Subject: Summer Professional Development Institute

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Colleagues,

MC is wired for a digital launch in Fall 2020. Prioritizing health and safety, the fall semester will be delivered via online and structured remote teaching (SRT). Prioritizing MC quality, the Office of ELITE is launching the **MC Online / Remote Teaching Summer Professional Development Institute**. The best online and remote teaching differ from the best face to face teaching. For the last decade, we have worked hard to offer the best in both pedagogical spheres. In response to the pandemic, we will offer the best online and remote instruction to our students. During Professional Week, a Speaker Series will kick off the Institute. You won't want to miss one of these outstanding speakers. *Descriptions are below. Registration is required through MC Learns, and a Zoom lin*k will be emailed to you thereafter.

Monday, May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Keynote Address
Dr. Katie Linder, Executive Director for Program Development, Kansas State University Global Campus
"Silver Lining: Leveraging Teaching and Learning to Cultivate Resilience in Challenging Times"
Dr. Katie Linder will discuss how instructors and learners across disciplines have been challenged to learn, shift, and evolve in the midst of stress and uncertainty. In this interactive virtual keynote, Dr. Linder will offer reflective questions to help participants explore what they have learned during this period that can contribute to their personal and professional growth.

Tuesday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Dr. Collins Jones, Biotechnology Program Coordinator, Montgomery College
"What You Should Know about COVID-19"
Dr. Collins Jones will discuss what COVID-19 is and what impact it has had and will continue to have on our well-being. He will also discuss the benefits and disadvantages of various masks that are currently being used to combat the spread of the virus. He will present information on the Montgomery College Biotechnology Program, how students can get involved, and how it serves the College and the community, particularly during this global public health crisis.

Tuesday, May 19 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
Dr. John Beyers, Department Chair of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Maryland Global Campus
"Teaching and Learning STEM Online: Highlights and Hurdles"
Dr. John Beyers will discuss the number of challenges that are unique to the teaching and learning of mathematics and statistics in an online environment. These challenges are deeply connected to existing difficulties related to math anxiety, communicating mathematically, and the appropriate use of technology. Based on his upcoming book *Teaching and Learning Mathematics Online*, Dr. Beyers will present meaningful and practical solutions for teaching mathematics and statistics online. He will also provide a set of standard best practices to improving the quality of online teaching and the learning of mathematics. All faculty can benefit from learning new techniques and approaches to delivering content.

Wednesday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Thomas Bailey, Vice Dean of the Sciences Programs and Psychology Instructor, University of Maryland Global Campus
"Hope and Planning Our Outcomes"
Dr. Thomas Bailey will discuss how to successfully get our students through these very challenging and uncertain times. He will focus primarily on how faculty can help their students develop a sense of hope and how we can move purposely toward calming the churning sensations we all may be facing. He will refer to C. R. Snyder's concept of hope as a state-based cognitive construct with a cognitive problem solving protocol. He will provide possible tools to the audience that may be useful both in and out of the classroom.

I'm looking forward to participating, and hope you will be able to join me.

Sanjay