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As September comes to a close, I hope students are settling into classes and feeling more connected to our community. I encourage students to explore new activities, build friendships, and take advantage of the many resources available to enhance your student experience. These efforts will also enhance your academic success. MC's faculty and staff are here to help and support you along the way.

Student Resources Propel Success

Transfer fairs <u>start today</u> with more than 50 colleges and universities and programs offering guidance at all campuses. Get expert advice, learn about transfer requirements, and discover where you may want to transition for your next step. These fairs offer an opportunity to take your education to the next level. Student parents also have an opportunity for resources at <u>pop-up distributions</u> at Rockville this week and Takoma Park/Silver Spring next week. Finally, as excellent communications propel student success, we want to hear directly from students about your media preferences in <u>this survey</u>. By participating, you can enter a weekly raffle for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Student Wellness Center

This Thursday's grand opening of the Rockville Campus' Student Wellness Center in its new location is a chance to explore the space, participate in fun activities, and enjoy snacks. The dedicated staff and student wellness leaders will be on hand so students can learn about the available resources. The Student Wellness Center supports students' overall health and development to optimize student success at Montgomery College and

beyond with focuses on basic needs security, personal safety, mental wellness, and physical wellness, with connections to College and community resources.

Outstanding Student Featured in National Magazine

I learned this week that an MC alumna, Ms. Reem Saleh, who is now attending the University of Maryland, College Park, has been named one of six college women of the year in STEM by Glamour magazine. Ms. Saleh is currently using her passion for information science to address school safety, refugee resettlement, and food insecurity. I am thrilled to share this story about one of our Raptors being recognized for her exceptional achievements and successful planning for post-completion success. Much gratitude and appreciation to the many faculty and staff who contributed to Reem's successful journey at MC and to all our students' journeys every single day!

With Raptor Regards,

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