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Students in character delighted children during the Whitpain Community Festival. Superman, (left) Anthony Spinelli, a Liberal Studies major joined the Black Panther, (center) Aaron Wesley, a Theater Arts major, to give Cole Niegockl a high five. (Right) Brylonde Shepherd, a Theater Arts major, rounded out the trio as Elsa. Photo by Lauren Keatley

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Winter Is Coming, but Fall Is Here

Bridget Depew
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As much as we all tried denying its imminent arrival, fall is upon us. Some of us finished up the 2017-2018 school year with plans to relax and take a much-needed respite during the summer. Some of us fell into the category of “no rest for the weary” and continued with classes during the summer.

Regardless, we all are finding ourselves needing to adjust to a new school year. New classes. New professors. Whether you’ve just graduated high school or are deciding to continue your education after a period of time away, you may feel overwhelmed. You may be feeling anxious about what lies before you. You may be second-guessing your decision

to continue your education while working a part- or full-time job and perhaps also maintaining a household and taking care of children.

I’m here to tell you: Take heart. You do have what it takes. That spark that initially motivated you to pursue a higher education was not a mistake. Allow it to turn into a fire that you most assuredly will need to keep you ablaze throughout the school year. We all have doubts, fears and inhibitions. Having those feelings are not the problem. Being overtaken by them, to the point of immobility, is.

It is very easy to look too far ahead and feel like we’ve taken on too much. We, as humans,

tend to get bogged down thinking about “what will be.” We anticipate the workload, the amount of time we need to set aside for studying, and we may assume it could be too much to handle. It is that point—where fear and trepidation kick in—that causes us to back-peddle on our decisions that seemed so right when we first made them.

I’ll tell you what my mother always told me: “Don’t borrow trouble.” Tomorrow brings its own set of baggage. Today is what we live for. Today is the only day we’re experiencing. We’re not living in yesterday where we might have failed at an endeavor or fallen on a particular path. Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow has not arrived. Today, you have

the strength and fortitude to handle whatever it brings you.

There are myriad reasons one decides to continue his or her education: from wanting a better job opportunity to wanting a promotion to wanting to set an example for little ones who may be watching. Whatever your reason, let it be the motivating factor propelling you forward to completion. Don’t second-guess yourself because of what yesterday has brought or what tomorrow may bring.

We can all take a lesson from Winnie the Pooh when he said, “[Today is] my favorite day.” Make today your favorite day. And when tomorrow shows up as today, it can be your favorite, too!

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The Club Fair: Collegiate Speed Dating

Barry Hunsberger
The Montgazette Contributor

Energy and possibilities buzzed as students poured into Parkhouse Hall's atrium for the 2018 fall Club Fair. Student officers and club advisors set food on their tables as lures—for a chance to pitch their club to students. Food, flyers and friendliness helped students match their interests with a group they wanted to join on the Central Campus in Blue Bell.

Representatives of each club participated in the Sept. 17 fair, which is like a collegiate form of speed dating. As prospective members strolled from table to table reaching for wings, cookies and bottles of water, current members handed out flyers and talked eagerly with them, wooing students to try out their club.

In the midst of the match-making, Dr. Kevin Pollock, president of Montgomery County Community College, and his administration were interacting with students, too. They served food to hundreds of students. As students waited in a line that stretched to the entrance doors facing the quad, they were introduced to the College's many organizations, including The Montgazette.

Adopting the motto, "The Students' Voice", The Montgazette is a publication seeking to inform students, and is written by students. There are activities and events taking place on campus almost daily. There are dance and theater performances, writing competitions and symposiums

intended to educate and encourage students, and aid them in becoming all that they aspire to be. The Montgazette is intent on informing students, encouraging them to get involved outside of classes.

Additionally, The Montgazette presents social issues that readers may find relevant. We live in a dynamic world. Dialogue among students and faculty ebb and flow. The Montgazette aims to be a part of that dialogue, if not initiate it. Education does not come only from books and classes. It also comes from healthy and respectful conversations about our community and our world. When students expand their realm of education, they expand their realm of knowledge. The Montgazette looks to facilitate that expansion.

The Montgazette is just one of many clubs available in which students

may engage with others. The College encourages students to step outside their comfort zone and into the doors of any meeting. Officers and advisors are more than welcoming to new faces and talent. Doing so may not only expand minds, also it may expand confidence. Students often find themselves hesitant and ill-equipped to be a member of a club. But nothing is gained by sitting on the sidelines. Our clubs teach students what they do not know and broaden what they do.

Learn more about clubs and events online via the MyMC3 Portal. Click the "Campus Life" radio button to access the "Engage" platform for information about organizations, events and news. Or, stop into the Student Life Office located, on the first floor of College Hall, during school hours until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Members of Montgomery County Community College's dance team performed for the attendees of the 2018 Club Fair.

Photograph by Barry Hunsberger



The 2018 Club Fair attracted many students seeking a club to join and a way to get involved.

Photograph by Barry Hunsberger

Professor Performs Hip-Hop and Teaches Music Production in Israel

Bridget Depew
The Montgazette Editor-in-Chief

Music is the international language — and David Ivory, Director of the Sound Recording and Technology (SRT) program, will “speak” the international language with a hip-hop group and teach others how to produce music at Israel’s version of South by Southwest in November.

Ivory was invited to participate in the International Showcase Festival 2018 in Jerusalem, where attendees will learn from pros and hear bands during the four-day festival. He will also travel to Tel Aviv where he will teach master classes in producing, perform with a group he produced, and speak to students at an all-arts high school, in hopes they will attend Montgomery County Community College for a semester of SRT courses.

Ivory will play in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv with Cooloolosh, an Israeli band whose album he produced in 2009. The band is doing a one-time reunion to mark the 10-year anniversary of “Elements of Sound,” which it is re-releasing on vinyl. Ivory played his 79 Stratocaster electric guitar on the album. Cooloolosh has a neo-soul sound that he helped create when recording four albums for The Roots.

In Tel Aviv, Ivory and Cooloolosh will perform at the

Barby, a popular rock ‘n’ roll venue. During that time, He will also teach two master classes. The gold-and-platinum record winner and Grammy nominee for engineering will also teach up to 25 students at a time how music production is done in the U.S.

“They will learn super techniques I developed for day-to-day use in the studio over 30 years,” said Ivory. Students will learn microphone techniques and engineering, as well as how to get a band ready to perform, how to get the most out of individual players, and how to pick the best arrangement for a song.

Cooloolosh will assist in the learning process during the master classes. “They will take a song in raw form and turn it into a mastered product,” he said.

Ivory will also visit an all-arts high school in Tel Aviv. Students there will get to pick the producer’s brain. Ivory plans to tell them what it takes to get into the business, what to expect and best practices.

He hopes to see these students again—at Montgomery County Community College. Ivory is working with the College to create a study abroad program for them. “I am trying to develop a program that would allow high school students to do a semester here and take

advantage of learning techniques here in a state-of-the-art facility.”

In April 2018, a nearly \$2-million studio opened in the Advanced Technology Center. The studio boasts a rare analog soundboard. “There are only one of six or seven in the world,” said Ivory. They were manufactured in 2006 by Solid State Logic in England.

Jay-Z owns one of them,” he added.

After Ivory shares his knowledge and songs on an international level, budding music producers and engineers from Tel Aviv may be making their way across the seas to the Montgomery County Community College Central Campus in Blue Bell to learn how to make the music play on.



David Ivory, Director of the Sound, Recording and Technology Program, heads to Israel in November to perform with a hip-hop group he produced, and to encourage high-school students to study music production for a semester at Montgomery County Community College.

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Whitpain Community Festival Creates Community Unity

Bridget Depew
The Montgazette Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the sun was shining; there was barely a cloud in the sky after one of the rainiest Septembers on record. It couldn't have been a more perfect day for the Whitpain Community Festival.

For the past five years, Montgomery County Community College has hosted the festival. And every year, it has been a community success. It is an event where the local community comes together to be a support and proponent of local businesses and remember to focus on our children.

The person behind "the curtain" credited with spearheading this expansive event, is Brent Woods. As

Montgomery County Community College's Senior Director of Cultural Affairs and Curator of the college's Lively Arts Series, Woods is in his fifth year as coordinator for the festival. Woods said, "There are many people from many departments on campus who help make sure that this event runs smoothly."

Festival attendees had the privilege of watching performances by a select group of dance students on stage in Montgomery County Community College's Science Center Theater. Bowman Dance Company and School and Blue Bell School of Dance were just two of the locally owned businesses present. The booths

were professionally represented by young, eager dance students and their proud moms. It was a wonderful experience for both the dancers to perform and the community to enjoy their talent. Heather Wrubel, owner of the Bowman Dance Company, stated, "[It is] great to be involved in our little community and provide a service for them."

In addition to local businesses, the college's Dental Hygiene Program was represented. Dental students set up tables in the shade to give free blood pressure readings to old and young festival goers. The students

talked about low-cost cleanings available at the clinic on the Central campus in Blue Bell. This was putting into practice what Whitpain Manager Roman Pronczak and Director of Parks and Recreation Kurt Baker said was part of the draw to have the Whitpain Community Festival at Montgomery County Community College. Baker said with the roughly 7,500 to 9,000 locals who attend the festival throughout the day, an event like this brings awareness to the school and all it has to offer.

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Dental Hygiene Program Students set up a booth at the Whitpain Community Festival. Left to right: Sara Michel, Laurie Cummings, Emily Swartwood, Karen Stanford, Amanda Kham.

Photo by Bridget Depew



MCCC deans and administrators served food to students and other staff at the Club Fair. In this photo, Director of Student Life Tyler Steffy gets his plate filled.

Photo by Bridget Depew

Community Festival, continued from p. 9

Additionally, the Whitpain Community Festival was bursting with entertainment. Once festival-goers made their way past the pony rides, mouth-watering food stands, and vendor tables displaying beautiful handmade works of art, and mouth-watering food stands, they had the pleasure of pulling up a patch of grass, kicking back, and listening to Montgomery County's musical acts.

Danielle Lewis, an engineer for the Science Center Theater of Montgomery County Community College and production manager

for the event, gave the run-down of performers who were anxious to take the stage: The School of Rock Fort Washington, the Craig Thatcher Band and evening headliner CTO Tribeca.

When Brent Woods was asked what was to be gained from holding an event of this magnitude, he replied, "For Whitpain Township, it offers the township the opportunity to say thank you to their constituency. For Montgomery County Community College, it offers the college an opportunity to share all of the programs it has to offer to the community and to deepen [its] connections with the residents surrounding the college."



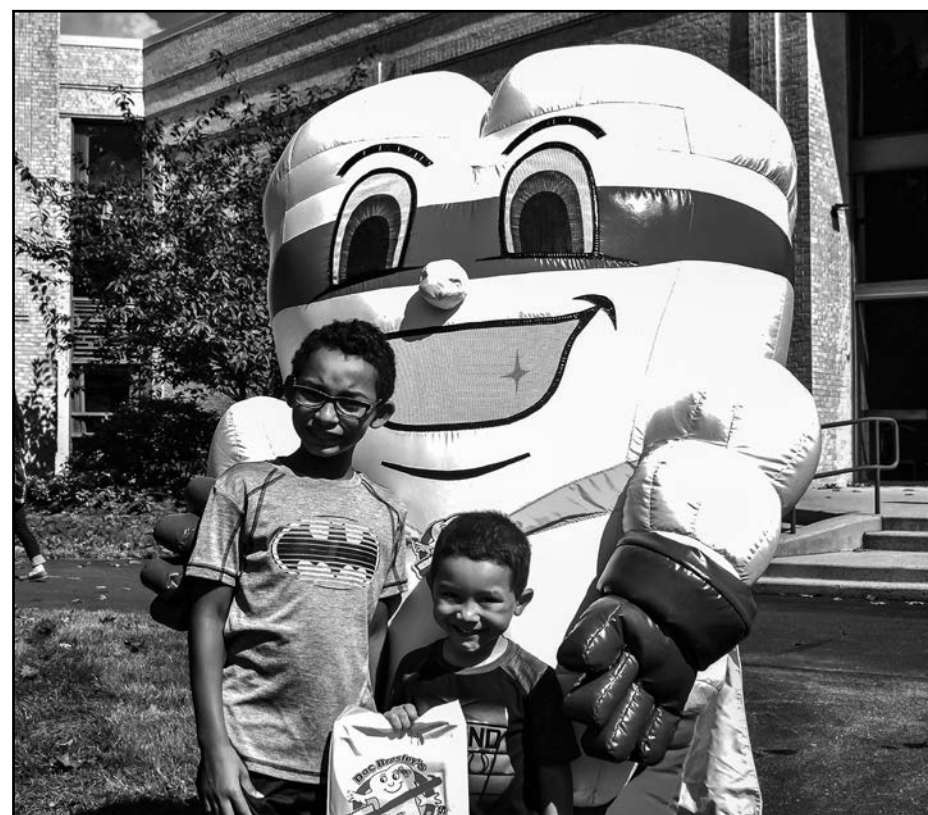
Heather Wrubel, owner of Bowman Dance Company and School, discusses all the school has to offer the Whitpain community.

Photo by Bridget Depew



Aspiring young dancers from the Blue Bell School of Dance eagerly represent their school at the Whitpain Community Festival.

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Amius Ocasio, 9, and Amari Jackson, 5, of Ardmore, were excited to receive new toothbrushes in a dental pack at the fair.

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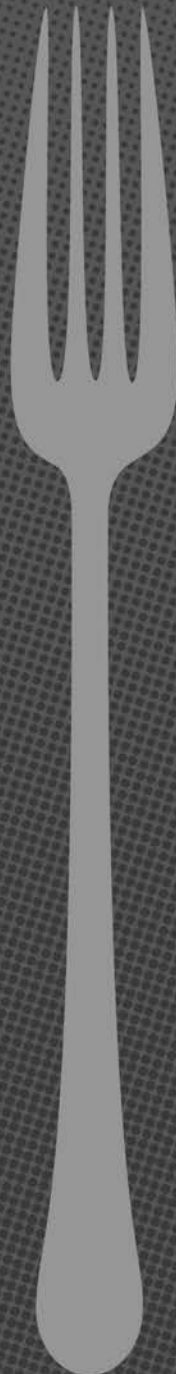
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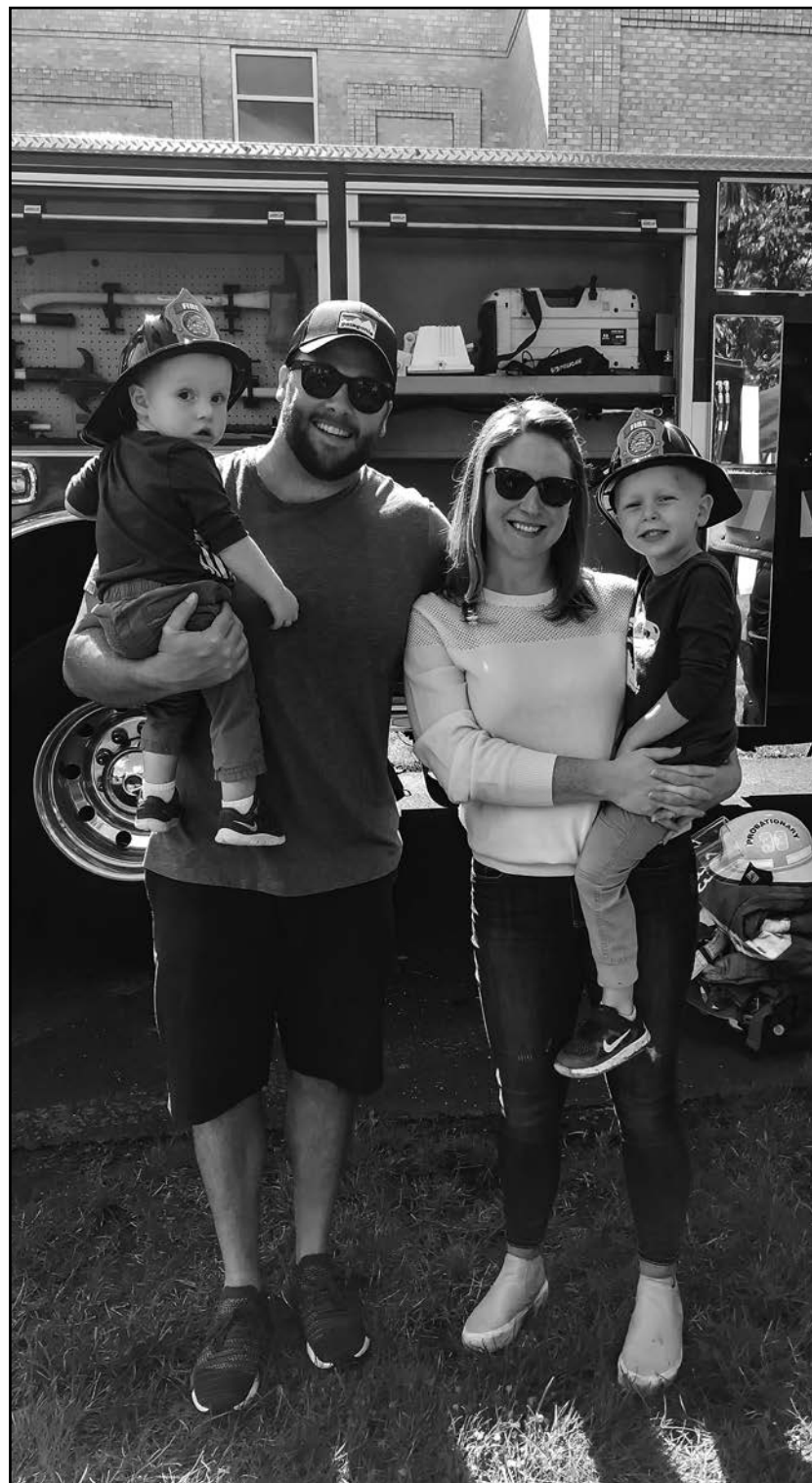
The Philly Phanatic greeted Enzo Piergrossi, 3, who had donned his Phillies cap for the event.

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Dancers performed for attendees of the community festival.

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The Bennetts enjoy a family day at the Whitpain Community Festival.

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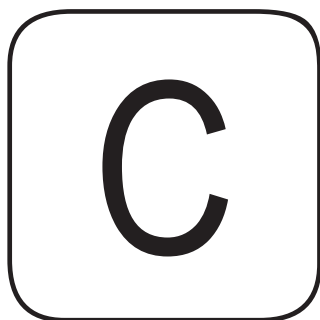
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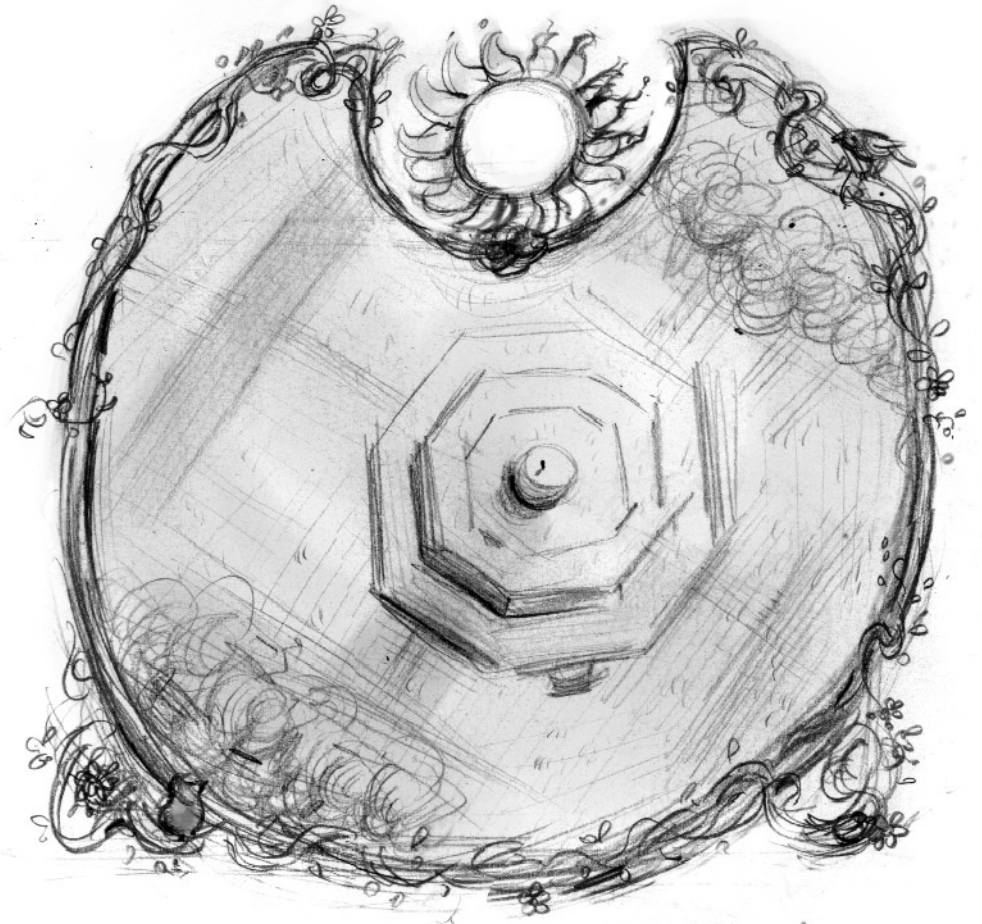


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Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Delegation of Schools



Montgomery County Community College PBL members, were part of the state's delegation that competed at the national championship in Baltimore. This photo of the nominees was taken before National Winners were announced.

Photo courtesy of Barry Hunsberger



From left to right: Barry Hunsberger, Damon T. Gray, Thomas Meehan, James Sovocool and Michael Antoine were preparing for a state chapter run for charity in Baltimore, MD.

Photo courtesy of Barry Hunsberger



James Sovocool, Mike Antoine, Nicolette Pelchat and Barry Hunsberger attend a team building event at Oriole Park in Camden Yards.

Photo courtesy of Barry Hunsberger

2018 Keys Program



KEYS student Ivan Gutierrez, pictured with Dr. Kevin Pollock, at the 12th Annual KEYS Banquet. Gutierrez is currently attending Michigan State University. Gutierrez and his family shared that the KEYS Program has provided him with a safe, supportive and welcoming environment in which to achieve his goal.

Photo by Barry Hunsberger



Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Nicole Henderson, KEYS student Ada Kaufman, President Pollock and Director of KEYS Program Ingrid Fisher celebrate the achievements of KEYS students at the 12th Annual KEYS Banquet. Thirteen years after dropping out of high school, Ada decided to obtain her GED in January 2017. She decided not to stop there and continued on to become a triple major in the Medical Assisting Certification Program (earned May 2018), Medical Office Assisting Certification Program, and Health Service Management Associate Degree Program. In addition to being a full-time student, Ada splits her time between that and being a full-time single mother to three children. She has earned recognition for academic achievement several times.

Photo by Barry Hunsberger



The graduation plaques and gifts for KEYS graduates.

Photo by Barry Hunsberger

Philly Fashion Week

Montgomery County Community College student and photographer Bridget Plate captured Philly Fashion Week runway shots on Sept. 28 at a show in Dilworth Park, next to City Hall.





Student Orientation



Philip Needles, Vice President of Student Services, gave the opening announcement welcoming everyone to the new student orientation.

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The top-notch Montgomery County Community College Athletic Dept. staff helped new students open the door to their future.

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Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Samuel Coleman spoke his words of truth to attendees at the new student orientation.

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