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## JOSÉ'S STORY

“Your *scholarship* support is changing my life.”



**JOSÉ HERNANDEZ** immigrated to Maryland from El Salvador at age 14. He attended Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and applied to colleges and universities during his senior year. But like many of our students, José saw his dreams pushed out of reach by the high cost of tuition.

He found another way forward at Montgomery College.

Today, thanks to generous donors like you, José is earning a certificate in electrical wiring at MC while working as an apprentice alongside his older brother. He is gaining experience wiring, reading blueprints, and estimating costs. He wants to become a master electrician, which takes time and training/certifications.

**“I LIKE ELECTRICAL WORK BECAUSE IT'S COMPLICATED... BUT I KNOW HOW TO MANAGE IT AND I LIKE THINKING ABOUT HOW TO MAKE IT ALL WORK.”**

“As an electrician I like making customers happy when they see their new light fixture or appliance installed properly. By doing this work, I'm helping myself and I'm helping others.”

With your support, the Montgomery College Foundation is helping students like José access opportunities for skilled jobs in the trades—one of the leading employment fields in the Washington, D.C. region.

# You make it all possible.

## ▶ RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC

Since March 2020, your generosity not only helped students pay tuition, it also put computers in their hands and food on their tables. Your gift showed them you believe in them and in their potential. **Thank you for helping us provide critical assistance to students as the COVID-19 crisis continues.**

**\$1 MILLION+**

**DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED BY** Montgomery College and Montgomery College Foundation (March 2020–June 2021)

**\$68,000**

**720 GIFT CARDS FOR FOOD + COMPUTER VOUCHERS** for students needing laptops

**97** 

**DONATED LAPTOPS DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS**

Computers donated by AstraZeneca (67) and the Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GWAPI) (30)

## ▶▶ PANDEMIC RELIEF

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



**GEORGE DANG**, a former MC Foundation board member, established a scholarship for MC students years ago, but he saw an urgent need during the COVID-19 crisis and wanted to help. George's firm, US Asia Links, donated 6,000 face masks and hundreds of boxes of hand sanitizer to MC to help staff and students protect themselves from COVID-19.

*"We need everybody helping during this pandemic—and for as long as there is a need."*

**George Dang**  
DONOR AND FOUNDER,  
US ASIA LINKS

Laptop Computers



**SUDHIR SEKHSARIA** has been in practice as an Immunologist since 1992, and has lived and worked in Montgomery County, but found he wanted to do more. Dr. Sekhsaria delivered 30 new laptop computers to the College for students in need. To raise funds, he reached out to his physician colleagues through the Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origins (GWAPI).

*"We [GWAPI] were trying to do more for the MC Foundation and to help students with digital learning needs. We really believe we have made a good impact. And we hope it will make a difference."*

**Sudhir Sekhsaria, MD**  
DONOR AND ALLERGY  
IMMUNOLOGY PHYSICIAN

## ▶▶▶ FEEDING MINDS AND BODIES

During the pandemic, when food insecurity escalated, MC staff like Dr. Benita Rashaw were there to help. Benita and the College's Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) Center team held Mobile Markets and pop-up pantry food events on campus for our students and community members.

**Students need more than tutoring for academic success. They can't come to class and concentrate if they are hungry and need to eat... I give my time, but I also support the SHaW Center through a scholarship fund I established and contribute to regularly."**

**Benita Rashaw, Ph.D.**  
DONOR AND STUDENT AFFAIRS  
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR



Benita's gifts, alongside yours, ensure that students succeed—during and after the pandemic.

## ▶▶▶▶ DONOR SPOTLIGHT

**DONORS LIKE YOU MAKE AN IMPACT** in the lives of Montgomery College students through many different types of support. Sometimes, making a connection with a student or a program, comes from learning more about how the whole community benefits when students succeed.

THIS ISSUE WE FEATURE

**ED ROBERTS,**

instructional dean in the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education who has created a scholarship for MC students pursuing careers in the building and technical trades.



*"As a donor supporting students pursuing technical careers, I believe I am also helping the larger community. Individuals with the required knowledge, certifications, and licensure that MC can help them attain, are in high demand throughout the local workforce. These jobs provide our graduates high paying employment and job security. It is beneficial for all involved."*

**Ed Roberts**  
DONOR AND INSTRUCTIONAL DEAN

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