

ACM Family,

Thank you for a wonderful first week of the semester. I encourage everyone to carry that positivity with them throughout the fall.

Faculty/Staff Focus

Faculty/Staff Focus: Gabe George

Nominated by: An Appreciative Colleague

During the recent event that caused a safety response by the college, many people stepped up to continue to serve students. That said, Gabe stood even further above as he worked directly with an agitated individual while demonstrating genuine care and composure.

We're surrounded by dedicated colleagues who go above and beyond to support ACM and our students every day. I invite you to nominate a faculty or staff member who deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions. Please keep your nomination to three sentences or fewer and email it directly to me.

Be Inspired in 2026/2027

I trust that the stories shared during last week's All College Assembly inspired you and reminded you of the meaningful impact you make every day. A heartfelt thank you to Hannah and Brock for sharing their story and for setting the tone for a fantastic year ahead.

ACM President's Vision in Action

Congratulations to Professor Robin Imgrund for being selected as a recipient of the President's Vision in Action Award. This honor was presented in recognition of their exceptional dedication to advancing the ACM vision.

Mark the Date for ACM 65 on the Field

Date: August 25th

Time: 12:15pm

ACM invites students, faculty, staff, and our community of friends to be a part of ACM history on August 25th. Join us on the soccer field at 12:15pm where we will be making a 65 on the field for 65 years. Birthday treats will be available as well!



Annual Fall Employee Engagement & Satisfaction Survey

The annual faculty/staff survey has become an important way for us to listen, learn, and act on your feedback. The survey will be shared on September 14th and will remain open through October 2nd.

Welcome, first semester nursing students

I had the wonderful opportunity this week to meet this year's first-semester nursing students. I look forward to watching them grow, learn, and go on to serve their community.



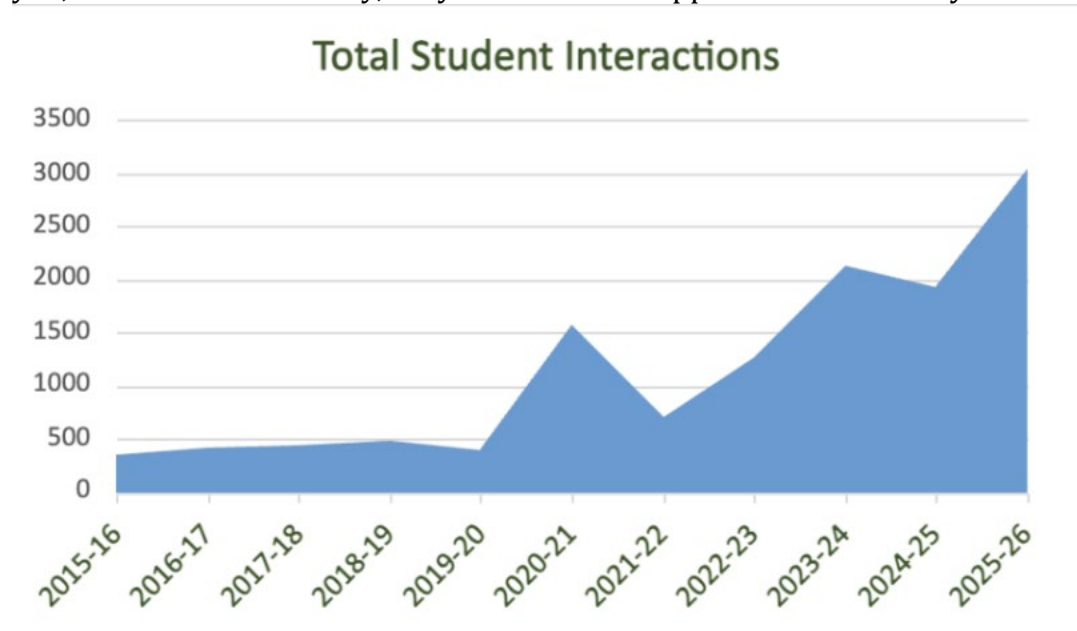
Campus Conversations

One of the best aspects of my role is the opportunity to connect directly with our students, and I'd welcome your help in making that happen. Whether it's visiting a class, meeting with a club, stopping by a team practice, or welcoming a group to my office, I'm eager to spend more time with our students. If it works best over dinner, I'll even provide the pizza and drinks. These visits are an excellent way for me to listen, answer questions, and share in the experiences that make ACM such a special place.

Community Engagement

A special thank you to Diane McMahon and the ACM [College to Community Partnership Center](#) for their work in building partnerships with community leaders to connect college students, faculty, and staff with efforts to address unmet needs in our community. Over the next several weeks, I plan to share information showing a variety of impacts from these

efforts, including the total student interactions over the past ten years. Thank you, Diane and ACM family, for your efforts to support our community.



Enrollment

Credit (does not include Early College):

Fall 2026: Headcount is up 2.5% and FTE is up 2.3% compared to Fall 2025.

ACM Athletics

Allegany College of Maryland proudly recognizes 18 student-athletes named to the NJCAA All-Academic Team. This prestigious honor celebrates student-athletes who have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.60, with several earning a perfect 4.00 GPA while competing at the collegiate level.

 Allegany College of Maryland NJCAA ALL-ACADEMIC		
Levi Carrington Soccer	Raley Nestor Softball	Malakai Jones Baseball
Allison Scritchfield Soccer	Ben Abram Baseball	Natalie Melby Softball
Autumn Hoppert Volleyball	Sierra Campbell Soccer	Esmanyel Esquea Baseball
Arturo Garcia - Tunon Baseball	Dylan Frazier Baseball	Ava Sipes Soccer
Summer Kreydatus Cross Country	Diego Gil Baseball	Ivan Sypa Baseball
Autumn Medina Softball	Elijah Hall Basketball	Ashante Williams Basketball

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

Attending the ACM Board of Trustees meetings helps you to stay informed. The Board meets at 4 pm in the Thomas Welcome Center, with the next meeting scheduled for September 24, 2026

I have included my notes below on key items from the 8/14/2026 meeting:

- Enrollment is up: Fall headcount increased 3% and FTE increased 2.5% compared with last fall.
- Summer graduates: The Board approved 63 summer graduates.
- AI & Instruction: Trustees received an update on AI and the future of instruction at ACM.
- CDFI initiative: Pinnacle Strategies was approved to manage planning for a Community Development Financial Institution serving Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.
- Academic calendar: The FY28 calendar was amended to recognize the July 4 holiday on Monday, July 5, 2027.
- Campus improvements: The Board approved a \$177,000 roof restoration for the Advancement/Campus Store building, funded through sustainability funds.
- Coming in September: FSU President Shadow Robinson will attend the next Board meeting.

Grant Update

ACM received approval this week for a \$350,000 federal ARC grant to upgrade and install ventilation and dust collection equipment at Western Maryland Works. This project will support improved air quality systems and greater training capacity in welding, woodworking, metalworking, and related trades.

On A Personal Note

I am always energized by the beginning of a new semester. Seeing familiar faces return, welcoming new students to campus, and experiencing the excitement and ambition they bring reminds me why our mission is so important.

With Gratitude to the ACM family,
David