

To: Montgomery College Community

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Good afternoon. Well, it is certainly feeling like fall quite suddenly!

As we juggle the new semester, I know that many of you already have questions about the spring academic calendar. I'm planning to answer those and more at the September 24 Conversation with Leadership. To ensure that your question makes the growing list, please submit to ResilientMC@montgomerycollege.edu before this Friday, September 18.

More than 1,000 students have already applied for the second round of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Students who received a grant in the last round are still eligible, so [please apply](#) while funds are still available. My kudos goes out to MC employees in the Office of Financial Aid who are responding with deliberate speed to our students' needs and hoping to distribute funds by October.

As we inch closer to the November elections, I want to remind everyone how central voting is to the health of our democracy. Due to the pandemic, Montgomery County is making voting easier than ever: you don't have to leave your home. You can [register to vote or request a mail-in ballot](#) with a few clicks.

Next week MC will celebrate National Voter Registration Day with a host of activities that boost civic engagement in the coming month, plus [resources and dates](#) in advance of the November 3 election. Early voting begins in October so you can beat the rush. In the spirit of these historic elections, the MC Library has also put together a terrific site with resources for [teaching and learning about elections](#).

Stay safe, healthy, and warm.