

December 21, 2023 Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez, President Montgomery County Community College

Dear Colleague,

A fundamental principle of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is to provide service and support to member institutions as they implement accreditation standards and engage in continuous institutional improvement initiatives. The designation of an MSCHE vice president as the liaison to an institution is a primary means of providing that support.

Effective today, we are assigning responsibility as the MSCHE vice president liaison for your institution to Dr. Connie Clifton. We want to assure you that the entire Accreditation Relations team will work closely with Dr. Clifton to ensure that you receive the guidance and support you have come to expect from our staff. Please note that this change will be reflected on the MSCHE website and in your Institution Portal in the coming days.

If you had already scheduled a Self-Study Preparation Visit or a Commission Liaison Guidance Visit with your previous vice president liaison, we will strive to conduct the visit on the date you have already scheduled. Your new vice president liaison will contact you in the new year to confirm these dates or, if adjustments are necessary, to discuss new visit dates. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If your institution has a scheduled self-study evaluation team visit this spring, please note that your visit will proceed as planned. Your new vice president liaison will reach out to your Team Chair and she will henceforth be the contact person for that accreditation activity.

Dr. Clifton is looking forward to working with you and your colleagues. As your primary contact person for accreditation-related information and assistance, she may be reached by email at cclifton@msche.org or by phone at 267-284-5086. As a reminder, the MSCHE offices are closed from December 22, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

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