SUBJECT LINE: WE believe in you.

Now's your time, [Student's Name], to keep going.

I know it's tempting to phone it in. With less than a month of classes left in the semester and the nice weather, it's natural to find yourself less focused on your studies. But <u>before</u> you allow a few of your assignments to slide, press pause.

Next, think about two things: 1) your goals and 2) how far you've come as a student.

I know you can finish strong this semester. Finishing strong could mean that you need help with a <u>writing assignment or a class</u>, try in-person or online <u>tutoring</u>, request free <u>groceries or supplies</u>, or <u>talk</u> <u>to someone</u> who is trained to help college students. Please don't be afraid to ask for help as you keep your goals in mind.

If achieving your goals means that you'll continue with us this summer or fall, you'll need to make some plans now to pay for college and reserve your classes. Let's break that into four steps.

- 1. Meet in person or virtually with our <u>Financial Aid</u> experts. They can help you <u>submit your FAFSA</u> by May 15 to receive the most financial aid you can.
- 2. If you completed the 2024-25 FAFSA, please check your student email for information about your ACM Financial Aid Award package and your next steps.
- 3. Apply for ACM Scholarships ASAP as some scholarships are still available for the fall semester.
- 4. Talk with your <u>advisor</u> and <u>register early</u> for summer and fall classes.

Please remember that if you don't know where to start to ask for help, you can always reach out to your program director, division chair, or any ACM employee. We all believe in you, and we want you to succeed.

Wishing you all the best,

Dr. Cynthia Bambara President of Allegany College of Maryland