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Dear Colleagues,

As we prepare for the start of another academic year, I hope you've had a restful and productive summer. Here are some updates and opportunities as we begin the fall semester:



Good News and Appreciation to Share

- Congratulations to **David P. Weber** (Fraud and Forensic Accounting) for receiving the Certified Fraud Examiner of the Year Award from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He was recognized for his dedication to fraud prevention, investigation, and education, including a \$2.6 million federal grant to enhance fraud and forensic accounting education, and combat elder financial exploitation.
- Congratulations to **Jinchul Kim** (Art) for his solo exhibition "Millie's Plan" at the GALA Art Center in Queens, New York last month. The exhibition featured 14 recent paintings and drawings reflecting his research on constructing a progressive definition of Representation.
- Kudos to **Chrys Egan** (Fulton associate dean) and her co-editors for releasing their first two books in the International Leadership Association's Transformative Women

Leaders series. The books, "Genderwashing in Leadership: Power, Policies, and Politics" and "Women Embodied Leaders: Peacebuilding, Protest, and Professions," examine important issues in gender equity and women's leadership.

- Congratulations to **Michael Scott**, dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology and interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services, for being selected to join the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Becoming a Provost Academy.
- Congratulations to **Blake Harris** (Theatre) on his recent Master's Degree in Arts Management from Rowan University. Blake aims to use this expertise in his roles with SU's Bobbi Biron Theatre Program and his nonprofit theatre, Obvious Dad, to enhance student entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Congratulations to **Stephen Habay** (Chemistry) for receiving the E. Emmet Reid Award in Chemistry Teaching at Small Colleges from the American Chemical Society's Middle Atlantic Region. Stephen was also appointed to the ACS's Committee on Professional Training.
- Kudos to **Mark de Socio** (Geography and Geosciences) whose novel "Friendship Games" was named Chanticleer's Global Thriller of the Year and is a finalist for the Clue Book Award for Suspense/Thriller of the Year.
- Congratulations to **Sara Heim** (PACE) for receiving the Spirit of Democracy Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' American Democracy Project. This award celebrates outstanding staff leadership in promoting civic engagement among undergraduate students.
- Congrats to **Colleen Clark** and **Suzanna Mallow** (Music) who were recognized at the National Women's Music Festival this past June. Colleen received the Sarah Dwyer Board of Directors Special Appreciation Award, while Suzanna received the Women In the Arts Technical Skills Award.
- Kudos to **Jason Curtin** (Advancement & SU Foundation) who was selected for the prestigious Fulbright International Education Administrator Program. Jason will travel to Berlin this fall with 16 other representatives of U.S. higher education.
- Congratulations to the **SU Libraries** who were chosen to host the 2024 Study Tour of the Association of University Librarians of Nigerian Universities on September 24th and 25th. The 21 visiting delegates will learn about best practices in U.S. higher education libraries, investigate new technologies in library services, and will create new networks and potential partnerships.



Semester Launch Events and Updates

- **Update:** After careful consideration, the University has decided to cancel **New Student Convocation** this year while reassessing how to best welcome new students (considering factors such as weather, timing, and student participation). While this tradition is on pause, the Class of 2028 will still enjoy numerous start-of-semester events and opportunities specifically for them. As always, we appreciate your support in welcoming this new class of Sea Gulls!
- As a reminder, Parking Lot F (the Blackwell lot) will be completely closed to all parking starting on August 5th due to the Blackwell Renovation project.
- Interested in being a facilitator for the 2024 New Student Reflection on Friday, August 23 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.? Training will be on Monday, August 19. Sign up [here](#) to participate. For questions, email [Sarah Surak](#).
- **Faculty Development Day** will be held on Wednesday, August 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Academic Commons. Reparative Humanism in Higher Education: Recasting Agreements to Humanize Teaching & Learning with keynote speaker Mays Imad, is designed to focus on connecting (or re-connecting) with our students while mitigating the factors leading to faculty burnout, acknowledging that the constant demands and pressures faced by educators and learners alike can lead to exhaustion, cynicism, and a reduced sense of effectiveness. Register [here](#).
- As we prepare to launch our new Gen Ed curriculum later this month, the **First Year Seminar FLC** has been hard at work. Join them for an informal discussion on August 7, 1 - 2 p.m., Faculty Lounge, to get together, ask questions, share information and ideas.
 - On August 8, from 1 - 4 p.m., ID&D is having an open drop-in session for any first year seminar faculty. Come by, work on your class, get your MyClasses page ready, and call on the expertise of ID&D to help you as you do so!
 - On August 21, there will be an "alternate Faculty Development Day" for First Year Seminar faculty, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Watch your email as the date draws closer for the location and agenda.
 - In the meanwhile, if you are teaching a FYS and have any questions, please reach out to [Mike Lewis](#) who is collating questions and coordinating efforts.
- The **Provost's Annual Welcome** for all Academic Affairs faculty and staff will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 1 - 2:15 p.m., in the Jackson Family Auditorium, Holloway Hall. Join us after in the Social Room & Great Hall for refreshments.

Opportunities, Resources and Reminders

The **University Fitness Club** is free to faculty and staff through Wednesday, August 31. Questions? Email Angie at ajpasseri@salisbury.edu.

- Apply now to be a part of the Fall cohort of ACUE's **Effective Teaching Practices** program. Looking for something less time-intensive to participate in? Consider the 4-module **Fostering a Culture of Belonging** micro-credential! The [application portal](#) is open for both training modules.
 - Effective Teaching Practices (Cohort 2):
 - Registration Deadline: August 20, 2024
 - Start Date: September 3, 2024
 - FCB (Cohort 3):
 - Registration Deadline: August 19, 2024
 - Start Date: September 3, 2024
 - FCB (Cohort 4):
 - Registration Deadline: September 16, 2024
 - Start Date: September 30, 2024
- The **Maryland Folk Festival** is coming up September 20-22, 2024. Volunteers are needed to assist with artist greetings. Sign up for a shift [here](#) or contact SU volunteer organizer [Tara Gladden](#) for more information.
- The Office of Academic Affairs will offer several opportunities for **Curriculog training** during the 2024-2025 academic year. You can also “stop by” virtually with your Curriculog questions during virtual open office hours, every other Tuesday from 10 – 11 a.m. beginning September 3, however, faculty and staff are encouraged to contact [Jennifer Ellis](#) at any time. To find more information on session topics and to register, click [here](#).
- SU staff interested in the nonprofit sector can consider becoming a **Certified Nonprofit Professional** by enrolling in the 3-credit course IDIS 350 (Nonprofit Leadership) this fall. Classes are on Wednesdays at 5:30-6:45 p.m. More information can be found [here](#).
- The 4th annual **USM Professional Development Week** virtual conference is scheduled for Monday, September 23 – Friday, September 27. This year's theme is "Fall into Success: Unleashing Potential, Power and Progress." Find out more [here](#).
- Salisbury University has again been chosen as a venue for the “**One Maryland One Book**” author tour. This year's selected book, *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy, a fictionalized account of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, can be claimed [here](#). Later, attend the book discussion panel on Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m. in the GAC Assembly Hall. Details are on [the OMOB website](#).
- **Sea Gull Century** is coming up! Faculty and staff can enjoy a 50% discount on registration fees for the Sea Gull Century bike ride on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Email seagull@salisbury.edu to register.

- [Register now](#): **University System of Maryland Women's Forum Conference** will be held Friday, October 18, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Universities at Shady Grove. There is a call for speakers with a submission deadline is September 6, 2024. [Click here](#) for the speaker application form.
- Please consult the [University Course-Related Policies & Resources](#) and [Start of the Semester Checklist](#) as you prepare your syllabi. Lots of great information at both of these sites including a suggested syllabus statement to direct students to these policies and resources.
- Scantron forms are now available in the Imaging and Data Processing Center in Conway Hall, Room 113A. If you'd like to book an appointment to pick up or drop off scantrons, please [schedule a time](#).
- The [Faculty Development Calendar](#) includes many opportunities for professional development. As always, ID&D will be offering numerous workshops to help prepare you for the start of the semester (please see below). For more information on the sessions and to register, please click [here](#).
 - Monday, August 12:
 - MyClasses Quick Start (9-11 a.m.)
 - Engaging Pedagogy: Starting with the Syllabus (1-2 p.m.)
 - Drop-In Session: Publisher Content & Inclusive Access (2:30-4 p.m.)
 - Tuesday, August 13:
 - Engaging Pedagogy: Student Success (9-11 a.m.)
 - Practice and Play: Content with Modules and Pages (1-2 p.m.)
 - Using New Quizzes: Creating and Migrating Assessments in MyClasses (2:30-4 p.m.)
 - Wednesday, August 14:
 - Practice and Play: New Quizzes (10-11 a.m.)
 - Engaging Pedagogy: Conversations around AI (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
 - Recording Video and Lectures with Panopto (2-3 p.m.)
 - MyClasses Quick Start (5-7 p.m.)
 - Thursday, August 15:
 - Leveraging Microsoft Teams & Office through MyClasses (9-10 a.m.)
 - Drop-In Session: Publisher Content & Inclusive Access (10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.)
 - Aligning Student Learning Outcomes to Assignments, Discussions & Assessments (1-2 p.m.)
 - Practice and Play: Assignments/Discussions (2-3 p.m.)
 - Friday, August 16:
 - Aligning Student Learning Outcomes to Assignments, Discussions & Assessments (10-11 a.m.)

- Practice and Play: New Quizzes (1-2 p.m.)

And just like that, we are back! I look forward to seeing you at many of our semester launch events, and I wish you the best in this coming semester.

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Associate Provost

If you want to share information about events/activities of interest to faculty across campus, please send them to CAFE@salisbury.edu at least three days before the first Monday of each month.

Please see the [Faculty Development Calendar](#) for additional opportunities. Take advantage of [SUToday](#) for a wealth of information on upcoming events, exciting opportunities, and essential campus communications. Bookmark the [Faculty SU Today](#) site for easy access.

Date	Event
August 5-9, 2024	Sea Gull Start-Up
August 9, 2024	Last day of 5W-2 Summer Classes & Final Exams
August 19, 2024	Chairs & School Directors Institute + New Leadership Workshop (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)
August 20, 2024	New Faculty Orientation (7:45 am - 7 pm)
August 21, 2024	Faculty Development Day (8:30 am - 12 pm) Annual Provost's Welcome (1 - 3 pm)
August 22, 2024	New Student Move-In Day Adjunct Faculty Welcome & Orientation (6 - 8 pm)
August 23, 2024	New Student Reflection (9 - 10:30 am) Academic Open Houses (TBD)
August 26, 2024	First Day of Fall 2024 Semester New Gen Ed begins
August 29, 2024	Summer Research Showcase
August 30, 2024	Fall 2024: Regular Session Drop/Add Ends
August 31, 2024	Deadline for final approval by President for Spring 2025 sabbaticals Deadline for faculty to send written request for external commitment to their Department Chair
September 2, 2024	Labor Day: Campus Closed
September 3, 2024	Chairs/CHHS School Directors submit FY25 sabbatical requests to deans
September 9, 2024	Gull Week Begins (Sept. 9-16)
September 15, 2024	Eligible faculty notify chair/CHHS school director of their intention to apply for tenure or tenure and promotion
September 17, 2024	State of the University
September 23-27, 2024	USM Annual Professional Development Conference: Fall into Success (Virtual)
September 28, 2024	Sea Gull Century
October 1, 2024	T&P applications due to Departmental/CHHS School Committees Fall 25 Sabbatical Applications due to Provost from deans
October 7, 2024	Advising Week 1
October 14, 2024	Advising Week 2
October 15, 2024	AY23-24 and Spring 24 Part B Sabbatical Reports due to Provost's Office
October 16, 2024	Grades of I convert to F (semester mid-point) Mid-semester grades due
October 18, 2024	USM Women's Forum -- the Universities at Shady Grove
October 26, 2024	Homecoming and Family Weekend
November 1, 2024	Departmental/CHHS School Committees submit Tenure or T&P recommendations to the Chair/CHHS School Director
November 1, 2024	Last day to withdrawal from a course
November 6, 2024	Middle States Team Chair visit to campus
FY25	Middle States re-accreditation site team visit (March 2025)
FY25	SU Centennial



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