

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. Charlene M. Dukes, Interim President
Subject: **Thank You, Montgomery College**
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On my last day as interim president of Montgomery College, I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement. It has been an extraordinary experience to be a part of the MC team for the last six months and getting to know so many of you. The College's Board of Trustees was tireless in sharing its expertise and guidance. The dedication to student success that I have witnessed among employees has been inspiring. The creativity that I have seen in responding to changing coronavirus conditions and the return-to-campus operations have been remarkable.

Even amongst the many pandemic-provoked challenges, the College continued to fight racism, strengthen advising, and advance student success. At the same time, it launched Workday, planned for an East County education center, and enhanced enrollment management. You can read in more detail about the progress made toward these goals—and the work still in the College's sights—in the [FY22 Priorities Progress Report](#).

One of the most significant projects of the last few months has been the College's preparation for its new president. I have no doubt that Dr. Jermaine F. Williams will hit the ground running on Monday, February 28, as he is well-informed, oriented, and thoroughly briefed. His energy will be channeled into many visits and meetings over the next few weeks as he gets to know the campuses and work sites through his own lenses. You will be seeing him in many of your spaces, so please watch for those announcements for ways to participate. I encourage all of you to bring your professional experience and talents to this new president as he navigates a new institution, and leads it to even further success.

I look forward to watching the College's progress from the sidelines: you can be confident that I will be cheering you on. Thank you.