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Memorandum

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**To:** Montgomery College Employees  
**From:** Dr. Sanjay Rai, Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs  
**Subject:** **Passing of Mr. George Payne**  
**Date:** May 23, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great sorrow that I must inform you that our colleague and friend Mr. George Payne, Vice President and Provost of Workforce Development, Continuing Education, Applied Technologies, and the Gudelsky Institute, passed away on Saturday, May 21, after a brief illness.

George began his career at Montgomery College as a part-time faculty member in the Construction Management program in 1976. He became a full-time faculty member in 1984 and served as a program coordinator and department chair. George was part of the leadership team that developed the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, becoming the inaugural director in 1997 and then later dean. In 2000, he was named provost for Continuing Education, which was later expanded to Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE), and he was named Vice President and Provost in 2012.

During George's long tenure, the reach of Montgomery College's WDCE unit grew significantly. In the past several years, as cybersecurity, biotechnology and IT industries came to the forefront of the county's economic development, the College was the recipient of several large Department of Labor grants to support non-credit curriculum development in these areas. George represented the College with a number of state and county organizations. He was the face of Workforce Development to many in Montgomery County, and he led the unit with a gentle sense of humor and generosity of spirit that will be greatly missed.

George leaves behind his wife Mary and their two daughters, Marina and Chrissy. A celebration of George's life will be held on **Thursday, May 26, at 11 a.m.** at Middletown United Methodist Church, 7108 Fern Circle, Middletown, MD. An obituary for George can be found [online](#). Memorial contributions may be made online at the [Montgomery College Foundation page](#) or mailed to the Montgomery College Foundation, 9221 Corporate Blvd Rockville, MD 20850 Attn: Craig Eozzo, Note: "George and Mary Payne Endowed Scholarship."

To send condolence cards directly to the Payne family, please mail to 7140 Ewing Court, Middletown, MD 21769.

Many of us have experienced loss during the last two years, and the loss of George adds to our collective sorrow. If you need support, please know that the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) is a free service designed to confidentially help you with life issues and situations where professional guidance may be helpful. To use this free and confidential service, simply call ComPsych at any time at 1-844-236-2668. Use the Company ID: MCC. Hearing

impaired individuals should dial 1-800-697-0353. A member of the FSAP professional team will answer your call promptly 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please keep George's family and his colleagues in WDCE, Applied Technologies, and the Gudelsky Institute in your thoughts.