

ACM Family,

Because of the shortened work week, I promise to keep my update equally brief.

1. Today is [#AlleganyGives](#) with a goal of 500 donors. No gift is too big or too small. Every single donor counts toward our goal and makes a lasting difference for ACM students. Please join me in helping to advocate, spread the word, and share on social media.

And my Challenge to You!

For every gift – up to the first 500 - I'll contribute an extra \$20 of my own—up to \$10,000. That's right, your gift = more impact!

Let's light up the leaderboard and show what we can do together. Ready, Set, [GIVE!](#)

2. **Registration and Enrollment:** Registration for summer 2025 and fall 2025 opened on April 7th. Please continue to help spread the word and support our enrollment process.
<https://www.allegany.edu/registration/index.html>
3. **Open House Thank You:** Please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone involved with planning and executing the April 12th Open House. The attendance numbers were impressive, 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. A special thanks to Lauren W., Andrea B., Beth L., Jordan M., Justin W., Josh G., Kim M., Susan H. Michelle M., Amy H., and everything involved through the day. Thank you for representing us so well. You made the college shine.
4. **Enrollment:** Last week, I provided an update on the enrollment increase experienced by CE/Workforce Development. I am equally pleased to share the final credit enrollment numbers for FY25, which document an increase over FY24.

FY24

Headcount: 3,314

Credits: 48,853

FY25

Headcount: 3,450 (represents a 4.1% increase over FY24)

Credits: 49,038 (represents a .4% increase over FY24)

5. **Board of Trustee meeting updates:** I wanted to share a few updates from the Board of Trustee meeting, held on April 14th:
 - a. Professors Michele Barmoy and Steven Heninger and several ACM students provided an overview of the ACM PhageHunter/SeaPhage program.
 - b. The Local Advisory Council Bylaw changes were approved.

- c. A fund transfer that included funds from the operating fund to the Plant Fund for future capital project needs, including a portion of the local share of CE/Workforce Development & Training building renovation, was approved.
- d. The bid from RH Lapp in the amount of \$293,650 was approved for the Western Maryland Works Weld Fume Extractor with funding provided through grants.
- e. The tennis court renovation project is undergoing a value engineering process to reduce the cost while still meeting the needs of ACM and the community.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 4 pm.

6. Congratulations to Chefs of Steel and the Team behind the Team.

Congratulations to the Chef students for winning this week's Chefs of Steel competition. A special thanks to the "Team behind the Team" for your work in preparing the students to be part of this successful event that will benefit the Western Maryland Food Bank. Thanks to Deb S., Dave S., Fred S., Jenna B., Jane D., Mary Y., Deb B., Courtney L., Allison W., Tina B., John B., Jared R., Levi F, and the student volunteers for making the event a success.

- 7. **Bedford Fundraiser:** The Bedford County Regional Education Foundation's Shaping Bright Futures Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on May 2nd. For additional information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Leah Pepple at lpepple@allegany.edu. It is always a fun event, and I hope to see you there. I special thanks to Leah P., Alyssa F., and the Bedford Campus Team for their work on this event to raise funds to support student scholarships.
- 8. **A Beautiful College:** As I walk around our campus locations, I'm grateful to our physical plant staff for going above and beyond to care for and maintain our property and to make the campus a beautiful, accessible, and safe place to grow and learn. A special thanks to Adam P., Barry B., Brandon K., Bryan H., Dave W., Dennis P., Frank B., Gary W., George B., Greg G., Ian S., Janna L., Justin B., Justin P., Koylnn R., Larry W., Leroy M., Mike F., Paul B., Pat B., Robert S., Sam W., Steve P., Tim C., Tracy C., Scott H., Shane S., Steve P., and Tommy M. I wanted to share just a few photos (below).

Thanks for all of your work and for going above and beyond to support ACM.

- 9. **On A Personal Note:** Now is your opportunity. If you have anything that you would like me to include in a future "On A Personal Note" update, please let me know. I'll do my best to accommodate.

With ACM Pride,
David

