

THE MONDAY MINUTE

with Dr. Williams



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As we reach the final weeks of the fall semester, our community continues to advance excellence in and out of the classroom. Students are preparing for finals with robust academic and wellness supports, and recent national achievements highlight the leadership, innovation, and dedication that define Montgomery College. These moments reflect our shared commitment to transform lives and foster success. I am grateful to our students, faculty, and staff for your contributions to these transformations.

STUDENT RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR FINALS

As exams and end-of-the-semester assignments approach, students have access to spaces and services to support their success. The libraries offer [group study rooms](#) on all campuses and at the East County Education Center, which can be reserved [online](#). The Rockville Campus Digital Learning Center is hosting *AI + You: Finals Ready*, an [in-person](#) workshop today and a [virtual session](#) tomorrow to help students identify their learning style and build custom study guides using AI tools. In addition, [Learning Centers](#) are available to assist students and many departments are providing special study sessions. These resources equip students with the support they need for finals and beyond.

MODEL UN TEAM EARNS HONORS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Nineteen students represented Montgomery College at the National Model United Nations conference held in Crystal City, Virginia, last month. Led by Dr. Nathan Zook, professor of political science, MC's China and Singapore delegations each earned honorable mentions, and two students, Lourdes Cherquis and Tegra Mulimilwa, received position paper awards. This experiential learning opportunity strengthened students' skills in diplomacy, public speaking, and global problem-solving as they participated in simulated United Nations proceedings. Congratulations to Dr. Zook and our students for this outstanding achievement and for representing Montgomery College with distinction.

AAWCC-MC CHAPTER NAMED 2025 MODEL PROGRAM

We are proud to celebrate the American Association for Women in Community Colleges—Montgomery College Chapter (AAWCC-MC), named the 2025 AAWCC Model Chapter during the organization's 51st Annual National Conference. This recognition honors chapters that advance opportunities for women through programming, leadership development, and service. Since launching in 2017, AAWCC-MC has nearly tripled its membership, awarded annual student scholarships, and led impactful service projects supporting wellness, food insecurity, and community needs. The chapter also hosts outstanding programs and conferences, including last year's record-breaking regional gathering. Congratulations to AAWCC-MC for this well-earned honor and its continued commitment to fostering leadership and opportunity.

With Raptor Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jermaine".

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