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Dear Colleagues,

March has arrived, and with it comes the busy weeks of advising and mid-term reporting. Thanks for the time and care you take with your advisees this month—don't forget that the [Advising Services Coordinators](#) are there to help with any questions you might have.

Amidst the busyness of this month, we also have much to celebrate and will soon be enjoying the many springtime events that our campus community offers us, from Writers on the Shore to Fulton Feature Fridays, to the multitude of guest lectures, exhibits and festivals. As always, please see the [Panorama](#) for this month's cultural and educational events.



## Important Reminders

- Faculty Senate will hold a special topics budget meeting with **President Lepre** and **Aurora Edenhart-Pepe**, VP for Administration and Finance, on Tuesday, March 5, at 3:30 p.m. in the GAC Assembly Hall.
- As you prepare to ramp up with advising, remember there are many tools available for [students](#) and for [faculty](#). Need a **Navigate refresher** for recording advising notes or setting up your advising calendar? Attend a training drop-in session on March 13 from 1-3 p.m. or April 18 from 2-4 p.m. (both in TETC 110B).

- Midsemester grade reporting opens on March 6 and will close on March 24. Faculty are asked to enter midpoint grades for **all** students this semester.

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## Good News and Appreciation to Share

- Nearly 40 students presented their work in Annapolis on February 6 at [Posters on the Bay](#). Kudos to the students and their faculty mentors for their great work! Many thanks to **Rhy Bemis** (Psychology, OURCA), **Carter Davis** (Biology, Honors, OURCA), and **Eli Modlin** for coordinating this impressive event.
- Many thanks to **Melissa Thomas** and the entire ID&D team, **Bibiana Koh** (Social Work) and the Faculty Development Committee, as well as the presenters who made the 14th Annual Teaching & Learning Conference on February 16 a resounding success. This year's conference featured 23 sessions and was kicked off by an inspiring keynote address from SU's Distinguished Faculty Award winners, **Sandy Pope** (PACE and Secondary & Physical Education) and **Tim Stock** (Philosophy). If you missed the conference or wanted to see another recording, [join the 2024 TLC site in MyClasses](#).
- Congratulations to **Maarten Pereboom**, dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, on being selected for [Leadership Maryland 2024!](#)
- Congratulations to the [SU Alumni Association Faculty Appreciation Award](#) winners **Donna Ritenour** (Athletic Training), **David Burns** (Communication), **Chris Briand** (Biological Sciences), **Sumathy Chandrashekar** (Information Systems and Operations Management), and **Doug DeWitt** (Education Leadership). You have left an indelible mark on those you have taught!
- Also recognized at SU's Alumni Awards was **Niya Brown '15** (Early and Elementary Education) who received the Young Alumni Achievement Award. Congratulations Niya!
- Congratulations to Dean **Christy Weer** and all the Perdue School faculty and staff on [successfully attaining reaccreditation through AACSB!](#) This was a huge undertaking by all, but it highlights the school's commitment to excellence in business education.
- SU does it again! Two of SU's online graduate degrees were again ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World Report*: the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Nursing. Kudos to those who have helped drive excellence in these two graduate programs.
- Speaking of graduate programs, the University System of Maryland recently approved the establishment of a Graduate School at SU! Under the leadership of Dean **Clifton Griffin**, the graduate school aims to not only expand graduate enrollment, but also to elevate the University's rankings and reinforce its institutional identity.

- Congratulations to **Elsie Walker** (English) on the launch of her new book, *Life 24x a Second: Cinema, Selfhood and Society!*
- Congratulations to **Brian Polkinghorn** (CADR) on being selected to participate in a panel discussion at the [International Peace Museum](#) which kicked off “A Season for Nonviolence”, a commemoration of the 64-day period between the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi’s assassination (January 30) and Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination (April 4).
- Congratulations to the 30 faculty chosen to participate in the first cohort of ACUE’s **Effective Teaching Practices** certification! Couldn’t swing it this semester? Apply now to be a part of the Fall cohort. Looking for something less time-intensive or for staff to participate in? Consider the four-module **Fostering a Culture of Belonging** micro-credential! The [application portal](#) is open for both training modules.
- **Dustin Chambers** (Economics) has been selected as a 2024 Visiting Fellow at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution where he will research new ways to analyze government regulations using AI. Congrats Dustin!
- Kudos to **Ying Wu** and **Hong Yao** (Economics) who won the Academy of Economics and Finance’s 2023 Best Conference Paper competition in Economics for their paper “The Dual Effect of Transparency on Investment Efficiency: Evidence from Environmental and Social Disclosure.”
- Congrats to **Nancy Talbott** (Political Science, Sociology) who was honored as SU’s Employee of the Month for February!
- Recruitment events for Fall 2024 continue in March and April. Thanks to all who are participating in the [Admitted Student Day](#) events and the many other outreach efforts across campus!

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## Events, Opportunities, and Resources

- SU’s **Spring Writers on the Shore** Series Returns this Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Worcester Room of the Commons with [Andrew Leland](#), author of *The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight*.
- The **Salisbury University Women’s Forum (SUWF)** will host the [8th Annual Conference](#), “Inspire Inclusion: It Matters,” celebrating International Women’s Day, on Friday, March 8, from 1-4:30 p.m. in Commons, Worcester Room.
- **Fulton Feature Fridays** will once again showcase the hidden talent of many SU faculty and staff this spring. Interested? Stop by the Brick Room this Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Instructional Design & Delivery** Updates and Opportunities
  - Using New Quizzes: Creating and Migrating Assessments in MyClasses (3/15, 9-

10 a.m. & 3/28, 5-6 p.m.)

- Play and Practice with Design Tools (3/19, 12-1 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.)
- Please see the [Faculty Development Calendar](#) for full details and to register for these virtual offerings.
- Join invited speakers Dr. Jeffery Scott Mio and Dr. Melanie Domenech Rodriguez on Monday, March 11 from 4-6 p.m. in the Assembly Hall to explore the complexities of our multicultural world and to gain a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives that shape our global society. More information can be found [here](#).
- [Call for SU Green Fund Proposals](#): Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit their ideas for projects to help make the campus more sustainable! All proposal teams must include at least one student and at least one faculty or staff advisor. Deadline to apply is March 14th, and the application can be found [here](#). For more information, please contact [Chris Homeister](#).
- The **Building Research Excellence Program** supports activities that will enhance the competitiveness of an application to be submitted to an external funding agency. Up to three awards will be given this year, each with a maximum of \$12,000. More information can be found [here](#).
- The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) is hosting the [9th Annual Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Conference](#) April 18 and 19 at The Maritime Conference Center. Many thanks to the President's Office for sponsoring the event expenses for a cohort to attend. The 2024 conference theme will focus on educational approaches centered on social justice. If you are interested in attending this conference as part of a cohort of SU attendees, [please complete the interest form](#). Please reach out to [Angela Lookabill](#) with any questions.
- **Interested in teaching abroad?** Proposals for courses to be taught at one of the "SU in" Global Campuses or through SU's Global Seminar program are now being accepted for winter and summer term 2025. More information on the two programs, as well as the application can be found [here](#).
- Registration is now open for SU's [Summer Enrichment Academies](#). As always, there are numerous engaging options for K-12 students. Please follow the link for topics, dates, and costs.
- The Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation is calling for applications for **Elkins Fellowships for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)**. Up to 10 Elkins SoTL Fellowships of \$1,000 each will be awarded for 2024-2025. The deadline to apply is March 27, 2024. The application can be found [here](#).
- The [2024-25 Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog](#) is now live. Please take time to review your individual program pages to ensure they align with approved curriculum changes made this past year. If you have questions or need to request a change, please contact [Melissa Boog](#) or [Jennifer Ellis](#).

- Check out the all-new, simplified [HR website](#) that provides intuitive navigation of HR information like benefits, employee forms, leave policies, and more.
- 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, thank you so much 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](mailto:CAFE@salisbury.edu) at least three days before the first Monday of each month.

Date	Event
March 5, 2024	Faculty Senate special topics budget meeting (3:30pm GAC Assembly Hall)
March 6, 2024	Faculty summer and fall book orders due to SU Bookstore
March 8, 2024	SU Women's Forum
March 9, 2024	Admitted Student Day #1
March 11-15, 2024	Faculty Advising Week #1
March 13, 2024	Deadline to enroll in ACUE-Fostering a Culture of Belonging
March 15, 2024	Promotion recommendation (Round 2) from department chair to dean (in CHHS, from school director to dean)
	Sabbatical applications for Spring 2025 due to department chair/CHHS school director
	Fall23 and CY23 Sabbatical reports due to Provost
	SUSRC Intent to submit deadline
March 18-22, 2024	Spring Break
March 22, 2024	Promotion recommendation (Round 1) from Provost to President
	Campus Closed
March 24, 2024	Deadline for midsemester grade reporting
March 25-29, 2024	Faculty Advising Week #2
March 30, 2024	Promotion recommendation (Round 2) from dean to University Promotions Committee
April 6, 2024	Admitted Student Day #2
April 15, 2024	Department chairs/CHHS school directors send endorsements for Spring 2025 sabbatical applications to dean
	Notification of promotion (Round 1) outcome to applicant by President
April 20, 2024	Admissions Open House
April 22, 2024	Promotion (Round 2) recommendation from University Promotions Committee to Provost
April 25, 2024	Safe Spaces workshop
May 1, 2024	Deans send endorsements for Spring 2025 sabbaticals to Provost
May 1, 2024	Promotion (Round 2) recommendation from Provost to President
May 15, 2024	Notification of promotion (Round 2) outcome to applicant by President
August 31, 2024	Deadline for final approval by President for Spring 2025 sabbaticals
Fall 2024	New Gen Ed begins
FY25	Middle States re-accreditation site team visit (likely Spring 2025)
FY25	SU Centennial



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