



Join celebrity judge - BCCC's very own Ginanne Italiano -at the Montgomery Coalition of Adult English Literacy's (MCAEL) Third Annual Grown-Up Spelling Bee for Adult English Literacy on April 20th, 2016. MCAEL recently completed a needs assessment that shows great successes in the county as we serve almost 13,000 adults annually; yet, this is only 8% of the county's adult population that needs English classes (per 2014 census data. Join us to celebrate the coalition work and help us expand this critical service for our community.

Join the fun as a guest , sponsor*, or letter sponsor on **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 6:30pm-8:30pm** at the Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College - 7995 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Release your inner geek and cheer on teams of three from our sponsors * as they compete in a grown-up spelling bee. Local executives and spelling aficionados vie for the chance to become Montgomery County's spelling champion. The champion team for 2014 was Holy Cross Hospital. Will they t-r-i-u-m-p-h or will another team Buzz away with the victory?

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 almost 13,,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.

Every \$1 invested in adult education garners our community \$3 in return. Proceeds from the Grown Up Spelling bee will support MCAEL's efforts to address English literacy needs in Montgomery County.

Buy your tickets at: <http://McaelGrownUpSpellingBee.eventbrite.com>

Visit MCAEL and learn more about their important work at www.mcael.org

***We would like to thank our early sponsors:** [Adventist HealthCare Rockville](#), [Burness Communications](#), [Montgomery College](#), Rivka Yerushalmi, [Social & Scientific Systems](#), [Pepco](#), [Holy Cross Health](#), [Universities at Shady Grove](#), [Lee Development Group](#), [signal financial](#), [EurekaFacts LLC](#), [Lerch](#), [Early and Brewer](#), [EagleBank](#) and [Saggar & Rosenberg, P.C.](#)

Sponsorships large and small are still available. *New this year are letter sponsorships at the \$100 and \$200 levels. For more information on sponsorships contact Kathy Stevens kstevens@mcael.org