

To: Montgomery College Community

From: Margaret Latimer, Vice President and Provost of the Collegewide STEM Unit and Germantown Campus

Subject: Appointment of Acting Dean of Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Milton H. Nash, as the Acting Dean of Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science beginning July 1, 2019.

Dr. Nash holds a master's degree in mathematics from Princeton University, the first African-American to receive a graduate degree in mathematics from Princeton, and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Georgia. He currently serves as chair of the Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science Department at the Takoma Park Silver Spring Campus. He first joined the College in 2011 as an associate professor teaching developmental math, calculus I & II, and differential equations. The following year he became co-chair of the department, a position he maintained until he was named chair in 2014.

Dr. Nash led the redesign of the developmental math program which was implemented in fall 2018, co-authored a grant to provide embedded support to students in gateway STEM courses, and served as the Co-PI/Campus Coordinator for the GT-STEP grant. Dr. Nash's service to the College and its students is broad and deep. During his tenure, he has co-chaired a reaccreditation subcommittee for the 2018 Middle States self-study report, actively participated in the Diversity Plan workgroup, sat on a search committee, and contributed to the Academic Restructuring through workgroup C. He also oversaw the remodeling of a computer lab and work area to create a more welcoming environment for the students and a better means of facilitating faculty engagement with the students. He coached Takoma Park/Silver Spring mathematics students for the Cumberland Valley Math Modeling Contest, with the team taking first place over the previous year's winner, West Point Military Academy. Currently, Dr. Nash serves on the Collegewide Assessment, Placement and Developmental Issues (CAPDI) Steering Committee, the Next Generation Accuplacer Implementation Steering Committee, and is the faculty advisor for the student Math Club. Dr. Nash's commitment to equity and social justice is perhaps best evidenced by his receiving the inaugural Excellence in Equity and Inclusion Award from the College this past May.

I look forward to working closely with Dr. Nash on the on-going and ever-developing student success efforts underway in the STEM unit. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Milton Nash to his new role.

I also want to congratulate Dean John Hamman on his new interim assignment at the College and thank him for all the work he has contributed in his role as the Dean of the Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science.