

MARYMOUNT FRESHMANS

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DISCOVER Program Expanding

After a successful pilot program in academic year 2008-09, DISCOVER has broadened its course offerings and enlarged its mentoring roster, as it prepares to begin expanded operations this fall.

Dr. Liane Summerfield, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and director of the DISCOVER Center, says that the four sections of the DSC 101 Freshman Seminar that were offered last fall had excellent outcomes for students.

In addition, throughout the year MU students in many disciplines conducted original research and scholarship under the direction of faculty mentors, with 70 students presenting their work at Marymount's Student Research Conference in April.

That same month, DISCOVER awarded its first summer research stipends to teams of faculty and undergraduate students. Over the summer, nine MU students worked with their faculty mentors on projects in mathematics, biology, biochemistry, English, psychology, and marketing.

This fall, 10 sections of DSC 101 will be offered, with such intriguing course titles as "Banned Books," "Spying in a Democracy," and "CSI Marymount."

Dr. Summerfield explains, "With these 10 topics, we are launching our freshman class into a world of exciting discovery. We know the enthusiasm generated through this program will permeate the total learning experience of our first-year students."

Each section of DSC 101 will have a student peer mentor, and five staff members have agreed to serve as staff mentors, providing additional support to students as they make the transition

from high school to college. The staff mentors are Marjory Eisenman, Jordana Fournier-Belonio, Paul Lynch, Brandon Jenkins, and Colleen Ruppert.

The full list of DSC 101 topics, and names of the professors teaching them, can be found at www.marymount.edu/discover.

The office of Academic Affairs reminds faculty of the following first-week activities for the fall semester:

Monday, August 17 - New Faculty Orientation, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Chair Workshop and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18 - University Assembly, Lee Center recreational gym, 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Wednesday, August 19 - Faculty Convocation, 8:30 a.m.

Faculty Workshops, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, August 20 - Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Reception, 5 p.m.

Resource Fair and Reception, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, August 21 - School Meetings, 1-3 p.m.

Committee Meetings, 3-3:45 p.m.

Student Convocation, 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 22 - ASC, Registrar, Student Accounts open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday, August 24 - First day of classes.

For questions about this schedule, please e-mail academic.affairs@marymount.edu or call the provost's office at (703) 284-1550.

FYI

Center for Teaching Excellence Hosts New Faculty Orientation

The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) is coordinating an orientation program for new faculty on Monday, August 17. The schedule is as follows:

9-10:30 a.m.: Library Orientation: Meet your library liaison and learn about available resources.

10:30 a.m.-noon: Tour of Main Campus and orientation of Information Technology Services.

Noon-1 p.m.: Lunch with the president of the Faculty Council, last year's new faculty, and our new writing specialist.

1-2:30 p.m.: Benefits overview.

2:30-3:30 p.m.: CTE overview and discussion.

For questions about this schedule, call the CTE at ext. 5761 or e-mail teaching@marymount.edu.

Student Employer Workshops

If you plan to hire or supervise student employees this year, please plan to attend one of two workshops offered by Student Employment and Human Resource Services:

Wednesday, August 5, 10-11 a.m. (Gailhac 24).

Tuesday, August 11, 2-3 p.m. (Gailhac 24).

The workshops will cover the basics of job posting, the hiring process, necessary HR paperwork, and the role of supervisors.

RSVP with the date you will be attending to **Colleen Ruppert**, coordinator, Orientation and Student Employment, at colleen.ruppert@marymount.edu or call ext. 5796.

New MU BlueCards Available

New Marymount BlueCards, with optional banking functions through PNC Bank, will be issued to all staff, faculty, and students this fall. The

new cards will be available for pick-up at the ID and Parking office in Ireton Hall from Tuesday, August 4, through Friday, August 7.

During this period, PNC Bank will have a table in Ireton Hall where you can learn about a special \$250 welcome offer for new PNC accounts and the benefits of WorkPlace Banking, including the ability to link your BlueCard to a PNC account and use it as an ATM card. There are now two PNC ATMs on Main Campus and one at the Ballston Center.

When you trade in your old BlueCard for the new card, you can enter a drawing for a chance to win one of five \$100 VISA gift cards.

For questions about the new BlueCard, please contact **Paula Polson**, Human Resource Services associate, at ext. 1680, or paula.polson@marymount.edu.

Newly Renovated Bookstore; Extended Hours of Operation

The Barnes & Noble bookstore at the Lee Center has undergone a transformation! Come by and see the recently completed improvements.

Please note the bookstore's extended hours of operation for August:

August 17-21: 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, August 22: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 23: 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

August 24-27: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, August 28: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, August 29: 11a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 30: Closed.

Monday, August 31: ****Last Day for full refund**** 9:30 a.m - 7 p.m.

PEOPLE Welcome

Megan Coup, learning specialist, Library and Learning Services; ext. 5967.

Barbara Fischer, administrative secretary, Academic Success Center, ext. 6927.

Rebecca Koury, assistant director, Campus Ministry, ext. 1622.

Jyoti Shah, administrative secretary, Graduate Admissions, ext. 5901.

Elliot Uhl, administrative secretary, Student Development, ext. 1615.

Sylvia Whitman, writing specialist, DISCOVER Center, ext. 6478.

Transitions

Cynthia Mitchell, ext. 6478 and 5761, has accepted a new position as full-time administrative assistant in the DISCOVER Center and the Center for Teaching Excellence. Her previous job was as part-time administrative secretary at DISCOVER.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frieda Maher**, who passed away on July 20. Mrs. Maher was director of the Health Center from 1974 to 1989. Visitation will be on August 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Parlor in Alexandria. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on August 26 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. Interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery at 1 p.m.

EVENTS

August 10 — Daily Masses resume, at 7:30 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday, Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel.

August 14 — Graduate Professional Development Schools Information Session, 11:30 a.m., Ballston.

August 18 — University Assembly, Lee Center recreational gym, 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

August 21 — Sunday Masses resume, 11 a.m. Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel.

August 24 — Classes start.