



**Montgomery County Council
FY27 Capital Budget Hearing
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:30 pm
Testimony of Juliana Quirino**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

My name is Juliana Quirino, and I am a Montgomery College Performing Arts student and the Academy Program Manager at Adventure Theatre MTC.

I am here to thank you for your support of MC. I ask you to please support Montgomery College's capital budget, including the Theatre Arts renovation on the Rockville Campus.

I began my journey at Montgomery College as an international student from Brazil. MC truly changed my life, giving me access to education, mentorship, and opportunities that allowed me to find my career path and my place in the theatre industry.

Through Montgomery College, I gained the educational foundation I needed to understand how the theatre world works, not just artistically, but professionally. I was given the chance to intern with the performing arts department for the Summer Dinner Theater program. This work took place in the Theatre Arts building, which is a real theatre environment, where I learned how productions operate behind the scenes. Just as importantly, MC connected me with working theatre professionals here in the DMV who also serve as MC faculty members. These connections directly led me to my current full-time position at Adventure Theatre MTC. I have numerous responsibilities related to arts management, including managing after-school theater programs for Montgomery County Public Schools. I am living proof that MC helps performing arts students join the theater workforce!

Theatre Arts is more than just a building—it is a learning lab where students like me discover our potential and gain real-world experience. However, it is also a space that shows its age, from an outdated sound equipment that limits what we can learn, a warped stage, pest infestations, to limited storage that causes safety concerns. Renovating this building is an investment in students, workforce development, and the cultural future of our community.

By supporting this renovation, you are supporting access, equity, and opportunity for students who find their voice and career in the arts.

Thank you for your time, and for believing in the power of a Montgomery College education to launch the careers of our community's future theater employees.

