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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Best Wishes to Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea

Although I am filled with so many mixed emotions, it still gives me great pleasure to write memoranda such as this in which I get to congratulate one of our esteemed senior vice presidents on her recent selection and appointment as the next president of Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea joined Montgomery College in 2011 and has been a wonderful friend, colleague, and a true visionary. She has been a creative and dynamic force in leading us to build and successfully integrate a vibrant and effective Student Services Division that is grounded in the Common Student Experience. She has been instrumental in establishing the Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Schools and the Universities at Shady Grove. And, she has played a major role in guiding the College in our implementation of the important Maryland law affecting many aspects of what higher education institutions do, the College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act.

Through her leadership, we have revitalized our student services organization into what has become an excellent One College model. It is complete with collegewide deans who have a focus on students at every level—access, success, and engagement; new Welcome Centers at each campus to guide our students and help them connect with the College; a new collegewide student tracking system that supports our counseling and advising team¾one with great potential to support the academic enterprise; and many other important changes and initiatives that all serve to support our mission and vision, and further enhance and ensure a positive student experience¾with the ultimate goal of increasing retention and graduation rates for all of our students.

As Dr. Walker-Griffea will be leaving in late August to start her new presidency, I will soon be appointing an interim senior vice president for student services in order to continue these important initiatives.

Please join me in congratulating “Dr. Beverly” and in wishing her a wonderful, successful journey as the new leader at Mott Community College. As she would end her many thoughtful communications, I say, “Looking Forward!”