

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE COLLEGE COUNCIL



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As we continue through the spring semester, Montgomery College is advancing student success through initiatives that expand opportunity, recognize achievement, and strengthen pathways to transfer, careers, and community impact. These updates reflect coordinated work across the College in support of our Transformational Aspirations of Access, Completion, and Post-Completion Success. Together, they demonstrate continued alignment with our Strategic Plan and measurable impact for our students and community.

ACCESS

MC Experience Introduces Students to College and Careers

Montgomery College welcomed Montgomery County Public Schools eighth-grade students for MC Experience 2026, an interactive program highlighting academic and career pathways. In partnership with MCPS and WorkSource Montgomery, students participated in hands-on activities across disciplines including health care, business, and emerging technologies. The experience builds early awareness of college opportunities and helps students envision future pathways.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #1: Enhance connections between Montgomery College and our community

Wellness Expo Expands Community Access to Health Resources

Montgomery College hosted the Black Family Wellness Expo in partnership with The Links, Incorporated, to provide health screenings, wellness education, and community resources. The event was open to, and welcoming of, everyone in the community and simultaneously working to address persistent health disparities seen in the Black community. Nursing students conducted blood pressure screenings, applying their training in a community setting. The event reflects the College's commitment to advancing equitable access to health information and services.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #2: Cultivate a sense of belonging for everyone at the College

AI Literacy Programming Supports Responsible Technology Use

Montgomery College's Digital Learning Centers hosted National AI Literacy Day programming to support student and employee understanding of artificial intelligence. Activities included an AI hackathon and classroom applications focused on responsible use. These efforts help prepare learners to engage with emerging technologies in academic and professional settings.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #3: Enhance educational and organizational effectiveness

Open Education Week Highlights Affordable Learning Pathways

Through MC Open and collegewide programming, Montgomery College highlighted the use of open educational resources to reduce costs for students. Faculty continue to redesign courses using free materials, creating pathways with zero textbook costs while supporting instructional innovation and accessibility.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #3: Enhance educational and organizational effectiveness

COMPLETION

Student Named Phi Theta Kappa Hites Scholar

Montgomery College student Ingrid Toukep was named a 2026 Hites Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa, earning a \$7,500 transfer scholarship. Selected from thousands of applicants nationwide, she was recognized for academic achievement, leadership, and engagement. Her selection reflects the strength of student support and opportunity at Montgomery College.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #3: Enhance educational and organizational effectiveness

Student Recognized as ATD Harvey Lincoln Scholar

Achieving the Dream named Montgomery College student Nicole Anyanah a 2026 Harvey Lincoln Student Scholar. An accounting major and member of the Macklin Business Institute Honors Program, she was recognized for leadership, persistence, and academic success. This honor reflects the impact of mentorship and support in helping students reach their goals.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #3: Enhance educational and organizational effectiveness

Honors STEM Scholars Earn Statewide Recognition

Honors College STEM Scholars Joshua Richard Lewis and Lawrence Woo earned recognition at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference for their research presentation. Mentored by Professor of Chemistry Dr. Tom Chen, their work highlights the strength of undergraduate research and faculty mentorship at Montgomery College.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #3: Enhance educational and organizational effectiveness

POST-COMPLETION SUCCESS

Transfer Fairs Support Student Pathways to Four-Year Institutions

Montgomery College hosted transfer fairs connecting more than 1,100 students with representatives from 68 institutions. These events provide guidance on admissions, scholarships, and transfer planning, supporting students as they prepare to continue their education. Each year, thousands of Montgomery College students successfully transfer to four-year institutions—over 6,000 students in FY24 alone, the most recent year for which data are available.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #4: Increase economic impact for our students and community

Student Internship with NIST Highlights Career Preparation

Montgomery College student Yoon Thwel was featured by the National Institute of Standards and Technology for her work as a research intern. She contributed to STEM education materials and digital resources supporting K–12 learning. Her experience reflects the value of applied learning opportunities in preparing students for careers and continued study.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #4: Increase economic impact for our students and community

Civic Engagement Recognition Affirms Student Leadership Development

Montgomery College received the Highly Established Action Plan Seal from the All In Campus Democracy Project, recognizing efforts to increase student civic participation. Through initiatives such as MC Votes, the College promotes voter education and engagement, preparing students for active roles in their communities.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #1: Enhance connections between Montgomery College and our community