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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery College Colleagues

FROM: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

SUBJECT: Appointment of Senior Vice President for Student Services

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Beverly S. Walker-Griffea as the senior vice president for student services. Dr. Walker-Griffea has had a long career—from counselor to vice president—dedicated to supporting students and providing the services they need to succeed. In her new position, she will be instrumental in advancing our mission of student success, creating a common student experience across campuses, and developing opportunities for increased student retention and completion. Her first day at the College will be August 15, 2011.

Dr. Walker-Griffea currently serves as vice president for student affairs at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia, where she is the chief student affairs officer. Her accomplishments include leading collegewide teams that increased student enrollment, retention and graduation rates; created collegial student spaces and reengineered enrollment services delivery. Under her leadership, public and private school partnerships have enjoyed expanded dual enrollment course offerings and tremendous growth in the development of Tech Prep Career Pathways.

Prior to her appointment, she served as dean of student development at Houston Community College–Central Campus, and interim dean of health and environmental sciences at Spokane Community College. Additionally, while at Spokane Community College, Dr. Walker-Griffea worked as a counselor, led the nationally recognized AAWCC Model Program and The Single Parent Program, and served as the department chair for institutional diversity.

Dr. Walker-Griffea holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and broadcasting from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Virginia State University, and a doctorate in child development from the Texas Woman's University.

I look forward to Dr. Walker-Griffea joining Montgomery College, where she will be a strong addition to our vibrant, student-centered community of dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators. Under her leadership, I know Montgomery College will continue to change the lives of our students. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Walker-Griffea to Montgomery College.