



11TH PRESIDENT OF MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

OCTOBER 19, 2022

Our College Our Community Our Future

"As we look toward the future and all the possibilities for Montgomery College, we all stand on the shoulders of many dedicated, passionate leaders throughout MC's history. I am proud to be following this rich tradition of leadership, which blazed a trail for achievement and growth at the College. I am excited to bring my own unique strengths and experience to Montgomery College. MC's purpose resonates deeply with me, and I will be guided by engaging our entire community."

-Dr. Jermaine F. Williams



THE INAUGURATION OF DR. JERMAINE F. WILLIAMS

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WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2022
1 P.M.

The Music Center at Strathmore North Bethesda, Maryland



From the President

DR. JERMAINE F. WILLIAMS

Dear Colleagues, Family, and Friends,

Welcome! Thank you for being a part of this ceremony! I am honored and humbled by your presence here today. Our theme, "Our College, Our Community, Our Future," speaks deeply to transformation and our shared roles in being the change we seek in our communities. Through our current students, and the lives we touch on a daily basis, our impact is real. Our excellent faculty and staff create opportunities for our students to thrive. Our business and community leaders provide access points and supports that help our students achieve their goals. Our county and state governments help to ensure our learning and support spaces are excellent and equitable. Truly, everyone in the community is dedicated to the mission of the College and committed to enhancing its future. These deep partnerships enable us to transform—for our students and for our community. That is what makes us the community's College.

I am grateful to the members of the College and community who worked together to produce a program that reflects our diverse population and history. I want to thank my family and friends from all over the world for joining us today. Most importantly, thank you to my partner and sons for sharing this journey in our new community with me. It is my greatest hope that everyone here, and those joining us from afar, leave the ceremony with a reinvigorated focus on our purpose. I'm honored to serve this College, this community, this county, and this state.

Regards, Jernaine J. Williams

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

About the President

DR. JERMAINE F. WILLIAMS



Dr. Jermaine F. Williams became the 11th president of Montgomery College on February 28, 2022.

Dr. Williams' work in higher education has focused his energies on improving access for students, as well as retention, graduation, and post-completion success. He has paid special attention to mitigating institutional, societal,

and racial inequities, strategically creating programs and policies that support historically underrepresented and/or marginalized groups. He has years of experience designing, managing, and enhancing institutional and statewide programs and initiatives that have yielded positive student outcomes.

Dr. Williams has been widely lauded for his inclusive leadership style and for building teams that create strategic programming and policies to improve student outcomes. His professional approach to student success is deeply rooted in equity-minded systems and data-informed analysis. Dr. Williams' view of higher education as a public good informs his personal passion about enhancing access, completion, and post-completion success, goals that are shared across Montgomery College.

Having taught at two-year and four-year institutions himself for more than eight years, Dr. Williams has experienced higher education from the vantage point of faculty. Currently, he is a faculty member in Northeastern University's Graduate School of Education. Before his appointment at Montgomery College, Dr. Williams served as president of Nassau Community College in New York. He has also served as vice president of student affairs at North Shore Community College in Massachusetts, and as the assistant vice president for access, transition, and success at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), a Hispanic Serving Institution in Chicago. Dr. Williams also held the role of assistant dean of academic development at NEIU. Prior to NEIU, Dr. Williams worked at the Community College of Philadelphia, a predominantly Black institution, leading several Achieving the Dream strategies as director of student success initiatives. He also held roles at Temple University in Philadelphia and St. John's University in Queens, New York.

Dr. Williams received his bachelor of arts in anthropology and sociology from Lafayette College, a master of arts in sociology from St. John's University, and both a master of education in educational administration with a higher education specialization and a doctorate of education in educational administration with a higher education specialization from Temple University. He also holds certificates from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education for completion of the Seminar for New Presidents and Management Development Program. Dr. Williams was selected for the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program's Rising Presidents Fellowship and New Presidents Fellowship for 2018-2019 and 2022, respectively. Advocating at the local and national level, he is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) Student Success Commission and the Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) Advisory Committee of Presidents. He has served as a member of nonprofit boards and worked closely with Workforce Investment boards, dedicated to forging partnerships that will help advance equitable educational opportunities.



About Montgomery College

OUR COLLEGE OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE

For more than 75 years, Montgomery College, in Montgomery County, Maryland, has earned a reputation as one of the best community colleges in the nation by applying a winning formula: excellence in teaching; a focus on changing lives; and innovative partnerships. Montgomery College has developed a strong reputation throughout the state of Maryland—and nationally—for its high-quality, comprehensive academic programs, nationally recognized professors, successful alumni, and its responsiveness to community and business needs.

Since 1946, Montgomery College has grown from an institution with borrowed classroom space during the evening into a dynamic multicampus learning community serving the educational and resource needs of one of the nation's most educated counties. Today, with more than 40,000 students enrolled in credit or noncredit continuing education programs, Montgomery College maintains a firm commitment to student success at every level of the educational process. Students from all walks of life and cultures, with diverse backgrounds and aspirations, enroll at Montgomery College to enhance their opportunities for academic, career, and personal achievement.

Montgomery College, with campuses at Takoma Park/Silver Spring, Rockville, and Germantown, and off-campus learning centers throughout the county, is nationally recognized for its academic programs in more than 100 areas of study, designed to prepare students to earn an associate's degree; transfer to a four-year college or university; enter the job market; upgrade career skills; complete an apprenticeship; or enhance life through a range of enriching experiences. These programs are complemented by specialized initiatives, partnerships, and collaborations through Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Hugh G. Price, Founding Dean, 1946-1953

Donald E. Deyo, Ed.D., Dean, 1953-1965

George A. Hodson Jr., Ed.D., President, 1965-1966

William C. Strasser Jr., Ph.D., President, 1966–1979

Robert E. Parilla, Ph.D., President, 1979-1999

Charlene R. Nunley, Ph.D., President, 1999-2007

Brian K. Johnson, Ed.D., President, 2007-2009

Hercules Pinkney, Ed.D., Interim President, 2009-2010

DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D., President, 2010-2021

Charlene Mickens Dukes, Ed.D., Interim President, 2021–2022

Jermaine F. Williams, Ed.D., President, 2022-

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PRESIDING

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall Chair, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Ms. Dana Pauley President and CEO, Leadership Montgomery

Inaugural Procession

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL[†]
"Pomp and Circumstance," by Sir Edward Elgar

THE COLORS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Honorary Grand Marshal

Mr. Edward S. Riggs '69 Professor, Montgomery College Media Arts and Technologies Department

Alumni Marshal

Dr. Lucy U. Vitaliti '77
Coordinator, Office of Volunteerism and Service Learning

[†]The audience will please stand during the procession.

Please note that your attendance at the inauguration constitutes consent for Montgomery College taking photos and video, and using those photos and video for promotional and other purposes.

THE INAUGURATION OF DR. JERMAINE F. WILLIAMS

INAUGURAL PROCESSION

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Student Marshals

Mr. Khang Tran President, Student Senate, Germantown Campus

Mr. Javier Guzman President, Student Senate, Rockville Campus

Ms. Hannah Manalang President, Student Senate, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

> Ms. Alisha Small Student Representative, Workforce Development and Continuing Education

> > Ms. Swechchha Shrestha Chair, Student Council

Delegates of Colleges and Universities

Delegates of Learned Societies and Educational Organizations

Other Special Guests

Administrator Marshal

Dr. Stephen D. Cain Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer

Campus Marshals

Ms. Linda C. Hultengren Staff, Germantown Campus

Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond Faculty, Rockville Campus

Mr. Daniel G. Jenkins
Faculty, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Mr. Michael P. Carretta
Faculty, Workforce Development and Continuing Education

Grand Marshal and Bearer of the Mace

Ms. Kimberly F. Jones Chair, College Council

INAUGURAL PROCESSION

Continued

Elected Officials

The Honorable Gabriel I. Albornoz President, Montgomery County Council

The Honorable Marc B. Elrich Montgomery County Executive

The Honorable Benjamin F. Kramer

Maryland State Senator, District 19 (Montgomery County)

The Honorable Pamela E. Queen

Maryland State Delegate, District 14 (Montgomery County)

The Honorable Jamin B. "Jamie" Raskin U.S. Representative, Maryland's 8th Congressional District

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen Jr. U.S. Senator, Maryland

Honorary Co-Chairs of the Inauguration Planning Committee

The Honorable Michael J. Knapp Immediate Past Chair Montgomery College Board of Trustees

Ms. Dana Pauley
President and CEO, Leadership Montgomery

Ms. Richa D'Mello Student, Montgomery College

President of the Montgomery College Alumni Association Mr. Jon W. Pointer '89

> Chair of the Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors J. Stephen McAuliffe III, Esq.

Vice Chair of the Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology at Montgomery College (PIC MC) Foundation Board of Directors Dr. Gail Folena-Wasserman

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Co-Chair of the Montgomery College Faculty Council
Ms. Dana L. Baker

Chair of the Montgomery College Staff Council
Ms. Beth E. Reilly

Chair of the Montgomery College Administrator Council
Dr. Jamin K. Bartolomeo

Vice Presidents and Provosts of Montgomery College

Dr. Muhammad H. Kehnemouyi Interim Vice President and Provost, Germantown Campus and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Dr. Eric M. Benjamin Interim Vice President and Provost, Rockville Campus and Arts, Business, Education, English, and Social Sciences

Dr. Brad J. Stewart Vice President and Provost, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus and Communications, Health Sciences, Health and Physical Education, and Humanities

Dr. Carolyn S. Terry Interim Vice President and Provost, Applied Technologies, Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, and Workforce Development and Continuing Education

Senior Vice Presidents of Montgomery College

Dr. Monica R. Brown Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. Sherwin A. Collette
Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services

Ms. Joyce M. Matthews Interim Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement

Dr. Sanjay K. Rai Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

INAUGURAL PROCESSION

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Trustees of Montgomery College

Dr. Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair

Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair

Ms. Annice Cody

Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman

Mr. Omar A. Lazo

Mr. Robert F. Levey

The Honorable Maricé I. Morales

Ms. Deepica Premaratne, Student Trustee

Candidates for the Montgomery College Honorary
Degree of Associate of Arts in Public Service

Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes

J. Stephen McAuliffe III, Esq.

Ms. Mirna "Lupi" Quinteros-Grady

Mr. Clifford White and Mrs. Deborah White

Chair of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall

President of Montgomery College

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

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PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. Paulette Mathis, Soloist Student, Montgomery College Performing Arts Department

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

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Family friend of Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Inauguration Planning Committee Honorary Co-Chairs

The Honorable Michael J. Knapp

Immediate Past Chair, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

Ms. Dana Pauley

President and CEO, Leadership Montgomery

Ms. Richa D'Mello

Student, Montgomery College

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND VIDEO

Sharon R. Wilder, Esq.

Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer, Montgomery College

Mr. Rico Newman

Elder, Choptico Band of Piscataway-Conoy Indians

VIDEO PRESENTATION

"What MC Means to Me"

GREETINGS

From the United States Congress

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen Jr. U.S. Senator, Maryland

The Honorable Jamin B. "Jamie" Raskin U.S. Representative, Maryland's 8th Congressional District

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

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From the State of Maryland

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Maryland State Senator, District 19 (Montgomery County)

From Montgomery County

The Honorable Marc B. Elrich Montgomery County Executive

The Honorable Gabriel I. Albornoz President, Montgomery County Council

From Colleges and Universities

Dr. James S. Klauber President, Hagerstown Community College

From the Montgomery College Alumni

Mr. Jon W. Pointer '89
President, Montgomery College Alumni Association

From the Montgomery College Foundation

J. Stephen McAuliffe III, Esq. Chair, Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors

From the Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology at Montgomery College (PIC MC) Foundation

Dr. Gail Folena-Wasserman Vice Chair, Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology at Montgomery College (PIC MC) Foundation Board of Directors

From the Montgomery College Faculty

Ms. Dana L. Baker Co-Chair, Montgomery College Faculty Council

From the Montgomery College Staff

Ms. Beth E. Reilly Chair, Montgomery College Staff Council

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From the Montgomery College Administrators

Dr. Jamin K. Bartolomeo Chair, Montgomery College Administrator Council

From the Montgomery College Student Body

Ms. Deepica Premaratne
Student Trustee, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Mr. Aaron "Exie" Triplett
Student, Montgomery College Performing Arts Department

PRESENTATION OF RECIPIENTS OF THE HONORARY DEGREE FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams
11th President of Montgomery College

Awarding of Degrees

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall Chair, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

Presentation of Candidates

Presentation of candidate for degree and gold medallion by the Honorable Michael J. Knapp Immediate Past Chair, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes Interim President Emerita, Montgomery College President Emerita, Prince George's Community College

Presentation of candidate by Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

J. Stephen McAuliffe III, Esq. Principal, Miles & Stockbridge

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Continued

Presentation of candidate by Dr. Frieda K. Lacey First Vice Chair, Montgomery College Board of Trustees

Ms. Mirna "Lupi" Quinteros-Grady President and CEO, Latin American Youth Center

Presentation of candidates by Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
Second Vice Chair, Montgomery College Board of Trustees
and Ms. Deepica Premaratne
Student Trustee, Montgomery College Board of Trustees
Mr. Clifford White and Mrs. Deborah White
Philanthropists

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Maggie G. Williams Spouse of Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

Dr. Willie L. Williams
Brother of Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

INVESTITURE

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams
11th President of Montgomery College

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

MC Dance Company Students, Montgomery College Performing Arts Department

RECESSIONAL

Please join us for a dessert reception following the inauguration.

Land Acknowledgment MONIGOMERY COLLEGE

We acknowledge our presence on the unceded homelands of the Piscataway Conoy Nation of American Indians, indigenous to the land now known as Maryland.

We recognize that many indigenous nations have long-standing relationships with the territories upon which Montgomery College campuses are located that precede the establishment of Montgomery College.

We acknowledge our presence on the territory of many indigenous nations. This area has been taken care of by the Piscataway Conoy Nation.

Attributed to Mr. Rico Newman Elder, Choptico Band of Piscataway-Conoy Indians October 2022

About Mr. Rico Newman

Mr. Rico Newman is a member of the Elders Council of the Choptico Band of Piscataway-Conoy Indians. He retired as a cultural information specialist at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, then spent six years serving on the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs.

A member of the Archaeological Society of Maryland, he engages in field work and study of Native American history and material culture. He is the founder of Maryland Indian Tourism Association, Inc., and currently devotes time to the Accokeek Foundation as a board member. He resides in University Park, Maryland.

Honorary Degree Recipient

DR. CHARLENE MICKENS DUKES
Interim President Emerita, Montgomery College
President Emerita, Prince George's Community College



DR. CHARLENE MICKENS DUKES served as interim president at Montgomery College from August 2021 to February 2022. Prior to this, she was the president of Prince George's Community College (PGCC) in Maryland for 13 years, culminating in August 2020. During her presidency at PGCC, enrollment surged to 44,000 students, served by six locations.

Her career has spanned 42 years, beginning as an admission and financial aid officer at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. She then served in a variety of administrative positions at the Community College of Allegheny County. She moved to PGCC, where she held the position of vice president of student services immediately prior to accepting the presidency.

Dr. Dukes is the founder and principal of The Dukes Group LLC, specializing in executive coaching, board development, strategy, equity and inclusion, and advocacy.

She currently serves as immediate past chair of the board of the Meyer Foundation, chair of the CareFirst, Inc. Board of Directors, immediate past secretary of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, and member of the board of Venture Philanthropy Partners+RAISE DC.

Dr. Dukes is a mentor for the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship Program, faculty contributor to the Academic Leadership Institute, co-principal investigator for the NSF-funded Community College Presidents' STEM Initiative, consultant to the Association of Community College Trustees, senior advisor to Education Strategy Group, and a member of the Board of Visitors for the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2020, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks appointed her co-chair of Prince George's Forward, a taskforce charged with the post-COVID transformation of Prince George's County.

She also served as chair of the board of the American Association of Community Colleges, founding faculty of the Leadership Institute of the National Council on Student Development, board member of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, committee member of the American Council on Education, convener of the President's Round Table for African-American CEOs in Community Colleges, chair of the Maryland Community College Council of Presidents, and board member for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Institute for Higher Education Policy.

Additionally, she served on the Prince George's County Board of Education and the Maryland State Board of Education, where she was president for the last three years of her appointed term.

A lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. Dukes serves on the National Board of Directors and maintains her local membership in the Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter. She is also a member of the Prince George's County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

She is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and received her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

Honorary Degree Recipient

J. STEPHEN MCAULIFFE III, ESQ.
Principal
Miles & Stockbridge



J. STEPHEN MCAULIFFE III, Esq., is a principal with Miles & Stockbridge. He was formerly a law clerk for the Honorable William C. Miller of the Montgomery County Circuit Court and an assistant county attorney for Montgomery County. Mr. McAuliffe's practice is in general civil litigation with an emphasis in commercial litigation. He has extensive

experience in the Trial and Appellate Courts of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Additionally, he acts as outside general counsel for a diverse group of businesses based in Montgomery County, including large, publicly traded corporations.

Mr. McAuliffe joined the Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors in 2002. In 2021, he was elected to serve a two-year term as chair of the foundation. He also serves as chair of the Executive Committee and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. In addition to the time and guidance he provides as board chair, he and his wife, Karyn, are generous donors, supporting the Honorable James Stephen McAuliffe Jr. Endowed Scholarship. In 2021, Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe also established a Presidential Scholars Program scholarship in honor of their friend, Greg Wims. Mr. McAuliffe was also very influential in

the College receiving a very generous gift from the Rockville Academy in support of the Presidential Scholars Program.

In addition to providing guidance as a Montgomery College Foundation board member, Mr. McAuliffe has provided pro bono legal services through his law firm on behalf of a Montgomery College student whose parents experienced a tragic family situation. In recognition of his service on behalf of the College and its students, the College recognized him with a Service Award to Community Citizens in 2020.

Mr. McAuliffe's father, James S. McAuliffe Jr. '51, and his uncle, John F. McAuliffe '52, both Montgomery County judges, attended Montgomery College. It is through their association with Montgomery College that Mr. McAuliffe became actively engaged in supporting the College through his time, guidance, and philanthropy.

In addition to volunteering with the Montgomery College Foundation and Rockville Academy, Mr. McAuliffe also lends his time, energy, and counsel as a volunteer with the Montgomery County Chapter of Best Buddies, which he founded and for whom he was board chair, and where he remains a board member; Christ Episcopal School Board; Montgomery County Bar Association; and Montgomery's Miracles.

He was listed in *Best Lawyers in America®*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. A listing in *Best Lawyers* is regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a significant honor.

Mr. McAuliffe earned a bachelor's degree from Washington College and a juris doctor from the Washington College of Law at American University.

He lives in Potomac with his wife, Karyn. They are the proud parents of three daughters.

Honorary Degree Recipient

MS. MIRNA "LUPI" QUINTEROS-GRADY

President and CEO

Latin American Youth Center



MS. MIRNA "LUPI" QUINTEROS-GRADY is president and CEO of Latin American Youth Center (LAYC). She is a strategic, forward-thinking leader with more than 20 years of experience working in socio-economically challenged communities that serve a diverse youth population.

Since assuming her role in 2018, she has intertwined LAYC's mission with new and evolving

needs of Black, Latino, and immigrant communities in the Washington, D.C. and Maryland area. She has transformed operations and directed staff through an unprecedented global health crisis, leading the center to provide culturally relevant and linguistically inclusive services where many other organizations could not.

As a regional leader in youth development for more than 20 years, Ms. Quinteros-Grady has overseen the implementation of more than 45 multicultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs addressing the social, academic, and career needs of youths. She previously served as LAYC's Maryland Multicultural Youth Center's managing director, providing vision and oversight for operations in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Ms. Quinteros-Grady is the first Latina to lead LAYC. Her connection began as a 14-year-old participant in LAYC's Summer Youth

Employment Program, an initiative she would lead as a college student. As an immigrant from El Salvador, she uniquely understands the challenges and triumphs of the families LAYC serves—and maintains a personal connection through volunteering in direct service programs to youth.

Since 2020, she and LAYC have been selected to participate in a series of COVID-19 education and recovery coalitions in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, including the DC Health Scientific Advisory Committee for the Development and Implementation of a Safe, Effective, and Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program; the Montgomery County Community Advisory Board; and the Prince George's Forward Taskforce's Education Recovery Work Group, to help accelerate recovery efforts and dispel health misinformation targeting communities of color.

Her most recent accolades include a Washington Business Journal 2022 Women Who Mean Business honoree, the Montgomery Collaboration Council's 2019 Time Well Spent Montgomery's Children Award, the NFL's 2019 Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award, El Tiempo Latino's 2019 100 Powermeter List, and a 2019 Visionary Women in Prince George's County.

From 2014 to 2018, she served on the Prince George's County Board of Education. She provided leadership and expertise on the academic and cultural barriers Latino and immigrant youth face in Maryland's public schools. She was one of only two Latinas serving on the board. She was a member of Leadership Greater Washington's 2020 graduating class. She most recently served as a member of the Presidential Transition Advisory Committee for Montgomery College.

Ms. Quinteros-Grady received a master's degree in bilingual and special education from The George Washington University and a bachelor's degree from Goucher College.

Honorary Degree Recipients

MR. CLIFFORD WHITE AND MRS. DEBORAH WHITE Philanthropists





MR. CLIFFORD AND MRS. DEBORAH WHITE are generous benefactors of education and workforce development for young people and adults in Montgomery County. They also support organizations creating opportunities for vulnerable youth and residents in their community. They have supported the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program since 2012. During this time, they have provided multiyear scholarships for two cohorts of 20 ACES students who began at the College and transferred to the Universities at Shady Grove to complete their bachelor's degree. Not only have the Whites helped numerous ACES students, they have inspired similar gifts from more than a dozen donors, providing scholarships for an additional 40 students.

Mr. White was a founding partner and financial architect of NEW Corporation (now Asurion Corporation), the world's largest

consumer product protection company. He is now a partner in SWaN Investors, a diversified fund with dozens of investments, including the Washington Nationals Baseball Club and Monumental Sports & Entertainment.

He serves on the board of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, where he helped create the Neighbors in Need Montgomery Fund. He was named their 2017 Montgomery County Philanthropist of the Year. He is also vice chair of Venture Philanthropy Partners, serving vulnerable youth in the National Capital region.

Mrs. White, a lifelong advocate for reading and education, is an active volunteer leader throughout Montgomery County, concentrating on early childhood education and language development.

She worked in the nationally recognized Montgomery County Public Schools for more than a decade, where she taught first and fourth grades. She is committed to fostering lifelong readers. To that end, she established book clubs at area schools—and created lending libraries at homeless shelters in Washington, D.C. Most recently, she led reading readiness programs at several shelters in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. White serves on the board of All Ages Read Together (AART), a Northern Virginia nonprofit providing free school readiness programs for at-risk preschool children. AART prepares these vulnerable learners for a positive entry into elementary school, engaging volunteers of all ages.

Mr. White earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Lehigh University. Mrs. White earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in school guidance and counseling from The Johns Hopkins University.

Honors and Awards

HONORARY DEGREE FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Montgomery College's first honorary degree was established in commemoration of the 50th anniversary and was awarded to the late Milton F. (Sonny) Clogg, Esq., class of 1948, at the 50th Anniversary Convocation on November 20, 1996.

On the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, the Board of Trustees is awarding the honorary degree for the associate of arts in public service to Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes, J. Stephen McAuliffe III, Esq., Ms. Mirna "Lupi" Quinteros-Grady, and Mr. Clifford White and Mrs. Deborah White.

The honorary degree program was established to formally recognize contributors, philanthropists, distinguished friends of the College, and honorary speakers at commencements, convocations, or other appropriate occasions. The Board of Trustees approves each recipient eligible to receive an honorary degree. The degree honors people who have risen to a position of prominence, have acquired a national or international reputation in a selected field, hold a distinguished record of public and community service, or have made a notable donation of time, talent, or a gift to the College.

GOLD MEDALLION

The gold medallion is bestowed on a retiring or resigning Montgomery College president by the the College's Board of Trustees in recognition of exceptional dedication, commitment, and nationally recognized presidential leadership to the College and higher education. The Board of Trustees is awarding the gold medallion to Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes, former interim president of Montgomery College, and president emerita, Prince George's Community College, in today's inauguration ceremony.

Academic Traditions and Symbols

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic procession in modern university life embodies a relic of medievalism. The somber gowns and colorful hoods are not unlike those worn by scholars and churchmen perhaps as early as the 12th century. The garb in those times had an element of utility. The robes were warm; the hoods could be drawn up to protect against drafts in unheated buildings.

Traditionally, the hood's silken lining has been in the color of the wearer's university. The color of the bordering velvet indicates the special area of study. White velvet represents arts, letters, and humanities; dark blue, philosophy; light blue, education; purple, law; dark green, medicine; apricot, nursing; lilac, dentistry; olive, pharmacy; pink, music; orange, engineering; citron, social work. Tassels on the "mortarboards," or caps, of the candidates for degrees correspond in color to the velvet borders of the hoods.

Gowns representing the master's and doctor's degrees vary in style. The master's gown has long, narrow closed sleeves, which extend below the knees. The doctor's gown has full bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet and a front opening faced with wide velvet bands in either black or the color indicating the area of study.

There is no general rule for the position of the tassel on a mortarboard. However, it has become customary for candidates for degrees to wear the tassels on the right side before the degrees are conferred and to shift them to the left at the moment the degrees are awarded to them.

Academic Traditions and Symbols Continued

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE MACE

The mace is the official symbol of the College's power and authority, and is carried in today's inaugural procession by Ms. Kimberly F. Jones, chair of the College Council at Montgomery College.

The fluted mahogany staff is adorned with antique silver-colored rings with engravings honoring past Montgomery College presidents. The base of the $42\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mace is fitted with antique silver to match the rings. The mace is capped by two black marble disks encasing antique silver panels that form an octagon. The panels are engraved with the names of the Montgomery College campuses. The finial is composed of a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch antique silver-plated medallion embossed with the College's seal, which is mounted on a diagonal mahogany surround.

The previous mace was designed by George Hatzenbuhler, an art student on the Rockville Campus in 1976. The original Montgomery College mace was designed and executed by professor emerita M. Gloria Monteiro and the late Dr. LaVerne W. Miller in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the College.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion is the official insignia of the Montgomery College president and is worn at commencement and other ceremonial occasions. The antique silver chain combines engraved banners honoring past presidents of Montgomery College, book medals bearing the names of the College's three campuses and the Workforce Development and Continuing Education unit, and fleur-de-lis design elements with three-dimensional seals of both Montgomery County and Montgomery College.

Honored Invited Guests

PLATFORM GUESTS

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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

OUR MISSION

We empower our students to change their lives, and we enrich the life of the community.

We are accountable for our results.

OUR VISION

With a sense of urgency for the future, Montgomery
College will be a national model of educational excellence,
opportunity, and student success. Our organization will
be characterized by agility and relevance as it meets the
dynamic challenges facing our students and community.

OUR VALUES

excellence | integrity | innovation equity and inclusion | stewardship | sustainability

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An academic institution committed to promoting equal opportunity and fostering diversity among its students, faculty, and staff