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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Mr. Steve Greenfield, Interim Vice President and Provost for Applied Technologies, Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education (GITE), and Workforce Development and Continuing Education
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It is my pleasure to announce that Dr. Chantal Vilmar has accepted the appointment to serve as interim dean of Applied Technologies and the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education. The appointment of an interim reflects the retirement of Mr. Edward Roberts on June 30, 2023. Dr. Vilmar's interim appointment is effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Since 2004, Dr. Vilmar has been a member of the Montgomery College community, as full-time interior design professor, then interior design program coordinator and professor, and most recently, department chair of Applied Technologies and the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education on the Rockville Campus. She has worked closely with the dean to implement several vital initiatives to address workforce needs in Montgomery County, including her work on the Johnson Controls Grant which was awarded to the College in 2021 for academic year 2022. The grant is intended to partially fund the new Building Automation Systems Lab, establish a partnership with the Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA) to provide academic support and coaching for HVAC program students, develop a pipeline for the HVAC industry workforce, and provide industry access for underrepresented minorities. The Johnson Controls Grant was re-awarded in AY2023, and recently awarded for AY2024.

Dr. Vilmar also works in conjunction with department faculty on an interdisciplinary Tiny House student design competition. The project provides an opportunity for students in Applied Tech and GITE programs to collaborate on an experiential learning project. The Tiny House Project allows students to experience the multiple phases of design development and the process of building a tiny house. In addition, Dr. Vilmar worked closely with the Construction Management program to host a construction industry forum. The forum was a gathering of industry partners, employers, thought leaders, faculty, and professional organization representatives for a discussion on the construction industry's future workforce. Dr. Vilmar serves on the Collegewide ACE-UP Advancing Community and Upward Mobility Committee, and she is a co-investigator for the 5G Broadband Training Grant. Before coming to Montgomery College, Dr. Vilmar served as department chair at Bauder College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Vilmar earned a bachelor of arts in interior design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, a master of science in education from Bankstreet College of Education in New York, and a doctor of education in Community College Leadership from Morgan State University in Maryland.

Please welcome Dr. Vilmar to her new interim role as dean of Applied Technologies and the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education.

