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MCAEL GROWN UP SPELLING BEE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Defending Champ [Social & Scientific Systems](#) to Face [Montgomery College](#), [Bethesda Magazine](#), and [Burness](#).

Rockville, MD – March 20, 2018 - The pressure is on for Social & Scientific Systems, Inc. to remain as the Spelling Bee Champion of Montgomery County when [MCAEL](#) hosts its Annual Grown-Up Spelling Bee fundraiser on May 2, 2018.

MCAEL Executive Director, Kathy Stevens, “Now more than ever, we need the whole community to bring their support to adults who want to learn English. Our workforce, schools, and communities depend on English proficiency. Support MCAEL now so we can grow from serving 15,000 adults each year to 21,000 adults in 2021.”

Participating celebrities include Kathleen Matthews, emcee of the event. Dr. Robin C. Barr, Linguist-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC, will serve as Pronouncer. This year’s **z-a-n-y** Timekeepers are Michael Bobbitt and Leon Seeman of [Adventure Theater](#).

The Spelling Bee takes place Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at AMP by Strathmore at 11810 Grand Park Ave, North Bethesda, MD. More information, ticket sales and sponsorships available at www.mcaelgrownupspellingbee.eventbrite.com.

We give a big shout out to all of our sponsors, but especially our fellow Greater Bethesda Chamber Members: [Bethesda Magazine](#), [Montgomery College](#), [Burness](#), [Universities at Shady Grove](#), [Lerch, Early and Brewer](#). Want to join the fun, support a great cause - Think your company has what it takes to steal the trophy from three-time champs Social & Scientific Systems? Team sponsorships start at \$2,500. Contact Kathy Stevens at kstevens@mcael.org for more info.

About MCAEL

MCAEL is a community coalition of public, nonprofit, and business partners that support more than 60 adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and literacy service programs, 1,500 instructors and staff, and over 15,000 adult learners. Together, the Coalition works to strengthen the community by helping adults gain the English literacy skills needed to reach their potential as parents, workers and community members. For more information please visit www.mcael.org.