

ACM Family,

I hope your summer is filled with time for relaxing, recharging, and spending time with those you love. As summer settles in, this will be the last weekly focus of the season. Bi-weekly emails will still be sent starting June 19th!

Communication Feedback

As president of ACM, I welcome your feedback on my communication, including email frequency and relevance, as well as my visibility on campus. My goal is to maintain open, meaningful communication and to be present by walking around our Cumberland and Everett campuses, as well as our education sites, to connect with faculty, staff, and students. To add a little fun to your day, the first five people to reply to this email will receive a free Frostburg Freeze or Queen City Scoop ice cream coupon. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Budget Update:

I am incredibly pleased to share that the Allegany County Government approved its FY2027 budget last night, which includes flat funding for ACM. This was our request and will allow ACM to receive the 3% increase in funding from the State of Maryland.

Also approved was the Allegany County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY27, which includes funding for the ACM Continuing Education Workforce Development Training Center Renovation.

This budget ensures that ACM can address the education and workforce needs of our community, provide key services to our students, and ensure that we recognize and support the dedicated efforts of our faculty/staff through a salary step increase. This has been a challenging year financially at the County and State levels, and I am grateful to our elected officials and government partners for recognizing the importance of ACM.

Congratulations, Leadership Allegany Graduates!

Please join me in congratulating Miha Wood on graduating this week from the Leadership Allegany program through the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, along with all this year's graduates. I am grateful for this program, which fosters leadership development and strengthens our shared commitment to the growth and vitality of our region.



Meeting the Moment Grant

I'm pleased to share that we have received confirmation of continued funding for the Meeting the Moment grant for FY27, allowing us to build on this important work with Allegany County middle school students. The Meeting the Moment grant supports ACM's work to strengthen student and community well-being by providing evidence-based skills that reduce stress, enhance self-regulation, and build resilience. Special thanks to the following for their work to deliver this program: Jessica O., Jennifer G., Renae H., and Kurt H.

Congratulations, PTA

Congratulations to the [Physical Therapist Assistant](#) Program for receiving accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. A special thanks to Melody Kentrus, Jeremy Oldham, and the PTA and ISA teams for their work through the accreditation reporting and site visit process.

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda

Everyone is invited to attend the Board of Trustees meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, at 4 pm in the Thomas Welcome Center. The tentative agenda follows:

1. Adopt the May 11, 2026 Minutes
2. Chairman's Update – Ms. Belt
3. Board Member Comments/Reflections – Board of Trustees Members
4. President's Update – Mr. Jones
5. Board Education: Office of Technology Experience & Service – Ms. Reynolds
6. Diversity Report (Action Item) – Dr. Conner
7. Bid Approval – Appalachian Business Builders: Expanding Capital Access for Rural Entrepreneurs in Western Maryland (Action Item) - Ms. Little
8. Bedford County Campus Truck Purchase (Information Item) - Ms. Kilduff
9. Approval of FY27 Budget (Action Item) - Ms. Kilduff
10. Makers Ultimate Challenge (MUC) Update – Dr. Hoffman

Save The Date for Tour and Explore Day!

ACM will host its Tour and Explore Day (formerly Open House) on Wednesday, July 8th, starting at 9:00 am. For any questions, please reach out to Gracie McLeod.

Support for ACM Students

Congratulations and thank you to Renee Gibson and the ACM team for your work on the \$10,000 NASPA Emergency Aid Microgrant. ACM has been selected along with four other colleges/universities for our exemplary work in delivering emergency aid support to students. Thank you, Renee and team, for your work on this project to support our students.

Well done, Financial Aid Team

Please join me in thanking Carrie, Meghan, and the Financial Aid team for another successful MHEC audit with zero findings. Thank you for your continued hard work and diligence to ensure compliance and accountability with these resources that are provided to ACM. Well done.

ACM Engage

As a reminder, applications for ACM Engage are currently being accepted, with applications due by August 10, 2026. I encourage eligible employees who are interested to email hr@allegany.edu for more information.

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>

On A Personal Note

Over the Memorial Day weekend, we held the first ever Caldwell Family Reunion in Greenville, SC. It was a blessing to see my extended family, including some cousins that I have not seen in over 40 years. There is something special about being surrounded by people who share your roots, your history, and your family story.

With ACM Pride,
David