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MEMORANDUM

To: The Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Recommendation for Hospital on Germantown Science and Technology Park

Earlier today, the reviewer for the Maryland Health Care Commission, Marilyn Moon, Ph.D., recommended approval of the Holy Cross Hospital proposal to build a new hospital on the College's Germantown Campus. While the recommendation does not determine the commission's final decision in January, I remain positive that this exciting project will move forward, helping realize our county and state leaders' vision for a Montgomery County that leads the way in science, innovation, and discovery.

The College initiated the Germantown Campus Development Project in 2001 at the request of Montgomery County. The project is comprised of three interrelated initiatives:

1. A county-operated business incubator—housed in the Goldenrod Building—that has continued to thrive since opening in 2008;
2. The College's Bioscience Education Center, on which we will break ground in March;
3. A Science and Technology Park designed to replicate the success of the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center.

The hospital proposed by Holy Cross will be a valuable anchor tenant to the Science and Technology Park. It will serve as an educational resource for aspiring healthcare workers at Montgomery College. Students currently enrolled in introductory level health sciences on all three Montgomery College campuses, including the 800 students who live in the upcounty area, would be able to conveniently take most of their preclinical nursing and health sciences coursework at the Germantown Campus.

With the construction of the hospital, students will have the opportunity to pursue part-time jobs or internships, and benefit from 60 openings for clinical rotations, which are critical to the College's goal of doubling the number of nursing graduates to help address the severe nursing shortage in Maryland.

From the beginning, Montgomery County asked the College to create a science and technology park that replicates the success of the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center, anchored by Shady Grove Adventist Hospital**.** That center gave rise to companies like Human

Genome Sciences, now an industry leader and employer for many of our students. Holy Cross Hospital will attract other medical, bioscience, and technology companies to Montgomery College's Science and Technology Park to help meet the economic development goals of the county. It will also provide opportunities for learning experiences and employment for our students. Additionally, we will work with our partners in the Science and Technology Park—the Montgomery College Foundation and Foulger-Pratt, along with Montgomery County—and with the state and business leaders to ensure the park's future success.

The College looks forward to the decision of the full Maryland Health Care Commission when it meets on January 20, 2011. We also look forward to expanding our ongoing partnerships with both Holy Cross Hospital and the Adventist Healthcare.