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**The Montgomery County (Md) Business Community
Celebrates Leadership and Partnership at the
MCCC 58th Annual Dinner - Constellation of Stars**

Rockville, MD – On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) will welcome nearly 800 business and government leaders to its 58th Annual Dinner - Constellation of Stars - at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and County Conference Center. The annual event honors extraordinary people and organizations committed to the MCCC mission to lead, advocate, and connect as the voice of business.

During the passing of the torch ceremony, Immediate Past Chair Jim Young, Vice President, Corporate Facilities, Services and Real Estate, Marriott International, Inc., will pass the Chair of the Board position to Dusty Rood, President & CEO, Rodgers Consulting.

“We are experiencing an incredible inflection-point moment in time where change is occurring at an increasingly rapid pace. Great things will happen for those who embrace change and capture the many opportunities that it creates. As the new MCCC Chair of the Board, I am extremely confident in the future success of the Chamber and the region in which we live, work and play. It’s a great time in history to be in business,” said Dusty Rood.

Leslie Weber, Director Campus, Government & Community Affairs, Montgomery County, Johns Hopkins, will assume the role of the new Chair Elect.

MCCC will also recognize five leaders who make significant contributions to building a strong business environment in Montgomery County and beyond:

Visionary of the Year:

United Therapeutics Corporation

Accepted by: Martine Rothblatt, PhD, JD, Chairman and CEO

Presented by: Tim Regan, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Public Sector Partner of the Year:

Montgomery College

Accepted by: DeRionne P. Pollard, PhD, President

Presented by: Jim Young, Vice President, Corporate Facilities, Services and Real Estate, Marriott International, Inc.

Business Advocate of the Year:

Norman R. Augustine, Retired Chairman and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corporation

Presented by: Lawrence Duncan, III, Federal & State Government Relations & PAC Affairs, Lockheed Martin Corporation

Legislator of the Year:

Chairman Anne Kaiser (D14), House Ways and Means Committee, Maryland General Assembly

Presented by: The Honorable P.J. Hogan, Senior Vice President, Cornerstone Government Affairs

Chairman's Award:

David Nguyen, Founder & CEO, United Solutions, LLC

Presented by: Jim Young, Vice President, Corporate Facilities, Services and Real Estate, Marriott International, Inc.

“Our Chamber’s mission is to accelerate our members’ success. We lead, advocate, and connect as the voice of business,” said MCCC President and CEO Georgette ‘Gigi’ Godwin. “Together we put our innovative and forward thinking institutions and people on the nation’s map and on the world’s stage, making Montgomery County a destination for opportunity.”

For more information, visit the event page at <http://www.mccc.md.com/events/annual-dinner>

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About The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce: *The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) provides an effective voice to ensure business success. Its active membership includes small, medium, and large organizations representing a wide range of businesses and industries. Through effective advocacy, programs and events, MCCC accelerates the success of members. A non-partisan 501(c)(6), the Chamber is independent from any national, state, local chamber or other organization. For more information, visit www.mccc.md.com.*