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## Upcoming Events



## Autumn Greetings from ELITE!

As the golden leaves remind us of the season's shift, we are excited to move *Forward Together* into the heart of the fall semester. With mid-terms behind us and the second set of 7-week classes in full swing, October brought us closer as a college community. Beyond classes, we gathered for ELITE-sponsored workshops, celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month, and joined in the excitement of the Inclusion by Design Summit and Humanities Days—events crafted to support both personal and professional growth.

### Looking Ahead

Excitement is building as we continue our First Faculty Fridays and Super Staff Tuesdays! These monthly sessions are designed to bring our community closer, building a coordinated professional development culture across the college. From valuable insights to opportunities for growth, these events will strengthen our work and empower us to move forward together. Stay tuned for more updates as these initiatives evolve!

### Win Some MC Swag!

Are you feeling lucky? Here's an "un-be-leaf-able" chance to win some MC merchandise:

1. Dive into this month's H5P Challenge.

Join us for another enriching **Super Staff Tuesdays** on **November 12th**! Engage in a series of workshops dedicated to enhancing your professional skills and knowledge.

Explore all the workshops available this month [here](#).

2. Share your solutions with us by **5:00 p.m.** on **November 8, 2024**.

Winners will be notified via email on **November 11, 2024**. For an extra shot at winning, give a “like” to our November ELITE Digest post on the Montgomery Employee Facebook page before the November 11 deadline!

### **Gratitude Corner**

As we move *Forward Together*, we are especially thankful for each of you. Your dedication to learning and growth inspires everything we do at ELITE, and it’s your engagement that fuels our journey. Wishing you a season of gratitude and a joyful Thanksgiving!

### **Have Feedback? Questions?**

We’d love to connect! If you have ideas or feedback about this edition of the ELITE Digest, feel free to reach out. You can always reach us through any of our ASK ELITE channels.

Here’s to staying connected, inspired, and moving forward—  
together!

## **Innovative Teaching and Engagement Strategies**



### **Energizing Your Classroom**

Tips and instructional best practices for fostering engagement and developing a strong sense of community among students.

Learn more [here](#).

### **Blackboard Learn Ultra Tip of the Month**

Tips and tricks for using Blackboard Learn Ultra to support our transition.

Learn more [here](#).

## Professional and Personal Development



### Skill Boosters for all Employees

Practical strategies for enhancing skills and achieving professional growth.

Learn more [here](#).

### Stay Balanced, Stay Brilliant

Insights on maintaining work-life balance and mental health.

Learn more [here](#).

### Multicultural Moment

Cultural awareness and diversity are highlighted in alignment with the diversity calendar of events.

Learn more [here](#).

## Leadership Development



### Lead like a Pro

Essential skills for effective leadership, including decision-making, and emotional intelligence.

Learn more [here](#).

### Small Actions, Big Results

Practical tips on small leadership actions that can lead to significant positive outcomes.

Learn more [here](#).

## MC Online

### National Distance Learning Week: Celebrating Students and Recognizing Faculty and Staff



National Distance Learning Week (NDLW) is a significant event that highlights the importance of online and remote education, bringing focus to the innovation, inclusivity, and flexibility of distance learning to students all over the world. At Montgomery College, during the week of November 4, 2024, we take this opportunity to spread awareness of the accomplishments in MC Online and celebrate these achievements with students. We also honor the dedicated faculty and staff whose commitment to high quality online learning for our students is unparalleled.

As we celebrate NDLW, the College is poised to continue its growth of MC Online. With continued collaboration between faculty, staff, students, and leadership, we are excited to expand our online offerings, embrace new technologies, and implement innovative instructional strategies that enhance the virtual learning experience. The College is offering numerous professional development opportunities for faculty, staff, and students throughout NDLW. There will also be an on-campus outreach events at the Rockville, Germantown, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses, so that students can learn more about MC Online.

For more information, please visit these websites: [MC Online](#) and [NDLW](#). If you are interested in offering an online degree or certificate—credit or noncredit—please contact [Dr. Shinta Hernandez](#).

## Microcredentials

### Elevate Your Skills and Your Students' Success with Microcredentials!



Looking for ways to stand out, sharpen your skills, or offer students new opportunities? Montgomery

College's microcredentials might be just what you need. These digital badges recognize achievements and skills that go beyond traditional coursework, giving you and your students an edge in today's competitive world.

**Featured this month:**

**OER Advocate Badge:** This badge recognizes individuals who have demonstrated expertise in using Open Educational Resources (OER) and open pedagogy to enhance educational practices. Through self-paced activities available in the **OER Advocate Pressbook**, earners gain the skills to leverage OER effectively, promoting accessible and affordable learning experiences for students.



**OER Learning Architect Badge:** This advanced badge is awarded to those who, after completing the OER Advocate Badge, deepen their understanding of OER's role in enhancing student learning, supporting diverse educational needs, and fostering collaboration. The Learning Architect Badge enables earners to apply OER strategically, enriching both

curriculum and classroom inclusivity and can be earned by completing the self-paced exercises and assessments contained in the **OER Learning Architect Pressbook**.

These are just a few of the 39 badges available for students and employees to earn. With over 685 badges issued already—80% of them earned by students—there's no better time to explore these opportunities.

Whether you're looking to earn your own badge, develop a new badge, or promote what's available, there's something for everyone.

Visit our **website** to learn more about the microcredentials available at MC.

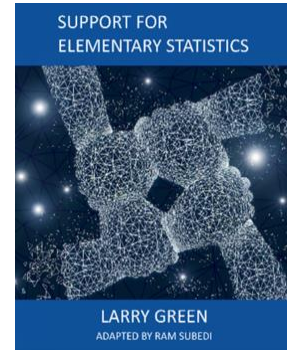
If you would like more information, you can contact **Dr. Christine Crefton**.

Elevate your potential today!

## Pressbooks Feature

### Support for Elementary Statistics and Statistics Calculators by Ram Subedi

This month, we're excited to showcase two essential resources for statistics students developed by Ram Subedi. [Support for Elementary Statistics](#) is an adaptation tailored to support foundational statistics concepts, while [Statistics Calculators](#), compiled in Spring 2021, offers a practical guide to statistical calculations. Ram's dedication to open educational resources (OER) is evident in his role as an OER Advocate and as one of the first Montgomery College employees working toward the OER Learning Architect badge. Both of these achievements are featured in this month's November digest, spotlighting Montgomery College's commitment to accessible and innovative learning resources.



Learn more [here](#).

## Monthly H5P Challenge

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## Highlights from our Partners

## OEI Fall 2024 Programming

### Understanding and Countering Anti-Muslim Discrimination in the U.S.

**November 12, 2024**  
**12-1:30 p.m.**

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus  
Cultural Arts Center, Theatre 2 (2nd floor)

### Understanding Jewish Identity and Antisemitism

**November 18, 2024**  
**12-1:30 p.m.**

Rockville Campus  
Science Center West, Room 301

### Defining, Understanding, and Responding to Bias on Campus

**December 4, 2024**  
**1-5 p.m.**

Rockville Campus  
Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, Rooms 222/224

## Contact Us

### Ask ELITE

Email us with any questions or inquiries.



### Who to Contact?

If you're seeking more information, our instructional designers are here to assist you.

## Participant Reactions

I can apply what I've learned in the workshop to support student success by ...

"Using the programs with more ease this semester. Having a better understanding of how to have students participate more in class activities."