

# ALL THE DIFFERENCE

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Discover all the difference *you're making* at Montgomery College.



MONTGOMERY COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
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## ROBYN'S STORY

“Without *donor support*, I would have dropped out of college.”

FOR ROBYN SMITH, it began with a sore throat. She called her boss at the local Apple Store where she worked full-time to save money for school. Suddenly, with just 30 days before fall semester, things started spiraling out of control.

Robyn had to quarantine for 14 days. She had to get tested for COVID-19 and then be cleared by a doctor before she could return to work. The waiting seemed endless – days turned into weeks.

“By the time I got in to see a doctor, I had been out of work for a month and a half,” Robyn said. “I was out of money and I didn't know how I was going to make it.”

**“IT FELT LIKE THE WALLS WERE CLOSING IN.”**

Thanks to generous donors like you, the Montgomery College Foundation was able to step in and offer an emergency lifeline to students like Robyn. She received vital emergency funding when it mattered most. Now, because of your support, she's forging ahead with her associate's degree in Broadcast Media and is on track to graduate in May.





# You make it all possible.

## ▶ RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Since the pandemic began, supporters like you have stepped up to the challenge of keeping Montgomery College resilient and responsive to our students and community. You've helped make it possible for us to put our money where our mission is: **providing critical assistance to students and programs at this unprecedented time in our history.**

**\$225,000**

**DONATED BY BOTH**  
Montgomery College unions  
(staff and faculty)

**\$400,000**

**REDIRECTED TO EMERGENCY**  
support for students from  
canceled college events

**NEARLY 2,500 STUDENTS**  
RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS

4,900+ students applied for scholarships this year

**ALMOST**  
**3,000**  
**STUDENTS**

have applied for emergency assistance since the pandemic



**\$250 AVERAGE VALUE**  
**OF EMERGENCY FOOD**  
**GIFT CARD**



**\$500 AVERAGE VALUE**  
**OF LAPTOP FOR**  
**REMOTE LEARNING**

## ▶▶▶ 75 YEARS OF CREATING OPPORTUNITY

In 2021, Montgomery College will celebrate 75 years of changing lives and contributing to our community. We're also celebrating the honor of being recognized as **the most diverse community college in the continental United States.** Most important of all, we're celebrating you and the incredible impact you've made by answering the call to support our mission.

We're at a crossroad in our country. COVID-19 has highlighted racial, social, and economic inequalities in many different ways. And once again, higher education is *rising to that challenge.*"

**Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D**  
PRESIDENT



## ▶▶ ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR STUDENTS

Scholarships:



**MARK KASULE** came to Montgomery College from Uganda. Last fall – between the pandemic, the transition to online learning, and the anxiety over his upcoming tuition bill – Mark couldn't concentrate in class. He thought to himself constantly: "How am I going to find the money to achieve my dream?" That's when he received an email and the lifeline that changed everything: a \$1,500 scholarship.

*"From the moment I read that email, I couldn't believe it. I am so lucky. I really embrace it so much. Montgomery College has given me hope to pursue my dreams."*

**Mark Kasule**  
COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENT

Emergency Assistance:



**BIANCA DELAGLIO** needed a textbook – 1,500 pages of technical knowledge that's critical to becoming a well-trained nurse. And donors like you delivered.

*"In nursing school, study groups are essential. There's so much to remember and sometimes your classmates pick up on ideas or can help explain something. Because of MC Foundation donors who provided financial assistance, I was able to be a part of those critical sessions – that was a saving grace."*

**Bianca Delaglio**  
NURSING STUDENT

## ▶▶▶▶ DONOR SPOTLIGHT

**IT GOES WITHOUT** saying that we love our donors at Montgomery College and the impact that you have in the lives of our students and the community. Of course, we would never actually go without saying it. The donor spotlight is just one of the many ways we show our deep appreciation for the people who make our life-changing mission possible.

THIS MONTH WE FEATURE

**CARROLL**  
**ROLLMAN,**

a proud alumna and current employee of MC who supports our students every single paycheck.



*"I know firsthand what a huge impact receiving financial assistance can make to a student. It's important – now more than ever during this pandemic – to give to the College so that students who need financial assistance the most can pay tuition and continue taking classes to pursue their certification or degree."*

**Carroll Rollman**  
ALUMNA, DONOR,  
AND EMPLOYEE

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