

**Testimony of Shruti Mistry  
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Thank you to the Montgomery County Council for the chance to testify regarding Montgomery College.

I am Shruti Mistry and I am a Montgomery College alumna, a resident of Montgomery County, and a biomedical engineer for the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Thank you for your support of Montgomery College.

As an MC alum, I have seen firsthand that Montgomery College works for Montgomery County. I attended MC, transferred to the Georgia Institute of Technology where I earned a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering, then went on to earn a master's in Applied Biomedical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. Ultimately, I landed a position as a Research and Development Biomedical Engineer at Meridian Medical Technologies here in Maryland. I worked on autoinjectors, such as the EpiPen, for both the military and civilians. Now, as a Biomedical Engineer at the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Cardiovascular Devices, I regulate pacemakers and defibrillators and approve medical devices for patient use in the United States. As you can imagine, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, my work has increased significantly.

Montgomery College gave me an affordable option for a high quality education. My professors gave me a great foundation for the career I have today. As our nation grapples with

the aftereffects of this current crisis, we know we will need more homegrown talent—more engineers and scientists prepared for careers in the biomedical field. I can't think of a better way or our county government to help the economy as we move out of this situation than by working with MC to emerge stronger than ever. You can start by helping MC stay affordable so residents can begin their education, retool for new employment, and meet the demands of the county's bioscience industry.

As a proud Montgomery College graduate, I thank you for your support of my alma mater. MC provided me a quality education that put me on the path to success—where I contribute to the local economy and serve my country. Please continue to support MC. Help the College stick to its plan to keep tuition affordable so it can help other county residents get the education needed as we all move forward in a post-coronavirus world.