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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery College Colleagues

FROM: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

SUBJECT: Approval of Lease with Holy Cross Hospital

I am pleased to share with you that the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW) unanimously approved the College's lease of Germantown Campus land to Holy Cross Hospital on Wednesday. It has taken several years to reach this point, but it has been a team effort with our partners at Holy Cross Hospital. Since the decision was announced, articles about this good news have appeared in such outlets as the Washington Business Journal and Gazette.

As you recall, the hospital will be the anchor tenant of the College's Science and Technology Park on the Germantown Campus. The park is one of three interrelated initiatives designed to meet our academic goals and the county's economic development goals: the Germantown Innovation Center, which is a thriving county-operated business incubator; the future Bioscience Education Center that broke ground in March; and the Science and Technology Park, which will spur the addition of several thousand new jobs in the life sciences industry.

Late last year, the Maryland Higher Education Commission approved the College's lease with the hospital and recommended it for approval to BPW. Additionally, the Maryland Health Care Commission voted unanimously to grant Holy Cross Hospital a Certificate of Need in January, after more than two years of review.

The future hospital will provide 64 additional clinical placements for our nursing students, which will help the nursing program reach its goal of doubling nursing enrollment. Additionally, the hospital will provide clinical placements for students in our other health science programs. Holy Cross Hospital will also provide additional funding and grants, staff, and space to support academic programs across the College.

Through our partnership, Holy Cross Hospital will help the College actualize its vision to produce more health care graduates and fulfill a vital need in our community. Most importantly, I look forward to the exciting day—in 2014—when the hospital opens its doors to our neighbors and our students. The educational and economic development opportunities are nearly limitless.