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Inaugural Montgomery County Business Hall of Fame Attracts 300

On Monday, October 15th, 300 Montgomery County-based business people attended the first annual Montgomery County Business Hall of Fame event. A long-time vision of Larry Rosenblum, a partner of Grossberg Company LLP and a Monument Bank director, the event was co-sponsored by Grossberg Company LLP and Monument Bank. The net proceeds for the first year exceeded \$250,000 which will benefit the scholarship programs at The Universities at Shady Grove, one of the regional educational centers of the University System of Maryland.

Eun Yang, morning co-anchor of NBC News4 and a UMD graduate, was the emcee of the program that honored these six Montgomery County business leaders, past and present: Norm Augustine, formerly of Lockheed Martin, Cliff Kendall, formerly of Computer Data Systems, Inc., Sid Kramer of Kramer Enterprises, Aris Mardirossian of Technology Patents LLC, J. Willard Marriott, Jr. of Marriott International and Carol Trawick of the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation. Also present at the event were Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and William E. "Brit" Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

Sponsors of the event included The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, the Clifford M. and Camille E. Kendall Family Fund at the Montgomery County Community Foundation, The Aris and Marianne Mardirossian Charitable Foundation, Bethesda Magazine, Holy Cross Hospital, The Kramer Family, Lockheed Martin, the University System of Maryland Foundation, Adventist Healthcare, Carol Trawick, FinTel Communications, Lerch Early & Brewer, Loiederman Soltesz Associates, Inc., Montgomery County Economic Development and Text Design.

"The success of this inaugural event far exceeded our expectations. We are humbled by the show of support and also grateful for the hours of time committed by dedicated volunteers to make it come together," said Mr. Rosenblum. "It's a very good start for an annual event whose beneficiaries are the next generation of business leaders of Montgomery County."