

ACM Family,

The December 12, 2025 ACM Commencement is just four weeks from today. Thank you for your work with our students to help them finish the semester on a strong note. I'm pleased to share the following updates:

Faculty/Staff Focus:

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Aimee Younkin

Nominated by:

Robin Stayer

Aimee is an amazing person and very dedicated to her work. She is creative, innovative, and always seeks ways to better the department.

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.

Open House Thank You

Please accept my appreciation to everyone involved with planning and executing the Bedford and Cumberland Open House events. The attendance numbers were positive, but even more impactful were the personal stories shared by prospective students and their families. Throughout the day, I heard about the warmth of the welcome they received, the helpfulness of our faculty and staff, and the sense of excitement they felt about the possibilities at ACM. Your efforts made a real and lasting impression. Thank you for representing us so well. You made the college shine.



Registration and Enrollment: Registration for the intersession and spring 2026 is open. Please continue to help spread the word and support our enrollment process. <https://www.allegany.edu/registration/index.html>

State of the County

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a “State of the County” (Allegany County) on 11/17 at 9 am in the ACM Theatre. Commissioner President Caporale and Administrator Bennett will provide the update. There is no cost, but an RSVP is required. If you would like to attend, please email Lori at lsponce@allegany.edu or let me know, and we would be glad to reserve a spot for you.

FY2027 State of Maryland Budget

On November 11th, Maryland budget analysts presented a FY27 budget update/projection to the State’s Spending Affordability Committee, along with House and Senate Committees. Although the numbers are expected to change ahead of the upcoming General Assembly Session, with more estimates anticipated in the coming weeks and months, the early projection indicates a deficit of nearly \$1.5 billion. The Department of Legislative Services fiscal and policy coordinator shared that the outlook is a lot worse for FY27 than it was at the end of the session in April. To ensure continued transparency and open communication, I will keep the ACM community updated throughout the legislative session as it relates to ACM and the budget.

BOT Meeting – Agenda

As always, the public is invited to the Board of Trustees public session at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Board Room. The agenda follows:

1. Adopt the October 20, 2025, Minutes
2. Chairman’s Update – Mr. Leonard
3. Board Member Comments/Reflections – Board of Trustees Members
4. President’s Update – Mr. Jones
5. CE Year-End Report – Dr. McInroy
6. Nursing Admissions Policy (Action Item) – Dr. Hoffman
7. Educational Master Plan (Action Item) – Dr. Hoffman
8. College Audit (Action Item) – Ms. Kilduff
9. Youth Protection Policy (Action Item) – Dr. Conner

Bedford County Workforce Development

A special thanks to the Bedford County Development Association and others for including ACM in the [2025 Progress and Industry Edition](#). Page three highlights the Bedford County Technical Center and Allegany College of Maryland. I’m grateful for this continued partnership in building a stronger economy, celebrating innovation, and showcasing how local leadership and collaboration continue to elevate the vitality of our region.

Leadership Allegany Education Day 2025: A heartfelt thank you to the ACM faculty and staff for your efforts in making ACM shine during the Chamber’s *Leadership Allegany Education Day* visit earlier this week. Your dedication to hands-on activities and leadership experiences showcased ACM and our many programs. A special thank you to the planning team, led by Courtney Jensen and Beth Little, as well as the many others who contributed, including Jordan Marini, Dione Clark-Trub, Tara DeVore, Melanie Chapman, John Bone, and Scott Diehl. Your hard work and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Grant Highlight of the Week:

SEED Grant: A \$360,000 SEED grant application has been submitted to support sidewalk and ramp rehabilitation campus-wide. This project will build on the college's current restroom renovation efforts to further enhance appearance, accessibility, and campus safety. If funded, work is scheduled to begin in summer 2026. This is phase two of the restroom project.

Trojan Spotlight

If you have a student or alum that goes above and beyond, and believe he or she not only deserves the recognition, but would also be a great representative of ACM, you can nominate them with the form found on the Trojan Spotlight webpage (as well as view past features) at www.allegany.edu/trojan-spotlight. Additionally, if you have any non-traditional students (current or alumni) or former students who successfully transferred from ACM to continue towards an advanced level degree at another college/university, and believe they would be willing to share their testimonial (and would be a good representative for ACM), please share their name and contact information. You can email jgetz@allegany.edu

A Call for Artwork Submissions

All current and past participants are invited to submit one to two pieces of artwork, which may include photography, paintings, drawings, sculpture, or mixed media, for display in the Hazen Gallery. There's no judging; all submissions will be exhibited (up to two pieces per artist).

Deadline: Monday, December 15, 2025

How to Submit: Email high-resolution images and artwork titles to twilfong@allegany.edu

Exhibit Dates: January 21 – February 10, 2026

Contact Dr. Tino George Wilfong, Associate Professor, Humanities & English Division, with questions.

Upcoming Events:

- 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, 6 p.m.
- Fri, December 12, 2025, Commencement Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- Dec 22-Jan 4, Winter Break – College Closed
- January 5, 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](#).

New Room Scheduling System Now Live!

ACM has officially launched its new Room Scheduling System, making it easier than ever to request campus spaces. Explore the system at allegany.edu/rooms.

This project was a true campus-wide collaboration, led by Nick Taylor. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and expertise to bring this system to life. It's another excellent example of teamwork improving how we serve one another.

Student Emergency Supply Drive

During this season of giving, please consider supporting the Student Emergency Supply Drive.

Lights on the Lake

I have 15 vehicle passes for the Holiday Lights on the Lake at Lakemont Park in Altoona, PA. They can be used from today through January 4th. If you would like a vehicle pass, I would be glad to get you a pass at no cost.

"Be Social"

With winter intersession and spring 2026 enrollment now open, please help us spread the word about the fantastic opportunities at ACM! By sharing posts from our official social media accounts, you can showcase enrollment opportunities, academic programs, events, and the successes that make our college stand out. Your voice can inspire others to join the ACM community and take the next step in their educational journey. Follow and share content from our official channels:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[TikTok](#)

[Snapchat](#)

[X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

Thank you for being an outstanding ambassador for ACM!

On A Personal Note:

One of my favorite college courses was Human Geography. I enjoyed learning how people and places are connected and how culture, environment, and community influence one another. The course gave me a deeper appreciation for how geography helps explain the patterns of daily life around the country and world.

With ACM Pride,
David