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MBI Insights

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From a Scholar's Perspective

As a student in the Macklin Business Institute (MBI), I live in a demanding but exciting environment. The MBI program involves us in many different events during the school year, and the faculty expects a lot of us.

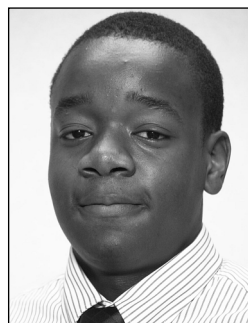
Most of us in the program, for example, take a total of five business honors courses, attend a weekly seminar, work in the community, and volunteer with the MBI Cafe rotations, which include an operations team, an accounting team, and a marketing team.

In addition, we work together on projects for a competition/program known as SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), where the main objective is to educate the community about business. In doing so, we also help promote SIFE, which is open to any Montgomery College students to other campuses.

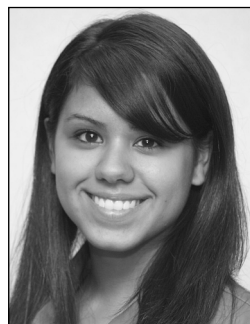
Despite the program's demands, however, we all—students, faculty,

and staff—agree that hard work is what has made MBI so successful. The diversity of the activities and the people we interact with on a daily basis form a strong foundation for succeeding in business.

My fellow scholar, **Kumbari Mahari, '08**



Macklin Scholar, said the MBI program gives a new and different meaning to schoolwork. "The MBI program has a lot of workload compared to normal classes, but the rewards far exceed the workload."



Joyce Krintz, '08 **Macklin Scholar**, shared this: "MBI is an excellent program for young aspiring business leaders because of the

hard work and dedication of our community and our college."

With its success as a scholarship program, the Macklin Business Institute has steadily built a reputation of excellence. Each year offers scholars diverse opportunities and experiences, many provided by field trips, and guest lecturers, entrepreneurs, and professionals from the community. The program's success, however, has also benefited Montgomery College itself.

Gene Counihan, a member of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees, had this to say: "Fifteen years ago, people saw Montgomery College as a last resort school. Programs such as MBI have transformed the College's image, and have done well recruiting students, faculty and people from the business world."

"The MBI Program brings focus to the campus/institution, producing high-quality graduates. It has been successful and it shows the college can be successful in attracting the brightest students," said Robert Snyder, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship.

Kathy Wessman, former dean of Computer Science and Hospitality

Management, added "the MBI program is one of the greatest things to happen at Montgomery College for business students, as it creates future opportunities for them while they learn."

"Each year our main goal is to graduate well-rounded students who are all accepted to and will attend four-year colleges," said MBI director Stephen Lang. "When we do that, the program succeeds, and the College succeeds."

Being part of a program of this quality at a two-year community college is something I cannot take for granted. Since it began in 1999, the MBI has steadily graduated people who have gone on to succeed at four-year colleges and move into promising business careers. With hard work and a little luck, I will be among them.



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