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As you enter this third week of classes, it is so exciting to see how our faculty and staff are engaging with students as they seek to discover their passions and unlock their potential!

Student Activities

While you are strengthening your academics, belonging to a smaller community at MC can help you find your unique place here. The [Office of Student Life](#) has a wealth of activities and experiences that can help you grow—student government, clubs and organizations, newspapers, service learning, leadership programs, are available at the College. MC LEADS is a 10-week leadership program based on the social change model of leadership development, created specifically for college students who seek to lead with integrity and to help others create social change. [Applications](#) are due on Friday. MC's [service learning program](#) is another terrific opportunity to serve our community, build skills, and make new friendships.

Faculty and Staff Leadership Development

MC's Leadership Development Institute (LDI) can help faculty and staff to lead from where they are. Now in its 30th year, LDI is MC's longest running professional development program. The program offers leadership coaching on important topics such as workplace relationships, vision, presentation skills, and finding one's own personal leadership style. More than six hundred people have graduated from LDI, enhancing their skills in a wide range of areas. It is a great way to meet colleagues from across the College and maximize your impact at MC. [Applications](#) are due this Thursday.

Congratulations!

This week there are several recognitions to applaud. Two MC faculty members have been recognized for [online course design](#). Professor Kevin Gibbons and Professor Anthony Solano both met the standard of excellence in online course design from Quality Matters, an organization that sets standards for online excellence. The Achieving the Promise

Academy has been awarded two more years of funding from the Crimsonbridge Foundation to support “Scaling Up Achieving the Promise Academy Program Coaches Training.” The funding will be used to launch a culturally responsive coaching microcredential, pilot training for coaches, and support quality assessment of coaching. Congratulations to our colleagues whose initiatives in online learning and academic support are driving student success forward!

Our first Town Hall of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 19, starting at 2 p.m. I hope you will attend this virtual event with questions about our theme, *Access: Building a College-going Culture*, or any other issue of concern to the College. Questions can be submitted in advance town.hall@montgomerycollege.edu or asked live during the Zoom event. **Advance registration is required—please register [here](#).**

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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