

ACM Family,

As we recognize National Teachers Week, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our faculty for the meaningful difference you make in the lives of our students and our community. I am grateful for the care, skill, and commitment you show every day.

Faculty and Staff Focus

This week's nominee is **Andrea Beall**!

"I'd like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate one of our own, Andrea Beall, for her outstanding work directing the recent production of Sister Act Jr. at Bishop Walsh School, which happens to be my alma mater.

This was truly one of the best plays I've seen. The production was filled with energy, heart, and an incredible display of local talent. Andrea's direction brought everything together beautifully, showcasing not only the performers' gifts but also her own creativity, commitment, and leadership.

In addition to her theatre work, Andrea serves full-time at Allegany College of Maryland where she continues to inspire those around her with the same dedication and spirit she brought to the stage.

Though I retired from the college before having the chance to get to know Andrea personally, I now feel fortunate to call her a new friend and colleague. Her talent and passion reflect so well on our college community, and she deserves to be lifted and celebrated.

Congratulations, Andrea! You are amazing, and we're proud to have you among us!"
Nominated by **Debbie Hardinger**.

It's Almost Time!

Join us for Employee Appreciation Lunch and Fun Day!

Lunch and activities will immediately follow the All-College Meeting beginning at 9:00 am in the Zimmer Theatre.

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda

Everyone is invited to attend the Board of Trustees meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026, at 4pm in the Thomas Welcome Center. The agenda follows:

1. Adopt the April 13, 2026 Minutes
2. Chairman's Update – Ms. Belt
3. President's Update – Mr. Jones
4. Board Reflections
5. Approval of Graduates (Action Item)– Ms. Nightengale
6. Board Education: Middle States Commission on Higher Education (Proposed Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation) – Mr. Harrah

7. Tuition Waiver for ACM Credit Courses (Action Item) – Ms. Duckworth
8. Gateway Center Elevator Modernization (Action Item) - Ms. Kilduff
9. Redesignation of Fund Balance Request (Action Item) - Ms. Kilduff

"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.

Professional Development Day

Professional Development Day will take place on May 13th! Thank you to Dr. Hoffman and Shauna McQuade for your efforts to make this day happen. To register, click [here](#).

Congratulations to the Spring 2025 PhageHunters

The Spring 2025 PhageHunters got their annotations of two bacteriophage's DNA published in National Institute of Health's GenBank. The phages are **JasonD**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/PX136950> and **Madebyisha**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/PV962793> .

The following students are now official authors of a peer-reviewed, published, and annotated genome.

Bridget N	Brown
Levi E	Carrington
Kayijah T	George
Camden A	Mallory
Miriam A	McConnell
Patrick	McCoy
Hailey R	Stair
Delilah M	Stottlemeyer
Ariaya N	Walker

Madebyisha was isolated and DNA extracted, from soil collected from ACM's own wetlands in the Fall 2024 semester by two students, Isha Drammeh and Curtis Wells.

Thank you, Steve Heninger and Michèle Barmoy, for your work on this initiative.

FY27 Budget and Benefits Update

Open Enrollment for benefits for next year is now available (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

Upcoming Events:

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
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

Dental Hygiene Program Review

Congratulations to the ACM [Dental Hygiene](#) program faculty for completing the Academic Program Review process. I enjoyed learning more about the history, vision, accomplishments, learning outcomes, success stories, needed resources, and ways in which ACM can further support the faculty and students. Thanks to Cathy W., Jennifer T., Danean M., Tina C., and many other part-time faculty and staff members for your efforts in leading the program.

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On A Personal Note

It's an honor to be in California for a long weekend celebrating a proud family milestone. Our daughter, Audrey, also an ACM graduate, is defending her thesis and graduating with her Master's degree.

When our flight arrives at BWI on Monday at 5:30 a.m., any red, puffy eyes will be solely due to the travel and not the immense pride we feel (or the few tears we may have shed) while celebrating this significant achievement.

With ACM pride,
David