

ALL THE DIFFERENCE



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you're making at Montgomery College.

MC MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Your Gifts Equip Students for *Post-Completion Success at MC.*

Arianna always dreamed of becoming a teacher. As a high school sophomore, she took the first step toward her goal by joining the ACES (Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success) program. ACES is a partnership between Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College (MC), and the Universities at Shady Grove (USG).

With personalized guidance and financial support, Arianna earned her associate's degree from MC in 2022 and in 2024 completed her bachelor's degree at Towson University, all without incurring student debt. **Today, she's a lead pre-kindergarten teacher at Georgetown Hill Early School, shaping young minds and building a brighter future for our community—and for herself.**



Arianna's story is one of thousands at MC, where students embark on transformative educational journeys that empower them to achieve their dreams and contribute meaningfully to society. MC's commitment to student success extends beyond their time here. The College's goal is to ensure that every student has the skills needed to secure a family-sustaining wage, whether they transfer to a four-year institution or immediately enter the workforce.

TOGETHER, WE FOSTER THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF STUDENTS, LIKE ARIANNA, AS THEY CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND BEYOND.

Montgomery College, Maryland's largest community college, educates more than **45,000 students annually offering 202 degree and certificate programs** in high-demand fields like healthcare, education, cybersecurity, and engineering. By offering scholarships and assistance with facilitating credit transfers, the College empowers students to seamlessly continue their journey toward a bachelor's degree. MC credits are accepted at 465 four-year institutions, showing the lasting value of an MC education.

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You make it all possible.

► TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Because of your support, Alexa is turning her dream of becoming a nurse into reality.



At Montgomery College, we believe no student should have to abandon their dreams due to financial obstacles. Our Transfer Scholarship Fund plays a vital role in empowering students to advance to four-year institutions and thrive in their chosen careers.

Meet Alexa. After earning an associate's degree in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at

Montgomery College in spring 2024, she set her sights on a nursing career. Scholarships, including the Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship, helped Alexa transfer to the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), where she's now pursuing her bachelor's degree in nursing—after which she will sit for the NCLEX licensing exam to become licensed as a registered nurse. This opportunity, and others like it, are made possible by generous donors like you.

Your support makes the difference. By contributing to the Transfer Scholarship Fund, you empower students like Alexa to achieve their dreams of earning a family-sustaining wage in high-demand fields. On average, MC awards \$3,821 per student seeking a Transfer Scholarship in Academic Year 2024.

Students like Alexa have access to additional scholarships that recognize academic merit, and address financial need. For instance, the University of Maryland offers competitive transfer merit scholarships that reward high-achieving students like Alexa to continue their studies without the heavy burden of tuition costs.

When Alexa landed on nursing as a career path, she knew MC was only the first step in her journey. Having the bachelor's degree will significantly affect her career path, giving her the opportunity both for expanded advancement opportunities in nursing and

often for higher earning potential. To fund this next phase of her education, she received the Board of Trustees Scholarship while at MC and the Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship, which carries over towards the pursuit of her bachelor's degree.

Montgomery College provides guidance counselors and financial aid experts available to assist students applying for scholarships that best fit their academic journey after they leave MC.

To learn more visit
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Every dollar you donate makes a real difference, providing immediate support for hardworking students. Make your gift online today at:

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Coaching Our Students Through Every Step.

For more than 10 years, the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program has been transforming lives by guiding underrepresented students from high school to college graduation and beyond.

Available at 14 area high schools

- Montgomery Blair HS
- Paint Branch HS
- Northwood HS
- Springbrook HS
- James H. Blake HS
- Einstein HS
- Wheaton HS
- Rockville HS
- John F. Kennedy HS
- Magruder HS
- Gaithersburg HS
- Clarksburg HS
- Seneca Valley HS
- Watkins Mill HS

ACES provides individualized coaching and career readiness training, ensuring students can achieve their educational and professional goals.

ACES provides more than financial support—it offers students a lifeline of encouragement and practical

support, ensuring they never feel alone on their educational journey. Your generosity fuels this life-changing program, helping students overcome barriers and achieve their dreams.



"The ACES program provided me with individual coaching and access to resources I might not have been aware of outside of the program. The guidance I received was invaluable and helped me stay on track with applications and deadlines. Having scholarships lifted a huge burden off my shoulders so I can really focus on my studies."

—Manuel Flores

Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship Recipient, MC class of 2024, currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove.

▶▶▶ DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship. Supporting the Journey from Associate's to Bachelor's Degree.

The Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship, created in June 2022, is vital because it bridges the gap between talent and opportunity. It ensures ACES students have the support, confidence, and connections needed to reach their full potential. Beyond financial assistance, the scholarship provides mentorship and access to paid internships, helping students with significant financial need gain valuable experience, build social networks, and develop the skills necessary to launch successful careers after graduation. In addition to generously funding the scholarship, Seth Goldman and Julie Farkas also support the Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship as mentors.



“We created the Longview ACES Pathway Scholarship to help students who might have thought college was out of reach. In addition to the financial support, the program provides them with the academic counseling and networking opportunities to help them get an advanced degree and a meaningful job.”

—Seth Goldman and Julie Farkas
