



SHINING THE ACM BEDFORD COUNTY CAMPUS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Every success story at ACM's Bedford County Campus begins with opportunity. This spring, more than 475 students from across our region are taking meaningful steps toward brighter futures by earning degrees, gaining new skills, and building the confidence that comes with higher education.

Each one of these students carries a story of determination, of hope, and of the desire to build a better future for

themselves, their families, and their communities. Your commitment helps students overcome financial barriers, stay focused on their goals, and discover what's possible when a community believes in them.

In this edition, we are proud to highlight one of these inspiring students in our **Student Spotlight**, a reminder of the impact of your generosity and the promise of Bedford County's next generation.



Student: Haylee Conrath

Hometown: Everett, PA

High School Attended: Everett Area High School

ACM Major: Pre-Nursing

Thoughts about Her Early College Experience:

Taking ACM classes while I was still in high school was an amazing opportunity. It let me experience college level expectations early and allowed me to become more confident when I graduated and continued attending ACM.

Words of Thanks to EITC/ Educational Improvement Tax

Credit Donors: To the business donors who made the early college opportunity possible, I would like to thank you for

investing in students before they reach high school graduation. Your support removes financial barriers and allows young students to grow. I was able to explore my interests because of the funding, and I decided to further my education with ACM after high school.

Reason for Choosing ACM: I choose ACM because it offers a strong, affordable start to my education. As a community college it allows me to stay close to home but receive the same education that I would get elsewhere for a fraction of the cost. ACM has small class sizes and allows instructors one-on-one time with every student. All the instructors are great people, and they are always willing to help you when needed. Everyone at ACM wants you to succeed.

What She Likes Best about ACM: My favorite thing about ACM is the supportive environment. Everyone

around you is willing to help step in and help whenever you need it.

What She Would Share with Future Students: I would recommend ACM to future students because you will get a high-quality education. ACM is known for having strong academic and career pathways.

Reason She Wants to Be a Nurse: I want to be a nurse to help someone in their most vulnerable moments. Nursing will allow me to make a direct impact on someone's life. I'm dedicated to treat my future patients as if they were family to me. Every day will be different as a nurse and allows me to become a critical thinker.

Scholarships Awarded by the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation: Bedford County Opportunity and Next Step Scholarships.

NURSING SIMULATION HEADWALL MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH CFA GRANT

Thanks to a generous \$4,500 grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, nursing students at the ACM Bedford County Campus now have access to a new 30-inch simulated nursing headwall. This essential training tool gives students hands on experience with oxygen and airflow meters, humidifiers, nasal cannulas, and suction systems preparing them to serve others as future nurses.



Dina McGee, Bedford County Endowments Director, presents the CFA grant award to Leah Pepple, ACM Director of PA Advancement and Community Relations, Cheryl McInroy, Bedford County Regional Education Foundation board member, and Lynn Ashe, Bedford County Regional Education Foundation, Secretary.

Under the guidance of Professor of Nursing, Sherry Obert, and Associate Professor of Nursing, Devon Corle, our ACM Bedford County Campus second semester nursing students are building the confidence and competence they need to succeed in clinical settings. Upon earning their Associate of Science degrees in Nursing, graduates will be prepared to take the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) to become licensed as registered nurses.



ACM Bedford County Campus nursing students Maria Waters, Grace Hood, and Vivian Cline along with Associate Professor of Nursing, Devon Corle, benefit from CFA's generosity.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Prepare for an unforgettable night! One that brings joy, laughter, and life changing opportunity to students at ACM's Bedford County Campus. The Bedford County Regional Education Foundation invites you to our Changing Lives through Education



Gayle Becwar, comedian/magician, is returning for another night of laughs.

Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the Clear Ridge Event Center in Clearville, PA.

Back by overwhelming demand, Gayle Becwar returns with a brand new show full of his signature clean, fast paced, interactive comedy and magic. His performance promises a night of fun while raising essential scholarship

dollars for Bedford County students working hard to build brighter futures.

Guests will enjoy a delicious buffet prepared by Joey Del's 2001 Caterers and have the chance to bid on an array of exciting silent auction items. Every ticket, every bid, and every laugh help to remove financial barriers for students who are ready to transform their lives through education. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner and the evening program beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person. To reserve your seat and make a meaningful difference for local students, please contact Leah Pepple, Director of PA Advancement and Community Relations, at 814 652 9528, ext. 6223 or lpepple@allegany.edu.

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by supporting the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation. Here are some options that you may want to consider:

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A NEW SCHOLARSHIP

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