

**To:** The Montgomery College Community

**From:** Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Subject:** 2019 Commencement Update

**Date:** May 8, 2019

I invite you to participate in the celebration of the accomplishments of Montgomery College students at our 2019 Commencement on Friday, May 17 at 10 a.m. on the Rockville Campus athletic field under the tent. The commencement committee, which includes representatives from across the College community, works to create a memorable and auspicious occasion celebrating the success of our students, while balancing the desired outcomes of all stake holders with regard to physical, budget, and time constraints. Volunteers are still needed. [Commencement Volunteer Opportunities](#).

Please let the Commencement Committee know of your attendance plans by Monday, May 13, 2019. [Commencement RSVP](#)

This year our commencement speaker will be Sheila Johnson, who is co-founder and CEO of Salamander Hotels and Resorts and vice chairman of Monumental Sports and Entertainment. We will also celebrate four remarkable people in our community with honorary degrees: Ms. Mindi Jacobson, executive director, FutureLink; Mrs. Catherine Leggett, senior vice president of human resources, International City/County Management Association; the Honorable Isiah Leggett, former Montgomery County executive; and Mr. Elias Woldu, entrepreneur and community activist. These five individuals have given so much to the College and their community—they are a true inspiration. We will recognize our full-time faculty member of the year, part-time faculty member of the year, and staff member of the year. We will give Board of Trustees Scholar awards to four exemplary students. Finally, we will be celebrating more than 1,000 students who will be participating in the ceremony—out of more than 3,000—who have earned a degree, certificate or letter of recognition this year.

I look forward to seeing you on May 17 at commencement.

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