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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 [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](#)
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