



COLLEGE OF  
ARTS & HUMANITIES

STAFF COUNCIL



## Do you have a best friend at work?

That is the question in the Thriving Workplace Initiative survey that nearly every group on campus has talked about. Usually people complain about it. It is, in fact, the most controversial of the 12 traits of highly productive workgroups that Gallup has identified through its employee engagement work. It is also the question that most consistently identifies highly engaged and productive workgroups.

## What does the Thriving Workplace Initiative mean to Arts and Humanities staff?

Together with Dean Thornton Dill, the Arts and Humanities Staff Council is hosting a meeting and breakfast for all College staff to provide the opportunity to learn about the purpose and current status of the Thriving Workplace Initiative, discuss survey results, and generate recommendations that will go to the Staff Council and College leadership.

You will also hear from and have an opportunity to ask questions of **Michele Eastman, Assistant President** and former ARHU staffer. She has a special vantage point and will be speaking on the survey item, "I have a best friend at work."

## Breakfast, conversation, and engagement.

Please join your ARHU colleagues on **August 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Union.**

This is a chance to step away from our usual duties and have an interactive conversation about the initiative and how the College is responding. In order to facilitate attendance, the Dean has asked all ARHU unit heads to support and actively encourage staff participation and to identify alternative plans for office coverage on the morning of August 9.

Please RSVP at <https://go.umd.edu/ARHUBestFriendBreakfast>