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## Memorandum

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**To:** The Montgomery College Community

**From:** Dr. Kimberly B. Kelley, Vice President for Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications, Hospitality Management and Paralegal Studies and Provost for the Rockville Campus

**Subject:** Appointment of Interim Dean for Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications, Hospitality Management and Paralegal Studies (BEACAHMPS)

**Date:** March 15, 2021

I am pleased to announce that after considerable discussion with the Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications, Hospitality Management and Paralegal Studies (BEACAHMPS) area faculty, coordinators, and chairs, I have asked Dr. John Coliton to serve as interim dean for BEACAHMPS while the College conducts a national search. Dr. Coliton is universally respected, well known for his stellar dedication to the College, a recognized champion for student success, and a role model for excellence in teaching. I am very pleased that he has accepted my invitation, beginning March 9, 2021. Dr. Kathryn Davis is pursuing new opportunities and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Dr. Coliton is an excellent choice for the interim role. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the College and its students that will be essential for the interim role. Dr. Coliton earned a bachelor of arts in business and theater arts from Rollins College, a master of business administration, a master of arts in publication design, and a doctor of philosophy in communications design all from the University of Baltimore. He joined the College in 1998 and has served in several leadership roles including director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, department chair for computer applications, computer science and networking, and coordinator of computer applications. In addition, he has served the College on the Germantown Faculty Council as both chair and vice chair. Dr. Coliton has received numerous accolades for his teaching and leadership at the College including Montgomery College's outstanding teaching award and the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award for Excellence.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Dr. Coliton to this role. His respect among his peers was an important element in my decision making process, as was his strong commitment to service and dedication to our students. His previous leadership roles within the College were also a compelling factor. We are fortunate to have strong leadership in Dr. Coliton who will provide continuity, experience, and support during the transition process as we identify and hire a new dean.

