

To: Montgomery College Students

Subject: **Commitment to Your Success Amid Policy Changes**

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Dear Raptors,

With the spring semester now underway, we hope you are settling into your classes, exploring new opportunities, and feeling inspired about the path ahead. We recognize that national conversations about education policy can create uncertainty, and we want to take a moment to reassure you that Montgomery College remains steadfast in its mission to support you.

You may have seen recent news about federal financial assistance programs undergoing review. Please know that we are monitoring the situation closely. While such developments can be concerning, we want to emphasize that key student aid programs—including Pell Grants, student loans, and Federal Work-Study—remain unaffected at this time. The College continues to operate as usual, ensuring that you have the resources and support you need to succeed.

As we shared [earlier this semester](#), we are mindful of how public and political influences can impact higher education, but our focus remains unchanged: **Montgomery College is here to empower you to discover your passions, unlock your potential, and change the world.** We are unwavering in our commitment to:

- **Open Access** – Montgomery College welcomes all who seek education and opportunity.
- **Respect for Privacy** – Your personal information is safeguarded in accordance with federal regulations.
- **Sense of Belonging** – Every student has the right to pursue education free from fear, harassment, or intimidation.
- **Support and Resources** – We offer a range of services, including academic advising, wellness support, and emergency financial resources. We encourage you to reach out and take advantage of these resources, as well as those available in Montgomery County.

Our vibrant community thrives because of you. Even in times of uncertainty, Montgomery College remains a place of stability, learning, and opportunity. As always, we will keep you informed of any updates that may affect your experience here.

If you need assistance with enrollment support, please contact [Raptor Central](#) at 240-567-5000 (press 2, then 5). They are available in SA 100 at Germantown, SV at Rockville, ST 123 at

Takoma Park/Silver Spring, and East County Education Center 135 to help you with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your dedication, resilience, and contributions to our College community. Let's make this semester one of discovery, growth, and success—together.