

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

President's Corner



March 23, 2020 The First Full Week of Emergency Remote Teaching, Learning, and Working

Welcome to the first full week of emergency remote teaching, learning, and working. We all know that our worlds are changing quickly and we are adapting creatively. Apart from the changes in home lives, this week many of you will be teaching or studying completely online for the first time. It's a big change for many of us and there will be a period of adjustment. Please have patience with yourselves and others, and consider a word of encouragement to those struggling the most—with isolation, basic needs, technology skills, or other challenges. Please consider that we are all impacted in different ways, but can support each other with traditional MC values: radical inclusion, care, and creativity.

Since conditions are changing so quickly, I will be providing a daily message this week to help in this extraordinary period of transition. Please continue to observe social distancing, wash hands, and monitor the College's [Coronavirus webpage](#) for updates. The more seriously we take this virus, the more chance we have of flattening the curve. For now, I want to share my very first [videoblog](#) from home with a big thank you to my in-house audio-engineer—and 13-year old son—Myles.

As we enter this first week of new territory, I wish you well. Don't forget: we're in this together.

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