

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Stephen Campanella '76



Stephen Campanella '76 has supported MC's theatre program for over 30 years.

Stephen, a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient, has had an inspiring journey—from student to Master Carpenter of the Theatre Arts program at Montgomery College and later a dedicated mentor.

For over 36 years, he poured his heart into the theatre program, building countless sets and shaping the lives of students. He understands the power of technical theatre skills—an often-overlooked field—and established a scholarship, originally named after his mother, to support students.



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He has contributed to dozens of production sets throughout his career at Montgomery College. Stephen's dedication extends beyond the stage. He has served on the Alumni Board Nominating Committee, demonstrating his deep commitment to the college community. His son, Chris Campanella, a dedicated



Montgomery College employee, continues this legacy as a Theatre Production Manager at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Chris oversees all technical and production aspects of theatre performances, including set design, lighting, sound, and stage management, showcasing the enduring impact of Stephen's work.

Will you join Stephen in empowering the next generation of scholars with a renewed gift?

Your support can be the catalyst that empowers our students to shine. At MC, education goes beyond the classroom—it's about building transferable skills like leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving that will serve students in any career path they choose. What role will you play in shaping their future?

What story will your gift help write?

John Libby '80, a former student of Stephen Campanella, discovered his path through the Summer Dinner Theatre program. There, he developed the technical and managerial skills that propelled him into a successful marketing career and his role as an Alumni Specialist for the Montgomery College Alumni Association.

For Nathan Campbell, a current MC student and scholarship recipient, last summer's production required nearly 40 hours a week of rehearsals—a commitment comparable to a full-time job. Beyond the stage, he balances a full academic workload while facing the financial challenge of college. This transformative experience highlights the dedication and sacrifices students make. Your support through scholarships can help students like Nathan fully embrace these life-changing opportunities.

For 48 years, Montgomery College's Summer Dinner Theatre has been a cornerstone of the community.

As Dean of Visual, Performing, and Media Arts, Frank Trezza notes, "It is a place where students, some of whom receive scholarships, discover their potential and refine their talents." Consider the impact of providing hands-on experience in a professional setting. Every summer, students immerse themselves in large-scale productions, gaining invaluable skills in project management, customer service, and teamwork. Your generosity enables them to learn by doing, tackle real-world challenges, and emerge more confident and capable.

What if your renewed gifts could equip a student with the tools they need to succeed, far into the future?



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impact on Montgomery
College students,**

empowering them to achieve
their dreams and build a
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