MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Academic Affairs Division Goals

- Increase the graduation rate of first-time, full-time students
- Increase the transfer rate of first-time, full-time students
- Reduce time to completion
- Reduce cost of completion
- Align programs with workforce needs
- Align programs with transfer requirements

Academic Affairs Initiatives

1 INITIATIVE — EMBED CLASSROOM SUPPORT Embed classroom support to benefit students during class hours and also empower students to seek assistance beyond the classroom as a result of relationships built with academic support professionals.

2 INITIATIVE — OFFER ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULING AND DELIVERY Offer students online and hybrid courses, evening and weekend degree programs, lockstep cohort programs, and accelerated degrees.

3 INITIATIVE — IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE AND CUSTOMIZED ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT Offer students more options to start at the right place and with credit for prior learning so that students are less likely to give up due to cost, frustration, or boredom with courses that are too easy or too difficult.

4 INITIATIVE — DESIGN ALTERNATIVE AND CUSTOMIZED CREDENTIALS AND GUIDED PATHWAYS Offer customized pathways so more students will be able to complete multiple certificates, degrees, and credentials that advance their education and their career prospects in parallel or in sequence.

5 INITIATIVE — ENHANCE STUDENT PATHWAY FROM MCPS AND TO USG Collaborate with secondary schools and baccalaureate institutions to help students complete valuable certificates and programs in the most efficient and least costly way.

6 INITIATIVE — EXPAND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES Foster new opportunities for students, staff, faculty, and Academic Affairs units to work with international governments, businesses, and institutions of higher education in order to provide a twenty-first century education for our students and much-needed services and expertise to our colleagues abroad.

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