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February has had many examples of efforts to inspire students and empower pedagogy! We can talk about these efforts and more at next Wednesday's Town Hall meeting—open to students, faculty, and staff—which is focused on Post-completion Success: Transforming Lives. I hope you can attend and bring your questions on this topic and any others. Questions can be submitted in advance to town.hall@montgomerycollege.edu or asked live during the virtual event. [Advance registration](#) for the Town Hall Zoom connection is needed.

Student Resources

Colleges focus on financial aid awareness during February each year and MC has specialized help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) all week, so [sign up](#) for a visit to ensure you are getting all the support you can. I understand that the Germantown Office of Student Life's Club Rush/Resource Fair drew more than 150 participants to a host of opportunities, while its volunteer fair attracted more than 80 students eager to make connections around civic engagement. Another [Club Rush](#) takes place at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring on Wednesday, where there are great connections to be made. For those of you planning for summer, there are dozens of [paid internships](#) available already for your attention. Finally, for students preparing for work or transfer, the ignITe Hub has a [career workshop](#) on transferable skills tomorrow.

Black History Month

As we strive to enhance the sense of belonging for everyone at the College, Black History Month is an excellent time to highlight MC's commitment to diversity all year long and amplify opportunities that point students to experiential learning possibilities. There are multiple local events celebrating the contributions of Black Americans and exploring our multicultural history—including concerts, films, ballet, and historical lectures. Details can be found on the [MC Library site](#), in addition to a rich collection of Library materials. Congratulations to the high school students who visited the College earlier this month for ACT-SO, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics.

Access Builds College-going Culture

As the College works to connect more K-12 students with our offerings, I would like to share information about a couple of recent events. The [Maryland Science Olympiad](#) held recently on the Germantown Campus brought hundreds of students and their families to our facilities. More than 400 high school students representing 20 area high schools competed in fields like biology, chemistry,

physics, space, and earth sciences, demonstrating their advanced skills. On Saturday, the Boy Scouts of America brought almost 200 students—of all genders—to the Rockville Campus for events supported by 45 MC faculty and staff volunteers. The Scouts earned merit badges in topics like archaeology, fire safety, and public health. It was a wonderful event, and I was impressed by our employees' encouragement of these students. Events like these two are natural ways to showcase our strengths and inspire interest in our programs. Thank you to all who made these events possible!

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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