Ambler Savings Bank Provides \$5,000 for Montgomery County Community College Dual Enrollment Program



BLUE BELL – Ambler Savings Bank donated \$5,000 through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to help support a dual enrollment program at Montgomery County Community College (MCCC), as part of the bank's commitment to giving back to the community.

The donation will help fund MCCC's dual enrollment program, Jump Start to College Success. Jump Start will offer an opportunity for high school students in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade to take two college courses at MCCC's Central Campus in Blue Bell. The courses, SCS 101: Strategies for College Success and Psychology 136: Personality, will help provide students with college readiness skills, including time management, financial literacy, study skills, goal setting, communication skills, persistence, critical thinking, and problem-solving, so they are more prepared for college after they graduate from high school. Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn five college credits.

"Ambler Savings Bank is proud to maintain the partnership with Montgomery County Community College in 2016. The Jump Start to College Program continues to benefit students with a financial need while advancing Ambler Savings Bank's commitment to public education and assisting students in Montgomery County that show a financial need," said Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank.

Jump Start to College Success is one of several dual enrollment programs MCCC offers for high school students. Other programs include: The Pottstown High School Early College Program at the MCCC's West Campus, Positive Directions (an after school dual enrollment program), the Bridge to Employment Program with Wissahickon High School, and the 2+1+2 Early College Program with Upper Moreland High School.

For more information about Montgomery County Community College's dual enrollment opportunities, contact Cheryl Taylor-Mearhoff at <a href="mailto:cmearhof@mc3.edu">cmearhof@mc3.edu</a> or 610-718-1953.

Photograph: Ambler Savings Bank recently donated \$5,000 through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit program to support a dual enrollment program at Montgomery County Community College. From left, MCCC Vice President for Development and External Relations Arline Stephan, MCCC Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Vicki Bastecki-Perez, Ambler Savings Bank Retail Officer Erin Cohen and Ambler Savings Bank President and CEO Roger Zacharia. Photo by Sandi Yanisko.