



# THE MONDAY MINUTE

with Dr. Williams

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

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As we enter the last week of classes before final exam week, I hope that students are focused and energized. Faculty and staff are supportive of your success and, as always, here to help you achieve your goals. Please reach out if you need support during this final push of the semester. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Town Hall last week. It was a robust discussion of how completion can be enhanced by scholarships, programming, policy, and academic support. The conversation reminded me how closely the College's faculty and staff are focused on student goals.

### Access

As you know, access is one of the pillars of the College's transformational aspirations. There are so many creative ways in which the College is working to create a college-going culture in the county. I hope you will take a look at the faces of some of our most recent visitors and the wonderful initiatives that have welcomed them.



### Student Resources

As we approach final exams, the Library is offering [extended hours](#) over the next two weeks. Students preparing for final exams and projects can connect with [specialized librarians](#) on research or [reserve group study](#) rooms. [Virtual tutoring](#) is also available and the [Learning Centers](#) tackle essays and test

anxiety. [STEM students](#) who are eligible can also apply for scholarships for honors courses for the spring. The College will host a [Mobile Market](#) on the Rockville Campus this Wednesday.

### **Achieving the Promise Featured in News Story**

MC's Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA) was [featured last week on WJLA](#) with ATPA Director Nik Sushka explaining how the program works and MC student Justin B. Smith, sharing his experience and aspirations. Ms. Sushka shared how MC offers tailored support to increase bachelor's degree attainment, detailing how the program connects students to resources even before they begin attending their first class. I was inspired by Justin's comments about how he is staying focused on achieving a four-year degree. Congratulations to both of them for sharing the College's success in this program.

Sending positive thoughts and energy to everyone in the final week of classes.

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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