

Equity and Inclusion Roadmap for Success 2020-2025
Equity and Inclusion Goals, Philosophy, and Purpose

Goals	Philosophy and Purpose
<p>GOAL ONE Improve persistence, retention, and completion/graduation/transfer of all students, particularly African American male and Latinx students.</p>	<p>Student success is at the heart of our mission. MC's data indicates that black males graduate at the lowest rate: the 2014 and 2015 Integrated Post-Secondary Data System (IPEDS) student cohorts at Montgomery College reflected 8.1% and 8.4% graduation rates, respectively, and for Latinx students 16.4% and 17.4%, respectively, versus 23% and 22% graduation rates for the College overall. For the fall 2018 cohort, more than half (53.4%) of the 352 American-born Black males had a grade point average of less than 2.0; almost a quarter of the group had a grade point average of 0.0; for Latinx, it was 40.4% of the 1,189 students with a grade point average of less than 2.0: 16.4% of the group had a grade point average of 0.0. The IPEDS cohort is the number of first-time, full-time, degree seeking students.</p> <p>According to the Student Success Score Card for fall 2014 by the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, overall the Black student population, 490 students, graduated at 14.9%, and 513 Latinx students graduated at 18.1%. MC's goal is to achieve seamless access, completion, and transfer for all students by removing systemic barriers and integrating classroom experiences and holistic support systems that are key to student success.</p>

<p>GOAL TWO Improve employee recruitment, hiring, on-boarding, development, and training procedures and practices to attract and retain a diverse workforce that includes leaders, managers, faculty, and staff reflective of College's diverse student population.</p>	<p>Cultivating a culture of equity and inclusion, continuous learning, civility, and mutual respect is key to institutional success. MC's goal is to create opportunities for all employees to grow professionally and to retain the intellectual capital necessary to achieve our commitment to student success.</p>
<p>GOAL THREE Foster college culture of equity, inclusion, civility, accessibility, kindness, trust, and respect for human dignity through targeted programs, activities, and educational opportunities.</p>	<p>Building a positive, welcoming, and compassionate culture helps improve morale, increases productivity, creates a sense of belonging, and facilitates success for all. MC's goal is to create an environment free of bullying, retaliation, and negative biases that impede student success, overall morale, productivity, and community building.</p>
<p>GOAL FOUR Integrate relevant and equitable multicultural teaching practices that infuse international/multicultural awareness into the educational experience, classrooms, and curriculum.</p>	<p>Faculty interactions with students are crucial to student success. MC's goal is to expand successful, culturally relevant teaching pedagogies to provide students with the strongest foundation of knowledge and global awareness. The purpose of this goal is to keep students engaged and prepare them for completion, transfer, and careers.</p>

GOAL FIVE

Support diversity and inclusion in our staff, students, community, and business populations. Provide increased opportunities for the College's communities to foster equity and economic empowerment.

Education and market-relevant skills are key to individual and county economic success. MC's goal is to mobilize local and regional partnerships that effectively respond to labor market needs and to expand economic opportunity for our students and to all county residents.

Building and sustaining academic, industry, and broad-based community partnerships are key to advancing educational opportunities for chronically underserved and under-engaged populations. MC's goal is to deepen connections among College employees and students and the broader diverse communities we serve through organized, strategic, and culturally responsive efforts.