

To: Division of Academic Affairs

From: Dr. Deidre Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost

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Subject: October 2026 AMP Theme Schedule of Events: Advising and Communication

Academic advising at Montgomery College continues to grow and expand thanks to the collective commitment of faculty and staff across the College. As the Academic Master Plan (AMP) progresses in its second year, the first of six themes, *Advising and Communication*, focuses on strengthening a proactive, student-centered advising experience that supports students throughout their educational journey. AMP workgroups composed of faculty and staff from across MC are working together to advance holistic advising, promote collegewide use of Starfish for advising and early intervention, improve student educational planning and resource referrals, assess the student advising experience, and explore sustainable approaches to supporting students through coordinated advising services throughout the academic year and peak registration times. These efforts build on MC's vision of an advising system in which program advisors, counseling and instructional faculty, navigators, and staff work together to guide students toward their goals.

Additional AMP workgroups are developing advising resource guides, recommending improvements to advising and program web content, and strengthening communication strategies in collaboration with Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Marketing and Communications to ensure students receive timely and accurate information about academic programs, services, key dates, and opportunities. This exciting work will continue to unfold throughout the year and will be highlighted during Advising Day on Tuesday, October 20, a collegewide professional development event dedicated to advancing student success through effective advising.

Throughout the year, Academic Affairs is partnering with College Council and several governance councils to communicate AMP strategy progress underway and to gather your input to further shape the work ahead. This month, we are working to share updates specific to advising roles, resources, opportunities, professional development, and best practices. We appreciate your engagement in the Academic Showcases and related events; these events have been designed with you in mind. Together, we can help ensure that all students have clear access to the guidance, support, and resources they need to thrive. We hope that, among the wide variety of opportunities to attend and contribute ideas, that you find an event that complements your schedule. We look forward to seeing you there!

October 2026 Academic Master Plan Theme Schedule of Events:

Academic Master Plan Theme	1st College Council Meeting for the Month – AMP Preview of Theme and	The Week Between College Council Meetings – AMP Engagement Activities ♦ Academic Showcases (In-person) ♦ Late and Lively (Virtual after-hours)	2nd College Council Meeting for the Month – AMP Report Out by Theme
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	Opportunities to Engage	♦ Virtual Coffee Hours (Virtual Fridays)		
October Theme: Advising and Communication	October 6 1:00-3:00 p.m. College Council Updates with Memo and Video	October 15 3:00-4:00 p.m. SW301, RV Academic Showcase October 15 7:00-8:00 p.m. LINK Academic Showcase Late and Lively	October 16 9:00-10:00 a.m. LINK Academic Showcase Virtual Coffee Hour	October 20 1:00-3:00 p.m. College Council Updates with Report-out from Theme Lead

- MC Academic Showcases
 - **MC Academic Showcase:** Theme leads for each month will facilitate in-person convenings with participation from strategy leads and featured faculty, staff, and student voices. The format of the showcases will include presented information and opportunities for engagement with presenters.
 - **Academic Showcase Virtual Coffee Hour:** AMP leads will host Virtual Coffee Hours to engage in dialogue among participants. These informal events invite voices from the College community who can share perspectives on the topic of interest and contribute new ideas to shape the work underway.
 - **Academic Showcase Late and Lively:** These virtual meetings are informal, synchronous gathering spaces scheduled after business hours to add flexibility for part-time faculty and staff who may need flexibility to participate beyond College business hours. Brief Academic Showcase content will be delivered, with special guests invited from theme and strategy leads, with conversation to follow.

A complete schedule of Academic Master Plan events is listed on the [AMP website](#). Thank you for your ongoing and relentless support of our students. We are excited about the work underway and grateful for your partnership in it.