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Scholarly Ways

MBI Honor Students Set the Bar High

Montgomery College's Macklin Business Institute's honors scholars have what it takes to succeed. As member of the first class of Macklin students (1999-2000) now graduate with four-year degrees or continue on with additional education at the schools to which they've transferred, they continue to leave behind a performance benchmark for future Macklin scholars.

University administrators report that Macklin grads show outstanding performance as they transfer to upper-level undergraduate education. The University of Maryland's Smith School of Business Undergraduate Dean Patricia Cleveland, who has personally advised these MBI transfer students, considers them "among the most able transfers—in terms of their preparation and ability to compete at the university level."

The institute prepares selected students through a sophomore year program that blends academics with personal advising/mentoring and internship opportunities. Businesses interested in MBI honor student interns should call the Macklin Business Institute at 301-279-5133.

Updates on Macklin Graduates:

Class of 2000 (inaugural class)

Mohamed Reda Hachani, **Asiya Ourmanova** and **John Rueger** were inducted into the national business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma (4.0 GPA required) in their junior year. Hachani will graduate this year, along with **Andela Mala**, a two-year recipient of the Smith School Mullins Scholarship. Ourmanova, a double major in human resource management and decision information systems, received a Tyser Regents Scholarship will also graduate by year end. Rueger, also a Mullins Scholarship recipient, will continue for a fifth year to complete a finance and accounting major,



2002 Macklin graduate Garrett Wozniak and Macklin Director, Professor Jeff Schwartz discuss transfer plans.

and will sit for the CPA exam after graduation.

Former Macklin classmate **Oana Udrea**, finance and accounting major, is nearing graduation with a 4.0 GPA for the past two semesters. **Jeremy Kemp** will graduate this year with a major in logistics and supply chain management. **Fadwa Natour** attends Johns Hopkins University and nears completion of her bachelor's degree as well.

Class of 2001

The institute's second graduating class has just completed its first year at the University of Maryland, College Park. Six attended the main campus (College Park), while two attended Smith's new programs at The Universities at Shady Grove. Among them were last year's Tyser Regents Scholarship awardee **Michael Camardi** (4.0 GPA at Montgomery College), who continues to do near perfect work.

College Park students include **Melissa Cummings** and **Julia Feldman**, both marketing majors, **Adesike Majolagbe**, in accounting, and **Diana Gonzalez**, a USM Transfer Merit Scholar studying finance. **Carmen Menendez** and **Michael Somerville** continue in the



From left, Macklin graduates Diana Gonzalez, Mike Somerville, Melissa Cummings, and Asiya Ourmanova at a recent Macklin Business Institute Board of Advisors Reception.

Decision Information Systems program. Somerville, a Business Regents Scholar and participant in the Hinman CEO Program, was inducted earlier this year into Beta Gamma Sigma.

Class of 2002

As fall semester 2002 rapidly approaches, 10 more Macklin students will be attending the University of Maryland. **Maria Kostaris** will attend Georgetown University, and **Jennifer Krintz** will return to Belmont University in Nashville. **Garrett Wozniak** will attend University of Texas or UNC, Chapel Hill. **Ashwinee Mahabir** will return to her native Mauritius to continue at the university there.

The faculty and staff of the Montgomery College Business Administration and Economics Department, as well as all of us associated with the Macklin Business Institute, wish the best of luck to all of our graduates as they work toward completion of their education and move into the workforce. We are all very proud of you.

-- Professor Jeffrey Schwartz

Director, Macklin Business Institute

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