



OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS — CTE SYSTEM

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL / PAGE PETRY

Partnership with Montgomery College & Montgomery County Public Schools

Marriott International's business partnership with the ITF helps students prepare to be future Information Technology (IT) professionals by: establishing a network of industry volunteers to guide and support the educational programs; providing scholarships for students to further education in the IT fields; increasing internship opportunities; and creating occasions where students can interact with IT professionals for career-enriching experiences.

As an employer, Marriott International creates an environment that inspires its associates to engage with the community with standards of service excellence, which in turn contributes to their personal success and that of the company. These exceptional Marriott employees are the links between the business and the community. Page Petry is the Chief Information Resources Officer with Marriott's headquarters in Bethesda, and is an important link between Marriott and the ITF, its associated AOIT, and the computer science programs.

Ms. Petry served as a volunteer on the AOIT board of directors for a number of years prior to its merging with the ITF, where she now serves as co-president. As a board member, she represents Marriott as an industry advisor, participates in program activities, and initiates all charitable donations from Marriott. Just one example of the success of her efforts is the number of scholarships for Montgomery County students. Page Petry worked with Marriott to provide over \$32,000 in scholarships in recent years.

In addition to the diverse job opportunities, CTE graduates who have benefitted from the Marriott partnership have been accepted into rigorous colleges, such as Princeton, University of California Berkley, and Carnegie Mellon. Today's students in Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College are very fortunate to have so many resources available through the generosity of outstanding business partnerships such as Marriott International.