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Record Turnout for Community College Student Advocacy Day at State Legislature
Cost of Higher Education Motivates Largest Crowd Ever at Annual Event

Annapolis, MD, February 8, 2017 – An estimated 400 community college students from across Maryland rallied in Annapolis this morning to assert the need for increased state funding. Affordability and student debt remain barriers to community college students seeking degrees or pursuing career certifications.

The morning’s rally included appearances and encouragement from Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Senators Gail Bates, Bill Ferguson, J.B. Jennings, Barbara Robinson, Ron Young and Craig Zucker, as well as Delegates Anne Kaiser and Karen Lewis Young.

“We need to find a way to hold down tuition,” said Senator Miller. Maryland’s community college funding cuts, which occurred during the previous administration, have triggered tuition and fee increases for community college students, who are typically those most vulnerable to price increases.

Following the rally, student delegations met directly with their representatives in the House and Senate.

About Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC)

Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) is an advocate for the state’s 16 community colleges and the educational needs of the almost 500,000 students they serve. Student Advocacy Day is organized by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) to provide students with direct access to their legislators. For more information about MACC and Maryland’s community colleges, visit www.mdacc.org or call (410) 974-8117.

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