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Checking Back in With Macklin Alums

Updates from the Class of 1999–2000

Macklin scholars have proven themselves well beyond their one-year, sophomore-level honors business program at Montgomery College. Students from the inaugural group of Macklin students went on to graduate from the University of Maryland, College Park, with distinction. Tracking their achievements has helped Montgomery College administrators and faculty to confirm the program's success and applaud their individual successes. The first Macklin graduates, listed below, set the standards of excellence for those that follow.

Reda Hachani

A returning student originally educated in Algeria, Hachani completed his work at Macklin with a 4.0 GPA, then went on to complete his junior year at UMCP achieving a 4.0 and being inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. He has since graduated and moved into the workforce utilizing his business education with his sights set on an MBA.

Jeremy Kemp

As the first member of his family to attend college, Kemp originally was interested in trucking. After working hard at Macklin, he interned at Nasdaq for well over a year, then pursued finance and information systems before he ultimately switched to logistics and supply chain management. After graduating in fall 2002, Kemp was offered a management job at a major trucking company.

Andela Mala

Andela Mala came to Montgomery College from the Czech Republic. A two-year recipient of the Smith Mullens Scholarship at College Park, she sustained high grades through graduation from UMCP with a B.S. in marketing. Mala has since married and moved to New York to seek a career in Manhattan.

Asiya Ourmanova

Asiya Ourmanova emigrated from Russia to the United States just before her



sophomore year of high school, unable to speak a word of English. She completed all five levels of her ESOL program in one year, finished as a three-year honor student at Richard Montgomery High School and was named the Board of Trustees scholar (class valedictorian) for Montgomery College's Rockville Campus in 2000. Ourmanova's 4.0 GPA at Montgomery College was matched by the 4.0 GPA she achieved at University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) while pursuing a double major in human resource management and decision information sciences. Add Phi Theta Kappa (Montgomery College), Beta Gamma Sigma (UMCP), recipient of the Tyser Regents Scholarship, and Dean's List to the list of honors, as well. She interned at local businesses during her semesters at Macklin and University of Maryland's Smith School of Business.

John Rueger

As a 17-year-old student, John Rueger and his father met Macklin Director Jeff Schwartz with hard questions about the honors program that had not yet begun. With a large family and limited funds, Rueger's father asked, "Will my son get the start on his accounting education in this program that will give him the opportunity to transfer on and be successful?" At Macklin, Rueger earned a 4.0 GPA, followed by a 4.0 after his first year at UMCP, and initiation into Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. A two-time recipient of the Smith School of Business Mullens Scholarship, Rueger has also received support from an Ernst & Young scholarship. He will graduate in spring 2003, expecting to meet his 150-credit-hour requirement to sit for the CPA exam. Currently, he is hard at work this tax season with one of the county's most prominent CPA firms.

Oana Udrea

Oana Udrea came to the United States from Romania. She majored in accounting after transferring from Montgomery College to UMCP. Udrea found true success late in her undergraduate career, achieving a 4.0 GPA in fall 2001 and spring 2002. She graduated in fall 2002 and now works on the audit staff at Deloitte & Touche, a big four public accounting firm. Thus, she is not only bright but courageous in these troubled times for CPAs.

Asiya Ourmanova, Macklin class of 2000

'Are You Prepared to Lead?'

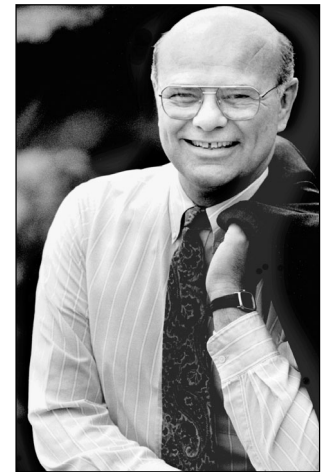
Former MC President Challenges Macklin Scholars

The Macklin Business Institute recently sponsored a discussion called "Leadership—It's a Personal Thing" for Macklin students and the community. Part of an ongoing lecture series, the event featured Dr. Robert Parilla, former president of Montgomery College, who has led the College's leadership training activities over the last several years.

Dr. Parilla discussed leadership scenarios and traits that successful leaders share, inviting students to examine the traits that define successful leaders. At the Feb. 10 event, held at the Montgomery College Rockville Campus, Dr. Parilla differentiated between management and leadership: "More than planning and budgeting, organizing, staffing and problem solving, leaders establish direction for others and align people according to their capabilities, often motivating and inspiring them."

"Often," Parilla said, "good leaders are conflicted by the choices they have to make. But no matter what choices they make, they have to stand for something and see it to its completion." They learn from others and practice continuous self-improvement.

Since April 2000, the Macklin Distinguished Lecture Series has presented industry leaders and



Dr. Robert E. Parilla, former president of Montgomery College

business experts at Montgomery College. Macklin students participate in these seminars as part of their curriculum focus. Topics covered reflect current business issues, including global marketplace priorities, ethics in business, IT industry concerns and markets, B2B, the Bio-Genomic industry—as seen through the eyes of the CEOs and entrepreneurs.

For more information on the Macklin Business Institute, visit www.macklin.org, or contact Professor Jeff Schwartz at 301-279-5151.

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