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Dear Colleagues,

Happy First Day of School and welcome back to what promises to be an extraordinary fall semester!

I hope that you enjoyed Professional Week as much as I did. I am grateful for the time we spent together reflecting on our many exciting works in progress and reenergizing for the journey into this new academic year. Through Convocation and across all College divisions, our teams shared the alignment and interconnectedness of our Academic Master Plan, the Student Enrollment Plan, and the Integrated Marketing Plan and brand launch. The many relationships across these efforts will help us fulfill our Strategic Plan goals and Transformational Aspirations with clarity and purpose.

Many thanks to our Center for Teaching and Learning team for hosting the Student Success Symposium series during Professional Week. The response this week was phenomenal—approximately 500 faculty and staff participated in our workshops and training sessions! If you missed the opportunities last week, many offerings, including specialized Starfish training, will continue throughout the semester. Visit the Center for Teaching and Learning [site](#) to explore ongoing opportunities.

Our reimagined division meeting on our campuses in concert with vice president meetings officially launched the Academic Master Plan 2025-2029. This Plan isn't just a document—it's the culmination of *your* voices, insights, and expertise. Through surveys, focus groups, roundtables, and governance participation, you built this foundation, and now we get to bring it to life together. Reading the Academic Master Plan [here](#) is just the beginning. Year 1 of our implementation plan is underway, and we invite you to share your engagement interests [here](#). Your insights will continue to shape our path forward.

I'm excited about the transformative work ahead and deeply grateful for the partnership with each of you. We have an incredible semester ahead designed with you in mind, full of meaningful engagement, including Academic Master Plan implementation conversations, cross-divisional collaboration, student success scheduling and advising innovations, and community partnership opportunities.

Your expertise, passion, and commitment to our students make every ambitious goal achievable. I wish you another inspiring semester. Thank you for your commitment to Montgomery College, to our students, and to each other. I look forward to a year of ambition, a year of aspiration, a year of community—and a year of all of us together.

Best,

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