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Dear Colleagues: I hope you all had a rejuvenating holiday weekend, despite the heat. Because my COVID-19 update last week (attached) spelled out much of our planning, I'll focus here on good news, welcomes and best wishes.

Good news to share:

- SU's own Nate Samson has been appointed to USM Board of Regents as a Student Regent. Nate is a Bellavance Honors Program student majoring in Political Science and Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution. We're delighted to have a student voice from SU be one of two Student Regents for the USM.
- SU students struck it big again at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competitions with Jeremiah (Jay) Copeland winning a national title. Our congrats to Jay, his teacher and mentor John Wright, and the entire Department of Music, Theatre, & Dance.
- Through a competitive process, faculty in the Department of Literacy Studies have been selected to host the editorship for the *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, a premier journal in their field. Congratulations to Judi Franzak who will serve as senior editor and colleagues Laurie Henry, Koomi Kim, Heather Porter, and Thea Williamson who will serve as editors.
- Congratulations as well to Anthony Rojas (Chemistry) for his recent award from the National Institutes of Health which will support his research program, undergraduate researchers and acquisition of new instrumentation. Well done!
- April Logan (English) has won a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship to conduct scholarship at the Library Company of Philadelphia (LCP) in academic year 2021-2022. The LCP, founded by Benjamin Franklin, is the nation's first successful lending library and major research library focusing on the 17th through 19th centuries. Congratulations, April!
- If you missed it, the Spring 2020 edition of the Honors College's award-winning, student-driven [Saunterer](#) is available online.
- SU has six top students among more than two hundred students from across the country in [The Washington Center's Virtual Internship Program](#). Students seeking internships at the Washington Center and wanting to enroll for SU credit next year can email IDIS@salisbury.edu.
- Finally, congrats to Sarah Surak (Environmental Studies/Political Science) and Sandy Pope (Secondary & Physical Education) for their amazing work at SU's Institute for Public Affairs & Civic Engagement over the past several years. Much of this work, including [Civic Engagement Across the Curriculum](#), [The Center for Civic Reflection](#), and the *Democracy across the Disciplines* course, is featured in an upcoming issue of the Association of American Colleges & Universities' (AAC&U) journal *Diversity & Democracy*. My sincere thanks to both Sarah and Sandy for their synergy and achievements as co-directors for the last several years – truly an amazing collaboration.

Please join me in welcoming colleagues to campus leadership roles:

- Rhyannon Bemis (Psychology), Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (OURCA)
- Sandy Pope, Director, Institute for Public Affairs & Civic Engagement (PACE)
- Chrys Egan (Communication), Associate Dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts
- Meredith Patterson, Chair, Department of Psychology
- David Johnson, Chair, Department of English
- Ani Mathers (Economics & Finance), Associate Dean, Perdue School of Business
- Mike Koval (Accounting & Legal Studies), Director, Business Honors Program
- Scott Mazzetti (Health Sciences), Chair, Applied Health Physiology MS Program
- Debra Webster, Interim Director, School of Nursing
- Annette Barnes, Graduate Program Chair, School of Nursing
- Kimberly Allen, Undergraduate Program Chair, School of Nursing
- Stephen Habay, Chair, Department of Chemistry
- Cathrene Connery, Chair, Department of Early & Elementary Education
- Maida Finch, Chair, Department of Literacy Studies

Retirements last month: Please join me in thanking the following faculty and staff for their many contributions to Salisbury University: Al Beebe, Carvel LaCurts, Don Kunciw (Mathematics & Computer Science); Vicki Willey (English); Deb Truitt (Psychology); Carmel Boger (Nursing); Vera Street (Management and Marketing); June Krell-Salgado (Cultural Affairs).

COVID-19 Information: Recent information on COVID-19 was included in my July 2 Update (see attached). Please also see the attached infographic that describes fall 2020 course delivery. My thanks to Crystal Kelly who distilled input from several people into a information-dense graphic about the four ways instruction will be delivered this fall.

Don't forget!: The Faculty Extra Instructional Survey is open and is an important mechanism for us to communicate the important work (and workload!) of our faculty. There are also questions in the [FEIP Survey](#) this year for you to provide feedback on spring 2020. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey by July 17.

Best regards and best wishes for your summer activities,
Karen

Upcoming dates of interest (new events and deadlines in bold) – See the [Registrar's Calendar](#) for important dates

- 7/17 FEIP surveys due
- 8/24 Adjunct Faculty Welcome Back and Orientation
- 8/25 New Faculty Orientation
- 8/26 Faculty Development Day, Provost's Welcome Back
- 9/3 Summer Research Poster Session (3:30-5:30 pm)
- 9/25 Research Day 2020
- 9/29 [SU Giving Day](#)
- 12/4 Last Day to change grade of I awarded in Spring 2020 semester

- 12/18-12/20 Commencement Exercises for May and December 2020 graduates

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