

MACKLIN BUSINESS INSTITUTE

MBI Director Steve Lang
Academic Director Brian Baick
Director Center for Entrepreneurship
 Robert Snyder
MBI Board Chairman Pamela Little,
 Sr. Vice President and CFO ATS Corporation
MBI Board Co-Chairman Leslie Levine, CEO
 InvisiTrack, Inc.

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Brian Cunningham, CEO
 Ocean Energy Systems, Inc.
 Howard Frank, Dean
 Robert H. Smith School of Business
 University of Maryland
 John Wall, Chairman and CEO
 Capital Markets Advisors, Inc.
 Elizabeth "Libby" Labash, CFP, First VP,
 Wealth Management
 Smith Barney

John Bucy, Partner
 Edge Professional Services, LLC
 President, Avail Business Ventures
 Pat Cleveland, Associate Dean
 Robert H. Smith School of Business
 University of Maryland
 Solomon Graham, President and CEO
 Quality Biological, Inc.
 Maria Stephenson, Sr. Audit Associate
 KPMG, LLP

SPONSORS

- Carl M. Freeman Foundation
- Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship,
 University of Maryland, College Park
- Hogan & Hartson, LLP
- Maryland Department of Business
 and Economic Development
- Montgomery County Department of
 Economic Development

No Fooling: Another April Means More Honors for the Macklin Scholars

The month of April brought accolades and success for the students in the Macklin Business Institute (MBI) program at Montgomery College. The program's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was named regional champion at the competition in Philadelphia and another team of students earned finalist honors at the Loyola Marymount University National Intercollegiate Business Ethics Competition.

At the SIFE competition, the MBI students presented their outreach projects designed to teach people in the community about business. By being named regional champions, they qualify for the National Exposition in Philadelphia later this month.

"The best reward for winning regionals is more hard work preparing for nationals," said student Eric Lee, a sophomore from Gaithersburg.

In addition, the SIFE team's "Success Skills Project" was the only project to be named a national finalist in one of the SIFE individual topic categories. It marks the first time a Montgomery College SIFE team has received an indi-

vidual topic honor, which places their project in the top 20 across the country—a group that includes both two and four-year colleges and universities.

Another group of MBI students traveled to Los Angeles for the Loyola Marymount University National Business Ethics Competition. This competition challenges students to select a current ethical issue facing a company, and then analyze the issue from legal, financial, and ethical perspectives. The students propose a solution to the judges, who are acting in the role of board of directors. Montgomery College competed against undergraduate and graduate-level colleges as the only two-year college in its division.

For the second consecutive year, the MBI students were named Undergraduate Division Champion, which allowed the team to present in the final round against two other undergraduate champions and the graduate champion. The students battled against undergraduate teams from Dartmouth, NYU, Loyola-Chicago, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, Villanova, University of

Oregon, and the University of Arizona, among others.

"The [Loyola competition] was probably the most fulfilling academic exercise of my college career," said sophomore Shahin Shahrivar. "All the work we put forth throughout the year culminated at this competition."

Sharivar and his MBI teammates competed in the "final four" against undergraduate teams from the University of Arizona and the U.S. Naval Academy and graduate students from Middle East Technical University in Turkey. Only one champion is named from the overall competition, and the other three teams earn the Kerrigan Award for being runners-up. Middle East Technical University was named champion and the MBI team and the other two teams received Kerrigan Awards. Since the competition's expansion in 2004, Montgomery College is only the fourth team to be named a finalist in



Montgomery College's Students in Free Enterprise were again crowned Regional Champion at last month's competition in Philadelphia.

back-to-back years.

MBI Director Stephen Lang credits MBI Faculty Advisor Professor Brian Baick for helping prepare both teams for the rigors of presenting at their competitions.

"Beginning in the fall semester, Professor Baick took the lead by helping organize an internal competition for MBI students, leading case study discussions, helping students understand and identify ethical issues... he is a tremendous asset to our program and a valuable resource for our students," Lang said. "This was truly a team effort and we are proud of this accomplishment, not only for MBI, but for Montgomery College."