

ACM family,

Your efforts are the foundation of our student's success and the strength of our college community. Thanks for working together to make this semester meaningful and rewarding for everyone. I am pleased to share the following updates:

The Triple Value of ACM: Transforming Students, Society, and Taxpayer Investment: The following reader commentary has been submitted to several media outlets, appeared in the Bedford Gazette yesterday and is scheduled for the Cumberland Times-News tomorrow or Monday. [Reader Commentary](#)

Celebrating a Legend: Congratulations to Coach Steve Bazarnic for being recognized by the NJCAA with the [Coaches Legacy Award](#), recognizing the all-time winningest coaches in NJCAA history.

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 April 3rd, starting at 3:30 pm. 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.

Budget: Allegany College of Maryland will present our FY26 funding request to Allegany County on Thursday, April 3rd, at 1 pm. I will continue to keep you updated throughout the budget process. Please continue to reach out and ask any questions about the budget and budget process.

Program Accreditation: I offer my continued gratitude to our faculty and staff, who work tirelessly on their program accreditation reports, visits, and compliance. On-site review dates for the following programs have been established:

March 28 Automotive Technology

April 28-29 Medical Laboratory Technology

June 23-25 Occupational Therapy Assistant

Thank you, Ray H., Mathew M., Stacey R., Tracie K., Stacy S., Jeff H., Alex G., Emily R., Danielle S., Elaine B., Jamie A., Lynn G., Karin S., the Program Advisory Committees for each program, and others who provide the required documentation and support as part of the accreditation process.

President's Leadership Fellow Program: This program was piloted during Spring 2025 through Phi Theta Kappa and was designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of leadership, including practical and ethical aspects, communication, collaboration, and personal leadership growth. Thank you, Melody and Erin, for your work on this initiative and for providing students with this exceptional experience. Thank you to Bill Boyer and the LaVale Chick-fil-A leadership team for hosting the Allegany College of Maryland President's Leadership Fellows earlier this week. It was an incredible opportunity for our students to learn about Chick-fil-A's SERVE leadership model and how it fosters a culture of servant leadership, teamwork, and excellence. (see photo below)

Community Engagement Employee of the Year Award: Please consider nominating a colleague who meets the criteria for the award. The nominee should have worked with a community partner to accomplish (at least one):

- 1) enriched scholarship
- 2) enhanced curriculum
- 3) cultivated democratic values, skills, and habits
- 4) collaboratively contributed to the public good; and/or 5) worked on critical societal issues.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mqicDd8cu0> Nominations are due by Friday, April 25, 2025.

Part-Time Faculty of the Year Award: Nominations are due by April 15th. Please nominate your peers who excel in the classroom.

2025 Sanner Award for Outstanding Teaching: The deadline for nominations has been extended to April 1st. Please take this opportunity to recognize your peers for their outstanding teaching.

Outstanding Employee/Team Recognition - Call for Nominations: Once again, it is time to recognize the hard work of our colleagues in the annual Employee (or Team) Recognition program. The Employee Recognition Committee seeks nominations of full- and part-time employees from any department or workgroup across all ACM campuses. Please complete the survey using the link below to nominate the person or persons who you think deserve it.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACM_OutstandingFY25

The deadline for submission is April 25, 2025.

Professional Development Day. Professional Development Day is set for Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Please follow this link and complete the form if you are willing to facilitate a session on the four tracks (assessment, learning college, technology, and work-life balance). https://alleganycollege.formstack.com/forms/professional_development_day_call_for_proposals The deadline to submit is April 11th.

On a Personal Note: As a lifelong Baltimore Orioles fan, I eagerly anticipate the home opener on March 31st. One of my most cherished memories is attending Cal Ripken Jr.'s final game as an Oriole in 2001 with my father and my four-year-old son. Watching a legend close out his career that night was an unforgettable experience.

Have a great weekend,

David

