

ACM Family,

As we enter April and an abbreviated week, I would like to acknowledge your dedication and hard work during this critical period of the semester. Your efforts, both in and out of the classroom, make Allegany College of Maryland a place where students can thrive. Whether you guide students through their final projects, support their next steps, or ensure our campus runs smoothly, your impact is felt daily. I am pleased to share the following updates:

Teamwork and Collaboration with ACPS and Local Law Enforcement

Thanks again for your outstanding teamwork and collaboration demonstrated after the incident at Allegany High School last week. I wanted to pass along just a few notes I received from ACPS administrators and local law enforcement professionals:

“A thank you isn’t enough for your response today in efforts to reunite our Allegany students and families! Please echo this to your team who went above and beyond. I am so grateful for the support and care you and the ACM team showed today to our ACPS community!”

“Thank you so much for all the support provided by ACM. The overwhelming feedback from our reunification team was about the swift and caring collaboration with our team. I am so proud to have ACM as partners.”

“We feel incredibly fortunate to have ACM as a partner and are so appreciative of the care, responsiveness, and support shown today.”

“We are so fortunate to have community partners like you!”

“Thank you and your staff for everything. ACM made everything seamless.”

Faculty and Staff Focus

This week’s nominee is **Scott Golub!**

“Scott Golub’s dedication to providing meaningful, real-world experiences for his students truly stands out. Recently, he went above and beyond by organizing two prison tours, one to FCI Cumberland, and one to WCI. These opportunities provided students a unique opportunity to connect classroom learning with firsthand observation. On top of that, when we learned that there was not a driver available, Scott took quick action and became certified to drive the college van himself—ensuring the second trip could happen smoothly. Scott’s willingness to invest his time and energy into opportunities like this reflects his strong commitment not only to his students’ success, but also to the mission and values of ACM.”

- Nominated by Brandon Hoover.

Be My Guest

To uphold transparency, I encourage anyone with any questions to visit me at my office during the following dates below from 2:30 – 4pm.

April 10

April 17

May 1

I warmly invite you to visit for an informal opportunity to meet, enjoy a cup of water/tea/coffee, connect, and answer your questions.

Facing Project Book Launch

Congratulations to Gib Cochrum on his powerful student project, which will be launched on April 9th! All are invited to attend. Thanks to Diane McMahon and Andrea Beall for collaborating on a wonderful menu that will be available at the reception from 5-6pm before the main event, which starts at 6.



Javier Colon

A friendly reminder that we have a contest upon us! Season one winner of The Voice, Javier Colon, is coming to ACM on May 1. Proceeds benefit the Western Maryland Food Bank. Tickets are available [here!](#) For a chance at free tickets, share the event on Facebook using [this link!](#) The shared posts with the most interactions will win. Multiple winners will be selected so start sharing!

Professional Development Day

Professional Development Day is set for Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Bringing the ACM Community Together

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with your program, class, club, or team. Whether you're looking for a quick five-minute conversation or would like to share lunch or dinner, I'm happy to join you, and I'll gladly bring pizza and snacks. I truly enjoy connecting with the ACM campus community and working alongside students, faculty, and staff to strengthen our college and serve the broader community. If you're interested, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you and hope we can spend some time together soon.

Tennis and Pickleball Courts Ribbon Cutting

I encourage all faculty and staff to attend the ribbon cutting for ACM's new tennis and pickleball courts at 3:30 on April 6th.



Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees meeting schedule is listed below. As always, everyone is invited to attend, and anyone with questions can expect full transparency.

April 13, 2026

May 11, 2026

June 15, 2026

August 17, 2026

September 14, 2026

October 19, 2026

November 16, 2026

December 7, 2026

Upcoming Events:

April 2-3, 2026– Spring Holiday, College Closed

Mon, April 13 - Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 pm

Tues, April 14 - Foundation Reception, College Center, 5:30 pm

Sat, April 18 - Spring Open House, 9 am – 12 noon

Tues, April 21 - Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm

Wed, April 29, Retiree Reception, Welcome Center, 11 am – 2 pm

Friday, May 1, Law Day, College Center and Athletic Fields, 9am – 1pm

Sat, May 9 - BCREP Dinner/Fundraiser, Clear Ridge Event Ctr, 5-9 pm

Mon, May 11 - Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 pm

Thurs, May 14 – All College Assembly Meeting, Theatre, 9 am

Friday, May 15 – Dental Hygiene Pinning, Zimmer Theatre, 2pm.

Fri, May 15 - Nursing Pinning, Gymnasium, 6 pm

Sat, May 16 - Commencement, Gymnasium, 11 am and 2 pm

Tues, May 19 – Bedford Commencement, 7 pm

Enterprise Risk Management

Approximately 10 years ago, ACM developed a process to ensure the College complies with the multitude of regulations and laws applicable to institutions of higher education. A method was developed not only to identify and address compliance issues, but also to help us identify instances where we can strengthen our campus community to better serve our students. Focus groups in five areas have been identified and will meet on the following dates/times:

April 7, 2026

10 am – Academic and Student Affairs

11 am – Campus Safety and Physical Plant

1 pm – Governance and Corporate Affairs & Finance and Investment

April 8, 2026

10 am – Human Resources

11 am – Information Technology

ACM faculty and staff are invited to attend any of these sessions, which will be held in the Thomas Welcome Center. If you plan to attend, please let me know.

Law Day

Mark your calendar for Law Day, 2026, which is scheduled for May 1st. I hope you will join me for the interactive simulations and live demonstrations by multiple law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. Thanks to Brandon H., Scott G., Robert B., Anne S., Emily C., and Heather K. for their work in preparing for this event.

Outstanding Employee/Team Recognition – Call for Nominations

It is time to recognize the hard work of our colleagues through the annual Employee (or Team) Recognition program. The Employee Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for full- and part-time employees from any department or work group across all ACM campuses.

Nominees may demonstrate (but are not limited to) the following:

- Support for college strategies and goals
- Exceptional work ethic, performance, or customer service
- Innovative learner-centered teaching strategies
- Positive attitude toward coworkers, students, and the college mission
- Leadership through committees, work groups, or task forces
- Support and encouragement of others
- Promotion of collaboration and unity
- Process improvements that increase efficiency, reduce waste, save money, or improve service
- Leadership in institutional or student service
- Promotion of a positive, healthy, and balanced work environment

All employees are encouraged to nominate colleagues or teams who have gone above and beyond or contributed meaningful improvements or solutions. Multiple nominations are allowed. Please provide specific details in your submission.

All nominees will be reviewed by the Employee Recognition Committee and recognized at the next All College Assembly meeting. Submitters must include their name for follow-up but may request to remain confidential. Submit nominations here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACMFY26OutstandingAward>

Deadline: April 24, 2026

On A Personal Note

Although I try to limit my sweets, one of my favorite treats is a chocolate-covered peanut butter egg. As a fun giveaway, I'll deliver a chocolate-covered peanut butter egg to the first three people who reply directly to me with the word "egg."

With ACM Pride,
David