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Memorandum

To: Academic Affairs Division
From: Dr. Deidre Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost
Subject: **Academic Affairs Fall Semester Opening Meetings and Professional Week Activities**
Date: August 25, 2025

Welcome back to Montgomery College! As we gather to begin the fall 2025 semester, we are excited to launch a week of meaningful professional development activities designed to inspire, inform, and prepare us for another successful academic year. Classes begin September 2, and this week provides valuable opportunities for updates, colleague engagement, reflection, and classroom preparation. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to planning and developing this week's events. The complete schedule is available [here](#).

Monday, August 25: Collegewide Convocation and Brand Launch

Thank you to all who joined us this morning for our official academic year kickoff with Convocation and our brand launch. Today also begins our Student Success Symposium, with professional development opportunities open to all faculty and staff. Be sure to check out the wide variety of sessions available as you prepare for the start of classes. You will find in the schedule linked below for virtual and in-person opportunities, as well as a robust list of sessions starting at 6 p.m., which the Center of Teaching and Learning is hosting to increase access for those part-time faculty and staff who may benefit the added flexibility from these evening sessions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tuesday, August 26: Academic Affairs Division Meetings and AMP Launch

Our vice presidents will host fall division meetings on each campus, where I will officially launch the **Academic Master Plan 2025-2029**. Your extensive participation through surveys, focus groups, roundtables, and governance conversations has shaped this transformative plan, and I am eager to share the results with you in person. Each Division/VP meeting schedule is noted below, and the dean and discipline schedules are attached.

Division Meeting Schedule:

- **STEM and Health Sciences Unit**

Host: Dr. Nawal Benmouna

Location: Globe Hall (GT)

Time: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

- **Workforce Development and Industry Partnerships Unit—and Academic**

Operational Units (Our teams from Academic Partnerships and Programs; Curriculum and Pathways; and Equity, Access and Student Success units are welcome to attend a meeting on any campus but are encouraged to attend this meeting in Rockville if available and able.)

Host: Mr. Steve Greenfield and Dr. Michael Mills

Location: Parilla Performing Arts Center (RV)

Time: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

- **Liberal Arts and Education Unit**

Host: Dr. Sarah Campbell

Location: Cultural Arts Center (TP/SS)

Time: 1:30–2:30 p.m.

In addition to our division/VP/dean and discipline meetings please note that the newly reimagined **Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)** continues to deliver the high-quality professional development it always has, now enhanced with exciting improvements:

- **Flexible scheduling** with sessions throughout all week
- **In-person options on every campus** with refreshments provided
- **Extended virtual evening sessions** offering greater flexibility and choice in your professional growth

Every session is strategically aligned with both our Academic Master Plan and Strategic Plan goals, ensuring your participation directly contributes to our shared vision for excellence in teaching, learning, and student success. For the entire schedule and full details for each session, visit: [Professional Week | Montgomery College, Maryland](#).

Beyond the information from our division meetings and CTL's professional development offerings, you will also receive more information throughout the week from various offices on campus to support our team's continued preparation for students' return next week. We encourage everyone in our division to spend time this week refamiliarizing yourself with the College's resources to support students. Being prepared with information about how to direct students in need of support is a way to share both help and hope as we support students at all phases of their academic journeys.

This professional development week represents more than preparation for the semester ahead—it embodies our collective commitment to educational excellence and student success. Your engagement this week will strengthen our academic community and enhance our capacity to support every student who walks through our doors.

Thank you for your service to our students and your ongoing commitment to Montgomery College's mission. I look forward to a productive and fulfilling week together and an outstanding fall semester.