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**Monday Matters: College Welcome Event on Wednesday**

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Monarchs Give Back 2025: A Call to Service .pdf;

Dear Colleagues:

We will have our annual **College Welcome Event on Wednesday Aug. 20 at 11:30 in MGB 102**. The President will start by giving some remarks. I have seen a preview of his message, and I strongly recommend that everyone make a point of attending this event if possible. We will also recognize our new faculty and staff.

**Polo shirts** have been ordered by Academic Affairs for faculty and staff. I believe these will be available for pickup at the College Welcome event. Faculty attending convocation on Friday should wear these polos.

The **2025 Monarchs Give Back food drive** has now been launched. Please see attached. We will collect food donations in the lobby of MGB on Wednesday. You can also bring food items to the Dean's office (OCNPS 143). I suspect that each department office will also be collecting donations. Monetary gifts can be made online (link in the attached). The campaign ends on Oct 24. The donations will benefit ODU students through the Monarch Food Pantry and Norfolk Public School students and families. The unit that donates the most between now and Aug. 29 will win the President's Challenge. Please help support this important effort to combat food insecurity.

Best Regards,  
Gail

**Upcoming Events and Deadlines:**

August 20 (11:30): College Welcome event (MGB 102)  
August 21 (3:30 – 5:30 pm): College Connections event (dept activities + tabling)  
August 22 (6 pm): Convocation  
October 2 (12:30): College-wide meeting with Ken Fridley, Vice President for DivRED (OCNPS 200)  
October 11 (10 – 1): Reign in Science – college-wide science outreach event for the public