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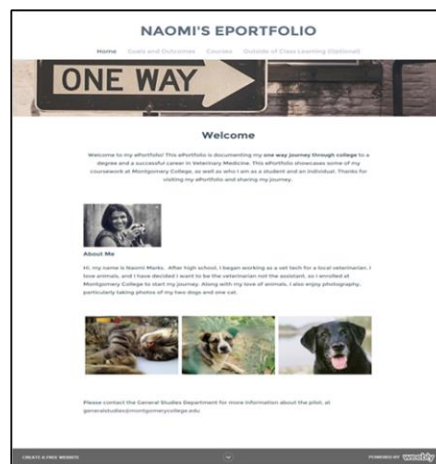
Montgomery College

ePortfolio Pilot

Innovation

Creativity

Connections

Lifelong Learning

Welcome! You are participating in a course which is piloting an eportfolio. Eportfolios are a great way to enhance and showcase your experiences at Montgomery College. The purpose of the Montgomery College ePortfolio pilot is to determine whether ePortfolios will support student success. All students enrolled in this class are required to complete an ePortfolio as part of their classwork. The ePortfolio will belong to you, the student, and you will be able to continue to add to it throughout your academic career.

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What is an ePortfolio?

An ePortfolio (electronic portfolio) is an electronic collection of artifacts that show your learning journey over time. ePortfolios can relate to specific academic fields or your lifelong learning. Artifacts may include writing samples, photos, videos, research projects, observations by mentors and peers, and/or reflective thinking. The key aspect of an ePortfolio is your reflection on the artifacts, such as why it was chosen and what you learned from the process of developing your ePortfolio.You will design and personalize your ePortfolio using one of three available platforms. The required sections for the pilot program are a Welcome page with an About Me section, Goals page, Courses page, and any course specific

requirements from your instructor in this class. After this class, you may use the same site for other classes that require eportfolios, and we hope you will continue to maintain your portfolio on your own.

What are the benefits of an ePortfolio?

An ePortfolio will allow you to make connections between your learning in different classes, your outside life, and your long term personal, academic and career goals. An ePortfolio showcases your successes as a student. It encourages a reflective habit of mind and helps you see how everything you do here at Montgomery College fits together and leads to your long term goals. Complete ePortfolios can be used to as part of applications to other academic institutions or as part of job applications to demonstrate the depth and breadth your educational experience.

How do I get started?

Specific guidelines and instructions for constructing your ePortfolio will be provided by your instructor. The student resource site is available at http://mcstudenteportfolioresources.weebly.com Additional assistance is provided from the following:

The Writing Center
   o The Writing Centers on each campus offer dedicated computers for working on eportfolios and support for assisting students at various stages of the writing process, including planning, drafting, and revising their ePortfolio artifacts during normal operations.

The Libraries
   o The Libraries at Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring offer dedicated computers for ePortfolio work at the following times and locations:
      - Rockville: M,T,W 4-6pm, Sat. 1-3pm
      - Takoma Park/Silver Spring: T, 4:30-6:30pm, W, 11-1pm, Sat. 1-3pm

Technical Support
   o Each platform has robust online and phone support to assist you with technical questions in building your ePortfolio. Support sites can be located via the main page for each platform at: http://mcstudenteportfolioresources.weebly.com/