



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.



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND



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.

THE ACES PATHWAY

CAREER SUCCESS

BACHELOR'S DEGREE



The Universities
AT SHADY GROVE

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

MC
MONTGOMERY
COLLEGE

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



When enrolled at one of the 80+ programs offered at USG, ACES students continue to receive:

- » Leadership development
- » Career readiness programming and internship guidance
- » Networking opportunities

While working towards their associate's degree at Montgomery College, ACES students receive:

- » Transfer advising into USG
- » Career exploration opportunities
- » Financial aid and scholarship assistance

Students apply to ACES in 10th grade and participate in 11th and 12th grades. Each student receives:

- » Individualized coaching that continues throughout the entire pathway
- » College application and financial aid assistance
- » College preparation and transition support

OUR IMPACT



2,500+

Students supported with critical education and coaching services each year



99%

Nearly all ACES students receive their high school diploma and enter into higher education



2X

ACES students are twice as likely to receive financial aid than their peers

JOIN US

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