OUR VISION
The ACES approach is centered on our shared commitment to support every student in their pursuit of higher education. We believe we can make that vision a reality with the support and partnership of our community.

A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION
ACES is a groundbreaking approach to education and economic development. A partnership among Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove, ACES provides individualized academic coaching, scholarship opportunities, and career readiness programming for students who have been historically underrepresented in higher education. Currently, more than 2,500 students are participating in ACES across all three institutions.

ACES recognizes promise in our students, and we work together, across public education institutions to disrupt patterns of inequity. We work to bridge identified gaps in education by providing a seamless pathway of support that starts in high school, continues through community college and to the attainment of a bachelor’s degree. The result is a sharp increase in high school graduation, college readiness, and college completion among students enrolled in ACES, most of whom choose to join the region’s thriving workforce.

CORE TO OUR APPROACH

- Consistent, seamless and individualized support
- College application and financial aid support
- Navigational guidance from high school through the start of a career
- Leadership development programming and opportunities
- Career readiness training and job placement support

ACES students at the Summer Bridge Program, which prepares them for the college application and transition process.
An investment in ACES is an investment in all of Montgomery County’s public education institutions. Your generous support will help fund student scholarships, academic coaches, and powerful career readiness experiences across three institutions, making the pursuit of higher education possible for more students. To learn more or to make an investment, visit acesmontgomery.org