



TEACHING TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM THE MC COMMUNITY



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The Faculty Program for Active Learning in STEM (GTSTEP/PALS) (www.montgomerycollege.edu/gtstep), the Teaching to Increase Diversity and Equity in STEM (TIDES - <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/TIDES/>) grant project, and ELITE (<http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/elite/>) are happy to bring you the "Teaching Tips of the Month." Both PALS (with its focus on active learning in STEM) and TIDES (with its focus on active learning and culturally sensitive pedagogy) seek to incorporate highly engaging learning activities for diverse student populations into STEM courses. However, as you will see, many of these activities are not STEM-specific and can be applied to any course. We also welcome your general feedback about this publication, which you can send to tides@montgomerycollege.edu.

Theme: Connecting Students with "Achieving the Promise Academy"

Description and Goals: The Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA)



is a college-wide academic program with locations at GT, RV, and TPSS campuses. ATPA takes a holistic approach to helping students succeed and grow at MC. Participating students receive wrap-around services intended to neutralize academic, financial, and social barriers. Students participate in scholarly activities designed to increase their probability of academic success, graduation from Montgomery College, and transfer to a four-year university. The goals of ATPA are to increase the retention, graduation, and transfer rates of underserved and underrepresented students.

Eligibility: Students who meet the following criteria may apply:

- Currently enrolled in Montgomery College
- In need of academic support
- Committed to completing their degree

To Join ATPA: Eligible students are accepted to the academy on a rolling basis and may request an ATPA coach at any point during the academic year through Starfish or the website

www.montgomerycollege.edu/atpa and complete the request-a-coach form. Faculty can refer eligible students through the website www.montgomerycollege.edu/atpa and complete the refer-a-student form.

Program Requirements: Admitted students are committed to earning their degree. ATPA students are required to:

- Accept the Terms of Agreement for program participation
- Complete an online self-assessment at entry
- Develop & adhere to a personalized ATPA Plan each semester
- Engage in weekly coaching sessions with ATPA Coaches
- Participate in targeted academic support
- Meet with advisors at periodic intervals



Program Benefits:

- Continuous assessment of their academic progress
- Access to financial & other resources to help neutralize barriers
- Individual and/or peer mentoring through guided activities and participation in Learning Success Cohort Communities