunity. The architects of such plans have to listen intently. They must also plan meticulously. Many of you gathered here today have been working behind the scenes for two years ... measuring, evaluating, testing, and organizing. That level of commitment is what it takes to **empower people to change their lives.**”* —Dr. Jermaine F. Williams (press conference, November 2, 2022)

Montgomery College has long held a commitment to reaching students where they are and helping them get where they want to go. This commitment was further strengthened when Dr. Williams announced the creation of the College’s future East County Education Center.

The new center, scheduled to open for the fall 2023 semester, is projected to serve over 1,000 students in the first year. It will offer both credit and noncredit courses, targeting skill gaps in key industry sectors such as healthcare and IT. The ultimate goal of the East County Education Center is to reduce barriers, making access to educational and job training opportunities easier for community members, while also supporting the needs of area businesses.

During the press conference, Dr. Williams described the East County Education Center’s impact on the local community, referring to it as “a portal for access and an anchor that enriches the life of the community.” He closed his remarks by reminding those in attendance that the College is

here to “open doors to opportunity, increase achievement, and enhance the economic mobility of everyone. That means progress for our students. That’s progress for our businesses, our public school system, and our neighborhoods. This is the type of progress that leads to transformation.”



(Top) The 55,193-square-foot-center is located at 2221 Broadbirch Drive in Silver Spring. The College has had a presence in the eastern part of Montgomery County since 2015, serving thousands of people at its Community Engagement Centers by offering training and job skills. This new space will allow the College to expand those opportunities. (Above) Nneka Ndubisi, a second-generation Nigerian-American nursing student, Dr. Williams, and County Executive Marc Elrich

Taking the Long View—Investing in Promising Young Adults

By Diane Bosser



Julie Farkas and Seth Goldman, donors to the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) scholarship program, recently committed \$1 million to establish the Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship. Selected students will complete a bachelor's degree via two Montgomery County institutions: MC and the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). The Longview scholars began their educational quest this fall at MC.

"We believe talent is widely distributed, but opportunity is not. We want to make sure the Longview Scholars have the chance to realize their full potential," Goldman says. "The ACES program is more than a one-dimensional level of support. Students develop connections

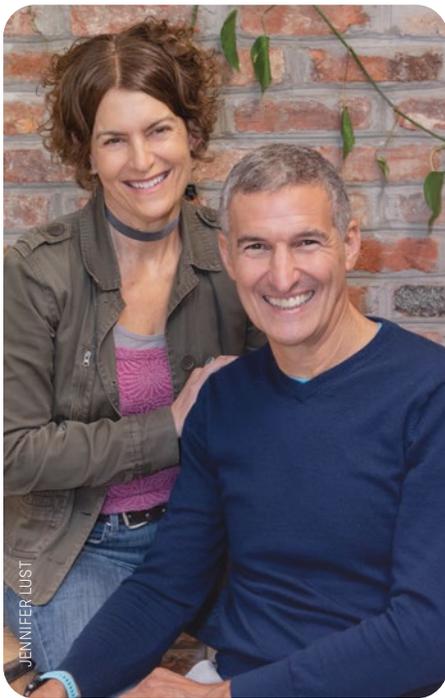
and the personal confidence they need to make it all work."

Farkas underscores the importance of paid internships for low-income students. "They need to make money *and* build social networks while they are in college," she says. "We look forward to

working with the ACES team to support the students in finding internships and mentors throughout their four years in college, so when they graduate they will have developed skills and networks to begin their professional lives" Farkas says.

Until recently, Farkas was chief strategic growth officer at the Urban Alliance in Washington, D.C., where she cultivated partnerships with community leaders and businesses to help create internships for first-generation-to-college high school seniors. She is also a

Donors Seth Goldman (5th from left), Julie Farkas (second from right) with Dr. Williams (fifth from right), Richee Smith Andrews, chief advancement officer at the Universities at Shady Grove (far right), and a group of Longview scholars.



Seth Goldman and Julie Farkas, ACES donors and the Washington Business Journal Philanthropists of the Year (2022), recently established the Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship for 20 students.

cofounder of PLNT Burger and the director of the Eat the Change Impact grants program.

Goldman is cofounder of Eat the Change, which produces planet-friendly snacks and Just Ice Tea; cofounder of PLNT Burger; and chair of the board of Beyond Meat. He cofounded Honest Tea, which Coca Cola purchased in 2011.

Taking the long view, Farkas and Goldman believe their investment in promising young adults will realize big gains for the students, their families, and the community—a hope shared by Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Montgomery College president.

“Leveraging the ACES program’s structure and academic guidance—and then adding to those resources—is an investment in ambitious, dedicated students,” says Williams. “Montgomery College could not be more grateful to

have Seth Goldman and Julie Farkas among its supporters. They are truly visionary people who understand that equitable access and support can transform lives.”

Likewise, USG Executive Director Anne Khademian lauded the couple’s commitment to ensuring access for underrepresented students. “This is one of the most impactful investments anyone can make in the future vitality of Montgomery County,” she says. “By investing in students who follow a pathway from Montgomery College to USG, we enable them to prepare for careers right here in our community. These opportunities would not be possible without the generosity of incredible supporters and donors, such as Julie Farkas and Seth Goldman.”

To learn more about ACES, visit acesmontgomery.org.

Launched in 2013, Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) is a collaborative effort among Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove designed to provide students with a seamless and supportive pathway to a bachelor’s degree.



By the Numbers

2500+

Students supported with critical education and coaching services each year

99%

ACES students receive a high school diploma and enter into higher education

2X

ACES students are twice as likely to receive financial aid than their peers

Alumna's Sweet Success



Craig Eozzo
Montgomery College Foundation

“Sarah is a wonderful example of someone who looked to the College to help fulfill her educational goals.”



It seems like wherever I go, I meet people connected to the College. Often, it's one of our students, but many times I have the good fortune to meet our alumni. This is not surprising, given that more than 70% remain in Montgomery County, applying their education and/or job skills right here in our community.

Recently I met **Sarah Dwyer '06**, owner of Chouquette, a gourmet chocolate company based in Gaithersburg, MD. If you have been in gift or specialty shops in Montgomery County, you have probably seen samples of her work. Hopefully you have also had the good fortune to taste it. If so, you know how good her chocolates filled with caramel and sea salt taste, which explains why her business has been such a success.

Sarah came to MC to complete her undergraduate degree while working full time in banking. When asked about her MC experience, she praised her Montgomery College professors who, she said, cared about her success. Ultimately, Sarah decided banking was not her passion. She moved in 2009 to Paris to enroll in the pastry program at Le Cordon Bleu.

Montgomery College profiled Chouquette in its alumni magazine (2019), and MC was among Chouquette's first custom-order clients. Seems like word spread quickly, because now Chouquette's client list includes the White House Historical Association, the Four Seasons Hotel, Cornerstone Montgomery, Novavax, Ferrari, Carnegie Science, Congressional Country Club, University of Maryland, Nasdaq, Bloomingdale's, Ford's Theatre, and American Airlines, to name a few.



Sarah Dwyer '06

Sarah is a wonderful example of someone who looked to the College to help fulfill her educational goals. Now she gives back by hiring MC students who, she said, “can balance the chocolate kitchen with their education.”

We are proud of all of our alumni and are grateful for the myriad ways they help support Montgomery County's economy. So, the next time you purchase a box of Chouquette chocolates, know that you are supporting a local business, owned and operated by an MC alumna. Think of it as your way of showing your MC pride ... one delicious bite at a time.

The Giving Grandma

Alumna Establishes Nursing Scholarship Fund in Grandchildren's Names

Growing up in Boston in the 1940s, **Sylvia Glaser '83** learned to make do and work hard. "Times were different then," she says. "You took a bath once a week, got new shoes once a year, and ... I had my tonsils out on the kitchen table if you can believe that. ... And we never thought we were poor."

Glaser, a Montgomery College alumna and retired nurse, established the ESM Glaser Nursing Scholarship for students at MC earlier this year. It is her second scholarship for nursing students, but this one is named for her grandchildren: Elise, Stephanie, and Matthew. She will make contributions to it on each grandchild's birthday—in lieu of other presents.

"My grandchildren have more than they need—if not everything they want," Glaser says. "They're all very good kids, but I see how hard people in the world are struggling right now and I want to give back."

Originally a teacher, Glaser changed careers after volunteering to help care for a member of her synagogue who was dying of cancer. As a nurse, she



worked 23 years at the Jewish Social Services Agency in Rockville, Maryland, caring for hospice patients at their homes or in nursing homes.

"I met the most amazing people, especially the family members," Glaser says. During her visits, she made a point to keep the clinical aspect minimized. "I decided that I wasn't going to go in and ask them: what's your pain level from 1 to 10? or what did you eat today? They didn't need that kind of interaction to be part of their final days."

Glaser says her family is very appreciative of what she is doing with the named scholarship. "They understand what I am trying to do. The girls are in college and they know how expensive it is. By helping someone else go to college, we are giving back as a family. I hope others might be inspired to do something similar," she says. "But either way, it's my checkbook, my choice."



Glaser's grandchildren, Elise, Stephanie, and Matthew, will have their birthday and holiday gifts "paid forward" into a scholarship fund.

5 Truths About the HVAC Profession Today



COURTESY JOHNSON CONTROLS

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Skilled-worker shortages continue to challenge hiring managers in companies like Johnson Controls. During the pandemic, many experienced workers opted to retire, increasing an existing deficit of workers—and new talent has not developed quickly enough to fill the gaps. “Not enough people are learning about their opportunities in HVAC,” says **David Robinson, Johnson Controls general manager of fire, HVAC, and security**. “Many people just have misconceptions about what it’s like to work in this field today.”

1. HVAC Today Is Technical

“People still think these [HVAC] jobs are about getting dirty and working long days for little pay,” Robinson says. “In fact, the opposite is true. These jobs are technical and data-driven—you need a laptop, computer or handheld device. You have to understand and analyze complex systems and problem-solve. You also need post-secondary training and significant training on the job. Technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning and connected sensors all offer new educational opportunities for today’s labor force.”

2. Soft Skills Count: Problem Solving and Communication

"We have to make sure our employees understand the customer experience is extremely important. We need technicians to be engaging and able to explain highly technical HVAC operations to customers in a way they understand and walk them through next steps, if needed."

3. HVAC Industry and the Environment

"The HVAC industry affects sustainability and carbon neutrality; air-quality systems and energy use go hand in hand. Right now, it's all about sustainability, carbon neutrality and impacting the environment," Robinson says. "We want people to know they can go into HVAC and directly impact energy use by ensuring healthy buildings. The next generation of HVAC experts must be equipped with the digital and technical know-how to help address the government and building industry's increasing race toward decarbonization."

4. Employers Are Hiring Right Now—Pay Rates Are Up

According to Robinson, the Bureau of Labor Statistics now estimates 4 million vacancies in HVAC nationally. Because of the current shortage of HVAC workers, pay has escalated. "I don't think many people know that a high school student can enter this trade and in five years, with on-the-job-training, easily be making over \$100,000 a year," he says.



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5. Scholarships Are Available for Training and Credentials

Johnson Controls is investing in developing its workforce at Montgomery College through the Johnson Controls Community College Program, which has awarded two \$95,000 grants to the MC Foundation during the past two years, which are benefitting MC's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) program. The funds are providing students with academic success coaches (in partnership with its Achieving the Promise Academy) and supporting the creation of a building systems

automation lab in MC's Homer S. Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education in Rockville.

"The reason we are investing in programs at Montgomery College," Robinson says, "is we know students are engaging with their professors and peers in the classroom. They are getting the technical and soft skills needed. We want the whole package. We are committed to narrowing the skilled-labor gap by investing in tomorrow's future-ready workforce and creating a pipeline of building experts ready to kick-start their careers."



In his inaugural speech, Dr. Williams said, "I recognize several individuals who have had extraordinary impacts at the College, and for whom we will always be grateful... Our work now is to build on the successes we have inherited—and identify new ones."



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By Jill Fitzgerald | Photography by Jeff Mauritzen

“It is something quite reassuring to know that here is a man in whose care I would gladly place my child.”

—raviji

In his words of inspiration, raviji, a friend of the Williams family, said that Dr. Williams understands and practices the three critical elements of raising good human beings: raising good students, for the sake of raising good citizens, for the express purpose of raising a good world.

Perhaps raviji, a family friend of Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, summed up the values Montgomery College’s 11th president holds dear when he recalled what Dr. Williams whispered to his two sons as he sent them off to school recently: “I love you. Be good. Ask questions.” raviji, who was staying with the Williams family, believed it to be a “ritual of seminal importance,” saying, “It is something quite reassuring to know that here is a man in whose care I would gladly place my child.”

These inspirational words of raviji’s, along with those from national, state, and local leaders, capped a weeks-long celebration of Dr. Williams—and Montgomery College—at his inauguration ceremony on Wednesday, October 19 at The Music Center at Strathmore in Rockville.

United States Senator Chris Van Hollen Jr. and Jamin B. “Jamie” Raskin, U.S. Representative from Maryland’s 8th district, provided remarks, as did

Maryland State Senator Benjamin Kramer, Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, and Montgomery County Council President Gabriel Albornoz.

Senator Van Hollen noted, “Dr. Williams has already hit the ground running, but today we gather to officially mark the start of this new chapter in the story of Montgomery College.” He added, “This College is defined by a tradition of excellence

After the inauguration, Dr. Williams poses with his spouse, Dr. Maggie Williams, and their two sons.





Members of the College's Board of Trustees celebrate with Dr. Williams. Top row (left to right): Dr. Freida Lacey (first vice chair), Dr. Michael Brintnall (chair), Hon. Michael Knapp, Dr. Kenneth Hoffman, Omar Lazo. Bottom row (left to right): Deepica Premaratne (student trustee), Dr. Jermaine Williams, Hon. Maricé Morales, Annice Cody, Robert Levey.

and service, with more students achieving success, more families seeing their loved ones earn a degree, and more dreams coming to life."

County Council President Albornoz underscored the College's importance as a cornerstone of education in Montgomery County, opening his remarks with a humorous anecdote: "In the early 1970s my parents met as students at [the Takoma Park Campus of] Montgomery College. So I am living proof that good things are produced at Montgomery College." Sen. Kramer added that he was wearing the honorary degree hood presented to his father, former Montgomery County Executive Sidney Kramer, 25 years ago when he received an honorary degree from Montgomery College.

Dr. Williams, who took the helm at the College in February 2022, noted in his remarks he had a unique appreciation for the level of commitment and impact in his role. "I recognize several individuals who have had extraordinary impacts at the College, and for whom we will always be grateful," he said. "Our work now is to build on the successes we have inherited—and identify new ones." Drawing on the inauguration's theme, Williams added, "I ask that we hold each other accountable. And I challenge you—from whatever role you are in—to be the change you want to see. And I will meet you there with a personal passion for social justice and an ambitious vision of achievement—as together we build 'Our College, Our Community, Our Future.'" ■

2022 Honorary Degree Recipients Associate of Arts in Public Service

Montgomery College and the Montgomery College Foundation congratulate these individuals for their extraordinary contributions to higher education and the community at large.



Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes, interim president emerita, Montgomery College; president emerita, Prince George's Community College



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Pre-Inauguration Celebration Events



“Our College, Our Community, Our Future” permeated the pre-inaugural celebration held at all three College campuses during inauguration week. Takoma Park/Silver Spring’s event featured a DJ, a graffiti art project, health and blood pressure screenings, and international street food. Food, fun, and games highlighted the Germantown event, along with demonstrations of cybersecurity and biology. The College’s Rolling Raptor EduKitchen made its debut at the Rockville Campus celebration, in addition to a Mobile Food Market, anti-racism training, blood pressure screenings, and a festival highlighting campus activities.



Top: As part of its pre-inauguration festival, Rockville Campus Mobile Market volunteers prepare bags of free fruits and vegetables for MC students, faculty, staff, and the greater community. **Middle (left):** The new Rolling Raptor, Montgomery College’s Mobile EduKitchen, is a business lab creating real-life learning experiences for students in hospitality management and other programs. The 26-foot truck is equipped with cutting-edge culinary equipment and technology. **Bottom (left):** Dr. Williams at the Mobile Market at Rockville Campus. The Mobile Markets, a partnership between the College and the Capital Area Food Bank, are offered on all campuses on an alternating basis on Wednesdays. Photos by Jennifer Lust.

Rockville Campus Quad Named for Becker Family



Inauguration week at the College included a celebration of philanthropists Arthur and Miriam Becker with an October 16 event marking the official renaming of the Rockville Campus Quad as the Arthur and Miriam Becker Family Quad. Becker family members attended the event and applauded the unveiling of a permanent quad marker.

Arthur Becker, a successful real-estate developer, was instrumental in securing the land on which the Rockville Campus sits. Both he and Miriam were longtime supporters of the Montgomery College Foundation and contributed to scholarships. During their lifetime, they generously supported MC students through scholarships.

Meeting students and receiving their thank-you letters brought the Beckers great joy. To-date, more than 400 students have received the Arthur P. and Miriam G. Becker Scholarship. With the family's ongoing support, that number will only continue to grow.

"Although Arthur Becker will always be known for the impact he had on

Montgomery County as a real estate developer, his greatest impact has been helping families throughout Montgomery County gain access to higher education," said Dr. Williams, Montgomery College president.

Two Becker scholarship recipients spoke at the event: Catherine Shelton '15, a U.S. Air Force veteran who is now pursuing a master's degree in aerospace engineering at the Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, and Maura Ayala, a 2019 Clarksburg High School graduate and current MC student who aspires to become a dental hygienist.

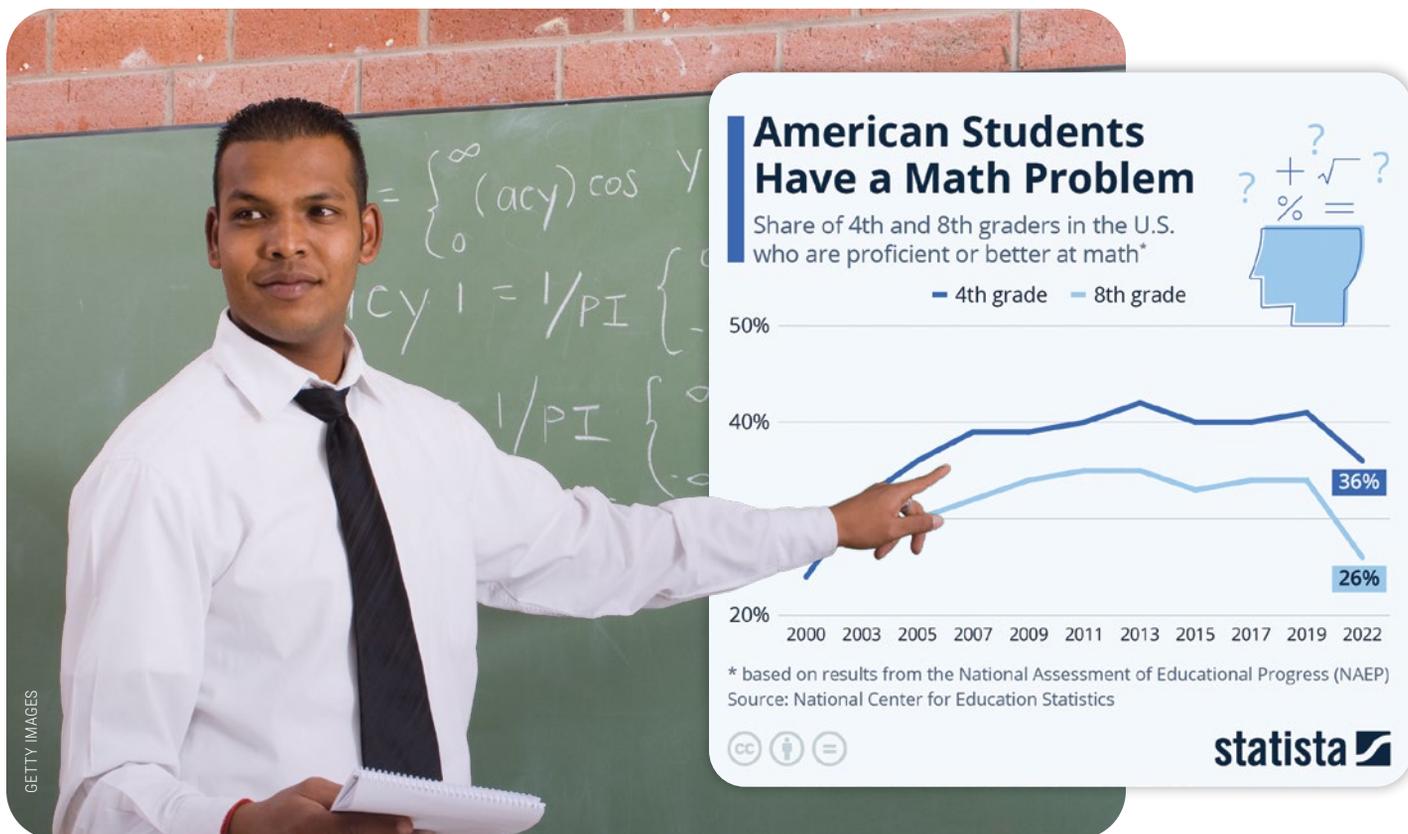
Shelton credited her MC professors and the small class sizes for her

success. Ayala described juggling rigorous academic courses, including microbiology, essentials of organic and biochemistry, human development, and pre-calculus, while holding down a job.

Montgomery County Council President Gabe Albornoz participated, representing the significant investment of the county and state to make the Quad possible. Completed as part of the Long Nguyen and Kimmy Duong Student Services Center project, leaders saw the value of providing the funding needed to create this beautiful campus gathering spot that supports student success.

The children of Arthur and Miriam Becker (from left): Richard Becker, Phyllis Zimmerman, Ken Becker, immediate past board chair, Marjory Becker-Lewin, and Bill Becker attended the dedication along with extended family and friends.

Record \$4M Gift Makes Commitment to Future Teachers



The MC Foundation recently celebrated receiving the largest gift in its history. The \$4 million gift, made by donors who prefer to remain anonymous, will impact the future of countless secondary teachers studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and their students.

By targeting the scholarship toward MC students studying science and math, the donors reflect their understanding of the growing need for qualified educators in these subjects. For example, in the Nation’s Report Card by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 39% of fourth graders in the United States were marked at or above proficient, underscoring the need for qualified math teachers.

By supporting students in MC’s teaching programs, the donors are helping to grow the local workforce. “In the last five years, 72% of students who graduated from Montgomery College’s teacher education programs were former Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students,” says Dr. Eric Benjamin, collegewide dean of education and social sciences.

In addition to scholarship support for tuition, the gift will also cover student

fees and provide transfer scholarships for eligible students who attend four-year institutions that prepare them to teach the physical sciences and/or mathematics.

“We are in awe of the donors’ foresight to create such a powerful gift,” said Craig Eozzo, acting executive director, Montgomery College Foundation. “It reflects a lifelong commitment to education and its impact on future generations.”

Winning Charitable Strategies

Make a gift in your will or trust.

You can leave money to Montgomery College Foundation **in your will or living trust** and have the flexibility to change your will in the event that life circumstances change. This is a simple way to help ensure that MC continues our mission for years to come.

Make gifts of appreciated securities.

Securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and been held for more than one year are popular assets to use when making a gift to Montgomery College Foundation. When you donate **appreciated securities or mutual funds**, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer.

Make a gift through a beneficiary designation.

You may prefer the increased flexibility that a beneficiary designation provides. It is very simple to **name Montgomery College Foundation as a beneficiary**. Request a change-of-beneficiary form, make your desired changes, then return the form to your plan administrator to establish your gift. Use IRAs and retirement plans, life insurance policies, donor advised funds, and commercial annuities.

Make a gift that gives back.

There is a way for you to support Montgomery College Foundation and feel confident that you have dependable income in your retirement years. **A gift annuity can provide you with regular payments for life** and allow Montgomery College Foundation to further our mission. You can also qualify for a variety of tax benefits, including a federal income tax charitable deduction if you itemize.

Make gifts by “bunching” charitable gifts.

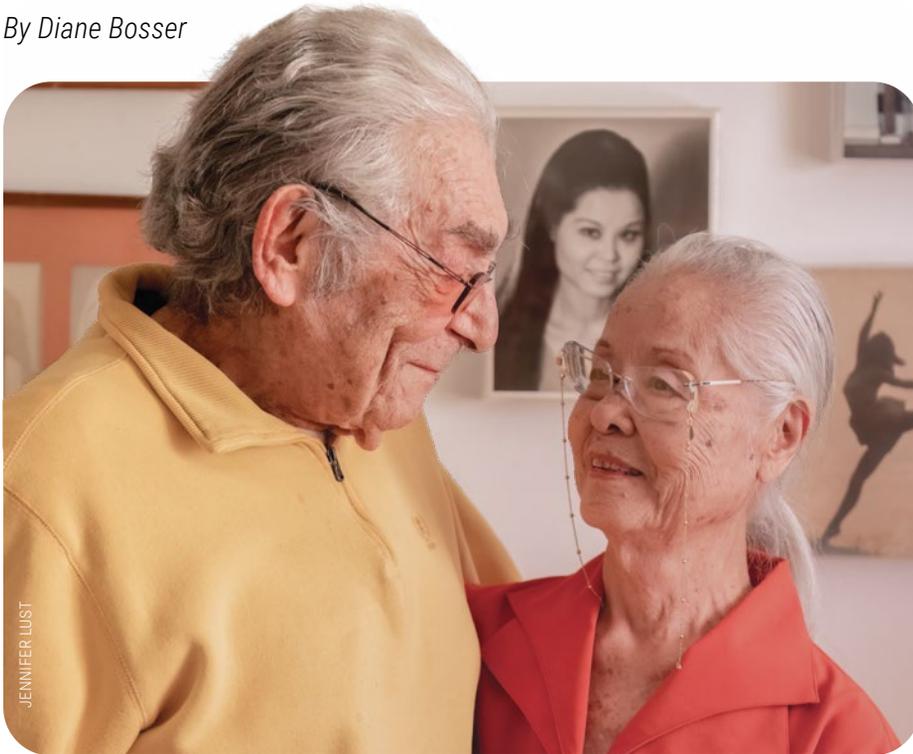
To assure the deductibility of your charitable gifts, **consider “bunching” them in predetermined years** so that in those years your total deductions exceed the newly increased standard deduction. Defer gifts in years when you plan to rely on the standard deduction. You can support Montgomery College students through a donor advised fund charitable giving account which can help with these types of gifts.

For more information, visit montgomerycollegefoundation.planningyourlegacy.org or contact Craig Eozzo, 240-479-1300, Craig.Eozzo@montgomerycollege.edu or Francene T. Walker, CFRE, 240-393-2118, Francene.Walker@montgomerycollege.edu

These Dancers Have Led a Well-Choreographed Life

Now They've Created a Rhythm for MC Students

By Diane Bosser



"She was an artist," he says. "She was what I dreamed of being. In Japan, she was very well known. When La Scala toured with the opera, *Aida*, in Japan, she performed with them. When she came to New York, she performed on Broadway and then around the country. Had she gone back to Japan, she would have been famous. But she chose me. ... I never forgot what she gave up to be with me."

The Glicks married in 1958 in New York. As a young married couple, their separate professional ambitions—and economic opportunities—drove them apart, but only geographically: Yoko went on tour with the Rogers and Hammerstein Broadway show, *Flower Drum Song*, which ended up in Las Vegas for a two-year contract while Norman stayed in New York to study dance at The Julliard School. On his semester breaks, Norman rode the Trailways bus to Nevada. Their separations were always viewed as temporary sacrifices so the other would thrive.

Later, when Norman took a job with the U.S. State Department, Yoko abandoned important entertainment industry connections in Las Vegas to join him on the assignments abroad.

Travel adventures, advanced academic degrees, and living abroad make up Norman Glick's vast stores of knowledge and repartee. The former MC economics professor learned important lessons from what he calls "a full life": from his upbringing in a working-class family in 1940s Brooklyn, hitchhiking cross country through the Grand Canyon, serving in the Korean War, studying dance at Julliard, and his years as a U.S. State Department attaché. But the stories he treasures most center on his wife, Yoko.

"I've had 60 years with this great woman," Glick says, from the comfort of their home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Glick, a retired international economist, commercial

counselor, and adjunct professor, met Yoko, a ballet dancer, in Japan in 1954. He was 23 and had taken an Army transfer from Korea following the armistice.

Pictured in their Silver Spring home, Dr. Norman and Mrs. Yoko Glick reminisce about the sometimes hard decisions they made for each other in their 60-year marriage adventure.

Though she had formed friendships with the celebrities who performed regularly on the same stage—Frank Sinatra, the Rat Pack, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis—it was his turn to shine.

Norman, too, almost pursued professional dancing, but yielded to more practical obligations. While at Julliard, he was asked to go on tour to Latin America with Jose Limon, the 1950s New York City dance/choreography phenom. Norman was excited about the opportunity, but he and Yoko had different ideas about what it would mean for their future together.

“Jose Limon was my idol. I had to choose between pursuing a career in the art world or supporting my wife. I knew I was good, but I also knew I was not a Baryshnikov. I understood my limitations and I decided it was better to be with the person I love.”

Instead of dance, Norman leapt into economics. He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from City College of New York, a master’s degree in economics and Japanese language from Columbia University in New York, and a doctorate in business administration, international management from Nova Southeastern University. Yoko persevered in teaching

and choreography wherever they lived: New York, Virginia, Japan, Korea, Egypt, and Nigeria.

After retirement from civil service in 1990, Dr. Glick taught economics at Trinity College, Nova Southeastern University, and finally Montgomery College, where he taught in the Business Administration and



Economics Department (1998-2020).

The College’s mission, to serve students from various backgrounds and

often limited resources, resonated with him. “So much of who I am and what I became was due to financial aid and scholarships,” he says. “Growing up, my parents could not afford to send me to college. At each phase of my development—even in the Army, I benefited from taxpayer funding and from scholarships. Now I want to give back.”

The Glicks have supported the Montgomery College Foundation since 2013. They pledged to leave the College a significant gift as part of their estate plan. Eventually, their bequest will establish an endowed scholarship to support students in financial need who plan to major in business or economics. They want to be able to experience the joy of having students benefit from their philanthropy during their lifetime.

Dr. Norman and Mrs. Yoko Glick, longtime donors, recently established the Dr. Norman D. and Yoko K. Glick Scholarship. It will provide tuition, fees, books, plus wrap-around and emergency needs for at least three students pursuing careers in science, engineering, economics, or one of the technical trades.

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A Mother's Love Inspires Arts Scholarship

By Katie Kumkumian



Dr. Frank Trezza, dean of visual, performing, and media arts, has joined more than 105 other faculty and staff who have established scholarships for Montgomery College students.

As a longtime resident of New York state, Dr. Frank Trezza, dean of visual, performing, and media arts, wrestled with the decision to move to Maryland to begin a new chapter at Montgomery College. What drew him to the College was, in his words, “the quality of the curricula in the visual and performing arts and the College’s nationally recognized programs.”

“I was impressed by the extraordinary teaching and artistic talent of the faculty in the arts areas, as well as the outstanding programs in the visual and performing arts, and the extensive

nature of the co-curricular programs,” he said.

Dr. Trezza began working at the College in 2018. In his role as dean, he oversees a team that produces

40 music events, 20 art exhibitions, three theatre productions, and two dance concerts annually. The events—which are open to the public and are held at different campuses—showcase the talents of Montgomery College students and faculty.

Outside the classrooms, art rooms, stages, and exhibition halls, Dr. Trezza noted the faculty and staff’s commitment to the College’s mission including philanthropic support. After learning that 105 of his colleagues (representing both faculty and staff) have elected to establish their own scholarships, he decided to follow suit.

“I established the scholarship so that I could support students in another way,” he says. It was also an opportunity for him to honor his late mother, Carol Trezza, who he describes as having had a “loving spirit and a generous nature.”

The Carol Trezza Endowed Scholarship for the Arts provides students with the financial support many require to enhance their talents and pursue a college degree.

“My mother loved the arts, and she loved students. She was very proud of the work I do because she saw education as the key to a bright future.”

Each year over 6,000 students participate in art courses offered by the College. This will soon include grateful recipients of the Carol Trezza Endowed Scholarship for the Arts.

Dear Montgomery College Foundation,

The Transitional Living Scholarship award I received during the last academic year provided more than a simple thank you can express. Montgomery College greeted me with open arms, demonstrating all the possibilities in rebuilding a life for myself. My course of study is psychology and introducing myself will explain why.

I had a family owned and operated business of 15 years until everything was taken from me by the hand of another. I was left with no way to support myself and child. My daughter's father pays little, if any, child support. I realize people live with so little every day and I feel guilty when I ask for help.

I now live in an HOC apartment with my high-functioning teenage daughter. I'm learning the bus system, which does not operate on its posted schedule. I mimic the behavior of a squirrel—gathering food for us both by collecting it from different food banks, which can be a full-time job. The Transitional Living Scholarship helped me obtain school supplies, light bulbs, toilet paper, female supplies, shoes, boots, and coats for both of us. I try to assure my daughter that everything will work out. Some days, I must force a smile and a positive attitude.

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After trying to gain employment and being told I did not have a degree and was unhirable, I enrolled at Montgomery College. Last semester, I completed an in-person health class and an online psychology class—and was on the dean's list. I wanted my efforts to demonstrate to the



Rose R. and her daughter, Elizabeth, are both attending MC this semester.

MC Foundation that its money is not being wasted on me. This semester, my daughter and I are both enrolled in the same in-person class, unintentionally. (She is an Early College student at 17.)

During this time of feeling broken, the foundation needs to know how much it helped me to feel like I still have some worth. Upon completion of my degree, I hope to pass on the encouragement I received in rebuilding myself back to the strong woman I once was.

Gratefully,

Rose R.

NEW NURSING LAB TO OPEN IN 2023

Pamela R. Hard, RN Nursing Skills Labs



In loving tribute to his late wife Pam, who was a nurse, Foundation Director Bill Hard established a nursing scholarship fund in her name.

This year Bill furthered his commitment to the nursing program by funding a simulation lab on the Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus that will be named in her memory. In 2023, the College will unveil the Pamela R. Hard Nursing Skills Lab, where students will have access to the training they need to continue carrying forward Pam Hard's love of nursing."