

# MONTGOMERY COLLEGE RISING PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

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## Kimberly Bloch-Rincan, Director of the ignITe Hub



Kimberly is a community organizer with over 20 years of experience in education/training and community outreach in the non-profit and educational sectors. Prior to joining Montgomery College, she spent over a decade working for Montgomery County Public Schools in the Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships serving as a Partnership Manager and the Student Service Learning Coordinator.

Her responsibilities included coordinating large-scale volunteer initiatives, maintaining the district's Student Service Learning Program, organizing parent engagement activities, and building community

partnerships. Kimberly also has experience working with local non-profit organizations such as IMPACT Silver Spring, Catholic Volunteer Network, and Ayuda, Inc. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and a Master of Arts degree in social justice and intercultural relations.

Kimberly is also an active community volunteer as a Future Link mentor, a member of the McDaniel DE&I Committee of the Alumni Council, a team leader for the Out of the Darkness Walk with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and a PTA volunteer in Frederick County. Additionally, she also an entrepreneur who recently launched Common Threads Consulting, LLC.

Currently, Kimberly serves as the Director of the ignITe Hub. The ignITe (Igniting Next Generation IT Empowerment) Hub opened its doors in June 2022 on the Rockville Campus at the Mannakee Center for Training Excellence. The ignITe Hub is a vibrant, hybrid collaborative environment with cutting-edge





Apple technology to learn, innovate, solve community problems, spur entrepreneurship, spark career interests and deepen the community's tech talent. Ensuring an inclusive workforce and creating economic mobility in Montgomery County is at the center of ignITe's mission. Core programming areas are: High Tech Learning, Careers, Business and Entrepreneurship Innovation and Community Events.

The ignITe Hub is an extension of the Montgomery Can Code program, formed in 2019 by Montgomery College, MCPS, and MCEDC with Apple to offer local middle school students an enriching and educational summer camp experience to learn computer coding.

The ignITe Hub was made possible through a partnership with Montgomery County government, Montgomery College, MCPS, the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC), and Apple. For more information about the Hub, visit <https://ignitehubmc.com>.

Outside of Kimberly, the ignITe Hub also have a Technical Training and Development Coordinator and a Lab Coordinator.

You can take a virtual tour of the ignITe Hub by visting the website, <https://ignitehubmc.com/360-virtual-tour/>