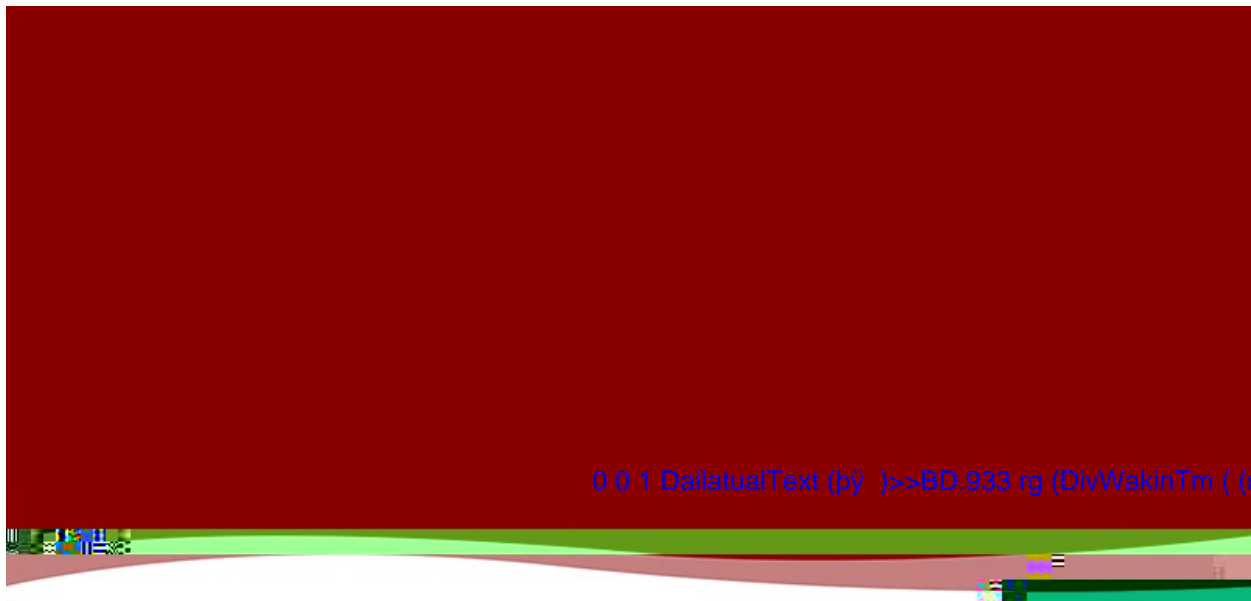


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February is here!

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back, I hope that the start of the semester has been a reinvigorating one!

As we move into February and consider the significance of Black History Month, many thanks to those of you making significant efforts to promote an inclusive, equitable learning experience for our students. If you are looking for information on how to make your teaching more inclusive, check out the resources available from the [Office of Diversity & Inclusion](#) and in [Library Guides](#) (many available, just click on Select a Topic Guide or start with the [Diversity & Inclusion Resources for Curricula Guide](#)

- The Daily Record recently named Memo Diriker (Marketing) among its [2023 Icon Honors recipients](#), recognizing the lasting impact he has had in business leadership and community involvement. As the Perdue School's founding director of BEACON in 1989, Memo spent the next 32 years building the applied research center into a regional leader, served as the principal investigator on over 500 research projects, and launched the careers of hundreds of students. We always knew you were an icon, Memo!
- Congratulations to Melissa Boog (Academic Affairs) for securing a \$216,000 federal grant which will support efforts to increase retention and success of first-year students at SU. For more information about the goals, which will include development of a peer mentorship program and academic advising training, the press release can be found [here](#).
- Congratulations to Pat McDermott (Management) who was selected to be a 2024-25 Distinguished Visiting Professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado!
- SU Alum/Athletics Hall of Famer Dan Quinn ('94) is trading in his SU maroon and gold for the burgundy and gold of the NFL's Washington Commanders as the team's new head coach!
- Many thanks to Ellen Schaefer-Salins (Social Work) for championing increased accessibility on campus! In partnership with the President's Office, resources and procedures are now in place to request sign language interpreters for University events and meetings. To do so, please click [here](#).
- Speaking of inclusion, January kicked off with a half-day event on "Empowering Education: Starting Your Journey into Inclusive Pedagogy, Identity, and Accessibility". Thanks to the engaged participants, the morning was filled with great discussions, ideas, and thought-provoking identity exercises. Much appreciation to those that attended and to my co-presenters and coordinators Haley Cristea (Instructional Design and Delivery), Vanice Antrum (Multicultural Affairs), Candace Henry (Disabilities Resource Center), Sara Prebenda (Instructional Design and Delivery), and Angela Lookabill (Academic Affairs).
- Congratulations to the thirty faculty chosen to participate in the first cohort of ACUE's Effective Teaching Practices certification! Couldn't swing it this semester? The [application portal](#) is open now to apply to be a part of the Fall cohort.
- Kudos to Melissa Bugdal (University Writing Center and English), Stephanie Davis (University Writing Center), Olivia Imirie ('22), Carlyne King (English) and Beth Towle (University Writing Center and English) whose collective efforts earned the SU Writing Program (First Year Writing, University Writing Center, and Writing Across the Curriculum) the competitive Certification of Excellence award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication! This award recognizes programs that

continuously innovate, support comprehensive faculty development, and apply best practices and rigorous assessment for meeting diverse student needs.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

- Congratulations to SU's Ethics Bowl Team who once again showcased SU as a producer of ethical thought leaders at the northeast regional Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Ethics Bowl. Many thanks to coach Grace Clement (Philosophy) and the many other faculty volunteers from the Department of Philosophy for supporting these talented students.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- This month, join in honoring Black History Month by attending the many events across campus and virtually (details available on [Panorama](#) and SU's Cultural Affairs Facebook and [Instagram](#)).
- [Register now](#) for SU's 14th annual [Teaching & Learning Conference](#) to be held February 16th. Dr. Tim Stock and Dr. Sandy Pope, Distinguished Faculty Award recipients, will deliver the keynote presentation. The [schedule](#) is available online.
- A new seminar series, Rediscovering Happiness Through the Disciplines, highlights faculty as they share expertise to support student wellbeing and resilience. Sessions include: February 9, "Movies for Greater Happiness" with Elsie Walker (English); March 1, "Thriving (Not Just Surviving) in a High-Pressure Career: How Can I Make a Living and Still Enjoy Life?" with Heidi Fritz (Psychology); April 12, "Cultivating Joy in Learning" with Erin Stutelberg (Secondary and Physical Education); May 10, "Discovering Happiness Through Music" with Jan Schreibman (Music Therapy) and Laurie Sherer (Counseling Center). Co-sponsored by Fulton and SU's Counseling Center, the series will take place from 1-3 p.m. in the Commons, Worcester Room. While the content is aimed at students, SU employees are welcome.
- Save the Date: The Salisbury University Women's Forum will host the 8th annual conference, "Inspire Inclusion: It Matters," celebrating International Women's Day, on Friday, March 8, from 1-4 p.m. in the Commons, Worcester Room.

Funding Opportunities

- [University Student Academic Research Awards](#) (USARA), up to \$400, are available to help support undergraduate research projects and creative endeavors related to developing and conducting projects, with a faculty supervisor, and the presentation of

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

As always, thanks for all you do!

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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.

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