Dear Colleagues:

Dr. Barbara Walvoord, Director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Notre Dame, will lead a day-long workshop for Spring Hill faculty on Wednesday, January 3.

Entitled “Using Technology Effectively to Enhance Student Learning and Motivation,” the workshop will focus on the learning that faculty members want for students in their disciplines, and on the motivation of their students for learning. We will discuss how to construct a course that uses technology effectively for those ends. We define technology as any human-made instrument, including chalk, overhead, or the latest interactive software. The teacher’s goal is to choose the most effective and time-efficient technology for the learning and motivation that the teacher wants for students in the course. We will discuss how to think about in-class and out-of-class activities, how to focus on the most important student learning, how to be time-efficient in responding to student work, and how to enhance student motivation and engagement.

In addition to directing the Kaneb Center, Dr. Walvoord is a Professor in the Department of English and Fellow of the Institute for Educational Initiatives. She has published a number of books and articles about writing, teaching, and learning in higher education. Named Maryland English Teacher of the Year for Higher Education in 1987, she also received the University of Notre Dame President’s Award in 2000.

The day will begin with coffee and pastries outside Quinlan Hall 216, and the workshop will conclude by 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Cheryl Kirkland (x2262; kirkland@shc.edu) by December 20 with answers to the questions below.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this post-holiday gathering!

Sincerely,

Noreen M. Carrocci

Name: ________________________________

____ I plan to attend the January 3 workshop.

____ I do not plan to attend the January 3 workshop.