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As we approach the final weeks of the fall semester, I want to commend the incredible effort and dedication displayed across our College community. Students, as you prepare for your exams, know that your hard work and determination are paving the way for your success. Faculty and staff, your unwavering commitment—whether through teaching, grading, or planning for the spring semester—continues to inspire and propel us forward. I am deeply grateful for the extraordinary contributions each of you makes in advancing our shared mission. As we close out this semester, I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating winter break. I look forward to welcoming you back in the new year as we begin an exciting spring 2025 semester together. Monday Minute will return next semester.

### **Planning for Students Success: Opportunities This Week**

Students who are looking for paid internships or jobs have several opportunities coming up, including a [paid internship](#) in solar manufacturing, one with the [Federal Transit Administration](#). There are also many [internships at federal agencies](#) available to college students. Planning now for an internship can lay a strong foundation for post-completion success later. Resources that can help you find employment are also available through the College's [Student Employment Services](#), including job boards, resume reviews, interview coaching, and guidance on how to match your skills to a job with family sustaining wages.

### **East County Faith Leader Shares Insights on Student Connection and Success**

I invite you to watch the latest episode of Bow Tie Chats, featuring my conversation with Rev. Kendra M. Smith, executive director of Kingdom Global Community Development Corporation and GO Lead of Kingdom Fellowship AME Church. A seasoned faith-based leader in the East County, Rev. Smith offers a unique perspective on connection and engagement as key drivers of student completion. During our discussion in our East County Education Center, she highlights how the College's partnerships with local resources empower students to successfully achieve their goals. Her insights provide a thoughtful and inspiring view of how we can support our students in completing their degrees and certificates.



### **Cultivating the Future of Apprenticeships**

Montgomery College has officially become a Sponsor of Registered Apprenticeships in Biotechnology in Maryland. Now approved by the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, the program provides apprentices with a combination of related instruction and on-the-job training so they may become qualified journey workers in the biotechnology field. The program is based on an earn-as-you-learn opportunity, in which enrolled students are full-time employees of a participating company. The first cohort of apprentices is set to launch in the coming spring semester. Apprenticeships like these bridge the gap between education and employment, equipping individuals with hands-on skills and experiences tailored to industry needs.

With Raptor Regards,

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