

- **To:** The Montgomery College Community
- **From:** Dr. Kimberly Kelley, Vice President and Provost, Arts, Business, Education, English, and Social Sciences (ABEESS) and Rockville Campus
- Subject: Appointment of the Dean for Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications, Hospitality Management, and Paralegal Studies (BEACAHMPS)
- **Date:** June 7, 2022

As we conclude a national search for the next dean for BEACAHMPS, I would like to thank Dr. John Coliton for serving as the interim dean of BEACAHMPS and the chair of the search committee for the next BEACAHMPS dean. Dr. Coliton excelled at leading BEACAHMPS and brought a commitment to excellence and a sense of humor to his interim role. His dedication to the College and BEACAHMPS was exemplary, and I am grateful for his service.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Alton Henley has accepted the position of dean BEACAHMPS and will begin his tenure on July 1, 2022. Mr. Henley was most recently the senior director, Information Technology Institute, Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE) at Montgomery College. In his role as senior director, Mr. Henley mentored over 70 part-time faculty and staff and managed over 300 courses per year on behalf of WDCE. In addition, two of his major accomplishments were expanding Montgomery Can Code by 200% and pivoting quickly to offering nine summer bootcamps online at full capacity. Prior to joining Montgomery College in 2013, Mr. Henley was an instructor and academic coordinator at Howard University's School of Business and the assistant information technology director for the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Mr. Henley also worked for AMTRAK as a senior systems developer.

Mr. Henley brings a wealth of experience, both academically and professionally, that will support his success leading the BEACAHMPS area. His successful tenure in WDCE has prepared him effectively to lead BEACAHMPS and foster cross-area and cross-division collaborations to address student and community stakeholder needs. Mr. Henley excels at fostering collaborative relationships and leading faculty and staff, a skill that will help him to support student success in BEACAHMPS.

Mr. Henley earned a bachelor of arts in liberal studies from Excelsior College in Albany, New York, and a master of business administration from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

I look forward to a successful transition and Mr. Henley's leadership in continuing to improve student success by furthering the initiatives in ABEESS and the MC strategic plan, *MC2025*.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the search process, especially the search committee.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Henley as the instructional dean for the BEACAHMPS area.