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Welcome to the fall 2024 semester! I am thrilled to embark on this new academic year with you. Students, whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we have an exciting journey ahead. Faculty and staff are eager for your success and are ready to support and guide you to the opportunities you need. Remember, you are the heart of MC, and your success is our top priority. Faculty and staff, thank you for all you do to help our students identify and accomplish their goals, as well as the support you offer each other.

### **Resources for Student Success**

The College has countless resources to help students find their niche and maximize their learning. Academic supports are many. For example, find out if the [library has your textbooks](#) or connect directly with a librarian for [research assistance](#). [Raptor Search](#) is a terrific tool for navigating all the resources at the library. For help with classes, [Learning Centers](#) provide support, including virtual tutoring. The [Mobile Markets](#) on all three campuses provide free food packages throughout the year. The first will be held tomorrow, September 4, on the Germantown Campus. Please [check the schedule](#) for the full series, with 12 markets already scheduled for the fall. The Montgomery College Foundation offers many [scholarships](#), which can make your education more affordable. For students looking for [counseling and advising](#), there are ample resources available. If you are looking for employment, keep an eye on our active [Student Career and Employment Services](#). With these many resources, MC aims to provide services and supports that address your academic and life needs.

### **The Year of Bold Transformations**

Our Fall Convocation last week was a truly inspiring event. Thank you to faculty and staff who attended in person or joined by livestream. Our seven-student panel shared [extraordinary stories](#) of achievement and engagement with MC—bold transformations that are changing these students' lives. As we continue to make progress toward our [Transformational Aspirations](#) of Access, Completion, and Post-completion Success this year, I am grateful for the continued support and dedication of our faculty and

staff in making MC a place where students discover their passions and unlock their potential.

### **MC Ranked First in Maryland**

Raptors can take renewed pride in our school with MC named as the top two-year school in Maryland and 10th nationally by [WalletHub's 2024 rankings of community colleges](#). Another ranking, [Niche Best Colleges](#), positioned MC as first in Maryland, 39th nationally among 405 Hispanic Serving Institutions, and 40th out of almost 1,000 community colleges in their report. Their rankings are based on rigorous analysis of key statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and millions of reviews. Metrics like these are a credit to the talent and determination of our students and the commitment of our faculty and staff to provide outstanding educational opportunities.

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

President

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