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This week, as we begin April and celebrate National Community College Month, we are reminded of what makes Montgomery College extraordinary: student achievement, civic leadership, and inclusive storytelling that elevates every voice. From national recognition earned by our students and College initiatives to a new podcast amplifying disability rights and Latino leadership, these stories reflect how our community is unlocking potential and creating impact every day.

CELEBRATING JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SEMIFINALISTS

Nine Montgomery College students have been named semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation [Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#), one of the most prestigious awards available to community college students. Selected from a pool of more than 1,300 applicants, our nine join 485 semifinalists nationwide competing for scholarships that offer comprehensive support—financial and beyond—to help exceptional students transfer, complete their degrees, and build careers that provide a family-sustaining wage. Congratulations to these outstanding students and thank you to the faculty and staff whose efforts help make achievements like this possible.

MC VOTES EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The [MC Votes](#) initiative has earned the Highly Established Action Plan Seal from the [ALL IN](#) Campus Democracy Challenge for the 2026 election cycle, a distinction awarded to only 129 institutions nationwide. This recognition reflects the strength of Montgomery College's nonpartisan engagement action plan and its impact across all our locations. ALL IN is sponsored

by Civic Nation, one of the leading national nonprofits promoting civic engagement efforts across the country. This national recognition affirms Montgomery College's commitment to and effectiveness in increasing civic engagement, an intended outcome of our Transformational Aspiration of Completion.

SPANISH-LANGUAGE PODCAST AMPLIFIES INCLUSION AND VOICE

Montgomery College's Video and Multimedia Team has launched *Atletas Sin Barreras* (Athletes Without Barriers), our second Spanish-language podcast and a landmark production championing disability rights and inclusion. Hosted by David Godoy—an Ecuadorian musician, Special Olympics Athlete Leader, and Montgomery College student—the limited series features reflective conversations with thought leaders including a former president of Ecuador, a UN diplomat, and the co-writer of "Despacito," among others. Produced in partnership with Special Olympics Maryland, the podcast reflects our commitment to serving Montgomery County's vibrant Hispanic community and amplifying Latino voices and leadership. Episodes are available on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Montgomery College website](#).

With Raptor Regards,



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