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While February may be the shortest month, it is packed with opportunities to strengthen your connections with your MC community and cultivate a sense of belonging. I encourage you to explore what's available and take advantage of something that fits your interests and helps you grow your skills.

### **Students, Find Your Inner Leader This Spring**

Leadership and interpersonal effectiveness are powerful tools for students in the classroom and the workplace. Two exciting opportunities this spring can enhance both: the [Emotional Intelligence for Fostering Effective Living](#) program focuses on self-awareness, empathy, and interpersonal effectiveness as it boosts critical emotional intelligence skills. Students become part of a supportive cohort that learns how to navigate life's challenges with confidence during this interactive seven-week program. Additionally, the [MC LEADS](#) Student Leadership Program offers two-hour workshops designed to help students discover their strengths, and enhance their leadership abilities as they prepare for academic and professional success.

### **Apply Now for Innovation Grants**

The College welcomes new ideas and innovations that can transform the student experience. The Montgomery College Foundation's [Innovation Grants](#) help faculty and staff bring these ideas, rooted in their College experience and insights, to life. This year's innovation grant proposals focus on advancing student access, completion, and post-completion success. A total of \$40,000 is available for projects that enhance the student experience across various learning environments, so I encourage you to collaborate and apply by March 21. Empowering students to reach their goals is our shared purpose, and faculty and staff are at the heart of that effort.

### **Black History Month's Learning Opportunities**

As we begin Black History Month, the Library has curated an engaging collection of [resources](#)—videos, music, history, and more—for our MC community. I encourage you to explore these and other educational opportunities, including the College's [antiracism badge](#) program, open to [students](#), [faculty](#), and [staff](#). In addition, applications for paid [internships](#) at the National Museum of African American History and Culture can be submitted through February 15.

Have a wonderful second week of classes!

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

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