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The last week of September is upon us. I hear from many students that they are hitting their stride, connecting with other Raptors, and discovering their passions for learning! Students, the [Achieving the Promise Academy](#) (ATPA) offers academic coaches to improve your academic skills and habits. Learn more at the [ATPA retreat](#) this Friday.

Students Shine in EPA Competition

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced winners of the [Make a Market Tech Challenge](#) and four of them are Raptors! Esther Soon, Rasheevan Nair, Miguel Granados, and Sena Hordoffa each received cash prizes totaling \$12,000 for their scientific and marketing skills applied to EPA-developed technologies. EPA will use results from the students' research to find partnerships for its water technologies, thus advancing environmental and public health protections. We are so proud of these innovative Raptors who are working to make our water supply safer and more plentiful.

Robust Virtual Town Hall

The College's virtual Town Hall meeting last week drew more than 200 faculty, staff, and students for conversation on the theme, Access: Building a College-going Culture. Questions covered a range of topics—including access for international students, parenting students, and foster care students, as well as student registration systems and faculty elevators. It was a [robust conversation](#) and I look forward to our next Town Hall on November 30.

Celebrating Voting and Service Learning

I was thrilled to hear that more than 400 students on all three campuses participated in voter education and registration drives hosted by the Office of Student Life as part of the efforts around National Voter Registration Day. Voting is an essential part of civic engagement and a chance to convey your values to our democratic community. For more

engagement opportunities, please see [MC Votes](#). On a related note, service learning is another way to connect to community needs. Learn more about [opportunities to serve](#) in our community.

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.

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