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MG Editor Speaks for the Trees

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During the summer, I had the privilege of taking a Field Biology course in West Virginia accompanied by Dr. Jerry Coleman and 11 other students. This two-week course involved camping in two different locations, hiking gorgeous mountains, identifying multiple tree species, touring coal mines, discovering caves and much, much more. During this time I learned just how awesome nature can be. We thrashed our way down Class-5 rapids on the Upper Youghiogheny River and saw entire forests cut down to two inches of tumbleweed. Repeatedly, I heard about how man has exploited, destroyed and devoured the planet's natural resources. And as a MCCC student, I am ashamed to admit that I haven't respected our Earth as much as I should have. That changes now.

This school year I am asking you to partner with The Montgazette in becoming more environmentally conscious. Take advantage of the new ATC parking lot that features a special area for carpooling, hybrid, fuel-efficient and electric cars. Separate your trash in the cafeteria. Print less in the new computer lab, take virtual notes in your classes, and choose the high-speed hand dryers in the bathroom. There is always something more we can do to help our planet. MCCC is the perfect place to get started.

The college has made major

changes to the campus after signing the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2007. Since then, MCCC has purchased 100 percent of its energy from wind power. Also, MCCC's ACE club helped the college finish in eighth place for the nationwide "Recylcemia" competition. Our security and maintenance crews have hybrid vehicles and bicycles. Our libraries and offices feature duplex printers which use post-consumer paper and motion-sensor lighting. Students are welcome to learn about sustainability throughout the year through conferences and on Sustainability Day. The cafeteria features locally grown food whenever possible, and by switching to plastic baskets from plates, MCCC has saved 50,000 plates from winding up in landfills. And if MCCC didn't do enough for our Earth already, it has partnered with local companies to turn the cafeteria's cooking oil into biofuel.

As you read about the new parking lot in the ATC, or the new sustainable library in this issue of The Montgazette, think about what you can do for our Earth this semester. MCCC opens many opportunities for the environmentally friendly. Send in your ideas to the Editor, Amanda Dioszeghy at dioszegac@gmail.com and maybe your idea will be featured in the next issue of The Montgazette!

One last thing, The Montgazette is printed on recyclable paper.

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We are always looking for news about the college, but we can't keep track of it all without your help.

We welcome contributions from students and suggestions and information from faculty and staff of Montgomery County Community College. Whether it is a notice of an upcoming event, a special accomplishment by one of our own or just a "heads up" about something newsworthy, please let us know.

Thanks!

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