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Welcome to November. With daylight savings time behind us and winter ahead, please sign up for [MC Alerts](#) to get messages about potential delays or closings due to inclement weather or other emergency. As we recognize Native American Heritage Month in November, our libraries have posted a helpful [resource guide](#) that includes information on local Native American heritage, communities, landmarks, and a [land acknowledgement](#).

### **Civic Engagement and Contributing to the Public Good**

As the College continues to encourage experiential learning, opportunities are many: Nobel Prize winner and physicist [Dr. William D. Phillips](#), speaks this afternoon about the changes in measurements and the igniTe Hub is hosting a fireside chat on [innovation in life sciences](#) this evening.

As more students engage with projects serving the community, MC's connections become deeper. Students recently assisted with a tour of the Rockville Campus that brought 100 fourth graders for their first college experiences. Five MC students represented the College at a recent White House event welcoming Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Finally, an MC graduate spoke recently to the Montgomery County Board of Elections, encouraging the board to place ballot boxes on each of our three campuses for the 2024 presidential primary and general elections. Supported by [MC Votes](#), the effort to facilitate voting by students, employees, and community members was a resounding success!

### **National Distance Learning Week**

[National Distance Learning](#) Week highlights the collaborations and resources that give our students the best virtual learning experiences possible. It is a great reminder that the College now has 17 fully online degrees and 12 certificates. Online enrollment has increased by 22% over the last five years. Among the offerings at the College this week are sessions for students, faculty, and staff that focus on enhanced virtual teaching strategies, improved student engagement, and transformed learning environments.

**Finalists for Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost to Visit**

I hope you have seen the announcement that finalists in the search for our new senior vice president for academic affairs/college provost position will visit the College next week. We plan to have three finalists visit, one each day on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Their schedules will include a visit to each campus and an open forum for students, faculty, and staff to meet the candidates. Further information will be announced this week. I encourage you to meet the candidates in person and I look forward to reading the feedback you provide in this process.

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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