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Welcome back from spring break! I hope you are refreshed and energized for the second half of the semester. The second half of the semester gives us an opportunity to push our boundaries, support each other, and make remarkable progress.

### **WoW and MC Experience Inspire Students**

The College hosted two impactful events last week, the Worlds of Work (WOW) and the MC Experience, welcoming over 5,500 MCPS 8th-grade students to the Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses. These immersive programs, inspired by our Transformational Aspiration of Access—to create a college-going culture—provided hands-on career exploration, campus tours, and direct engagement with industry professionals, encouraging students to envision their future academic and professional paths. With approximately 200 local businesses and over 175 dedicated faculty, staff, and students leading sessions and tours, these events showcased Montgomery College's commitment to workforce development and student success. The WoW program, held at the Rockville Campus, was a partnership between Montgomery College, WorkSource Montgomery, and MCPS, allowing students to explore career paths through employer-led sessions. The MC Experience programs, hosted at the Germantown and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses, were conducted in collaboration with MCPS, offering students interactive academic experiences. This was a historic undertaking for Montgomery College, hosting so many students at once, and it would not have been possible without the dedication of our faculty, staff, students, and partners. I extend my deepest gratitude to all who contributed—from organizing and coordinating logistics to leading sessions and guiding tours. Your efforts are enhancing our progress towards creating a college-going culture for all students.

### **Celebrating Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Semifinalists**

Congratulations to the 10 Raptors named semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This prestigious award helps exceptional community college students transfer to institutions where they can accomplish their academic goals, by providing funding to cover costs. Nationwide, 467 semifinalists are competing for this scholarship to complete their academic journeys. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship offers comprehensive support beyond financial aid, recognizing that an associate's degree is just the beginning. This scholarship aims to guide students towards careers that provide a family-sustaining wage. The MC candidates are celebrated in the [Cooke Foundation's announcement](#) under the Maryland heading. Thank you to the

faculty and staff who support these students'—and all our students'—successes.

### **MC's Got Talent**

Get ready for an exciting night of entertainment that includes singing, dancing, poetry, and more as our incredibly talented students shine at this year's MC's Got Talent on Thursday. Come support them on as they showcase their passions, creativity, and ambition in this delightful annual event. Your support not only fuels their dreams but also benefits the Student Government Association. Bring your family and friends and make it a night to remember. [Tickets](#) are still available.

With Raptor Regards,

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

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

President

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