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Local Chamber of Commerce and Businesses Partner to Support Montgomery College Student Scholarship

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce (GGCC) is generously providing scholarship support this year to two Montgomery College students in their second year at the community college. Chamber members MAR, Incorporated and Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) each gave \$5,000 to fund the scholarships.

“Montgomery College values its partnerships with businesses and community organizations,” said Dr. Hercules Pinkney, interim president of Montgomery College. “Through their donations, MAR and Hughes ensure that two of our talented students will receive much-needed financial support for their education. I applaud the Chamber for its long-term commitment to Montgomery College and our students.”

The scholarships, which were provided through the Montgomery College Foundation, were awarded to Ronald McFarland, a computer science major, and Zulqarnain Jamal, a nuclear engineering major. McFarland and Zulqarnain will be honored at GGCC’s upcoming 60th anniversary celebration on December 3, 2009.

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce represents over 380 businesses in Montgomery County and is a strong supporter of education and workforce development at Montgomery College. Through its annual golf tournament, the GGCC partners with its members to provide scholarship funds to the Montgomery College Foundation, which awards more than one million dollars in scholarship support to Montgomery College students each year. This is the 10th year that the GGCC has supported scholarships with the Montgomery College Foundation.

In addition to its support of the Foundation, GGCC supports the plans for a Bioscience Education Center on the Germantown Campus of Montgomery College. Construction is scheduled to start on the building in 2010.

For more information about the Montgomery College Foundation, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/giving. Information about Montgomery College is found at: www.montgomerycollege.edu.

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About Montgomery College

[Montgomery College](#) is a public, open admissions community college with campuses in Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring, plus workforce development/continuing education centers and off-site programs throughout Montgomery County, Md. The College serves nearly 60,000 students a year, through both credit and noncredit programs, in more than 100 areas of study

About MAR, Incorporated

MAR, Incorporated is a privately held professional services firm with over 37 years experience providing superior technical and management services to government agencies and commercial customers. The company specializes in four interrelated core competency areas of information technology services, intelligence and special programs, Systems Engineering and Integration, and specialized facilities management and marine operations.

About Hughes Network Systems, LLC

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