

To: Montgomery College Community

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Community Support and County Resources

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Good afternoon. Welcome to August. I can hardly believe we are entering our fifth full month of remote operations.

I would like to share several recent gifts to the Montgomery College Foundation, that speak loudly to the continuing support that our local community has for the College. To address food insecurity, a \$25,000 gift from the John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation for the Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) Center for Success was given. For students still in need of technology to stay enrolled, Truist Bank awarded a \$10,000 grant to provide students with laptops and internet access. An additional 30 laptops from the American Indian Physicians Organization were distributed to students in need two weeks ago. Nursing students are getting some special attention to support their critical skills during the pandemic: a \$3,750 donation from Cigna HealthCare Mid-Atlantic for laptop vouchers or other technology needed for access to their classes or clinicals. The College couldn't support students as it does without these generous donations.

I am also grateful to live and work in a county that looks out for everyone's needs. As I have shared before, Montgomery County's [COVID-19 Information Portal](#) has up-to-date resources to support many different types of needs. There is a list of [August food distribution](#) dates and times; assistance with [housing](#); health care referrals, including [free COVID-testing](#), and more. Please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. The restrictions necessitated by COVID-19 have stretched longer than many of us imagined, and financial stressors are a predictable result. Please share these resources with anyone whom you think might benefit.

Finally, please remember that face coverings are now required in public where social distancing is not possible. Let's all continue to be a part of the solution to the spread of the Coronavirus.