

ACM Family,

As always, I deeply admire your dedication and commitment. As the semester ends, I could not be prouder of all that has been accomplished.

### **Faculty and Staff Focus**

This week's nominee is **Jennifer Lashbaugh!**

"I would like to nominate Jennifer Lashbaugh for her dedication to those of us who work with our grants. Jennifer consistently goes above and beyond in supporting our grant work, demonstrating exceptional dedication to both her colleagues and the institution. She is highly knowledgeable, professional, and always responsive, ensuring our work stays on track and on time. Her commitment and reliability make a meaningful impact, and her contributions are truly valued." - Nominated by **Melanie Chapman**

### **Open House Thank You**

Please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone involved with planning and executing the April 18th Open House. The attendance numbers were impressive, but the personal stories shared by prospective students and their families were even more impactful. Throughout the day, I heard about the warmth of the welcome they received, the helpfulness of our faculty and staff, and the sense of excitement they felt about the possibilities at ACM. Your efforts made a real and lasting impression. A special thanks to Gracie M., Lauren W., Andrea B., Beth L., Connie M., Mo P., Layton S., Colby M., Josh G., Susan H., Amy H., our last-minute volunteer van drivers, and everyone involved throughout the day. Thank you for representing us so well. You made the college shine.

### **Behavioral and Social Sciences Program Review**

Congratulations to the ACM Behavioral and Social Sciences faculty for completing the Academic Program Review process. I enjoyed learning more about the accomplishments of the Division, its learning outcomes, student success stories, needed resources, and ways in which ACM can further support the faculty and students. Thanks to Stephen G., Diane M., Patsy M., Lex M., Jon D., Miha W., Brandon H., Brenda M., and many other part-time faculty members for your efforts in leading the Division.

### **FY27 Budget Update**

The FY2027 draft budget supports Allegany College of Maryland's mission to deliver accessible, high-quality education while preserving long-term financial stability. Although still under development, the FY27 budget reflects stable enrollment assumptions, projected state funding increases, and level funding from Allegany County. The Benefits and Wellness Fair is scheduled on April 28th, and Open Enrollment will run from May 4th to 18th, 2026.

### **Javier Colon**

Allegany College of Maryland is pleased to offer our staff & faculty and their families **FREE tickets** to the **May 1st Javier Colon concert** starting at 7pm in the Zimmer Theatre in the College Center.

Tickets can be found [here](#) on Eventbrite or by searching for the event on the site and entering the discount code of "ACM" at checkout. This special offer is only valid until Tuesday, April 28 at noon.

Student tickets are also available at this link [here](#) and are currently free of charge, in case any of your students would like to attend.

**Well done, ACM Marketing and PR team**

Please join me in congratulating the College's Marketing and PR team on their recognition from the 41st annual EduAD Awards.

Silver Winner Student [Viewbook 2025-2026 Cumberland Campus](#)

Gold Winner 2025 [ACCESS ACM Magazine](#)



**AlleganyGives**

Please accept my thanks for the incredible generosity shown last week. From online gifts to campus visits, your support means the world to our students and our college. To date, nearly 250 donors have provided over \$90,000 this year, exceeding the \$50,000 goal by 80%. A special thanks to Courtney J., Beth L., Mo P., Sandi F., Connie M., Leah P., Alyssa F., PR/Marketing staff, Design, Print, and Mail Services, and our college community for your investment in ACM.

### **Expressions Launch Party**

Please join us to celebrate the work of our students!



### **Welcome Home ACC/ACM Baseball Alum**

It was a delightful experience to meet with numerous former Trojan baseball players over the weekend, accompanied by Hall of Fame coach Steve Bazarnic. The stories shared were heartwarming, and it was truly inspiring to witness the profound impact of ACC/ACM.



### **PTK Omicron Pi New Member Induction Ceremony**

Congratulations to the new members PTK Omicron Pi. I'm grateful that ACM celebrates our outstanding students through PTK membership, highlighting their scholarship and supporting their growth as future leaders. Congratulations to all of the new inductees and thank you for your support of PTK!



### **Be My Guest**

To uphold transparency, I encourage anyone with any questions to visit me at my office on May 1 from 2:30 – 4pm. I warmly invite you to visit for an informal opportunity to meet, enjoy a cup of water/tea/coffee, connect, and answer your questions.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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  
Tues, May 12 – All -College Awards Ceremony, Theatre, 6 p.m.  
Weds, May 13th – Professional Development Day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
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

### **Stay Informed - President's Advisory Team (PAT)**

The President's Advisory Team (PAT) meets monthly to 1) provide advice and counsel to the President regarding the overall operation of the College; 2) assist the President in developing the College calendar; 3) collaborate with the President on creating and implementing strategic plans for the College; 4) recommend funding patterns and priorities to the President; and 5) develop the agenda for All-College Assembly staff meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29th, starting at 3:30 pm. I encourage you to stay engaged by attending PAT meetings, contacting your affinity group representatives for updates, sharing ideas, and asking questions. Your input is invaluable to shaping the future of our College.

### **Law Day**

Mark your calendar for Law Day, 2026, which is scheduled for May 1st. I hope you will join me for 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.

### **Upholding Our Values: A Message on Compliance and Commitment**

Allegany College of Maryland's vision and mission remain the touchstones of institutional decision-making. Our faculty and staff live these fundamentals every day and we do so while also being compliant with a myriad of measures driven by laws, regulations, accreditation standards, institutional contracts, insurance terms, and more. Sometimes the work is easy; sometimes it challenges us.

Please be assured that the ACM Compliance Team continues to closely monitor the legal landscape to ensure compliance, protect the ACM community, and preserve what makes ACM special among all other colleges - for students and employees. Please also be assured that ACM Leadership and the ACM Compliance Team acknowledges and supports the long-held tradition of Academic Freedom for faculty, as reflected in our practices and statement. Each college is responsible for their own operations and makes their own decisions; at ACM, we have always treasured the work done with integrity and care by all employees. That will not change. If you have any questions about the work of the ACM Compliance Team, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Conner or me.

**On A Personal Note**

I have enjoyed mentoring middle and high school students for more than 30 years. Recently, I experienced a first when a sixth grader said to me, "Just chill, Mr. David, just chill." I couldn't help but smile, but it definitely caught me by surprise.

With ACM Pride,  
David