



**Testimony of Abby Oseguera,  
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Good evening, Council President Albornoz and Members of the Montgomery County Council.

My name is Abby Oseguera. I am a lifelong Germantown resident and currently a Montgomery College student in the Early College program on the Germantown Campus. In May, I will graduate with an associate degree in Biological Sciences from MC and my high school diploma from Northwest High School. I was recently accepted to the University of Maryland, College Park to study bioengineering and computer science. My goal is to work in the life sciences with a focus on technology.

I am here tonight to ask you to support MC's FY23 capital budget and provide the funding for the Germantown Student Services Center so we can finally begin this long-overdue project.

A building dedicated to student services will centralize these important resources and make them significantly more accessible to students. I know this because I work as a student assistant at the front desk in the Student Life office. The number one question I get asked is, "Where can I find X office?" Students struggle to locate the enrollment, counseling, career, or financial aid offices because they seem hidden in cramped hallways or confusingly located across floors or in other buildings. This struggle creates an unnecessary blockade for students.



A new center will eliminate old-fashioned ways of serving students. For example, the Enrollment Services window just outside the office door where I work is just that—a window. Students line up to speak about private matters potentially within earshot of other students.

I spend most of my time in the incredible Bioscience building—that setting puts me in the right frame of mind to learn. Students would feel the same way in a new Student Services Center. They would be thrilled to have the space that helps them gain easy access to needed services. I will be long gone from the Germantown Campus before a new Student Services Center is built. However, I want the students of the future to benefit from this important building, just as I have benefitted from the amazing Bioscience building.

So, on behalf of future Montgomery College students, please support the needed funding to provide a new Germantown Student Services Center so that all MC students can easily access the student services they need to earn a degree.

Thank you.