



MONTGOMERY
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONTCO FOR ALL

Welcome to a community college that celebrates quality, accessibility, diversity, equity and inclusivity – because higher education is not for a select few, it's **FOR ALL**.



I truly am humbled, privileged and grateful to serve as the sixth president of this remarkable institution where together we will **INSPIRE, LEAD AND TRANSFORM.**”

– Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez, MCCC President

A WARM WELCOME FOR MONTCO'S SIXTH PRESIDENT!



On April 16, Montgomery County Community College celebrated the inauguration of its sixth president, Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez, during a special drive-in ceremony held on the Blue Bell Campus with a livestreamed broadcast.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Bastecki-Perez has dedicated her career to Montco and its mission. She continually works to improve the holistic educational experience for students by ensuring they have the resources they need to be the best versions of themselves. Following a nationwide search, the Board of Trustees unanimously appointed her as president on May 18, 2020.

The inauguration ceremony was the capstone event of a series of community and college festivities, including drive-in movies and fireworks. As part of the inauguration, Dr. Bastecki-Perez launched Monty's Book Club, an initiative in which she and Montco will donate books annually to elementary schools in Montgomery County.

Stay Informed!

Visit mc3.edu/president and mc3.edu/news for the latest Montco news.

POTTSTOWN POSSIBILITIES

Historical Spaces Make New Places

Montco leaders have met with members of the Pottstown area community for the past two years listening to their needs and building a cohesive plan for the Pottstown Campus that will benefit residents and students.

Along those lines, construction has begun to transform some of Montco's current spaces into places that are more engaging. At North Hall, 16 West High Street, the parking lot is looking greener as it is converted into a grass-covered gathering space with tiered rain gardens and native plants. The new landscape allows for environmental learning opportunities for students while creating a welcoming entranceway to the campus. At South Hall, 101 College Drive, interior work is in progress with a focus on the first-floor classrooms and student support spaces to improve the overall educational experience.

Montco will celebrate its 25th anniversary of serving the Pottstown community in fall 2021.



Launching the FIRST Challenger Learning Center in Pennsylvania

Ten, nine, eight...the countdown has begun for Montco's Challenger Learning Center in Pottstown, the first Center to open in Pennsylvania.

Plans are underway to retrofit Montco's Sustainability and Innovation Hub at 140 College Drive (adjacent to Pottstown's Riverfront Park). The Challenger Learning Center will offer several science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs with a central focus on space-themed missions in a fully immersive Space Station and Mission Control center. The realistic missions will inspire students to learn more about STEM, explore careers in these fields and pursue higher education.

Recently, Montco received a \$500,000 PAsmart Advancing Grant, a state grant that supports partnerships to expand access to STEM learning experiences. The funds will be used to enhance technology and the curriculum, and most importantly, to bolster the reach of the Challenger Learning Center by providing transportation scholarships. To learn more about the Challenger Learning Center, visit mc3.edu/Challenger.

Image courtesy of Challenger Center.



INNOVATIONS AT MONTCO BLUE BELL

Baker Center of Excellence Benefits Businesses and Employees

During the 2020-21 academic year, Montco received the largest gift in its 56-year history — a record \$3 million from Kenneth Baker, CEO of NewAge Industries, and a longtime advocate of Montco — for the creation of the Baker Center of Excellence for Employee Ownership and Business Transformation.

The new Baker Center of Excellence for Employee Ownership and Business Transformation will support economic growth in Montgomery County and the surrounding region. It will provide educational programs and resources for employee stock ownership programs, or ESOPs, and other models of dynamic employer-employee partnerships. These types of business concepts provide upward mobility, equity and inclusion for employees.

In addition, the Baker Center of Excellence will establish an open-resource library, housing educational resources and materials that will be available to anyone — other colleges and universities, organizations, students, etc. — helping others solve common business challenges. For more information about the Baker Center of Excellence, visit mc3.edu/Baker.



The Science Center Theater Re-imagined

For nearly two years, renovations have been underway inside the Science Center Theater to transform it into a state-of-the-art space where audiences will experience exceptional performances for years to come. The renovation process began in fall 2019 with an anticipated opening in October 2022.

Highlights of the new theater will include:

- ▶ A new balcony with a gathering room
- ▶ Larger stage to accommodate a wider variety of performances
- ▶ Increased seating capacity
- ▶ New theater technology that will enhance sound quality and the visual experience
- ▶ New and improved seating for audience members
- ▶ New lobby and bathrooms
- ▶ Increased wheelchair accessibility

These improvements will elevate the arts as a means of teaching and learning, and will provide new and creative opportunities for our students and the community. Learn more about the theater renovations at mc3.edu/theater2022.



Sneak Peek: With renovations underway to the Science Center Theater, here are two architect renderings of what the finished design will look like when the new theater opens in October 2022.

Renderings courtesy of Spillman Farmer Architects.

FLEXIBILITY FOR ALL

A Variety of Formats for Every Student's Learning Style and Schedule Needs



ON CAMPUS

Select classes begin on campus this summer.



SYNCHRONOUS

All course activity is completed online. Students log in to attend class remotely at a specific meeting time. Faculty are present on camera during the scheduled class times. There are no requirements for on-campus activities.



ASYNCHRONOUS

All course activity is completed online, without specific meeting times. Students may be required to participate in virtual faculty conferences or group work. There are no requirements for on-campus activities.



HYBRID

Course activities take place at both places: during required on-campus sessions on designated days/times and online (either asynchronously or synchronously) according to a posted schedule. Faculty are physically located in the on-campus classroom during on-campus sessions.



FLEX

Course activities take place at both places: during on-campus sessions on designated days/times with the option to attend on campus or synchronously online and online (either asynchronously or synchronously) according to a posted schedule. Faculty are physically located in the on-campus classroom during on-campus sessions.

Visit mc3.edu/2021 to learn more.

Montgomery County Community College is fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Mustang Pride: Success In and Out of the Classroom



DUAL ENROLLMENT/EARLY COLLEGE

The Dual Enrollment/Early College program allows students 15 and older (and younger, for those who qualify) to take campus-based or online college classes at Montco, or at their high school by certified teachers, and earn undergraduate credits, which can be transferred to a four-year college or university.

Taylor Campbell was able to get a jump-start on her education through dual enrollment and has enough credits earned to finish her first year of college.

► Read Taylor's story at mc3.edu/taylor.



ATHLETICS & ESPORTS

Spring sports were back on the field, and the Mustangs had plenty to celebrate. The baseball team finished with an undefeated record, and the Mustangs eSports team took home its very first league title in a "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" tournament.

Students compete on eight different teams at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III intercollegiate level, including men's and women's soccer and basketball, baseball, softball and women's volleyball. The teams are a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference within Region XIX of the NJCAA.

Esports is Montco's first co-ed sport and competes as part of the National Association of Collegiate Esports and the National Junior College Athletic Association Esports.

► For more information, visit mustangsathletics.com.

WELLNESS FOR ALL

Montco is committed to ensuring that all students receive the resources they need to be successful in the classroom and beyond. During the past year, many students faced numerous challenges, including unemployment, child care needs, food and housing insecurities and health concerns.

To help students during this difficult time, Montco became the first college in the country to collaborate with Benefits Data Trust, a national nonprofit that connects students with the public safety net services for their essential needs.

Furthermore, seeing the toll the pandemic had on students' overall mental wellness, Montco became the first community college to partner with Talkspace to make online therapy accessible to all students when they need it at no additional cost. With Talkspace, students can contact a credentialed therapist for help when they need it. The offering will be expanded for the 2021-22 academic year with live therapy video sessions and psychiatry services, providing more resources for students.



By working with students to meet their individual needs through these wellness tools and the creation of a Wellness Center, Montco is helping students reach their educational and personal goals.

For more information, visit mc3.edu/wellness.

Montco Value By The Numbers (FY2020)

Our tuition hasn't been raised in over 5 years, keeping education affordable for our students.



90,000+

Montco Alumni**



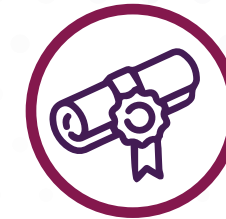
\$552,500

in 447 Foundation scholarships were awarded in 2020-21



\$477.1 million

impact to Montgomery County*



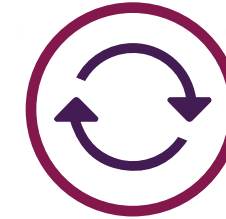
\$11,900

average increase in annual earnings for a Montco graduate with an associate's degree versus a high school diploma*



6,543 jobs

supported in Montgomery County*



Every \$1

a student invests in Montco yields \$4.30 in higher future earnings (17.9% rate of return)*



\$97.3 million

additional tax revenue to Montgomery County*



\$1.1 billion

net present value of the higher earnings, increased business output, and social savings generated by MCCC students*

* Source: The Economic Value of Montgomery County Community College to Montgomery County report, May 2021, prepared by Economic Modeling Specialists Intl.

** Alumni status is awarded to those with 30 credits or more.

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