



The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

December 2025

SPRING 2026 EDUCATORS' RETREAT



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

Make Plans to Attend the Spring 2026 Educators' Retreat

Purpose & Pathways: An Educator's Retreat for Fostering Career-Ready Students

Join colleagues from across campus for a full-day retreat focused on helping our students prepare for life beyond graduation. Purpose & Pathways will take place on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, and coffee and lunch will be provided.

Why Attend? You'll learn practical strategies for building career-ready learning into your courses and programs while connecting with colleagues across campus. You'll also take away actionable tools for your own courses and program development.

Register

Celebrating the 2025 Faculty Leadership Institute Fellows



Earlier this month, we celebrated our seventh cohort of faculty members who have completed our Faculty Leadership Institute (FLI) in our last meeting on November 11th. FLI fellows will be more formally recognized at the university awards ceremony in May. This group of faculty began their work in January and met through the spring, summer, and fall semesters to learn leadership theories, communication skills, conflict management, fiscal responsibility, conversations with campus leaders and administrators, and self-analysis of strengths. We are excited to see their continued growth and impact of their leadership across campus.

As pictured above (left to right) this year's fellows included; (back row) Sarah Mangrum, Jeffrey Parr, Jacob Esplin, Don Sacco, Lisa Morgan, (front row), Stephanie Smith, Hugh Broome, and Mayantoinette Watson.

Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

December 15

Watermark Faculty Success: Putting it Together for 3rd Year Review, Promotion, and Tenure
1:00-2:00 p.m. | Teams | [Register](#)

December 16

Engaging Inquiry to Develop a Powerful Grant Proposal
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | EHH 120 | [Register](#)

December 16

Deck the Data: Faculty Success Data Entry Workshop
12:00 - 2:00 p.m. | IC 318 | [Register](#)

January 14

Educator's Retreat
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | EHH 120 | [Register](#)

January 30

The Proposal Writing Retreat
8:30 - 11:00; 1:00- 4:00 p.m. | Writing Center- Cook Library
[Register](#)



JOIN US FOR

Cocktails and Conversations

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 5 | 4-6 PM

at Mahogany Bar

Sponsored by: Association of Office Professionals (AOP)



Cocktails and Conversations will be held on **December 5th** from **4 – 6 p.m.** at **Mahogany Bar** with appetizers sponsored by AOP. Join us for an informal happy hour to end the semester!



Join Dr. Ashley Allen and Academic Integrity Director, Dr. Kendrick Buford for a conversation on academic integrity and the evolving role of AI in the classroom. They share insights, answer common questions, and offer guidance to help faculty navigate these issues with confidence.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND AI

Q & A



DR.
ASHLEY
ALLEN



DR.
KENDRICK
BUFORD

**Ctrl+Alt+Succeed
Series!**

**WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE TO SEE
NEXT?**

Let us know in the
survey!

This fall, the Center for Faculty Development launched **Ctrl+Alt+Succeed**, a series where faculty, staff, and graduate students build their skills with different technologies used across campus such as Microsoft Teams, Canva, Coursera, and Excel (forthcoming in Spring 2026).

We want to hear from you! In the form, please share with us what you would like to see in 2026 from Ctrl+Alt+Succeed Series!

Email any questions you have to CFD@usm.edu.

Take the survey here!

Service-Learning FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS DUE
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

USM Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Program

USM's Center for Community Engagement accepts 6 faculty each year to participate in the Service-Learning Faculty Fellows program, in which faculty meet weekly during the spring semester to learn about service-learning pedagogy and redesign an academic course to include a service-learning component. Faculty Fellows receive \$2400 to teach the initial service-learning course within 1.5 years of seminar completion

Applications are due Nov. 30th

[Learn more here!](#)



Located in the Center for Faculty Development
International Center, Room 819



Thank you for your Generosity!

We appreciate the generosity of our faculty, staff, and students who have adopted an individual from our Angel Tree this year to make the holidays brighter for families in our community.

If you adopted an angel, please remember to drop off your donations in the CFD by December 3rd.

Email cfd@usm.edu with questions.





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