



## **DeRionne Pollard Bio President, Montgomery College**

In 2010, DeRionne Pollard assumed leadership of Montgomery College, a three-campus community college with 55,000 credit and noncredit students. She spearheaded the development of a new Montgomery College mission and strategic plan. She has partnered actively with Montgomery County Public Schools and the Universities at Shady Grove in the creation of Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES), a support program designed to help disadvantaged students transition from high school to college completion. The program now has 2,500 students enrolled. Montgomery College is also a member of Achieving the Dream network, a non-governmental reform movement for student success at community colleges.

Dr. Pollard formerly served as president of Las Positas College in Livermore, California. She served on the American Association of Community Colleges' 21st Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges and the Commission on Academic, Student, and Community Development. Dr. Pollard is a member of the Equity Advisory Board for Mission Partners and the Center for First-generation Student Success Advisory Board for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Community Colleges and as the president of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. Locally, she also serves on the boards of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Universities at Shady Grove, the Montgomery County Advisory Board of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Dr. Pollard was named one of Washington's 100 Most Powerful Women by *Washingtonian Magazine*, won a 2017 Academic Leadership Award from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and was a recipient of a Visionary Award by the Washington Area Women's Foundation. Additionally, she has been honored by Leadership Montgomery, *The Daily Record*, *Bethesda Magazine*, and the *Washington Business Journal* and is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. as well as the Silver Spring Chapter of The Links.

Dr. Pollard's MA and BA in English are from Iowa State University, which awarded her its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019. Her PhD is in educational leadership and policy studies in higher education from Loyola University Chicago.