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## Memorandum

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**To:** The Montgomery College Community  
**From:** Dr. Elena Saenz, Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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I am pleased to announce that Mr. Akima Rogers has been appointed as interim director of academic initiatives. Mr. Rogers began his career at Montgomery College in July 2004 as part of the Gateway to College program. Currently, he serves as the dual enrollment programs director. Mr. Rogers has over 17 years of MC/MCPS partnership experience, and now plays a leadership role in General Dual Enrollment, Middle College, P-Tech, and Virtual Middle College. Mr. Rogers serves on many collegewide committees, including; the Collegewide Assessment, Placement and Developmental Issues Steering Committee, Start Smart Initiative Committee, Common App Committee, Youth Protection Advisory Committee, Educators Rising MC Advisory Board, Chesapeake and Potomac Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, and the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships where he is the lead representative for Maryland. Before coming to Montgomery College, Mr. Rogers was the associate dean of students at the Catholic University of America.

Mr. Rogers earned a bachelor of arts in social science from Syracuse University and a master of arts in higher education administration from Boston University, and is in the dissertation stage of his doctor of education in higher education leadership from Walden University.

As interim director of academic initiatives, Mr. Rogers will lead all dual enrollment programs, including Middle College, Early College, P-Tech, Jump Start, and the newly developing Virtual Middle College.

Mr. Rogers' appointment results from the retirement of Ms. Amy Crowley, who served with honor and distinction at Montgomery College for over 20 years. Ms. Crowley officially retired from Montgomery College on September 30, 2021. Ms. Crowley was integral in developing the dual enrollment programs at the College; she served as director of the Gateway to College Program, director of Early College, director of the College Institute, and held other positions of leadership in dual enrollment and admissions, records, and registration. Additionally, she helped create the current governance system at Montgomery College and served as the first governance coordinator. Ms. Crowley earned multiple awards at MC, including twice receiving the Montgomery College Outstanding Service Award and the Montgomery College Staff

Distinguished Service Award. Montgomery College is grateful for the contributions that Ms. Crowley has made in her 20 years of service.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Rogers in his new role that started on October 4, 2021. Also, join me in thanking Ms. Crowley for her service to the College and wishing her happiness in her retirement.