Prince George’s Community College Partners to Assure a Bachelor’s Degree for $10,000 or Less

Annapolis, MD, November 17, 2016 - The 3D Scholars Program, an innovative partnership recently announced by University of Maryland University College (UMUC), Prince George’s Community College (PGCC), and Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), is designed to help top Prince George’s County high school students earn a Bachelor’s degree for $10,000 or less. Some students may be able to participate at no cost.

“Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) applauds the 3D Scholars Program,” said Dr. Bernie Sadusky, Executive Director of MACC. “It represents what partnerships in higher education can do to make college attainable for more students.”

Selected students will start classes at PGCC while still enrolled in high school through PGCC’s dual enrollment program. After earning their high school diplomas, students will pursue Associate degrees at PGCC. After attaining an Associate degree, students will continue at UMUC to earn a Bachelor’s degree in one of three high-demand careers.

“Students in the Prince George’s 3D Scholars Program will begin an academic pathway that produces well-educated graduates, addresses college affordability, and supports a regional workforce,” said Charlene M. Dukes, Ph.D., President, Prince George’s Community College. “This program responds to the needs of our community, and we are proud to support such a unique opportunity.”

The 3D Scholars Program will begin recruiting high-achieving Prince George’s County high school students in fall 2016; the first group of selected students is expected to enroll in fall 2017.

About Prince George’s Community College
Named a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance designated by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security (2015-2020), Prince George’s Community College (PGCC) provides high quality education and training for the progressive and career-oriented residents of Prince George’s County. From new high school graduates and career seekers, to more seasoned professionals and senior citizens looking to enhance their skillsets, PGCC is comprised of students who represent a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and goals. Serving more than 40,000 individuals annually, the college is the first choice for higher education for residents of Prince George’s County. Collaborative partnerships, responsive degree and training programs, and a commitment to
student success enables PGCC to address diverse education and workforce development demands. PGCC is fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2025. For more information, visit the college website at www.pgcc.edu.

About Maryland Association of Community Colleges
At 16 Maryland community colleges, 23 campuses and more than 1000 learning sites across the state, 500,000 community college students annually pursue academic degrees, 130+ certifications in career and technical training, and diverse courses that refresh and develop career and life skills. Key partners in local economic development, Maryland community colleges deliver customized training designed to meet immediate, local labor needs and ensure the availability of a skilled workforce to attract new businesses and employers. MACC is an advocate for the state’s community colleges and the educational needs of the students they serve. For more information about MACC and Maryland’s community colleges, visit www.mdacc.org or call (410) 974-8117.

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