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Greetings: Hard to believe, but the 2023-2024 academic year is just around the corner. We hope all faculty and Academic Affairs staff and partners have had a chance to hit the rejuvenation button this summer.

Good news and congratulations

- Congratulations to **Michèle Schlehofer** (Psychology) who is a 2024 recipient of the University System of Maryland's (USM) Elkins Professorship! Michèle won a \$50,000 award to expand opportunities for community engagement through the establishment of a permanent community resource – the Center for Ethical Responsibility and Transformation. Her project builds on Re-Envisioning Ethics Access and Community Humanities (REACH) which is a collaboration among faculty in the departments of Philosophy, Psychology, and Biological Sciences.
- Congratulations as well to **Beth Towle** (English and University Writing Center) who won an inaugural USM Elkins Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Fellowship. Beth will be expanding her work to examine departmental learning outcomes for majors and will conduct a critical thinking assessment for students.
- **Lisa Seldomridge** (Nursing and Interim Dean, College of Health & Human Services) recently received a \$100,000 award from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission to address RN and Nurse Educator retention. This award builds on the School of Nursing's well-established [Lead Nursing Forward](#) initiative. Well done, Lisa and Nursing colleagues!
- The Henson School of Science & Technology and Wor-Wic Community College have developed a collaborative **Forensic Science** program. SU students can take courses at Wor-Wic in support of their Integrated Science B.S. - Forensic Science track. The program also establishes a clear roadmap for Criminal Justice majors at Wor-Wic to complete the Integrated Science- Forensic Science track at SU.
- Hats off to all the winners of [2023 Student Affairs Awards](#) including **ID&D Staff** for their work with the SU Bookstore on inclusive access.

Semester Launch Events

- **Faculty Development Day** will be held on August 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to noon (lunch to follow). The theme this year, "Establishing a Community of Belonging," is designed to empower faculty with practical strategies to cultivate an inclusive learning environment where students feel valued and supported. [Register for Faculty Development Day](#)
- The **Provost's annual academic year welcome** will be held at 1:00 pm. in the Dorchester Room (SU Commons) with school/college events to follow. Please join us to welcome Provost Couch.
- **New Student Reflection** will be held on August 25th from 9:15-10:30 am; see the 8/1/23 email from Sarah Surak for more information on how to be a facilitator.
- Later that morning, **Academic Open Houses** will be held from 10:45-11:45 am at various locations.
- **New Student Convocation will be held on August 25th at 7:30 pm in Sea Gull Stadium.** The decision to move to the new time and location was driven by several factors including the heat in The Square and the less than ideal engagement of students in the morning. The annual class photo is taken at the Stadium in the evening, so students will be assembling there for both events. The rain location will be Maggs Gym. An invitation to the event will be forthcoming from the Provost's Office. Thanks in advance for joining us for the formal launch of the Class of 2027 – regalia not required!
- The **2023 Fall Semester** regular session begins on 8/28! See below for other events and deadlines.

Professional Development, Funding, and other Opportunities

- Salisbury University has been chosen as a venue for the One Maryland One Book author tour. This year's selected book, *There There* by Tommy Orange can be requested for free either in [print](#) or as an [e-book](#). Don't miss the opportunity to attend the author talk with Tommy Orange on Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m., in the GAC Assembly Hall. The conversation will be introduced and facilitated by Céline Carayon (History) and Isabel Quintana Wulf (English and American Studies). This event is open to the public and admission is free.
- 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.
- The [University Fitness Club](#) is free to faculty and staff in the month of August! See 7/31/23 email from Angie Passeri.
- [Apply now for the Fall 2023 Ethics Across the Curriculum Faculty Workshop.](#) Engage with colleagues to adopt innovative ways of incorporating ethics in your curriculum. For more information, please see the 8/4/23 email from CAFE or contact facilitator Timothy Stock (testock@salisbury.edu).
- The [Faculty Development Calendar](#) includes many opportunities for professional development. Workshops that may be of particular interest for the start include:

- [Mastering the MyClasses Canvas Gradebook](#) (August 14th, 1:00-2:00pm, AC221 or Zoom)
- [Rethinking Your Syllabus](#) (August 15th, 9:00-10:00am, AC221 or Zoom)
- [UDL: Presentations and Course Materials](#) (August 15th, 10:30-12:00pm, Zoom)
- [UDL: Assignments and Assessments](#) (August 15th, 1:00 – 2:00pm, Zoom)
- [Teaching in the AI Era: Strategies and Opportunities](#) (August 17th, 9:00-10:00am, Zoom)
- [Improve Student Writing with Turnitin](#) (August 17th, 10:30-11:30pm, Zoom)
- [Using MyClasses for Meaningful Feedback](#) (September 15th, 1:00-2:00pm, Zoom)
- Please feel free to let us know if you seek support in areas not currently covered (email CAFE@salisbury.edu).
- Faculty participating in the Inclusive Access program to distribute course materials through MyClasses can obtain support from ID&D. For assistance, read the [Inclusive Access Knowledgebase Article](#) (SU Login Required) and/or attend one of the following [drop-in sessions](#):
 - Monday, August 14 from 2 – 4 p.m. (any eBook or publisher)
 - Wednesday, August 15 from 9 – 10 a.m. McGraw-Hill Connect
 - Wednesday, August 15 from 10 – 11 a.m. Cengage
 - Wednesday, August 15 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pearson (MyLab & Mastering)
- [Strategic Innovation Fund](#) – applications due on Sept. 1

I look forward to seeing you at many of our semester launch events,

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Upcoming Dates of Interest (bold indicates events added this month). For more detailed information regarding instruction-related dates of interest, please consult the Registrar’s Calendars. For information about Faculty Senate meetings, please consult [their webpage](#). The [Faculty Development Calendar](#) includes many opportunities for professional development. If you want to share information about events/activities of interest to faculty across campus, please send them to provost@salisbury.edu at least three days before the first Monday of each month.

AY23/24	Working Groups work on Middle States Self-Study
8/7/23	Study Abroad Summer Information Nights (see 6/22/23 email from Brian Stiegler)
8/21/23	Chairs and School Directors Institute (8:30am-12 pm) New Leaders Workshop (12-4 pm)
8/22/23	New Faculty Orientation (full day)
8/23/23	Faculty Development Day (am) Provost’s Welcome (1:00-2:30 pm) to be followed by School and CHHS welcomes
8/24/23	Adjunct Faculty Orientation (6:00-8:00 pm)
8/25/23	New Student Reflection (9:15-10:30 am, various locations) Academic Open Houses (10:45-11:45 am, various locations) New Student Convocation (7:30 pm, Sea Gull Stadium) - faculty do not need to wear regalia
8/28/23	First Day of Classes - Fall 2023 Semester
8/28-9/1	Fall Semester Regular Session Drop/Add Period
8/31/23	Spring ’23 Sabbatical approval/non-approval notification from President Summer Research Showcase
9/1/23	GE course submissions due for FYS, Experiential Learning, Diversity & Inclusion, Civic Engagement, and Environmental Sustainability Applications due to the Strategic Innovation Fund Chairs/CHHS School Directors submit FY24 sabbatical requests to deans
9/4/23	Labor Day – Campus closed
9/15/23	Eligible faculty notify chair/CHHS school director of their intention to apply for tenure or tenure and promotion
9/15-9/16/23	Chesapeake Studies Conference
9/22-9/24/23	Maryland Folk Festival
9/23/23	Admissions Open House
10/2/23	Tenure or Tenure & Promotion applications due to Departmental/CHHS School Committees Fall 24 Sabbatical Applications due to Provost from deans
10/14/23	Sea Gull Century
10/16/23	AY22-23 and Spring 23 Part B Sabbatical Reports due to Provost’s Office
10/18/23	Grades of I convert to F (semester mid-point)
10/21/23	Admissions Open House
10/27-10/29/23	Homecoming/Family Weekend
11/1/23	Departmental/CHHS School Committees submit Tenure or T&P recommendations to the Chair/CHHS School Director
11/3/23	Last day to withdraw from class with a grade of W (regular session)
11/11/23	Admissions Open House
11/15/23	Typical deadline for USM Regents Faculty Award Nominations Department Chairs/CHHS School Directors submit T&P recommendations to dean

	Applications due for Spring and Summer 2024 graduation
11/22-11/24/23	Thanksgiving Break
12/1/23	Open Pedagogy Summit (In partnership with the USM's Kirwan Center) Deans submit T&P recommendations to Provost
12/12/23	Reading Day
12/15/23	Provost submits tenure recommendations to President
12/20/23	Commencement
1/15/24	President sends written notification of tenure decisions
Fall 2024	New Gen Ed begins
FY25	SU Centennial 2020-2025 Strategic Plan ends Middle States visit (likely in the spring) Carnegie Community-Engaged Campus Re-Application

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