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There is so much inspiring activity in April that celebrates academic excellence and our efforts to create robust communities of belonging. [Equity Week](#) starts today and offers a variety of [speakers and events](#) to engage students, faculty, and staff in thoughtful reflection.

April is National Community College Month

April marks Community College Month, a time to celebrate the pivotal role institutions like Montgomery College play in transforming lives and enriching communities. This year's theme, "Best Decision Ever," resonates deeply with our mission to help students discover their passions and unlock their potential. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to share their stories on social media—using #BestDecisionEver, #CCMonth, #MontgomeryCollege, and #CommunityCollegeMonth—about how community college has impacted your journeys. Thank you for your commitment to Montgomery College.

Students Earns Prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

Madeleine Soenens has made history as the first Montgomery College student to receive a [Goldwater Scholarship](#). As a Renaissance Scholar and STEM Scholar, she led the Germantown Phi Theta Kappa chapter and completed multiple honors research projects during her Paul Peck Humanities Institute internship at the Library of Congress. The Goldwater Scholarship supports students committed to research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. This recognition highlights Madeleine's achievements and the caliber of MC's academic community. Additionally, MC alumnus Luiz Mata Lopez was also named a Goldwater Scholar further demonstrating the impact and promise of Montgomery College students. Congratulations to Madeleine and Luiz and thank you to the faculty and staff who supported their journeys.

Governance Elections Energize Faculty and Staff

Montgomery College's participatory governance process stands as a powerful model of collaborative, informed decision-making—broadening perspectives and enriching institutional growth. By inviting every member of the college community to contribute ideas and offer recommendations, participatory governance provides structures through which feedback and recommendations are considered when making important decisions. Voting for governance council members is open through this Friday, [April 11](#).

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The lettering is cursive and fluid, with a prominent initial 'J'.

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

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