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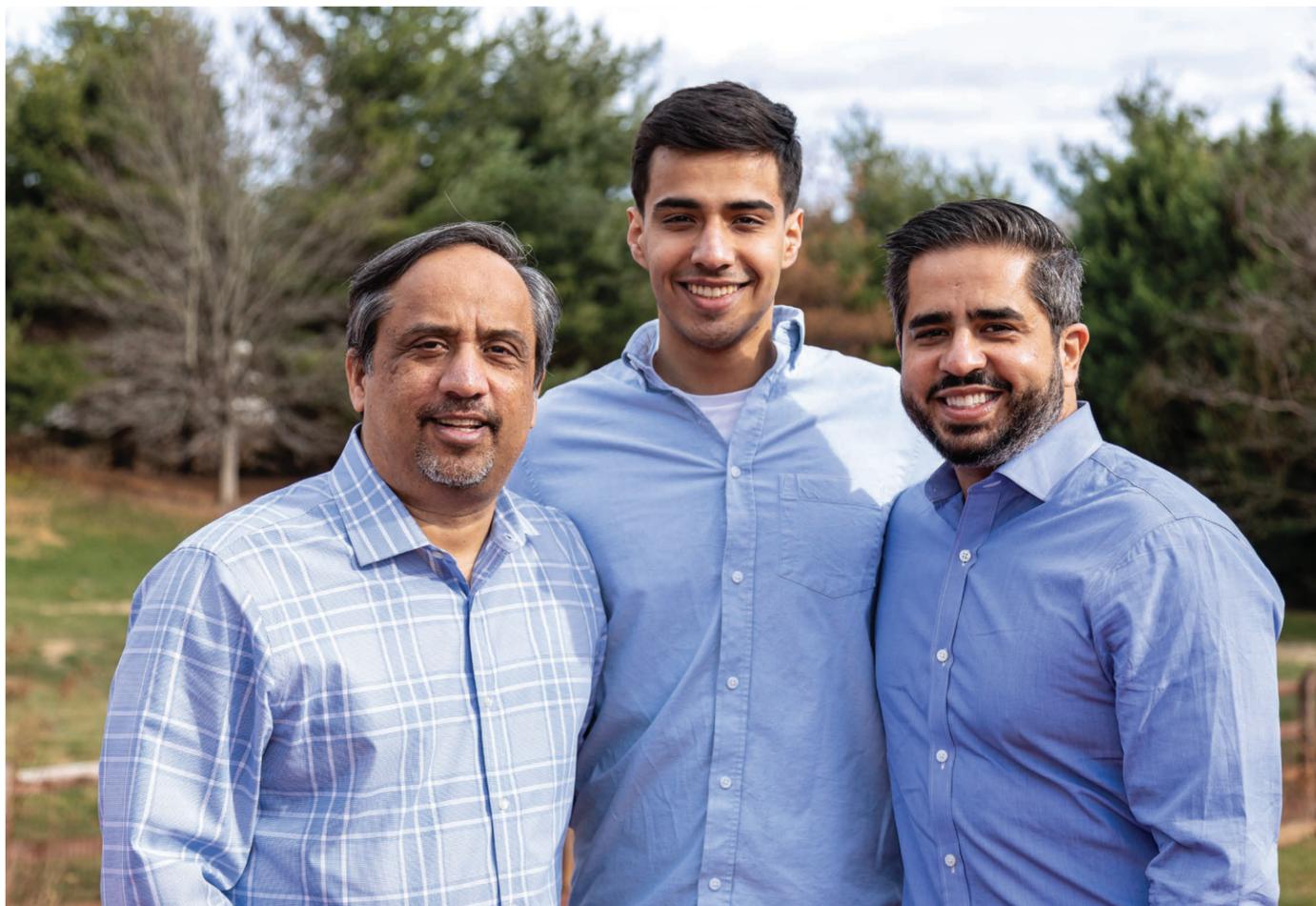
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## PAYING IT FORWARD

“We are honoring our parents and *supporting international students* with our gift.”



(left to right) Amer, Zain (Amer's son), and Tahir Yaqub contributed to the Montgomery College scholarship.

**THE YAQUB FAMILY**—all college graduates—learned the value of higher education from their parents. Muhammad and Nasreen Yaqub, immigrants from Pakistan, brought their family to the Washington, D.C., area in the 1970s. They understand what it's like for families to relocate to a new country in search of opportunity.

“We are just two generations away from a grandfather in India who was an illiterate farmer,” says Amer. “My mother was one of the first women from her village to obtain a college degree. My father has a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University. My parents exemplify the transformative power of education.”

**HONOR SOMEONE WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU BY MAKING A GIFT TO THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE FOUNDATION IN THAT PERSON'S NAME.**

Inspired by their parents' perseverance, the Yaqub siblings, Amer, Tahir, and Sajeela—along with Amer's oldest son, Zain—established a scholarship fund to support international students at MC. The Dr. Muhammad and Nasreen Yaqub Scholarship honors the life lessons instilled in them by their parents. International students pay nearly three times the tuition as in-county residents, and they do not receive federal financial aid.

“Our family knows that supporting students at Montgomery College offers a great return on investment; a gift of \$2,000 a year goes farther at MC than it would at most other colleges. And we don't have to be millionaires to make a difference right now.”

# You make it all possible.

## ▶ YOU HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY

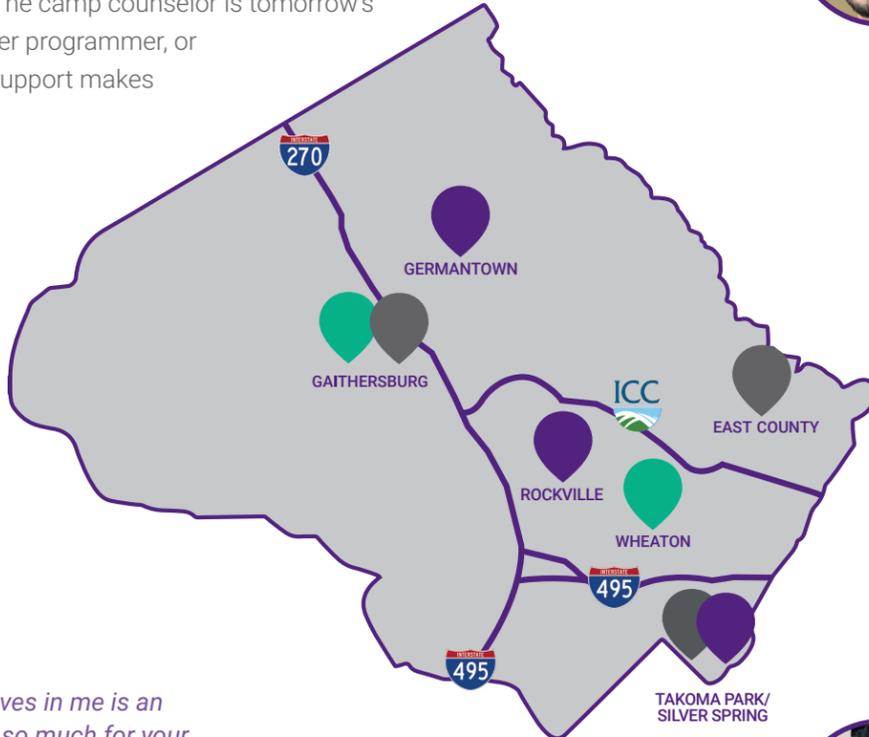
Investing in homegrown talent—the student next door, down the street, or across town—means that they will be able to pursue academic credentials and workforce skills that help build a stronger community for all of us. Today's coffee shop employees are tomorrow's entrepreneurs. The camp counselor is tomorrow's civil rights attorney, computer programmer, or aerospace engineer. Local support makes local change happen.

- 3 – MC Campuses
- 2 – Training Sites
- 3 – Community Engagement Centers



*"Having someone who believes in me is an amazing feeling. Thank you so much for your acknowledgment and support. This generosity inspires me to keep moving forward."*

**Rose Roberts**  
GENERAL STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES  
GERMANTOWN, MD



*"Donors like you make life brighter for us, and I can only hope that one day, I can bring a smile to another student in need."*

**Edwin A. Lemus**  
BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY, HVAC  
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*"I have found so much support and understanding at Montgomery College. Now I can move forward with a vision of success."*

**Mark Siegrist**  
GENERAL STUDIES: HUMANITIES, ARTS,  
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ROCKVILLE, MD



*"Even a small contribution that might seem small is not a small thing to me. It was a huge help to me to become a CNA."*

**Georgina Thompson**  
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)  
SILVER SPRING, MD

As a former student and employee of MC I'm committed to our students succeeding. I know even a small donation can help go a long way for our students.



**Jeremi Lecuyer**  
DONOR  
MC CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE,  
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As a donor, your gifts of any size and frequency are changing lives for students right here in Montgomery County.

## ▶▶ DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### THIS ISSUE WE FEATURE **RAYMOND GONZALES**

English Language for Academic Purposes (ELAP) professor and department chair, who has supported students in his program and other areas of the College for more than 20 years.



*"I believe maintaining affordability for our students is paramount. Keeping an education at Montgomery College affordable is the most important way that we can serve our community."*

**Raymond Gonzales**  
DONOR  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR,  
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**MANY MONTGOMERY COLLEGE STUDENTS** whose first language is not English, struggle with competing demands. They often work and help support families while taking classes. At the same time, they must become proficient in English. And, students who are not Maryland residents pay nearly three times the tuition our in-county students pay. You play a big part in their success—especially now when costs of goods and services are on the rise.

Happy New Year! To renew your support for MC students—or begin making a difference in 2022—you can make a gift online at:

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