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Students and faculty are enjoying a well-deserved spring break this week. Meanwhile, Staff Enrichment Day on Wednesday celebrates the many contributions of staff who are building community in our worksites even as they serve students' vital sense of belonging. I want to share my deep appreciation for staff members whose work serves our mission in so many ways. I look forward to seeing you at Staff Enrichment Day. Every day I hear stories of how staff dedication has made positive impressions on colleagues, connected a student with an essential resource, or worked with an external stakeholder to strength the pipeline of education to employment. This work often happens behind the scenes and creates the true architecture of student success.

Student Resources for Post-completion Success

As students progress toward completion and their post-completion success, the [ignTe Hub](#) continues to be a valuable resource. This week it has events scheduled on resume writing, IT career pathways, and artificial intelligence in education. The Hub provides services to strengthen technology skills that may make a crucial difference for employment. Speaking of which, our [Office of Student Career and Employment Services](#) is always active. For students who might be unsure of their professional path, [Career Coach](#) is a helpful resource that you can access from any device. There are regular recruitment and information sessions offered by student employment services, including "[Officer Hours](#)" events where questions about jobs with the Metro Police Department will be taken.

Grant Funding Available for Innovative Ideas

Applications for MC Innovation Grants are open until March 19. The program has \$40,000 for innovative projects by faculty and staff—with possible collaboration with students. This year's theme is: "*Innovations in Connection, Completion, and Community.*" [The MC Innovation Fund Grants](#) has informational materials and additional details. This year's theme is integral to the College's strategic plan goals, so you may already have a great idea!

United Way CEO Rosie Allen-Herring Shares her IDEAS

Next week's guest for the [Innovate to Drive Equitable Access and Success](#) (IDEAS) series is a local leader whose work touches dozens of nonprofits and corporate philanthropists in our area. Rosie Allen-Herring will join me for a conversation about her fascinating experience in public-private partnerships and building equity in health, education, and economic opportunity. We will discuss how the work of the United Way National Capital Area intersects powerfully with the College's Transformational Aspirations.

There will be time for questions from the audience.

Have a wonderful week.

With Raptor Regards,

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

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