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Welcome to October. I hope students, faculty, and staff are settling in and feeling comfort knowing that you are part of a community. Let's continue to reach out inclusively to those around us. Belonging drives achievement and builds community, both essential for success.

Impactful Opportunities for Students

A wealth of opportunities for students exist at the College. Some of them can help students become leaders, like [Impact MC](#). Others can guide them in professional networks, such as [Future Link](#). An array of academic assistance activities can be found at the [Learning Centers](#). Just this week, special events around mental and physical health at the [SHaW Center](#), plus regular [food assistance](#), are available. You'll find an array of activities and programs at [Student Life](#). These resources will help students have successful, supportive, and enriching experiences at MC.

NSF Grant Award

Congratulations to our MC team who contributed to the Democratizing Research and Experiential Education for Microelectronics (DREEM) project. Dr. Palmyra Catravas, professor of engineering, is the principal investigator and is joined by co-principal investigators Dr. Nawal Benmouna, acting dean for science, engineering, and technology, and Dr. Lan Xiang, professor of engineering. Their application to the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experiential Learning for Emerging and Novel Technologies program has been awarded \$375,000 to expand [practical learning opportunities](#) for experiential learning. What a terrific opportunity!

Inclusion and Belonging

Everyone matters at the College. This week we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month with a range of special activities. Among them, a Wednesday interview with [NPR reporter Jasmine Garsd](#) and a "Latinx in STEM" panel hosted at the [IgniTe Hub](#) this evening.

Part of our mission at the College is to teach history in inclusive ways. This Thursday's annual [Bella Mischinsky](#) Memorial Lectures welcomes Judith Cohen, formerly a researcher for the Holocaust Museum's permanent exhibition. Her decades of experience make her a valuable guide to expanding our knowledge of the Holocaust so that we can bring its lessons to the 21st century, and live into the promise, "never again."

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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