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[Equity Week](#) begins with an opening event this afternoon featuring keynote speaker, Wendy Gates Corbett, the author of *The Energy of Belonging*. Her book holds some powerful insights about organizations that successfully welcome people, celebrate their diversity, and affirm their value. Creating a sense of belonging for all our students and employees is an important goal of the Montgomery College Strategic Plan. I thank the many faculty and staff who have worked to create Equity Week this year with more than 20 activities and events, including disability theatre, antiracism training, yoga, and more.

Video Message

My April video celebrates national Community College Month, opportunities for students, and a very special award to a faculty member. What an exciting month!



Employee Service to Be Honored

This year's celebration of employees who are retiring and those who have completed decades of service at the College promises to be a fantastic event. These faculty and staff members have

contributed immensely to student success and fostering a sense of belonging at the College through their dedicated service. At this Friday's event, 36 employees will be recognized for 20 years of service to MC, 12 for 30 years, and 10 for 35 years or more. To all of our retirees and employees being honored, I offer my deepest gratitude on behalf of the College.

National Skills Coalition Guest

Please join me at our IDEAS discussion tomorrow at the Rockville Campus where my guest will be [Robert Espinoza](#), CEO of the National Skills Coalition. This Innovate to Drive Equitable Access and Success (IDEAS) event will center on the mission of the National Skills Coalition, namely, the creation of inclusive, high-quality skills training that improves standards of living while enabling growth in local businesses. Mr. Espinoza brings a deep commitment to racial equity and anti-poverty strategies. His commitment to creating economic mobility and social justice intersects powerfully with the [College's Transformational Aspirations of](#) advancing access, completion, and post-completion success.

With Raptor Regards,



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