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Potluck with the President

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Photo by Nghi Nguyen

On August 30, 2014, MCYPA members were invited to the home of Montgomery College President, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, for a potluck to kick off the 2014-2015 academic year.

As part of the event, members had a unique chance to submit anonymous questions to Dr. Pollard that she answered during an informal discussion session. Dr. Pollard encouraged the attendees not to hold back, and ask her anything—whether it was related to the college or personal.

During the discussion, Dr. Pollard shared her life story and spoke passionately about her love for both her family and career.

Members brought a wide variety of delicious foods, and Dr. Pollard thanked the attendees for the success of the event. Dr. Pollard remarked she felt groups like MCYPA played a vital role at the college, and she was happy to have a chance to meet with the members.

MCYPA is appreciative of Dr. Pollard graciously opening her home to members.

Chats with the Chiefs

Featuring Dave Sears

Ja'Bette Lozupone

MCYPA Chair

MCYPA members sat down with Dave Sears, Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement, on November 11, 2014.

Sears began the informal conversation by introducing himself to the group and providing a brief overview of the departments that fall under the Advancement and Community Engagement umbrella: Creative Services, Development, Foundation, Grants, Marketing, Media Relations, MCTV, Photography, Special Events, and the Alumni Association.

Following Sears's self-introduction, a Q&A began with him answering a series of questions meant to get to the core of the accumulated lessons he had learned on his professional journey. Sears shared knowledge gained from mistakes, mentors, and his aspirations.

One of the most valuable pieces of advice he shared was the term QTIP (Quit Taking It Personally). He said this recently acquired wisdom shared with him at a conference was one of the pieces of advice he wishes he had known earlier in his career.

After answering questions, Sears asked some questions of his own, resulting in an engaging and candid conversation about how young professionals at the College can become more involved in College initiatives and grow professionally.

"Chats with the Chiefs" connects young professionals with administrators at the College to learn about an administrator's career path, and learn more about their plans and visions for their units. MCYPA is able to help administration think strategically about how they can engage with and support young professionals here at MC, and administrators provide valuable professional insight as young professionals develop their careers.

MCYPA Holiday Potluck

MCYPA ended 2014 with a potluck that included delicious food, good music, and fun photos! We want to thank all members who were able to make it to our potluck. Here are some of our fun green screen photos taken from the potluck!



You can view all of the holiday photos in our Gallery at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu/photogallery1.aspx?folderid=10811>

2014 Member Milestones and Achievements

Ja'Bette Lozupone was promoted to Assistant to the Vice President and Provost of the Collegewide STEM Unit and the Germantown Campus. Ja'Bette started in her new role on Monday, November 24, 2014. In her new position, she will serve as the budget analyst and writer for the STEM unit deans and the vice president and provost. She will manage communications and provide project support as the Campus's resource for research and data. In addition, she will collaborate with College units, prepare reports, and disseminate information for various audiences both internal and external to the College.

LaQuise (Kea) Brown was promoted to Building Service Lead on Sunday, September 14, 2014. Brown joined Montgomery College in 2012 as a Building Service Worker. You can read LaQuise's full story at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/mcypa/whats-going-on-laquise-brown/>

Jacia Smith transitioned to a new role at the College as Assistant General Counsel, having moved from her previous position as Director of Employee & Labor Relations.

Maria Moreno received her Bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Nghi Nguyen completed his Master's degree at the University of Maryland University College—Master of Distance Education: Distance Education Teaching and Training program.

Chris Cusic and **Charlie Jackson**, part of the Germantown Media Resources Team, were awarded the Office of Information and Technology's 2014 Team Excellence Award.

Chris Cusic was also named the 2014 Office of Information Technology (OIT) Employee of the Year.

Alejandro Leopardi, part-time professor of English, was awarded the Global Humanities Institute Summer Research Grant and conducted research on the integration of Latin-American literature in the Introduction to Literature Course.

Networking

Members had several opportunities during the fall to catch up with colleagues and expand their network. MCYPA hosted happy hours at Paladar, Maryland Live!, Society Lounge, and Bar Louie. We also united for community activities, and even got our groove on at the Montgomery College Faculty Staff Picnic.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES- 2015

FEBRUARY

CHATS WITH THE CHIEFS – FEATURING VICKI DUGGAN

FEBRUARY 17, MANNAKEE, SUITE 115

MARCH

STAFF ENRICHMENT DAY

MARCH 13, 2015, ROCKVILLE, GYM

APRIL

MCYPA MEETING

APRIL 2, 2015, 9:30 – 10:45AM, GERMANTOWN, PK-105

PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL MEETING,

APRIL 2, 2015, 11AM, GERMANTOWN TBD

MEMBERS WILL WALK OVER TO THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL MEETING FOLLOWING THE MCYPA FULL MEETING.

MAY

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 22, 2015, ROCKVILLE

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

JUNE

COLLEGIAL DEBATE A.K.A. HAPPY HOUR

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Frequently Asked Questions About MCYPA

Q: How can I get colleagues to join MCYPA?

A: Easy! Share the following link with your friends and colleagues:

<http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/mcypa/application/> and ask them to fill out the application. **MCYPA is open to all College faculty and staff. However, individuals transitioning into new roles or interested in career development, networking, and opportunities for increased institutional involvement will benefit most.**

Q: Where do I send information about an award or degree I received?

A: Send news and updates to MCYPA@montgomerycollege.edu or Shane.Doyle@montgomerycollege.edu to ensure they make it into the newsletter, website, MyMC Portal, and most importantly, shared with your fellow MCYPA members.

Q: Where is the MCYPA website?

A: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/mcypa/>

Q: I have an upcoming event that I think MCYPA members should know about. Where do I send the information?

A: Send information about upcoming events to MCYPA@montgomerycollege.edu or Shane.Doyle@montgomerycollege.edu to ensure that it makes it onto the MCYPA calendar.

Q: What does being an MCYPA member entail?

A: Being a member of MCYPA is a great opportunity to get to know your colleagues here at the college and make long lasting connections. MCYPA hosts events throughout the year, and while attendance at each event is not mandatory, a reasonable level of participation is expected.

Q: How can I help with MCYPA behind the scenes?

A: MCYPA has numerous committees and is always looking for volunteers to help make MCYPA successful. Check out <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Department2.aspx?id=66170> for information about committees, and email MCYPA@montgomerycollege.edu if you are interested in joining one.

Q: What is the mission of MCYPA?

A: We empower our members to write their own career stories and to advance themselves into bright professional futures. We collectively seek out opportunities to learn and grow as individuals and as burgeoning professionals.