

Dear ACM Community,

I trust that you have enjoyed the lovely weather this week. And for those keeping track, spring is only one week away. I'm pleased to share the following updates:

League For Innovation:

Congratulations

again to Renee Douthitt, Courtney Jensen, and Brenda Mathews on their well-deserved recognition as a League for Innovation in the Community College Excellence Award recipient. Your hard work, dedication, and innovation help to set the standard for excellence in meeting the education and workforce needs of our community.

PTK News: Congratulations to ACM's Omicron Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for being recognized as a Five Star Chapter and to Alyssa McLaughlin as a Hall of Honor Chapter Officer.

Cheer on the Trojans: Join me in supporting all of our student-athletes. Don't miss the action! For more details, visit: acmtrojans.com

Stay Informed – Board of Trustee Meetings

Attending the ACM Board of Trustee meetings helps you to stay informed.

The Board meets at 4 pm in the Thomas Welcome Center on the following dates through the remainder of the fiscal year:

--March 17, 2025 (the public session agenda is provided below for your convenience)

--April 14, 2025

--May 12, 2025

For additional information, visit: <https://allegany.edu/presidents-office/board-of-trustees.html>

PUBLIC SESSION

4 p.m.

1. Adopt the February 24, 2025 Minutes
2. Chairman's Update – Mr. Leonard
3. President's Update – Mr. Jones
4. League Award Winner Recognition & Reflection – Mr. Jones/Award Recipients
5. Board Education: Cosmetology Program – Ms. Chapman
6. Test Proctoring Update (Informational Item) – Dr. Hoffman
7. Campus Restroom Renovations Bid Approval (Action Item) – Ms. Kilduff
8. FY26 Allegany County Budget Request – Mr. Jones/Ms. Kilduff
9. Audit Services Proposal (Staff Recommendation & Board Guidance)– Ms. Kilduff

Kudos Dental Hygiene: ACM Dental Hygiene students hosted The Salvation Army's After School Program to celebrate [#NationalChildrensDentalHealthMonth](#). The children learned about oral hygiene, and ACM students gained valuable experience working with children. Thank you, Dental Hygiene faculty and students.

On a Personal Note: Over the past week, our college community has felt the loss of a faculty member and the father-in-law of another cherished colleague. These moments of grief remind us how fragile and precious life truly is. It's easy to get caught up in the daily demands of our work, our responsibilities, and our routines. But losses like these urge us to pause—to appreciate those around us, to extend kindness, and to take the time to be present for one another.

My thoughts are with the families and colleagues who are mourning, and I encourage all of us to support one another in the days ahead.

David

