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I hope you are finding time to connect with friends and colleagues and engage in activities that bring you peace. We all need moments to recharge, so let's remind one another to take that time. As you do, I hope you're discovering passions that inspire you to unlock your potential. Transforming lives is what we are about at Montgomery College.

Maximize Your Impact with College Resources

Unlocking your full potential often means leveraging support, and there are several ways to do so this week. On Wednesday, the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus will host a [Mobile Market](#), offering free food packages. On Friday, the [Maryland Male Students of Color Summit](#) on the Rockville Campus will feature Kevin Powell, the author of 12 books including *The Education of Kevin Powell: A Boy's Journey into Manhood*. Additionally, Wednesday's [Equity Dialogue](#) will help you explore resilience and compassion in times of political and social strife. Throughout this month, the College's Office of Equity and Inclusion is offering [resources and events](#), as well as opportunities for constructive dialogue.

Faculty Make National Waves

This week, two of our professors are in the national spotlight for their outstanding achievements. Dr. Hoa Nguyen, economics professor and Business Department chair, has been appointed to the 2024–2025 class of [White House Fellows](#)—a prestigious program that allows fellows to work closely with senior White House staff, cabinet secretaries, and other top-ranking administration officials, gaining experience that will better equip them to serve as leaders in their communities. Dr. Nguyen will spend her fellowship year placed at the National Economic Council and the United States Coast Guard. In another exciting accomplishment, talented chef and Professor Jessica Botto of the Department of Hospitality Management, recently appeared in a video [Cooking with Science](#), created by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. MC's Rolling Raptor, a food truck equipped with cutting-edge culinary equipment that facilitates experiential learning experiences for students, is also featured in the video, where scientists and culinary experts blend delicious recipes with chemistry knowledge at the national arboretum. Professor Botto's partnership with the Agricultural Research Service created an entertaining, informative video and highlighted Montgomery College as well.

Expand Your Horizons

Building a sense of belonging means embracing new experiences. This October, we celebrate [Italian American Heritage Month](#), and the MC Library has curated an excellent [collection of materials](#)

highlighting the contributions of Italian immigrants. It's also Disability Employment Awareness Month, in which we can all grow our awareness of disability employment, history, and identity. The Library also offers several opportunities to deepen our understanding of [disability employment](#), history, and identity. Next week marks [Humanities Days](#) with events and activities that celebrate the impact of humanities on academics and our lives. I appreciate the organizers of these events and the opportunities for all of us to find belonging at Montgomery College.

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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