

**Testimony of Christopher Saca**  
**Montgomery College Rockville Campus**  
**Montgomery County Council**  
**FY22 Operating Budget Public Hearing**  
**April 7, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

Good evening, members of the Montgomery County Council. It is an honor to speak to you tonight. My name is Christopher Saca, and I attend Montgomery College at the Rockville Campus. I am also a lifelong Silver Spring resident. I am here tonight to ask you to support Montgomery College's operating budget request, which will keep tuition affordable for students like me.

At MC, I am a Student Senator, a member of the Macklin Business Institute honors program, and a business major in my freshman year. After completing my associate's degree, I plan to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a Finance Bachelor of Science degree. I am proud to be the first person in my family to attend college. I hope to use my education to work for an international organization, like the World Bank.

I chose to attend MC because of the college's affordable tuition. Like many of my fellow students, without MC, I would not have been able to pursue a degree—college would have been out of reach for me. Now more than ever, MC students are in desperate need of keeping tuition affordable or many will have to cut their college aspirations short. Due to the pandemic, many of my peers are in much greater need as they have lost their jobs and are unable to pay their rent or even buy groceries. MC has worked tirelessly to help students with emergency financial aid, laptops, and food. With your continued support, the College can keep meeting the needs of its students--it can keep tuition affordable.

Thank you for your long-standing support for our college, which has ensured that countless students can pursue their passions and has empowered the next generation of leaders in our community. We need your continued help. I ask you to please support MC's operating budget request so that students, like me and those I represent, can afford the education they need.

Thank you for your continuous support of my home: Montgomery College.