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## Cliff Kendall: Remembering A Life Well Lived

t's a gift when you're remembered as one individual who changed hundreds of lives, and that's exactly the legacy of Cliff Kendall. He developed the philanthropic model of following a deserving student from an associate's degree at Montgomery College through a bachelor's degree at the Universities at Shady Grove. As other significant donors have adopted this model, literally hundreds of students have been given an educated future. Mr. Kendall has always held a very dear place in the hearts of those he's helped.

Recently, the entire Montgomery College family was shocked and saddened to learn of Mr. Kendall's untimely death.

Students privileged to have moved on to the Universities at Shady Grove solely because of the Kendall scholarship were devastated to hear about this loss. Mr. Kendall, they knew firsthand, understood the transformational power of education and made it his life's mission to make education attainable to all students, regardless of their circumstances. Upon hearing of his death, Justin Ocha, who benefited from the Kendall scholarship, remarked, "I will not forget the



From left, Mitchell Rubenstein; Cliff Kendall; Steve McAuliffe, MCF board vice chair; and Clark Kendall

opportunity that he has provided me and hope to honor his memory by someday providing the same opportunity for others." With words like this, it's clear that the inspiring generosity of Cliff Kendall will benefit students for years to come.

After retiring as president and CEO of Computer Data Systems Inc. (CDSI), a software data processing company he co-founded that grew to more than 4,000 employees, Mr. Kendall began focusing his time and energy, serving on various local boards that promote programs he considered important. Raised in Washington, DC, by a single mother with modest



From left, back row Kendall Scholars with Dean John Hamman (far right); sitting from left: Dr. Don Day, retired MC faculty member; Cliff and Camille Kendall; and Catherine Scott, MCF board member

means, Mr. Kendall recognized that a college education had transformed his life. Thankful for his access to education and aware that it was a gift, Mr. Kendall became committed to helping ensure education was attainable to all who sought it.

Mr. Kendall was one of the founding members of the Montgomery County Community Foundation. He also served as a board member and chairman of the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland, board member of the University of Maryland Foundation, member of the Montgomery College Education Connection, adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, board member of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges Board of Directors, board member of the George Washington University School of Business, and board member at Wesley Theological Seminary.

While these positions and successes were important to Mr. Kendall, he viewed the creation of the Universities at Shady

Grove as perhaps his greatest achievement. And lest anyone forget where his heart truly rested, the hallmark building on campus is named after the love of his life, his wife, Camille.

"If you took a hard look at Montgomery County, you would see the impact of Cliff's generosity and vision in the grateful eyes of hundreds of students," said Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, president of Montgomery College. "He was a guardian angel to many hopeful students who needed his help to make their dreams of education a reality."

## Philanthropist of the Year Helps MC Students Round the Bases

ow often is someone referred to as having a "beautiful heart?" It's rare, yet this is exactly how ACES student Monia Bonkoungou describes Cliff White. When Cliff was named Philanthropist of the Year by The Community Foundation in Montgomery County in November 2017, students who have benefited from the generosity and vision of Cliff and his wife, Debbie, weren't surprised in the least.

Three years ago, Cliff and Debbie established the Growing Academic Potential (GAP) ACES Scholarship, which benefited Monia and 19 other deserving students who are, in most cases, the first in their families to attend college. While Cliff and Debbie established their original scholarship anonymously, the students quickly met their benefactors at special events including a winter holiday gathering and a Washington Nationals game—where they enjoyed opportunities to get to know their donors and express their gratitude.

In addition to providing tuition for these students at both Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove, the Whites also provide support for textbooks, cash incentives for graduating on time, and laptop computers. These gifts often bring students to tears; the unwavering belief Cliff and Debbie have in these young adults is palpable, and their support is truly changing lives.

Always the sports enthusiast, Cliff chose to turn his next scholarship into a fundraising challenge. Thanks to Cliff's and Debbie's vision for this challenge, 40 new students will have the financial support for their education to help them build their individual paths to success.



Debbie White (left) and Cliff White (right) with Monia Bonkoungou, one of the 20 ACES students who receive their scholarship

Yogi Berra once said, "Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too." Cliff regularly roots for the Nationals, of which he is part owner, so it's obvious he thinks baseball is "pretty good." But the love Cliff has shown to our students and the lives he has changed make him more than Philanthropist of the Year—they make him a hero.



Debbie and Cliff White with their scholarship recipients and ACES staff from MC and USG at a Washington Nationals game

## Scholarship Recognition Luncheon Celebrates ACES Program

hat better way is there to honor the remarkable ACES program than by bringing together donors and students? This year's Scholarship Recognition Luncheon, hosted by the Montgomery College Foundation's Board of Directors, was a resounding success, allowing scholarship donors and their scholarship recipients the opportunity to spend time together and learn more about each other.

This year's keynote speaker, Ms. Mary Pat Alcus, brought the heart of ACES to light. She spoke about a lunch she had with Jorge Torres, the student who receives the scholarship she established with her husband, Darren. Ms. Alcus provided the



From left, Darren Alcus; Jorge Torres, recipient of the Mary Pat and Darren Alcus ACES Pathway Champions Scholarship; and Mary Pat Alcus, MCF board member and donor speaker almost 500 guests in attendance with a glimpse into Jorge's life, which consists of successfully juggling a very demanding load pursuing a degree in biological sciences while working three different part-time jobs. She shared how impressed she was with his work ethic, and explained that what struck her most was his incredible appreciation for the opportunity he has because of ACES. Both the program and the Alcus' ACES Pathway Champions Scholarship he receives allow Jorge to pursue an associate's degree at Montgomery College. The Alcus' scholarship will also follow him this fall to the Universities at Shady Grove, where he will pursue his bachelor's degree as he works toward his ultimate goal of acceptance into dental school.

Jorge Torres was one of three ACES students featured in an ACES video, produced by Niki Mock and MCTV, which debuted during the luncheon. The students represent each partner in the ACES program: Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove.



Don Dawn, president of the Gordon and Marilyn Macklin Foundation, fourth from left, with Macklin Business Institute students



ACES students with the Raptor



Again this year, 100 percent of the board contributed to the Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors Challenge. In total, more than \$125,000 was raised for scholarships, including a very generous \$50,000 gift from the A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation.

From the left, front row: Catherine Scott; Erica Webber; Ashley Cheng; and Linda Youngentob. Second row from left: Vira Safai; Jeffrey Slavin; Anne Gunsteens; Ken Becker, MCF board chair; and Michael Yuen. Third row from left: Dr. Pollard; Morgan Sullivan; Mary Pat Alcus; Doug Firstenberg; and Steve McAuliffe, MCF vice chair



Scholarship recipients celebrate with the Raptor



Hillman Entrepreneurs Program Director Rebecca Razavi, middle, with Hillman students



From left, Steve Lang, director of MBI, with MBI students and MBI adjunct professor and MCF board member Linda Youngentob, far right



Janet Saros, front row far left, director of the Marriott Hospitality Center; Bob Daly, far left second row, director of operations at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center; Anne Gunsteens, front row second from right, MCF board member and executive director of the J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation; Kimberly Kelley, first row far right, vice president and provost of the Rockville Campus; with Marriott Hospitality students

## Words of Wisdom from an ACES Student

Jorge Torres joined ACES while at Clarksburg High School. He juggles three part-time jobs while pursuing his associate's degree in biological sciences at MC. The Mary Pat and Darren Alcus ACES Pathway Champions Scholarship he receives will follow him to the Universities at Shady Grove to complete his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park Biological Sciences program. He then plans to take a gap year to build his résumé and prepare for the dental admissions test.



### Why did you join ACES?

Throughout my high school career, I knew college was the right decision. However, my parents knew very little about the college education system. ACES provided all the necessary support and guidance to help me continue my educational pathway. The ACES program has always offered relentless support at both an educational and emotional level.

## List three adjectives that describe the impact of ACES on your education?

Empowering, vital, inspirational

## Who is/was your favorite teacher (or professor or coach) and why?

My Biology 150 professor, Professor Jennifer Capparella, is by far the best professor I have ever had. I am incredibly fortunate to have had her for my first science course at MC. She solidified my decision to be a biology major. She has always shown great interest in the well-being of her students, and she always went the extra mile to help everyone she encountered. Being her student has truly been a rewarding experience.

### Fill in the blank: Because of ACES. . . .

I feel empowered to begin the next stage of my educational pathway.

## In your wildest dreams, what does the future look like for you?

I would have finished dental school and specialized in pediatric dentistry. I would have helped pay for my siblings' education and I would have given my relatives jobs.

## What's the best advice you've received from your ACES coach?

"If you really want it, go the extra mile because there will always be another person who wants it just as much as you."

### Who is your role model and why?

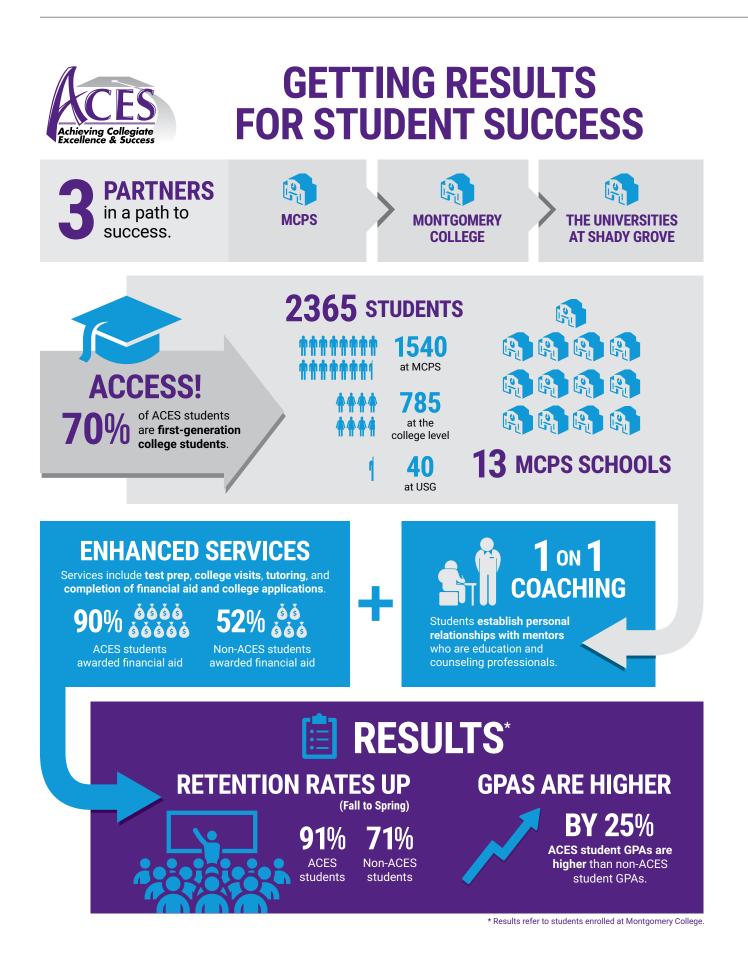
My current employer, Dr. Usa Bunnag, owns her own dental practice in Montgomery County. I admire her because she has a similar background to mine and she is also an MC alumnus.

### What does success feel like to you?

It feels like happiness because my parents overcame great obstacles so that I can attend college. Their strength gives me motivation to pursue higher education.

## If your ACES donor is reading this, what do you want him or her to know about you?

My family and I truly appreciate the tremendous help you have given us. This act of kindness will never be taken for granted. Passing this act of kindness to another student when I become older is a dream I have decided on. The strength and inspiration you have given me makes me feel boundless.



## From the Boardroom to the Classroom

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### GORDON AND MARILYN MACKLIN BUSINESS INSTITUTE **MONTGOMERY** COLLEGE

hen one of the top 50 CEOs in the world is from Rockville, chances are good that he will have local connections. This was the case for Larry Culp, a senior lecturer at his alma mater, Harvard Business School. He was invited to visit as guest lecturer with the MBI Distinguished Lecture Series and shared a speech titled "Reflections of Leadership."

Be nice to everyone you meet because you never know when you are going to see them again—and chances are, you will. Have high expectations for yourself, your team, and your business. Be willing to fail, because you learn from your failures. Pay attention to Toyota's "5 Whys" technique: Repeat the question, "Why?" five times to determine the root cause of a problem.



Following his remarks, Larry Culp engaged with students

These words echo the message he shares with his students at Harvard. There, he was stunned to realize that two of his 61 students were Montgomery College graduates. He remarked, "I had no idea this kind of talent was at our local community college!" It's possible to run into MC students and grads from the classroom to the boardroom, and anywhere in between. Many thanks to Mr. Culp for helping our students travel that path.

## Scholarship Targets Future Civic Leaders

hat happens when a few local folks work with and admire some amazing leaders in the community and want to encourage others to be just like them? They may want to honor these individuals, while also encouraging others to emulate their spirit of public service and civic engagement. Maybe they even raise funds to create a scholarship to support students who demonstrate the kind of interest and curiosity from which leaders are born.

That's exactly how David and Dorothy Mulitz Davidson were recognized more than eight years ago. Longtime leaders in our community, they were delighted to be honored with a scholarship in their name, created



Far right, David Davidson with three of the scholarship recipients at the 2018 Scholarship Luncheon

by their peers. Directed at MCPS graduates with financial need and a demonstrated commitment to making the world a better place, including DACA students and DREAMers, the Davidson Scholarship Committee has exceeded their longtime goal of \$250,000 for its endowed scholarships. The committee has worked tirelessly, mailing out an annual letter to David and Dorothy's friends, colleagues, and business associates, and has raised more than \$282,000! As Margaret Mead famously noted, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

The foundation is grateful for the ongoing commitment of these volunteers: Carole Brand, Toni Cortellessa, Ann Humphrey, Joan Kleinman, Karen McManus, and Don Mooers. The Davidson Scholarship has benefited more than 20 students and will continue to improve lives for many years to come. **M-VINCOS** maligayang pagdating

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## Herson Family Supports DREAMers

Philanthropy is in the Herson blood. Sonya and Joe Herson created a family culture that included an unwavering commitment to promoting social justice in particular, lending time, energy, and resources to those in our community who are most vulnerable. With a history of immigration in their own families, Sonya and her daughters, Carole and Lynn, were particularly moved by a conversation about how the Montgomery College Foundation is helping DREAMers in our community—students who are at risk of deportation due to their residency status.

When the Hersons heard about Cliff White's scholarship matching challenge (please see page 3), Sonya, Carole, and Lynn jumped into action, creating the Herson-Stirman ACES Pathway Champions Scholarship. David Sears, senior vice president for Advancement and Community Engagement, commented, "This scholarship, directed at DREAMers, really underscores the Herson family's belief that these children have a right to education. And MC is a wonderful place for them to land! With more than 130 languages spoken on campus, everyone feels at home here."



Herson-Stirman Scholarship recipients with Sonya Herson, middle; Lynn Herson Grad, second from right; and Martin Novil, far right

## A Video and a Scholarship, Changing Lives



ki Mock and her husband, Phil Leibovitz, were one of the first families to accept Debbie and Cliff White's challenge (see page 3) by establishing the Mock-Leibovitz Family ACES Pathway Champions Scholarship. Committed to ensuring all students—regardless of their residency status have access to educational opportunities, Niki and Phil specifically requested the beneficiary be a Dream Act or DACA student.

While any scholarship is meaningful, this one is special because of the deep connection Niki formed with our ACES students. As a producer of films that highlight the work of nonprofit organizations in the metropolitan area, Niki has seen firsthand the remarkable difference committed leaders, volunteers, and donors are making in the lives of individuals and families in our region. When introduced to the ACES program, Niki instantly knew that it ranked among one of the more impactful programs in our area. She agreed to produce a video highlighting some of the faces of the students, with the goal of clearly and widely disseminating the message that all students, particularly those often

under-represented in college classrooms, have a home at Montgomery College. She saw the passion and ambition DREAMers possess and was delighted to use her considerable talents to promote our program. Karen Callender, director of the ACES program, noted that, "Niki's empathy and recognition of the challenges so many of our students in the ACES program face is remarkable." We are incredibly grateful for this family's generosity!

## Congratulations to Our Graduates

Imost 1,000 Montgomery College students filled our Rockville Campus with proud, smiling faces to celebrate commencement on May 18. The graduates and their families were visibly moved by Imam Yahya M. Hendi, chaplain and director for Muslim Life at Georgetown University, who provided the keynote address. The graduates were commended for their achievements and were reminded to live lives of inclusion and kindness, and to carry those principles with them as they attain the highest reaches of their potential and fulfill their dreams.

In addition to the degrees presented to the students, honorary degrees were conferred upon several other individuals. They include Erica Webber, a longtime member of the foundation's board of directors, who was honored for her generosity of time and resources (please see the Foundation Spotlight on page 12). Joining Erica in receiving this prestigious recognition were Imam Hendi; Dr. Kazem Kazempour, cofounder, president and CEO of Amarex Clinical Research; and Mr. Diego Uriburo, cofounder and executive director of Identity, Inc. Another highlight of the celebration was—for the second year in a row—the presentation of transfer scholarships from the foundation. These transfer scholarships, which were given to students randomly selected from the class of graduates, can be used by the recipients as they pursue a bachelor's degree.

We wish all of our graduates—many of whom receive scholarships provided by our generous donors—success as they take their next steps. Whether they are continuing to pursue a degree elsewhere or building on their skills and entering the Montgomery County workforce, as 71 percent of our graduates eventually do, we wish them our most heartfelt congratulations.



Dr. Pollard joyfully approaches the stage



Class of 2018 graduates proudly display their diplomas



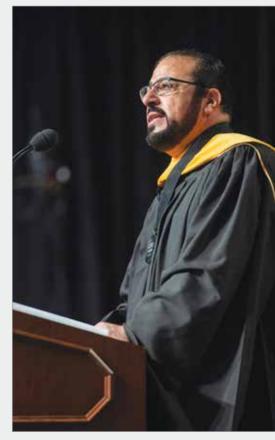
ACES graduates show their MC pride



A graduate stands for the National Anthem



This student stood up when Dr. Pollard asked if there any graduates over the age of 60 in the audience. Although the average age of a MC student is 27, this student proves that learning is ageless.



Imam Yahya Hendi addresses students



Dr. Pollard congratulates a graduate

### Erica L. Webber

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s a senior vice president and senior trust officer at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management in the Washington, DC, area, Erica works with high-net-worth individuals and their families on the fiduciary aspects of private wealth management. She advises clients on estate and gift planning, wealth transfer techniques,

asset titling issues, trust administration, and eldercare needs. In her role, she often acts as a liaison between clients and their CPA, attorney, and other advisors. Erica has worked in the legal and financial services field for more than 20 years. She holds her BA from Tulane University and her JD from the University of Maryland. Erica also holds the Accredited Domestic Partnership Advisor<sup>SM</sup> (ADPA<sup>®</sup>) designation. Erica has been a long-standing member of the Montgomery College Foundation's Board of Directors. Additionally, she is a board member for the Webber Family Foundation. Erica lives with her husband, David Deep, in Potomac.

### Let's Get Personal! What's . . . .

Your favorite local sports team? Washington Nationals, of course! I've even taken my dog to a game.

Your favorite place to eat lunch around the College? OM Restaurant. Tell Louis I sent you!

The last good movie you saw? Marshall.

Your favorite piece of advice to give? Be enthusiastic about the work that you do. No matter what the job is, do it well and to your best ability.

The first car you remember driving? VW Bug Convertible.

Your favorite sport to play (or favorite pastime)? My favorite pastimes are reading and puzzles (crossword, cryptogram, Candy Crush, etc.).

The junk food you find most irresistible? Cheddar cheese popcorn.

The best concert you've attended? U2.

An adjective your friends would use to describe you? There is not just one! Bubbly and smart.

Your biggest global wish? A world in which everyone respects those who are different from them, and there is no war.

Uring my 15-year tenure with the Montgomery College Foundation, I have had the pleasure of attending and hosting events featuring Washington-area luminaries like E. J. Dionne, and attending world-class performances, lectures and, of course, commencements. However, for me, nothing compares to the personal reward I feel when scholarship recipients at the Scholarship Luncheon describe how their donors' gifts have advanced their positions in life.

To bolster financial support for even more students, three years ago we initiated the Board of Directors Challenge, whereby my fellow board members and I provide a dollarfor-dollar match for scholarship money raised. With this year's \$125,000 total proceeds, we will have raised more than \$340,000 for Montgomery College students—enough for at least three dozen students to make a difference in their lives and our community.

Also, of special note at this year's luncheon, the A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation, one of our many longtime MC

benefactors, provided a \$50,000 matching contribution. The Clark Foundation and Clark Construction understand the integral nature of education to personal success, corporate success, and ultimately, the growth of our local economy. I have lauded the



extraordinary contributions of some of our most benevolent supporters, but I would be remiss if I did not note that every gift proffered on behalf of our students is significant. I want to express my profound gratitude for everyone who commits—year after year—to changing the lives of the tens of thousands of students Montgomery College serves.

### College Employees and Retirees Support Students by Establishing Scholarships

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## Faculty Member Helps Nourish Students' Minds and Bodies

t's rare for an individual to wear the dual hats of teacher and donor, but that's just what some of our faculty does. Connie McGuire, an adjunct faculty member of the business department since 1998, recently leveraged her unique insight into the student body at MC and the many years she spent in finance and accounting to address a growing problem she couldn't ignore.



Connie and John McGuire are committed to addressing food shortage issues for students

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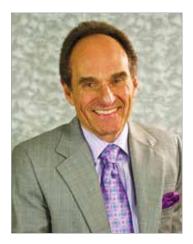


Connie and her husband, John, an investment management partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, were alarmed by the reports of increasing number of students coming to class hungry. In response, they established the McGuire Family Food Fund to address the real issue of food insecurity that threatens students on campuses across the country, including, they assumed, many on Montgomery College campuses. Their gift is the largest private gift made to the foundation to address this issue.

When asked why this concern spoke to her and John, Connie began by praising the excellent meal programs in K-12 schools in Montgomery County. But, she wondered, what happens after the students graduate? "Students don't stop being hungry, and their families don't suddenly have more money, just because they graduated high school and have started at MC." Shocking statistics show that there is a significant percentage of students who need to skip a meal at least once a week because they just can't afford food. "To John and me," Connie said, "the need is basic and needs to be addressed. Students can't learn when they're hungry."

Because of the McGuire's major investment, the McGuire Family Food Fund offers students access to nutritious food in many ways. Through a replenished food pantry and expanding services, more students will have greater access to fresh, healthy snacks. The fund will also distribute campus dining cards to hundreds of under-served students, and will feed incoming ACES freshmen during their summer program. Each student served is a testament to the kindness that abounds on the MC campus, and the ability of teachers to make a difference in the lives of their students inside and outside of the classroom.

## Local Philanthropist Remembered for Inspiring Student Entrepreneurs



ccording to his wife, Suzanne, David Hillman "loved putting something together that no one else could." When Mr. Hillman died this past December, more than 1,000 people in the community came together in his latest venture, The Hotel at University of Maryland, to remember him in a

memorial celebration for all of the things he had, indeed, "put together."

Montgomery College students are especially grateful for one of these remarkable accomplishments, the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program, which Mr. Hillman established in 2006 in a partnership between Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland. The program, which in 2013 expanded to include Montgomery College, enrolls hundreds of students each year. Hillman Entrepreneurs students complete three years of intensive career and academic mentorship, entrepreneurial education, leadership development, and engagement with the local business community. In addition, the program provides these students with a scholarship to help them meet their financial obligations. The 400-plus students who have already been part of the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program are already contributing to their community. Many are working in highly competitive positions at major national and international firms; others have started their own businesses; and still others are enrolled in or have completed graduate school. As the pool of Hillman graduates continues to grow, these students are coming back to their alma mater to support students who are moving toward their own academic and career goals.

"David Hillman was a great-hearted man. His legacy leaves a mark like none other on the Hillman students," said Sena Linsoussi, a current Montgomery College Hillman student. "I am grateful for the opportunity he gave me and the changes the program brought to my life. I hope to continue to grow as an entrepreneur, and I am honored to be part of his entrepreneurial legacy."



David Hillman's generosity touched countless lives at Montgomery College. His vision for the future is realized every time a Hillman student starts a new job, mentors a younger employee, or walks the grounds of our campus providing support to our students. The Hillman Entrepreneurs Program and its enrollees truly epitomize the idea of paying it forward...and that, we think Mr. Hillman would agree, is a dream come true.







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