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**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE**  
Office of the President

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Montgomery College Colleagues  
**From:** Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President  
**Subject:** Fall Opening Meeting

I invite you to join me, our colleagues, and special student guests on Monday, August 22, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for Fall Opening Meeting. One of the students who will join us is Towo Edun who tells us about the meeting in this [video](#). This year's theme is radical inclusion, which we will explore in the context of the College's 70th anniversary. Some special activities have been designed to mark the occasion and to explore how radical inclusion at MC has grown over the decades, shaping the unique character of our institution. As we gather to celebrate the start of the academic year, we will also look to the future and to how we can build on our history of serving students and the community.

The day's events will take place at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center located at 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852. The day will begin with a continental breakfast and a special slide show reflecting on the history of the College. The rest of the program will include presentations by two distinguished scholars in higher education, Drs. [Frank Harris III](#) and [J. Luke Wood](#), and some compelling stories related by students themselves.

The event will not be rebroadcast or available for viewing from alternate locations, so please plan to attend, and RSVP [here](#).

The College is open at its normal time, but student and business services are temporarily suspended until 2:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend, you should report to your work location at your regularly scheduled time. To make attendance as convenient as possible, event parking is free. For those of you using public transportation, the site is near the White Flint Metro station.

In addition to Fall Opening Meeting, there are a number of other opportunities during Professional Week to gather, learn from each other, and prepare for the work we will do this coming year. A full schedule for Professional Week August 22-26 is available [here](#). I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and starting our celebration of 70 Years of Radical Inclusion.