

To: Montgomery College Community

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What a beautiful fall Wednesday! I was very pleased to see Montgomery College featured in [Community College Daily](#), a publication of the American Association of Community Colleges, for our powerful tools in fighting for equity. The strength of the College's commitment to diversity—as captured by our broad outreach, the climate in our classrooms, and attention to students' basic needs security—was highlighted in the piece. I am proud to see these components presented in a piece that is shared with our community college peers across the country. As the article captured, MC truly is an anchor institution in our community.

Speaking of equity, 1,660 students have applied for the second round of CARES Act funding, and we're working hard to move those applications forward in a timely way. Funds will likely not be distributed until the second week of October. Students can access [CARES applications](#) or reach out for assistance from the [Montgomery College Foundation](#).

Please see further county resources around [COVID testing](#) and [food distributions](#), as well as guidance on health protocols.

Remember that tomorrow, Thursday, September 24, is our [Conversation with Leadership](#). I hope you will tune in at 2 p.m. to hear our team's answers to questions on the spring schedule, coronavirus responses, enrollment trends, and more.

Stay safe and please wear a mask.