

ACM Family,

As we approach the final week of another semester, I cannot thank you all enough for your hard work and dedication.

Faculty and Staff Focus

This week's nominee is **Mary Evans!**

"We would like to nominate Mary Evans, who consistently serves as a foundational support within Continuing Education. Her positive attitude and welcoming presence have a meaningful impact on both students and colleagues. She greets everyone with kindness and professionalism, helping to create an environment that reflects well on our institution. Her quiet dedication truly provides the "mortar" that holds day-to-day efforts together. While her contributions may often happen behind the scenes, they are essential to our success and deserve recognition." - Nominated anonymously

Law Day

I hope you will join me today for Law Day 2026. Events include 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.

Computer Technology and Multimedia Program Review

Congratulations to the ACM [Computer Technology](#) and [Multimedia Technology](#) Program faculty for completing the Academic Program Review process. I enjoyed learning more about the accomplishments of these programs, their learning outcomes, success stories, needed resources, and ways in which ACM can further support the faculty and students. Thanks to Jim H., Derek J., Devon M., Dick S., John B., Jared R., Emily C., Heather K., and many other part-time faculty members for your efforts in leading these Divisions.

"Be Social"

With summer and fall 2026 enrollment open, please help us spread the word about the fantastic opportunities at ACM! By sharing posts from our official social media accounts, you can showcase enrollment opportunities, academic programs, events, and the successes that make our college stand out. Your voice can inspire others to join the ACM community and take the next step in their educational journey. Follow and share content from our official channels:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[TikTok](#)

[Snapchat](#)

[X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

Thank you for being an outstanding ambassador for ACM! As an added benefit, if you share and let me know, I have a coupon for an ice cream treat just for you.

Student Kudos:

Congratulations to Heather Triplett and Kendra Brill, who will be recognized next week at the annual PTK All-Maryland Academic Team Recognition Dinner.

Congratulations to Chefs of Steel and the Team behind the Team.

Congratulations to the student Chefs for winning this week's Chefs of Steel competition as well as our incredible alumni who participated. A special thanks to the "Team behind the Team" for your work in preparing the students to be part of this successful event that will benefit the Western Maryland Food Bank. Thanks to Deb S., Dave S., Fred H., Jenna B., Kiara H., Abby K., Jacob R., Tina B., John B., Jared R., Levi F, Advancement, and the student volunteers for making the event a success.

Congratulations to the Medical Administrative Assistant Cohort

I extend my sincere congratulations to our graduating Medical Administrative Assistant cohort for their outstanding achievement in passing the CMAA certification exam through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

Addison Bagley, CMAA (NHA)

Sandy Fazenbaker, CMAA (NHA)

Geena Kile, CMAA (NHA)

Emma Messick, CMAA (NHA)

Leslie Stubbs, CMAA (NHA)

Janel Wheaton Erekson, CMAA (NHA)



We are proud of their accomplishments and confident that they will make meaningful contributions to the community. Congratulations on this well-earned success.

FY27 Budget and Benefits Update

The FY2027 budget supports Allegany College of Maryland's mission to deliver accessible, high-quality education while preserving long-term financial stability. Although still under final development, the FY27 budget reflects stable enrollment assumptions, state funding increases, and level funding from Allegany County.

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Open Enrollment for benefits for next year is right around the corner (May 4 - May 18, 2026). ADDITIONAL RESOURCES are available:

- 1 - [HR and Payroll SharePoint](#)
- 2 - [FY2027 Open Enrollment Information](#)
- 3 - Speak with a [JET Enrollment Concierge](#) from 5/4 thru 5/18/2026
- 4 - Updated Benefit Guide for FY2027
- 5 - BRAINSHARK video highlighting ACM benefits

Be My Guest

To uphold transparency, I encourage anyone with any questions to visit me at my office today, May 1 from 3:00pm – 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:

Friday, May 1, Law Day, College Center and Athletic Fields, 10am – 2pm
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 13 – Professional Development Day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thurs, May 14 – All College Assembly Meeting, Theatre, 9 am
Thursday, May 14 – Employee Appreciation, 11:30 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

On A Personal Note

Yesterday, we celebrated my wife Elaine's birthday. Elaine is my greatest supporter, my closest confidant, and my constant source of strength. Her kindness, patience, and quiet encouragement have been a steady presence in my life, both personally and professionally. I

am deeply grateful for the love she gives so freely and for the many ways she makes our lives,
and the lives of those around her, brighter.

With ACM Pride,
David