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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues
From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President
Subject: Appointment of Achieving the Dream Co-chairs

As announced at the spring opening meeting, Montgomery College has joined Achieving the Dream, a national network dedicated to improving success among low income students and students of color. The next step in our full participation in ATD is to create a Core Team to facilitate our work. I am pleased to announce that Professors Denise Simmons Graves and Shinta Hernandez have agreed to serve with me as co-chairs of this team. I am confident that their skillful leadership and passion for student success will be great assets in this work, and I appreciate their willingness to serve.

One of their first duties as co-chairs will be to solicit recommendations from governance to fill approximately half of the membership of the ATD Core Team. A similarly inclusive process will be used to populate a Data Team and any other sub-teams related to ATD initiatives. Professors Graves and Hernandez will be in contact with campus councils, Faculty Council, and Staff Council to begin the process of identifying governance representatives this semester so that the team can be finalized early in the fall semester. I will appoint the remainder of the Core Team, according to the expertise required by specific positions on the team, and will announce the full membership of the team in September. Broad responsibilities of the team include:

- leading our community in maximizing the tools and strategies offered by ATD;
- promoting diversity, equity, and cultural responsiveness to support student success and retention; and
- collaborating with the ATD Data Team and student advisory team.

Increasing student success and completion is the work of the entire College community. I am grateful for your deep dedication to our students and the mission of Montgomery College, and look forward to the addition of this team to our resources.