

To: Montgomery College Community

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I hope everyone saw the special Return-to-Campuses <u>guidance</u> for students that was issued yesterday by Monica Brown, senior vice president for student affairs, and Sanjay Rai, senior vice president for academic affairs. The <u>full memo</u> includes reminders about health protocols currently in effect and some instructions to help walk students through the mix of in-person and virtual class options. Registration for the student forums, scheduled for <u>June 23</u> and <u>June 28</u> are now open. A list of Frequently Asked Questions most relevant to students is being created. Submissions for this list can be sent to <u>studentaffairs@montgomerycollege.edu</u>.

The final employee forum for Return-to-Work is tomorrow, <u>June 17</u> (registration is required). You can also review the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>, which are updated almost daily. If you have not been vaccinated yet, please <u>register</u> for your own safety and so that all of us can enjoy the safest working and learning environments possible.

As we embark upon our gradual Return to Campuses, I must acknowledge one of the most tireless leaders of this past year, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services Donna Schena. As you may have heard, Ms. Schena is retiring at the end of June after more than 40 years at the College. The breadth and depth of her service to the College have been extraordinary. A graduate of Montgomery College, she went on to oversee operations that included employees in five major offices: Facilities, Business Services, Human Resources and Strategic Talent Management, Information Technology, and Public Safety, Health and Emergency Management. I have personally enjoyed working with Donna immensely and will be speaking at her Zoom celebration tomorrow, Thursday June 17 at 5 p.m. Please join us on Zoom if you would like to send well-wishes to her in her next chapter.

Until next time, be well.