

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the Vice President and Provost
Rockville Campus

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rockville Campus Faculty and Staff

From: Judy E. Ackerman, Vice President and Provost

Subject: 2009 Fall Professional Week

I hope that your summer so far has been the best ever. It seemed to take a while for temperatures to heat up, for it to truly feel like summer, but the last week or so has reminded us of our typical August days and nights of hot, hazy and humid. As we prepare for the fall semester, I look forward to welcoming you when **full-time faculty members return on Monday, August 24. Classes begin on Monday, August 31.**

Please note that the **Collegewide Opening Meeting** for the entire Montgomery College community will be held on **August 24, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center.** It will be followed by a number of other meetings of interest to faculty or staff. Please check the day's schedule as well as other Professional Week activities on the College Calendar of Events that can be accessed from the College webpage or from the Professional Week Channel on the MYMC homepage. In order to encourage participation in opening day meetings, College offices will open to the public at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th. Please note that from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. there will be a retirement reception for Dr. Mary Kay Shartle-Galotto in the Theatre Arts Arena. Drop by to wish her well in her retirement.

The **Rockville Campus Opening meeting** will be on **Wednesday, August 26**, in the Performing Arts Center, beginning with **coffee at 9:30 a.m.**, and followed by the meeting at 10. This is an opportunity to meet new faculty and staff and catch up on campus happenings. Later that day, Area and Department meetings will be held. I look forward to welcoming new and returning part-time faculty at the Rockville Part-time Faculty Orientation and information session at 5:30 p.m. in Science East #122.

If you haven't been on campus since May, you'll get to see how well construction of the new Science Center is progressing, and soon, all of us will enjoy the gathering area in front of Theatre Arts, with its soothing water feature, sun dial, new plantings, and some of our favorite inspirational quotations. Just today, the railings for the Tech Center and Campus Center were delivered so we expect that they will be up when you return. Most of all, with a sense of renewal and purpose, and despite the still gloomy economy, we

will serve approximately 16,000 students who will join us on campus this fall. According to educator Marian Wright Edelman, "Service is what life is all about."

But don't feel compelled to think of work just yet. The writer Sam Keen has a lighter perspective: "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." Enjoy your deep summer, and at some point, take a moment to access the College's website to learn more about Professional Week activities. Again, welcome back soon--I'll see you on August 24!

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