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February is here, and I hope everyone is connecting with a new friend, colleague, or a Raptor activity! Energy at the campuses and centers is high, and I hear from many students that they are feeling excited and appreciative of the sense of belonging MC strives to create. That is a credit to the faculty and staff who provide such welcoming, inclusive spaces for learning and growing.

As we enter into Black History Month, we have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to the growth, progress, and culture of our nation. Heritage months such as this give us the opportunity to further highlight our learning that occurs all year long with our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion as a learning community in mutual understanding and connectedness, and to deepen our sense of belonging.

More Resources for Students

Free computers are being offered by [Montgomery Connects](#) to eligible students who register. Supplies are limited, so take advantage soon. There are numerous upcoming [financial aid events](#) on campus and via Zoom, so please keep your eyes open for them. A special virtual series for [adult students in Spanish](#) is scheduled for tomorrow. As part of the “You Belong Here” initiative, this event is designed around questions about how to use one’s prior education for the future.

Technology in the Classroom

Faculty are invited to improve their technology integration skills with a new microcredential offered through E-Learning, Innovation, and Teaching Excellence (ELITE). As we all work to accelerate our technology savvy, courses that strengthen pedagogy also better prepare students to interact successfully with technology in their post-completion, professional lives. [Registration](#) is limited.

Data Science Can Power Social Justice

Data science is an increasingly popular field of study with impressive employment potential. It is a tool to empower data-informed decisions in many fields. So, I am pleased that the College begins its 2024 data science speaker series this Friday on the Rockville Campus. Dr. Cesar Montalvo, an assistant professor of research with the social and decision analytics division of the Biocomplexity Institute at University of Virginia will share his novel construction of food insecurity measures. Using data science to quantify food insecurity through existing data sources can be a powerful tool in creating social justice. Register to attend [in person](#) or on [Zoom](#).

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

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