

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE COLLEGE COUNCIL



MAY 2026

This season of Commencement highlights the extraordinary work taking place across Montgomery College. We see students who have discovered their passions and unlocked their potential—whose achievements reflect their readiness to transform lives, enrich the community, and change the world. These outcomes are made possible through the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, and administrators, whose commitment ensures students are supported from access through completion and into post-completion success.

ACCESS

Recruitment Programs Introduce Students to College Pathways

Through the “Spend Spring Break with Us” experience, the College welcomed more than 350 prospective MCPS students across our locations and online. Participants engaged in hands-on activities, attended classes, and connected with faculty and staff, helping them envision their future at Montgomery College.

Strategic Goal Supported:

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

Community Engagement Roundtable Advances Workforce Alignment

Montgomery College convened our latest Community Engagement Roundtable at the Rockville Campus with more than 30 partners across business, K–12, government, and nonprofit sectors. Discussions focused on aligning academic programs with workforce needs, expanding internships and mentorships, and addressing barriers to student success. Outcomes will guide continued collaboration to strengthen curricula alignment and expand work-based learning opportunities.

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Spanish-Language Media Expands Community Engagement

Montgomery College continues to strengthen engagement with Spanish-speaking communities through targeted media outreach and storytelling. Coverage of [Atletas sin Barreras](#), hosted by Montgomery College student and Special Olympics Athlete Leader David Godoy, highlights conversations on disability rights and inclusion with global voices. The series reflects the College’s commitment as a Hispanic Serving Institution to elevating student voice, expanding access, and fostering a sense of belonging across our diverse community.

Strategic Goal Supported:

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

COMPLETION

Student Achievements Reflect Academic Excellence and Support

Montgomery College students continue to earn prestigious national recognition. Nine students have been named semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, alongside students selected for the Coca-Cola Academic Team and as Harvey Lincoln Student Scholars through Achieving the Dream. As one honoree reflected, these opportunities affirm that their work at Montgomery College is preparing them for what comes next. These achievements underscore the caliber of our students and the faculty and staff who support their success.

Strategic Goal Supported:

Goal #3: Enhance educational and organizational effectiveness

Statewide Transfer Reform Strengthens Student Pathways

Montgomery College faculty continue to play a leading role in the Maryland Transfer Intensive, a statewide collaboration with four-year and community college partners focused on improving transfer success and increasing bachelor's degree attainment. Recent convenings with colleagues from the University of Maryland, College Park, and Prince George's Community College advanced efforts to strengthen curriculum alignment, enhance advising, expand 2+2 pathways, and reduce excess credits that can delay graduation. This work helps create clearer, more efficient pathways for students pursuing continued education and long-term success.

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Equity Week Advances Belonging and Student Success

Equity Week engaged the College community in dialogue, learning, and reflection focused on inclusion, belonging, and equity. Through keynotes and interactive sessions, participants explored how to foster environments where all students and employees feel a sense of belonging and can thrive. Montgomery College remains steadfast in its commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, recognizing that higher education flourishes when it embraces diversity of thought, intellectual curiosity, and academic freedom.

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Financial Aid Support Helps Students Stay on Track

Raptor Central continues to support students through hands-on assistance with financial aid processes, including Drop the Docs events. These efforts help students access critical resources, reduce barriers, and maintain momentum toward completion.

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POST-COMPLETION SUCCESS

New Transfer Partnership Expands Bachelor's Degree Pathways

Montgomery College has launched *The Momentum Program: The Montgomery–Susquehanna Transfer Advantage*, creating a streamlined pathway for students to complete their bachelor's degrees. By aligning advising, credit transfer, and financial support, the partnership reduces barriers and accelerates student progress, ensuring a clear and supported transition to four-year completion and long-term success.

Strategic Goal Supported:

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

Job Fairs Connect Students to Employment Opportunities

Student Employment Services hosted spring job fairs connecting students and alumni with nearly 30 employers across multiple industries. These events provide access to full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities while strengthening pathways to employment.

Strategic Goal Supported:

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

General Education Event Highlights Career Readiness Skills

A panel of students, alumni, and employers demonstrated how general education courses build essential workplace skills, including communication, critical thinking, and professionalism. The discussion reinforced how academic experiences translate directly to career readiness and long-term success.

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