# **OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES** STUDENT NEWSLETTER

## **WELCOME BACK**

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Welcome to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) at St. Mary's College of Maryland. OAS works with the campus community to promote inclusive accessibility practices across campus.

Our office ensures individuals with accommodation needs are heard and respected. Interim Director of Accessibility Services, Dr. Christine Collins, wants to ensure the office is working collaboratively with the campus community to make certain individuals on campus with disabilities feel valued.

OAS is under the leadership of Dr. Dereck Rovaris, Vice President of Equity and Strategic Initiatives.

## >>> SEMESTER REMINDERS:

- 1. If you have not met with the OAS to complete an intake meeting your request for accommodations is incomplete.
- 2. You should communicate with your faculty and our office often to ensure your academic success.
- 3. Note-taking assistance: require assistance with getting a note-taker please complete note-taking assistance form provided to you previously.
- 4. We are currently accepting testing accommodations requests. Remember to get your requests in as soon as possible.

>>> ACADEMIC RESOURCES:

# **OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS SERVICES (OS3)**

WWW.SMCM.EDU/OFFICE-STUDENT-SUCCESS-SERVICES/

**WELLNESS CENTER** WWW.SMCM.EDU/WELLNESS/

WRITING AND SPEAKING **CENTER** 

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# SUPPORT GROUP - ADVOCATE, COMMUNICATE, AND TRANSITION (ACT)

ACT is a support group co-facilitated by OAS and the Wellness Center that provides a safe and supportive atmosphere for students with disabilities to come together and share experiences.

The group design allows individuals to learn from one another and acquire helpful resources and tips to maximize their success at SMCM. If you want to strengthen your communication and leadership skills and/or establish friendships with other SMCM community members, we encourage you to join. More information on the dates and times of the meetings will be sent out in mid-September. Snacks will be provided. For more information and/or RSVP for the event, go to https://forms.gle/dCeLT3dCm3rAE4XV7.

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