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The vibrant colors of the autumn season across the College are a reminder of the beauty and change that surround us. As we navigate into the final weeks of the fall semester, we celebrate the dedication and hard work of our students, faculty, and staff. I am grateful for your commitment to academic excellence and personal growth.

Student Philanthropy Council Highlights Engagement

I want to thank the student chairs of the new Student Philanthropy Council, Laura Chin and Eman Saqib. Two of the College's most generous supporters, Kimmy Duong and her husband, Long Nguyen—whose names are on the Student Services Center on the Rockville Campus—are tirelessly dedicated to student success and equity. The passion that the Duong/Nguyen family brings to their philanthropy is inspiring. We all have something to give, be it time, attention, or energy. Their vision also includes student commitment to civic engagement. Last week's celebration of this new council highlighted another pillar upon which the College can enhance and expand access.

Exploring Native American Heritage

November is Native American Heritage Month and the MC Library has curated an [excellent collection](#) of books and films on Native American history and culture. Since Montgomery College sits on the unceded ancestral territory of the Piscataway Conoy peoples, we take pride in learning about and honoring their heritage. I encourage you to explore and discover resources on local native heritage, communities, and landmarks in the Library's resources.

Apprenticeships, Food, and Service—Opportunities This Week

Join us at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus on Wednesday for the [Mobile Market](#) and on Thursday at Rockville for a [Registered Apprenticeship Job Fair](#).

Faculty and staff are invited to shape the College's future by joining the College's Self-Study Workgroups. Over the next two years, we will conduct an in-depth self-study as part of our reaccreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The process culminates in 2027 when a MSCHE visiting team comes to the College. The self-study workgroups forming now are central to this process, as they will evaluate key areas according to [MSCHE standards](#). Faculty and staff interested in joining a workgroup can complete the [interest form](#) by Wednesday, November 27. Your voices and contributions are pivotal in helping us affirm our commitment to student success and continuous improvement.

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'J' being particularly large and stylized.

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

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