

Memorandum

**To:** Faculty, Staff, and Administrators

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- Subject: Survey of Entering Student Engagement
- Date: September 10, 2020

This fall, Montgomery College will again participate in the Survey of Entering Student Engagement (*SENSE*), a national survey of institutional practices and student behaviors during the earliest weeks of college. *SENSE* is an initiative of the Center for Community College Student Engagement, part of the Program in Higher Education Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin. *SENSE* results will help us better understand the entering student experience at the College. The online survey is administered prior to the College's next Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) in spring 2021.

This year's *SENSE* will include a COVID-19 special-focus module. This part of the survey is designed to help the College gauge the impact of COVID-19 on new, entering students. The Guided Pathways module is also included in this year's survey, as it was when we administered the survey in 2018.

This online survey will be administered to entering students during the fourth through seventh class weeks of the fall academic term. If you are an instructor who teaches or are staff who interact with entering students, please encourage your students to complete the *SENSE*.

To learn more about SENSE visit <u>www.ccsse.org/sense</u>.