

ACM Family,

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the Cumberland and Bedford commencement ceremonies wonderful, memorable events for our students.

The Importance of Respect and Civility

As a college community, we thrive when we treat one another with mutual respect and civility. These values strengthen our learning environment, enrich our workplace, and remind us that even in times of challenge, kindness and professionalism carry us forward together.

ACM Engage

As a reminder, applications for ACM Engage are currently being accepted! This is a new professional development opportunity starting in September, which is designed to strengthen your understanding of institutional operations across the College. ACM Engage is an interactive monthly event for those looking to develop leadership skills, build connections across campus, and gain a greater understanding of how ACM operates. I encourage eligible employees who are interested to email hr@allegany.edu for more information. Applications will be due by August 10, 2026. I am looking forward to working with the first cohort as we strengthen ACM's impact on our students and our community!

Registration and Enrollment:

Registration for summer 2026 and fall 2026 is open. Please continue to help spread the word and support our enrollment process.

<https://www.allegany.edu/registration/index.html>

Here's the challenge:

 **Share or reshare** an ACM enrollment-related post on your social media platform of choice.

 **Add a brief personal note** about ACM's quality, value, or impact, from your perspective.

 **Let me know** if you accept this challenge (it can be done any time over the next month)

Year-End Reminder

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, please remember that we should avoid unnecessary spending of remaining funds to exhaust the budget. Any unspent funds will roll into the fund balance and can be strategically used to support future ACM projects and priority purchases.

We must remain responsible stewards of our resources. Thoughtful financial management ensures ACM's continued growth, sustainability, and progress, enabling us to invest in initiatives that deliver the greatest long-term value.

PA Funding News

Leah Pepple and I met with PA State Representative Jesse Topper earlier this spring to discuss our FY2026-2027 request through the Southern Tier Education Council. The

Southern Tier Education Council received confirmation at the end of March that an additional \$960,000 will be provided through a PDE Job Training and Education Programs grant for 2025-2026. This brings the total Southern Tier funding level to \$2,243,825 compared to \$1,213,825 in 2024-2025. The funding will be allocated as follows:

- PA Tuition Subsidy - \$1,280,000 - increased from \$901,887 in 2024-2025
- Facility Improvement/Campus projects - \$343,824 - increased from \$62,388 in 2024-2025
- Campus operations - \$620,000 - increased from \$249,550 in 2024-2025

In summary, state funding for our Bedford campus and students from Pennsylvania increased by 85%. Special thanks to Leah Pepple for her work to help make this significant funding increase possible.

DelFest 2026 Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to my Allegany College of Maryland colleagues who have supported DelFest 2026.

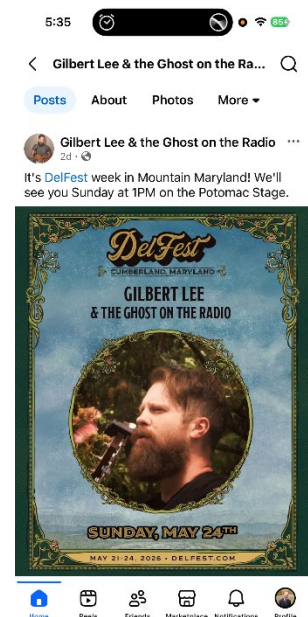
From making a beautifully crafted “Key To Mountain Maryland” at Western Maryland Works, supporting the DelFest box office and check-in on campus, coordinating off-site parking at ACM, volunteering over the weekend, providing security, physical plant, facilities expertise, and Continuing Education services- your hard work and dedication were noticed and appreciated.

A special shoutout to Professor John Bone and the ACM Multimedia students and alumni for their outstanding technical support. Their expertise continues to be invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly and was deeply appreciated by the McCoury Family. John, thank you for your leadership and for helping make ACM shine (and for your behind-the-scenes tour you offered to FSU Interim President Darlene Smith and me).

As a bonus, ACM’s very own Professor Gib Cochrum will perform on Sunday at 1 pm.

I was amazed (but not at all surprised) to see our entire team handling every task with expertise, professionalism, and grace.

Thank you, ACM Team—you make us proud! **As an added benefit, I have one "All Access Pass" and parking pass that I will provide to the first person who requests it via email.**



On A Personal Note:

As we prepare for Memorial Day weekend, please join me in remembering those who served our country. Their sacrifice is a powerful reminder of the price of freedom. May we honor their legacy with gratitude and a commitment to serve others.

With ACM Pride,
David