THE ACES PATHWAY
Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) is a first-of-its-kind partnership among Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove. ACES provides individualized coaching, scholarship opportunities, and career readiness programming for students who have been historically underrepresented in higher education, improving their ability to thrive in college and into a career. Each year, more than 2,500 students participate in ACES across all three institutions.

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

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

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