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Memorandum

Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

To: Montgomery College Students
From: Dr. Monica Brown, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
Subject: **Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Disclosure**
Date: September 27, 2023

Montgomery College is required under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to annually notify students about our Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention program.

Policy and Sanctions

Montgomery College's commitment to drug and alcohol abuse prevention is underscored by the following policy adopted on May 15, 1989 by the College Board of Trustees:

- I. The Board of Trustees is committed to the education of students, employees, and community members regarding substance abuse prevention, detection, and treatment services; to the continuation of a collegewide substance abuse prevention program and other ongoing efforts which foster such education; and to the maintenance of a drug-free environment throughout the College.
- II. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited at Montgomery College.
- III. College employees and students are subject to appropriate disciplinary action for violation of this policy, in accordance with College policies and procedures regarding employee discipline and discharge and in accordance with the student code of conduct.
- IV. The President is authorized to establish procedures to implement this policy.

Students are responsible for knowing about and complying with the provisions of federal, state, and local law regarding illegal substances. Any student who possesses, uses, or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is subject to College disciplinary action. The College may apply disciplinary action for off-campus behavior that may adversely affect the College community. Additionally, prosecution and punishment by civil authorities may occur, through enforcement of Maryland and Federal laws. This includes enforcement of [Maryland's underage drinking law](#).

Please note that although Maryland voters approved a ballot referendum in the 2022 General Election to allow recreational use of cannabis by adults age 21 and over starting July 1, 2023, the use and possession of cannabis remains illegal under the Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970 and is, therefore, not permitted on College property or at College-sponsored activities under any circumstances.

The College will initiate its own disciplinary proceedings against a student when the alleged conduct is deemed a violation of College policies and procedures. Sanctions will be imposed by the College in accordance with procedural safeguards applicable to disciplinary actions against students. Sanctions range from a written warning to expulsion from Montgomery College. In

accordance with Board policy, students are subject to disciplinary action as set forth in the [student code of conduct](#).

Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017

The Maryland legislature passed the Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017 (HB 1082 Start Talking Maryland Act) which was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan in June 2017. The law combats the opioid epidemic by increasing treatment access, prevention efforts, and public awareness and education. The law requires public schools, including higher education institutions, to provide addiction and prevention education programs on substance use disorders and train personnel to respond to an opioid overdose. Please review the Act in detail by searching "Start Talking Maryland Act" using the following link: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite>

See also, [Heroin and Opioid Awareness & Prevention Toolkit](#) and [substance abuse resources](#).*

Health Risks of Alcohol Abuse

For information concerning the health risks of alcohol abuse, click [here](#).

*Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs

For the health risks associated with the use of illicit and controlled drugs, please see the attached document.

*Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Resources and Clinical Services

For information about national and local resources available for drug and alcohol abuse treatment, please see the attached document.

For more information on the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program for Students, see the [2021 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program Biennial Review report](#) or contact [Janee McFadden](#), Collegewide Dean of Student Engagement and Takoma Park/Silver Spring Student Affairs.