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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. Eric Benjamin, Interim Vice President and Provost, Art, Business, Education, English, and Social Sciences, and Rockville Campus
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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez has been appointed as acting dean of education and social sciences. Dr. Pruneda-Hernandez began her career at Montgomery College in 2005 as an adjunct professor, becoming a full-time faculty member in 2008. In 2017, she was appointed as the coordinator of the early childhood program, becoming the collegewide senior director for early childhood education programs in 2020.

Through her work in early childhood education, she increased enrollment through extensive outreach, wrote successful grants (which raised \$2 million) supporting students at no cost to them, and developed the fully online applied science degree, reducing the time to degree significantly for students. She collaborated and supported WDCE with the development of courses and curriculum review to add grant and other programmatic needs, ensuring quality and facilitating the integration of credit and noncredit content and flow. Dr. Pruneda-Hernandez has developed strong relationships with the community and provides leadership coordinating the regional early childhood education professional continuing education and community engagements events, including the Regional Early Childhood Education Summit, Statewide Early Childhood Education Symposium, and countywide early childhood education events.

Dr. Pruneda-Hernandez has served on numerous collegewide committees, including co-chairing one of the standards for Middle States accreditation and participating in the 2022 cohort of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges LEADERS Institute. Dr. Pruneda-Hernandez was awarded the MC Faculty Outstanding Service Award in 2015 and the NISOD of Excellence Award in 2016.

Dr. Pruneda-Hernandez earned a doctorate of education from Walden University, a master of science in education from Nova Southeastern University, and a bachelor of arts in Spanish from the University of North Florida.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Pruneda-Hernandez in her new role as acting dean of education and social sciences.