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LAYNI MILLER APPRECIATES ACM'S AFFORDABILITY AND COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE

Layni Miller, a 2023 Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation graduate, attends the ACM Bedford County Campus because “it’s close to home and is a community college.” As a first-generation college student, Layni was unsure about attending a large college due to costs, but she found ACM to be different. “ACM is a lot cheaper. If you want to not spend thousands of



▲ Layni Miller, recipient of the Ruth Morris Gladfelter and PA Student Scholarships.

dollars on your education, ACM is for you.”

Layni got a jump start on her college journey by completing 15 college credits during high school. “I was very thankful I had the opportunity to take early college credits and start my degree before I graduated high school.” She is grateful to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donors who made funding possible for her early

college classes. “With the help of the donors, young people’s dreams come true. Not everyone is fortunate enough to have the funds to attend college, but the donors give us hope and help us push for our dreams.”

Layni will graduate in the Summer of 2025 with her ACM Associate’s Degree in General Studies and is interested in continuing her education in Hospitality Management. When asked to describe her experience at the Bedford County Campus, she shared, “ACM has been wonderful so far. The staff is so nice and the small campus

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BAILEY SIMONS ASPIRES TO BE A COMPASSIONATE NURSE

Bailey Simons, a 2024 Everett Area High School graduate, aspires to be a registered nurse who shows others the same compassion she received during a 2020 surgery and 16-day hospitalization. Since this occurred at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, she and her mom were the only ones, besides hospital staff, who were allowed in her room. “It was hard mentally to be in the hospital that long, but the nurses and other hospital staff were so sweet and helpful. They came into my room not only to provide treatment, but they were willing to talk about their lives and wanted to hear about mine. I want to be a personable nurse who interacts with others and

shows patients the same compassionate and caring experience I received.”

Bailey began her ACM experience as a high school senior by taking early college classes. “My friends influenced me to take college classes in high school, and I’m so glad I did. The thought of going to college can be scary, and you can feel lost. My early college experience at ACM helped me understand the expectations of college-level work, and it lessened my fear of college. Early college was the best gift ever, and I am forever grateful to the donors who made it possible for students like me to have the opportunity.”

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offers a community where you are treated more like a family. They really go the extra mile to make sure you reach your goals and help you along the way.”

In addition to college coursework, Layni works 40 hours per week as a Bedford Candies Assistant Manager, traveling to the Altoona, Bedford, and Osterburg locations. She is also the recipient of the Ruth Morris Gladfelter and PA Student Scholarships. “While working full-time and taking college courses, receiving

scholarship support helps me focus on my studies. Money is a big thing that can hold people back from their dreams and goals, and getting scholarships makes a big difference in helping students keep pushing for their goals. I want to thank every scholarship donor out there that makes it possible for young adults to get support and encouragement to pursue their dreams. Scholarship donors will never understand how much it truly means to have their support in helping us with our futures.”

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After high school, Bailey decided to continue her postsecondary journey at ACM. “I considered another college, but I would lay in bed at night and get really stressed about the financial cost of college, being away from my family, and the drive. I decided to attend ACM because the classes I completed in high school aligned with ACM’s pre-nursing requirements, and several people shared how happy they were with their ACM experience. ACM gives me the best of everything. It’s convenient and affordable, allows me to work while attending classes, and provides an uplifting family atmosphere.”

Bailey is the recipient of the Everett

Area High School Alumni Association and Bedford County Opportunity Scholarships. Bailey shared “I am tremendously grateful for the scholarships because they make my nursing dreams possible. Some students don’t have the financial resources to cover the cost of college, but scholarships and working make it possible.”

Once Bailey receives her Associate’s Degree in Nursing and becomes licensed as a registered nurse, she hopes to work for a local hospital. “This is a great area to raise a family. It’s a safe, small town where people know others. As a nurse, I will one day be able to help those who helped me in life.”

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY

Join us for a fun evening that will raise scholarship dollars for Bedford County Campus of Allegany College of Maryland students. The Bedford County Regional Education Foundation’s *Shaping Bright Futures* scholarship fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Clear Ridge

Event Center in Clearville, PA. Gayle Becwar is back by popular demand with a new act filled with his unique brand of clean, interactive, fast-paced



comedy and magic. Guests will enjoy a delicious buffet by Joey Del’s 2001 Caterers and have the opportunity to bid on some wonderful items during the silent auction. Doors open at 5:00 pm, and the program/dinner begins at 6:00 pm. To reserve your tickets at the cost of \$45 per person, please contact Leah Pepple, Director of PA Advancement and Community Relations, at 814-652-9528, extension 6223, or lpepple@allegany.edu.

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