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Welcome to the spring semester! Despite the winter chill, MC faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure a fantastic semester. I extend a warm welcome to our new students joining us for the first time and to those returning. You will find inclusive communities, engaging classrooms, and dedicated faculty and staff ready to support your academic goals. Discover your passion and unlock your potential as you prepare to enrich our community and change the world! We're so happy you have chosen to be with us here at MC. We look forward to helping you make the most of all MC has to offer.

### **Student Resources and Tools**

Plentiful academic resources will empower you to achieve your goals: Librarians can help students with every stage of the [research cycle](#)—in person, by text, phone, email, or by appointment. Check out the [Raptor Search](#) and be sure to visit the newly renovated Takoma Park/Silver Spring Library. [Counseling and advising](#) can help you plan your personal and scholarly journey, and [academic program advising](#) can guide you with specific majors. In addition, [financial aid](#) can help you plan to fund your goals. The first [How to Pay for College](#) event will be held on February 6.

### **Faculty and Staff Focus on Student Success**

I appreciate the outreach to students and the energy that faculty and staff have shown in preparing for this semester. Our Professional Week was filled with innovation and a strong focus on our priorities for the year. Every one of us is an ambassador for MC's mission, strengthening the connection between the College and the community. By working together, we can expand access, champion completion, and boost post-completion success for every student.

### **Winter Break on the Court**

While winter break may seem like a quiet time at the College, MC's basketball teams were hard at work. Both the men's and women's teams have played 10 games since winter break began, and both teams play at the College of Southern Maryland this Saturday. I invite you to come out and [enjoy the excitement](#)—I invite you to come out and enjoy the excitement—and if you can't make it in person, home games are livestreamed on the [MCTV Raptors YouTube Channel](#) and [MCTV cable channels](#). Game [videos](#) are posted after the game. Athletics cultivate a powerful sense of belonging and support completion. At each game I attend, I am struck by how well these events also enhance our connections with the community. I salute the efforts and dedication of all our student athletes, their coaches, and mentors.

Have a wonderful first week of classes!

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'.

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

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