**Top Reasons to Use an ePortfolio**

**Reason #1- ePortfolios allow you to take ownership of your educational experience.** In an eportfolio, you showcase and synthesize your experiences through collecting and reflecting on your work. The eportfolio allows you to develop and share your unique educational journey!
**Reason #2- ePortfolios create space for you to reflect on your learning**. In reflection, you make your own thinking visible and enhance your understanding. It is your opportunity to make sense of your educational journey and consider how your courses and experiences, current and previous, come together and align with your goals and hopes. Reflection is an important skill, and developing sophisticated reflective capabilities now will contribute to your future by enhancing your ability self-assess, set goals, and align and prioritize your activities.

**Reason #3- ePortfolios allow you to make connections between new ideas and what you already know**. The ePortfolio process of collecting artifacts and reflecting on how knowledge, skills and experiences connect to create a body of knowledge is a learning activity that will help you achieve success in the future. The process of creating an eportfolio helps you understand how all the different pieces of your educational experience fit together and will lead you to achieve your goals.

**Reason #4- ePortfolios give you an opportunity to express your own individuality and creativity**. You will be able to customize and personalize your site. This is an opportunity for you to express your academic style and uniqueness.

**Reason #5- ePortfolios make learning visible and allow you to provide a holistic view of yourself**. By including artifacts from numerous courses and educational experiences, and from your activities outside of classes, you develop a visible map of your learning. For you, it provides an opportunity to articulate and share your skills, knowledge, and experiences that can help you on job interviews, applications, and other situations where you need to advocate for yourself. For your instructors, seeing your portfolio can help them understand you as a whole student, not just a student in a single class; it is a window for faculty and staff to see a fuller, more complete student and to understand your experience, and what you bring to it, at the College.

**Reason #6- ePortfolios are an opportunity for you to hone the digital skills you need to be successful in the 21st century.** Navigating a digital environment is crucial in the 21st century workforce. ePortfolios help you develop your digital citizenship skills and your technology skills so you can succeed in your education and career.

**Reason #7- Finally, ePortfolios are an opportunity for you to** **show off**. You can show off your progress, your achievements and all the things that make you a unique and successful student. It is your opportunity to showcase your success.

**What is your reason? Tell us at** **generalstudies@montgomerycollege.edu**