

ACM Family,

Thank you for your work in supporting our students and preparing for the fall semester. Your patience, compassion, and expertise make a difference. As we gear up for August 17th, I have several updates to share.

Vote ACM

Allegany College of Maryland ACM has been nominated for the Cumberland Times-News Reader's Choice Award for Favorite Local Major Employer. Please consider joining me in [casting your vote for ACM](#) (and sharing this with others).

1. Note: You are able to vote once per day over the next week.
2. Please feel free to share.



Congratulations Summer 2026 Graduates

Congratulations to our Summer 2026 graduates. I am pleased to share that 63 students earned a total of 63 degrees and certificates. The OTA/PTA commencement is tonight at 5 pm in the Zimmer Theatre, and I invite you to attend to celebrate our students.

Registration and Enrollment

Registration for fall 2026 is open. Please continue to help spread the word and support our enrollment process. <https://www.allegany.edu/registration/index.html>

Enrollment Update

Fall 2026 Enrollment (preliminary and does not include Early College):

--Credit headcount is up 1.34% and FTE is up 1.18% compared to Fall 2025.

ACM Engage

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

Celebrating Our Own

Please join me in congratulating Steve Resh for induction into the Allegheny Society of American Foresters Hall of Fame, class of 2026. Steve has helped to shape forestry education and the profession for nearly five decades. Well done, Steve.

[Former ACM educator Steve Resh joins Hall of Fame - Cumberland Times News](#)

Maryland Transfer Intensive

As the Maryland Transfer Intensive initiative of MHEC and the ASPEN Institute concludes on August 31, ACM and Frostburg State University are celebrating a year of working together, establishing new and renewed relationships, and developing a Strategic Transfer Excellence Plan. Key accomplishments from May through August included hosting the first faculty convening for Psychology, Business, and Education disciplines, participating in the statewide wrap-up session in Washington, D.C., and presenting our collaborative work at the Center for Teacher Excellence on August 5, led by Linda Steel and Jennifer Engelbach. Yes, the formal project is ending but our commitment to strengthening transfer pathways and supporting the success of transfer students remains strong. A HUGE thank you to all faculty and staff whose contributions and future contributions have and will continue to make this work possible to achieve seamless supportive transfer pathways for our students.

Freeze! ACM is It!" Social Media Challenge

Let's showcase all that ACM's seven locations have to offer! Our hope is to promote the student experience, highlight our resources, and show our ACM family pride. *Need an incentive?* Participants will win a Frostburg Freeze ice cream coupon.



Here's the challenge:

- Strike a "tag, freeze—you're it!" pose in front of key places at your ACM locations (classrooms, labs, support offices, student spaces, etc.)
- Share why that spot is a must-stop for students and that it's not too late to enroll this fall.
- Post on your social media, tag ACM, and encourage others to join the challenge.

Board of Trustees Meeting – Save the Date

The ACM Board of Trustees meet again on August 17th at 4 pm. A **draft** agenda is provided below:

- a. Adopt the June 15, 2026 Minutes
- b. Chairman's Update – Ms. Belt
- c. Statement of Executive Session – Ms. Belt
- d. Board Member Comments/Reflections - Board of Trustee Members
- e. President's Update – Mr. Jones
- f. Approval of Summer Graduates (Action Item) – Ms. Nightengale
- g. Board Education: AI and the Instructional Path Forward – Dr. Hoffman
- h. CDFI Approval (Action Item)- Ms. Little
- i. FY28 Academic Calendar Edit- Dr. Hoffman
- j. Campus Store/Advancement Roof Restoration (Action Item) – Ms. Kilduff
- k. Statement for Closing a Meeting Under the Open Meetings Act – Ms. Belt

On a Personal Note

I spent time earlier this week with my fellow Maryland community college presidents, covering topics ranging from legislative priorities for 2027 to the Maryland Association of Community Colleges' strategic plan. We met with key leaders from the Governor's Office, the Cabinet, and the Senate and House. I am excited to share more details with you as your involvement and understanding are crucial for our collective success.



With ACM Pride,
David