

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the Vice President and Provost
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

August 12, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Takoma Park/Silver Spring Faculty and Staff

From: Brad J. Stewart, Vice President and Provost

Subject: A Big Bionic Welcome Back

Hello Everyone and Welcome Back! It was a busy summer on campus and I have lots of news and information to share with you. Let's start with the good news. First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their emails, cards, gifts, thoughts, prayers and other expressions of support during my recent hip replacement surgery. Everything went very well and I am walking with just a slight limp that my physical therapist vows will be gone by the start of classes. Again, thanks for all the get well wishes.

I am also extremely pleased to announce that our opening meeting will be held in the main theater in our fabulous new Performing Arts Center. Informal tours of the facility will be available and to paraphrase a famous car dealer's ad, "it's going to wow you". I am looking forward to seeing all of you on August 26 around 9:30 a.m.

Unfortunately, April, May, and June were extremely rainy, which posed huge challenges for both of our major construction projects. One of June's heavy thunderstorms flooded part of Commons' project making it necessary to install new drywall and repaint several of the newly finished classrooms on the lower level. The construction crews are working on Saturdays to make up for lost time and the building will be open for classes in January barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The heavy rains also turned the West Campus Garage construction site into a giant mud pit, setting the project back by more than a month. We also encountered problems obtaining a historical worksite permit from the state, various construction permits from Park and Planning, and building permits from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. And to make things even worse, we ran into a number of site-related problems stemming from the project's proximity to the CSX tracks. Crews from Donley Construction are working six days a week in a valiant effort to get back on track but it will be November before we will be able to use the facility. We are currently trying to rent parking space within easy walking distance of the West Campus from both the County and from private sources. We will also work with Donley to gain access to the parking space under the Cafritz Art Center and the surface next to the PAC as soon as possible. Please accept our apologies for the delays and please know that we are doing everything we can to find convenient parking for faculty and staff on the West Campus.

I look forward to seeing you at our campus meeting on Wednesday, August 26 in the main theater in the PAC. Please join us for coffee and conversation with colleagues at 9:30 a.m. followed by the campus meeting at 10 a.m. And we'll have lunch available around noon in the Cafritz courtyard. I also encourage you to attend the college-wide fall opening meeting in the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center (PA) on Monday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and I am sure that many of you will also want to attend the retirement event for Dr. Mary Kay Shartle-Galotto that afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Theatre Arts Building (TA). For updated professional week information, and to see what is happening on other campuses during professional week, please log in to MyMC.

See you all in August.

**Professional Week
Takoma Park Campus
Fall 2009**

Time	Monday 8/24/2009	Tuesday 8/25/2009	Wednesday 8/26/2009	Thursday 8/27/2009	Friday 8/28/2009
8 - 8:30 a.m.					
8:30 - 9 a.m.	Coffee Service PAC R	Nursing 8:30 - 3 pm		Professional Development Some events (such as Discipline Retreats) are mandatory; others (such as CTL workshops) are not Times TBA	College Area Review
9 - 9:30 a.m.	Collegewide	Health Sciences			
9:30 - 10 a.m.	Opening Meeting PAC R	Outcomes Assessment 9-3pm GITE 222-224	Coffee Service PAC TP/SS		
10 - 10:30 a.m.	Staff Forum Music R		Campuswide Meeting PAC TP/SS		
10:30 - 11 a.m.	AAUP PAC R				
11 - 11:30 a.m.					
11:30 - 12 noon	Boxed Lunches				
12 noon - 12:30 p.m.	Small Gym		Luncheon Cafritz Courtyard		
12:30 - 1 p.m.					
1 - 1:30 p.m.	Discipline Meetings		NASBMIS 1-3 pm SS327		
1:30 - 2 p.m.	Rooms TBA		AHSS 1-2:30pm CF 101		
2 - 2:30 p.m.			Health Sciences - 1-3pm HC122		
2:30 - 3 p.m.		SA +D /VisArts 2:30-3:30 pm CF143			
3 - 3:30 p.m.	Farewell Tea for				
3:30 - 4 p.m.	Dr. Shartle Galotto				
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Theatre Arts		Women's Studies Conversation		
4:30 - 5 p.m.			4 - 5:30 pm ST 302		
5 - 5:30 p.m.					
Faculty Orientation from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: 8/18 - 40 West Gude Drive, 8/20 - TP/SS ST301, 8/21 - Germantown HT216					

Student Orientation in Science North 100: 8/18 - 8 a.m. to 12noon, 8/19 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 8/20 - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.