

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President
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Good afternoon, Raptors. I hope everyone had a nice weekend and is gearing up for a very summer-like week ahead.

For those summer students who may be leaning into their academics intensely this session, I want to remind you to reach out for assistance. We have tutors who are standing by to help. Virtual tutoring is [here](#). [Counseling and advising](#) are just a click away. Asking for support is often the most powerful step you can take to advance your academic success.

Speaking of student success, I want to thank the Montgomery College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) for voting to reallocate their FY20 Educational Assistance Program (EAP) funds to emergency student support. The \$150,000 that was made available is helping students with critical needs, as the pandemic continues to interfere with employment and strain families. The funds are being distributed to students in need for tuition, fees, supplies, and technology. This decision by AAUP manifests its already deep commitment to student success.

Also helping students and families in need in our area have been multiple food drives hosted on our campuses over the last ten days. They have drawn more than 1,000 people, showing how much need there continues to be. I am grateful to everyone who continues to think of student success in holistic terms.

Our continuing dialogues around racial justice features another event a week from tomorrow, hosted by the Office of Equity and Inclusion. I will be participating in next week's "SayHerName" virtual event, which will focus on how we can confront violence against women of color. As I mentioned on Friday, names like Sandra Bland, Breonna Taylor, and Tanisha Anderson among others, belong in our conversations about social justice in policy and practice. I hope you will join us by [registering here](#).