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Congratulations to our graduates! This is a week of celebrations. Your vision, your tenacity, and your talent have brought you to this momentous moment. I hope you will remember your families who supported you, friends who accompanied you, and MC faculty and staff who helped your goals come to fruition. They have all been important parts of your journey. As you step into your next chapter—transfer, professional roles, or both—the College is cheering you on. I hope you will also reflect on how you can encourage others to look to Montgomery College for opportunity and growth. Students still on their path at MC can register for summer classes and participate in ignITe Hub events, so stay connected.

Students Soar!

For those of you attending the commencement ceremony on Friday, <u>details on commencement</u> can be found on our website. To the <u>Harry Harden Academic Excellence</u> awardees—398 students qualifying for this honor—your accomplishments have been extraordinary. I look forward to celebrating your achievements later today.

Collegewide Employee Meeting Wednesday

In addition to celebrating our graduates, this is a time of year for saluting faculty and staff. Their commitment, innovation, and passion for students is what makes the College what it is. Let's celebrate that at our <u>Closing Meeting</u> on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing many of you there—it is also in virtual format for those of you unable to attend in person. There are also many <u>Professional Week meetings</u> and activities to attend.

Civic Engagement

The Maryland <u>primary election day</u> is tomorrow, which is also the deadline to return mail-in ballots. Fortunately, mail-in ballots can be turned in at all three of our campuses. This is the first election in which the county's Board of Elections has placed ballot drop boxes on our campuses, thanks to the advocacy of our <u>MC Votes</u> group and several other individuals.

Enjoy this wonderful week!

With Raptor Regards,

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