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## March 4, 2024

Welcome to the first week of March, which is Women's History month. A plethora of offerings is highlighted on the <u>Women and Gender Studies</u> page. The Library has gathered a number of <u>resources</u> as well. This Thursday, the annual <u>Holocaust Commemoration</u> will be held honoring area Holocaust survivors, and featuring guest speaker, Dr. Alfred Munzer, a Holocaust survivor from the Netherlands. <u>Register</u> in advance for this virtual event.

## **Student Award**

Congratulations to MC student Maulika Masson who has been named a 2024 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and will receive a \$2,250 scholarship. Ms. Masson has also been selected as a member of the 2024 All-USA Academic Team—one of only 20 students nationwide selected for this prestigious honor. All-USA Academic Team members are selected for their outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership, and community and campus engagement. More than 2,200 students applied for this award. Ms. Masson was the top scoring student from Maryland and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and an award that will be presented at Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents' breakfast held during the AACC Convention later this spring in Louisville, Kentucky.

## **Staff Enrichment Day**

Staff Enrichment Day is on the horizon, March 13, and the <u>deadline to register</u> is Wednesday. The work of MC staff is integral to our mission and each one is part of the essential fabric of our community. I hope staff members will be delighted and informed by the terrific offerings of this year's event, including yoga, cooking, pickleball, and meditation, among other activities. I appreciate all the staff leaders who contributed to this year's planning. I look forward to seeing everyone at the event.

## **Open Education Expands Access**

The worldwide celebration of Open Education runs this week, March 4 to 8, to raise awareness about free and open educational opportunities. Such activity increases access by sharing instructional material and providing no-cost book options for classes. We will celebrate the roles of MC faculty and

staff in open education by offering virtual professional development throughout the week. Students can also benefit from presentations and activities being offered. The Open Education Week <u>website</u> contains more information, including registration.

In closing, I'll remind you of the <u>Mobile Market</u> on the Rockville Campus on Wednesday. The market provides fresh fruits, vegetables, and other foods to MC students, employees, and community members at no cost to participants.

With Raptor Regards,

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