

To: Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Video Message: How Far We Have Come

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Happy Friday. My [brief video message](#) this week is drawn from the closing address delivered at NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, two weeks ago. In it, I remind audiences of how much we have risen above our own expectations since the middle of March 2020, in large part, because we were willing.

As we plan for an eventual return to our work spaces—and note that no date is set yet—all employees should have received a message from Human Resources and Strategic Talent Management asking them to [complete a survey](#) seeking their thoughts and concerns about returning to campuses and College sites. As the College works to assess the needs of our institution for potential face-to-face working conditions, your input is vital. Please respond before July 24.

Former Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel once said, “Never allow a good crisis to go to waste. It is an opportunity to do the things you once thought were impossible.” In the past four months the College has done so many things we might have once thought impossible. We have accomplished the extraordinary, and we have been strengthened. I hope you are experiencing some of that strength as we wrap up our fourth month of remote working, teaching, and learning.

Have a safe and healthy weekend.