

Dear Students,

Hope your summer is going well so far. A few updates to share as we head into our second summer session:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Masking when indoors, social distancing, attestations, and sign-in procedures are still required to keep our college community safe. We will continue our current masking and distancing requirements through July 27, the end of the summer session. Please monitor your student email for updates.

VACCINATIONS

On-campus vaccination clinics will be offered this summer and early fall. To keep our college community safe from new variants of COVID-19, we strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated. It's normal to have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and perhaps be cautious about getting it. I recommend visiting www.getvaccineanswers.org or consulting with your medical provider if you have questions.

FUNDING FOR FALL

Federal funds for the fall 2021 semester are available for part and full-time students as are pandemic hardship funds. If you completed your 2021-2022 FAFSA and are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you'll automatically receive the additional HEERF III funds. It's not too late to complete your FAFSA to possibly receive these funds for the fall. HEERF III awards are not based on your GPA or current income, and you do not repay these federal funds.

If you've experienced a personal or family hardship because of the pandemic, you can request additional HEERF III funds. This includes students who plan to reside in ACM's on-campus housing complex, Willowbrook Woods. Examples of eligible hardships include a lack of technology, internet connectivity, or course materials; loss of employment, healthcare, or childcare; personal or family financial hardships, food insecurity; housing disruption; and/or caring for a sick family member. Our online application is available at allegany.edu/heerfaward. Please reach out to our [Financial Aid Office](#) at 301-784-5213 or email studentfinancialaid@allegany.edu if you have questions.

FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the fall semester is still open. Full-term courses for the fall semester begin on Monday, August 24. You can preview the fall schedule at <https://selfservice.allegany.edu/Student/Courses>. In-person and virtual advising appointments are available by contacting our [Advising Center](#) at 301-784-5654 or emailing Jennifer Engelbach at jengelbach@allegany.edu.

Our entire ACM family is here to serve you this summer. Please reach out to me or a trusted faculty or staff member if you have any questions.

As always, thank you for choosing ACM.

Dr. B.