

Dear Students,

Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed the brief break and a chance to be with your family or friends. As you move now from Thanksgiving Break to finals, know that we're here to support you.

First and foremost, we believe in you.

You have it within your power to achieve your academic goals. Please speak with your instructors if you have questions about your upcoming finals, study and work hard, and use available [resources](#) to help you succeed. *You* can do this.

You belong here to learn and thrive.

We are committed to fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for every ACM student. Last month, school-aged children and college students in Maryland and Pennsylvania were among those in the U.S. to receive offensive and racist text messages. If you received one of these texts, please contact our Student & Legal Affairs Office at 301-784-5206. They can offer information, immediate counseling, and security escorts if you feel unsafe this or any semester.

You will have a new president next semester.

Like many of our fall graduates, this is my final semester at ACM. I've chosen to retire in early January, and the ACM Board of Trustees has selected Mr. David R. Jones to serve as the College's [next president](#).

Although my time at ACM is nearing its end, your ACM journey may be ongoing.

- [Enroll now](#) for spring courses to save your seat. If you have questions, please talk with an advising and transfer specialist or meet with your program advisor.
- If you are struggling to afford your ACM education, please visit or contact [Financial Aid](#) or the [ACM Foundation](#). Together, we can find a way to help, so you continue at ACM.
- If you will be attending ACM next year, please complete your 2025-26 FAFSA ([Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)) early. We encourage all students to complete their FAFSA, and applying early can maximize the amount of aid you may receive, if you're eligible.

If you have questions, please reach out to our Welcome Center staff by calling 301-784-5005 or emailing info@allegany.edu.

Wishing you continued success,

Dr. Cynthia Bambara

ACM President