





Hello ACM team,



Happy Friday! I hope March is off to a great start for everyone as we wrap up the week. I wanted to share a few ACM updates:

Celebrating You—National Employee Appreciation Day & Beyond: On this National Employee Appreciation Day, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment. While today is a special occasion to recognize your contributions, appreciation isn't just about one day—it's about fostering a culture where gratitude and recognition are woven into who we are. Your work is valued every day, and I'm genuinely grateful for all that you do. To continue showing our appreciation, we invite you to join us for upcoming gatherings where we can celebrate and thank you in person!

 **Monday, March 17** | 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM | Entrance to CE Building
 Enjoy: Irish Crème Brownie, Hot Chocolate, or Coffee

 **Thursday, March 20** | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Bedford County Campus
 Enjoy: Irish Crème Brownie, Hot Chocolate, or Coffee

 **Wednesday, April 9** | 7:45 AM – 8:45 AM | Bedford County Campus
 Enjoy: Caramel Bird Nest Cookie, Hot Chocolate, or Coffee

 **Monday, April 14** | 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM | Entrance to CE Building
 Enjoy: Caramel Bird Nest Cookie, Hot Chocolate, or Coffee

 **Thursday, May 15 11:30 – 2pm** | **Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon & Fun Day**
Stay tuned for more details!

We look forward to celebrating with you in the months ahead.

PTK Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award: Congratulations to Dr. Bambara on being selected for the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement, where she will be officially recognized at Phi Theta Kappa's Annual Convention in April. Congratulations, Dr. Bambara.

Budget:

Allegany College of Maryland will present our FY26 budget request to Allegany County on April 3rd. I will keep you updated throughout the month as the budget request and justification are finalized. As I have shared earlier, there remains significant uncertainty at both the State and County levels regarding the FY26 budget. I will continue to advocate for ACM at the County and State level, monitor developments, and provide updates as more information becomes available.

ACM Compliance: <https://www.allegany.edu/non-discrimination/index.html> *Allegany College of Maryland does not discriminate based on the federally protected classes. The College complies with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations which prohibit unlawful discrimination. We are committed to complying with all Executive Orders, Dear Colleague Letters, and other federal directives; where language in published documents is inconsistent with those federal directives, the College will comply with and defer to the appropriate federal requirements pending revisions or changed legal mandates.*

Upcoming Events: I would like to share some forthcoming events as you plan for the remainder of the academic year.

Upcoming Events:

Mon, March 17– Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 3 – Budget Request to Allegany County Government

Sat, April 12 - Spring Open House – 9 a.m.-12 noon

Mon, April 14 – Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 – Foundation Reception, College Center, 5 p.m.

Thurs-Fri, April 17-18, Spring Holiday, College Closed

Tuesday, April 29, Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

Friday, May 2, Bedford Campus Foundation Fundraiser, Clear Ridge Event Center

May 9 - Spring 2025 Classes End

Mon, May 12 – Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14th – Professional Development Day

Thursday, May 15th – All College Assembly

Sat, May 17 -Spring 2025 Commencement, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Mon, May 19 – Bedford Campus Commencement, 7 p.m.

Additional ACM events can also be found on the calendar: <https://calendar.allegany.edu/calendar/>

On a Personal Note: As I walked around the campus this week, I continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff. Whether it was an engaging discussion in a classroom, a softball and baseball game, a cholesterol and diabetes screening, or faculty and staff members going above and beyond to help a student, it's clear that ACM is a place where learning and student support go hand in hand.

Have a great weekend,

David

