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GRACE ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Columbia, Maryland – June 13, 2011 – W. R. Grace & Co. (NYSE: GRA) has created a scholarship program to support students pursuing science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) majors at Howard Community College (HCC) in Maryland during the 2011-2012 academic year.

There are seven \$1,000 scholarships available to cover tuition expenses. Recipients must have a grade point average (or equivalent) of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. Once this academic eligibility requirement is met, each applicant's participation in school and community activities, work experience and recommendation (by an adult appraiser) will be considered. Students can plan to attend classes at HCC's main campus in Columbia, its Ecker Business Training Center, also in Columbia, or the Laurel College Center.

Interested students should contact the college's Financial Aid Services Department at 443.518.1260 or finaid@howardcc.edu, or visit the Howard Community College website at: www.howardcc.edu (click on the Tuition & Fees > Scholarships section).

"It makes a big difference to our students when we receive generous contributions, such as the one from W. R. Grace & Co.," said Melissa Matthey, Executive Director at HCC. "The company's support helps give students the opportunity to achieve their academic and career goals, a chance they may not have had without financial assistance. In the past academic year, there has been a 25% increase in the number of students pursuing financial aid and that figure will likely increase next year, as HCC continues to experience significant boosts in student enrollment, which was 20% over the past two years."

In conjunction with the scholarships, Grace has donated an additional \$3,000 to HCC to support funding of student engineering club activities and STEM projects. The collective donations have been made through the Grace Foundation, the company's philanthropic affiliate.



“This outreach is part of our ongoing commitment to support the next generation of engineers, chemists, researchers and technicians,” remarked William Corcoran, Grace’s Vice President of Public and Regulatory Affairs. “As a company and as a member of the Maryland community, we need students to have access to the highest caliber education in order for us all to continue to be successful.”

Grace has operated in Maryland for more than 100 years and has administrative offices, research centers and manufacturing and warehouse facilities across the state. The company employs around 1,100 people in Maryland.

Former HCC student and current Grace employee, Alex Nowodazkij, commented, “Getting my A.A. in Engineering from HCC really prepared me for the challenging classes I took at the University of Maryland, College Park and, ultimately, for my career at Grace.”

Grace has supported HCC since 1983. Over the years, Grace has made a series of 29 gifts and sponsorships totaling \$120,750, including the recent contributions.

The Howard Community College scholarships and related STEM funding are part of Grace’s intensified effort to help students of all ages explore scientific and engineering fields. Grace employees regularly speak at local schools about their research careers and host student visits at Grace’s research center in Columbia and technical service center in Baltimore (Curtis Bay). In addition, Grace is an underwriting \$5,000 sponsor of all Howard County Public School System high school robotics clubs in 2011.

About Howard Community College

Howard Community College (HCC) is a publicly funded two-year community college serving the educational needs of the citizens and employers in Howard County, Maryland since 1970. With its slogan, “You Can Get There from Here,” the college has forged a variety of partnerships to offer career and transfer programs to nearly 29,000 students annually at its main campus in Columbia, the Ecker Business Training Center, and Laurel College Center. Located midway between two major metropolitan areas, Washington, DC and Baltimore, Maryland, Howard Community College is an affordable, community-based institution that has long been recognized for its ability to inspire learning, and the lifelong pursuit of personal and professional goals. Among its many awards is the prestigious U.S. Senate Productivity Award for organizational performance excellence.

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