

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back from the Thanksgiving break. I hope you enjoyed the fellowship of family or friends and hopefully a brief chance to unwind. As we find ourselves in the last week of classes, I have a few updates to share.

Continue to lean into patience.

No matter the year or the class roster, the end of the semester is a taxing time for even the gentlest of souls. Thank you for continuing to exhibit patience and compassion with our students, even when they may not be at their best.

Foster a sense of belonging.

Last month, school-aged children and college students in Maryland and Pennsylvania were among those in our country to receive offensive and racist text messages. To our knowledge, ACM students were not targeted.

Please know that our Student & Legal Affairs Office (301-784-5206) is ready to offer information, immediate counseling, and security escorts to students who may feel unsafe during this or any semester.

Celebrate with one another.

I am grateful for the many well wishes as I enter the final month of my presidency. I look forward to gathering with all of you at the All-College Assembly and holiday luncheon as we celebrate the semester's end and our ACM family.

Wishing you well,

Dr. B