

ACM Family,

Allegany College of Maryland hosted our first-ever *State of the College* program on October 24. We marked a new tradition that celebrates who we are, what we've accomplished, and, most importantly, where we're going. Thank you for your ongoing work empowering students to build their futures. We're helping individuals unlock potential, gain confidence, and create opportunity, not just for themselves, but for their families, employers, and communities.

Faculty/Staff Focus: Emily Cramer

Nominated by: Colleagues of T-127 Suite

Emily has been instrumental in so many events and projects by taking on any task with a positive attitude and a genuine willingness to help. Her reliability and cheerful demeanor make her an invaluable part of our team. Emily has played a key role in managing large-scale projects, including digitizing online resource guides, transcribing training sessions, assisting with Law Day, and supporting Tech at the Gap. Her attention to detail stands out, and she consistently completes tasks with accuracy and efficiency and always well ahead of schedule. Emily plays a key role in keeping our suite in line, organized, and running smoothly.

We're surrounded by dedicated colleagues who go above and beyond to support ACM and our students every day. I invite you to nominate a faculty or staff member who deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions. Please keep your nomination to three sentences or fewer, and email it directly to me.

Empowering Our Future Is About People: The following reader commentary appeared yesterday in the Cumberland Times News and has been shared with other media outlets. I wanted to share a copy with you. [Reader Commentary](#)

MLT Congratulations

Congratulations to our colleagues in the Medical Laboratory Technology Program, which received formal accreditation notification this week from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) through 2035. Well done, Stacey, Tracie, Stacy, and Elaine. Thank you for your work throughout the accreditation process.

Congratulations Scott Diehl

Please join me in congratulating Scott Diehl, who was recently honored by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Scott's questions, which he submitted for the RT board exam, were accepted, and he will meet with the committee to participate in the process for the new board exam. Well done, Scott.

Registration and Enrollment: Registration for the intersession and spring 2026 semester opens on November 3, 2025. Please continue to help spread the word and support our enrollment process. <https://www.allegany.edu/registration/index.html>

League for Innovation Excellence Awards:

The League for Innovation Excellence Awards, established in 2012, recognize outstanding teaching, leadership, and service by community college administration, faculty, and staff. Recipients receive a specially cast medallion, a certificate from the League, and recognition by the Allegany College of Maryland Board of Trustees. Please submit your nominations by noon on Friday, November 7, 2025, to Lori Spence at lspace@allegany.edu. Nominees will be evaluated and selected by a committee of

peers from faculty, associate support staff, and professional and administrative support staff. The awards will be announced at the All-College Assembly in December 2025.

Grant Highlight of the Week:

ARC POWER – “Next-Gen Campus Connectivity for Workforce Readiness”.

ACM submitted its full application to the Appalachian Regional Commission’s POWER program in October. This \$1.1 million proposal will enhance wireless infrastructure to support high-tech training, broadband-enabled instruction, and improved employer collaboration through the purchase of upgraded switches and network equipment. If awarded, implementation is expected to begin in spring 2026. A special thanks to the Grants Team, IT Department, and Finance for their work on this project.

Upholding Our Values: A Message on Compliance and Commitment

At the heart of our mission is the promise to provide a high-quality and accessible learning environment and one that empowers individuals, strengthens families, and uplifts the region we serve. To fulfill that promise, it is essential that we operate not only with passion and purpose but with integrity, accountability, and full compliance with the laws and expectations that govern our work. Please be assured that the ACM Compliance Team is closely monitoring the legal landscape to ensure compliance, protect the College, and preserve our campus community for students and employees. If you have any questions about the work of the ACM Compliance Team, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Conner or me.

Campus Conversations

One of the best aspects of my role is the opportunity to connect directly with our students, and I’d welcome your help in making that happen. Whether it’s visiting a class, meeting with a club, stopping by a team practice, or welcoming a group to my office, I’m eager to spend more time with our students. If it works best over dinner, I’ll even provide the pizza and drinks. These visits are an excellent way for me to listen, answer questions, and share in the experiences that make ACM such a special place.

Stay Informed - President’s Advisory Team (PAT): The President’s Advisory Team (PAT) meets monthly to 1) provide advice and counsel to the President regarding the overall operation of the College; 2) assist the President in developing the College calendar; 3) collaborate with the President on creating and implementing strategic plans for the College; 4) recommend funding patterns and priorities to the President; and 5) develop the agenda for All-College Assembly staff meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for November 5th, starting at 3 p.m. I encourage you to stay engaged by attending PAT meetings, contacting your affinity group representatives for updates, sharing ideas, and asking questions. Your input is invaluable to shaping the future of our College.

PTK Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to our outstanding students who were inducted into PTK membership earlier this week. It was an honor to highlight their scholarship and support their growth as future leaders. [Congratulations](#) to advisors Melody G. and Erin Y., as well as all the new inductees.



A Sweet Treat for ACM Employees: Join us for a special treat (pumpkin cake bars). Stop by and enjoy a **Grab-and-Go**.

- Wednesday, November 5th
7:30 – 9 am – Entrance to Cumberland Campus
- Thursday, November 6th - Gateway Center and WMW
- Wednesday, November 12th
11 am – Bedford Campus

Cheer on the Trojans: Join me in supporting all of our student-athletes. For more details, visit: acmtrojans.com

Upcoming Events:

November 8, Bedford Campus Open House, Bedford Campus
 November 10, Cumberland Campus Open House
 November 17, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 p.m.
 Thurs-Fri, November 27-28, 2025, Thanksgiving Holiday – College Closed
 Mon, December 8, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 p.m.
 Thurs, December 11, 2025 – All College Meeting and Holiday Celebration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Thurs, December 11, 2025 - Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
 Fri, December 12, 2025, Commencement Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
 Dec 22-Jan 4, Winter Break – College Closed
 January 4, 2026, College Reopens

Weather and Emergency Communication

Stay informed with eSAFE, ACM's emergency text messaging service! This system is designed to keep faculty, staff, students, and others updated during major emergencies, crises, disasters, or weather-related closings and delays. If you haven't already, sign up today to receive timely notifications: [eSAFE Sign-Up](#).

On A Personal Note:

I've always enjoyed studying and reading about history. While I'm fascinated by many different eras, I've always had a special love for the Civil War period. Recently, I was fortunate to obtain two prized possessions from the Battle of Antietam: a small cannonball and bullet shells from Bloody Lane, known as the single bloodiest day in American military history. I don't know precisely how these items were used, but holding them makes me pause and reflect. They remind me that behind every artifact, every statistic, and every historic event were real people, each with hopes, fears, and convictions. Studying history, for me, is not just about learning what happened, but about understanding the humanity within it.

With ACM Pride,
David