

Hello ACM Family, and Greetings from Annapolis,

I hope you had a restful and refreshing long weekend and feel recharged for the weeks ahead. I am pleased to share the following updates:

Allegany Gives: Please accept my thanks for the incredible generosity shown last week. From online gifts to campus visits, your support means the world to our students and our college. To date, 400 donors have provided over \$50,000 this year. A special thanks to Courtney J., Beth L., Mo P., Sandi F., Kim M., PR/Marketing staff, Design, Print, and Mail Services, and our college community for your investment in ACM.

Law Day. Today is [Law Day 2025](#). I hope you will join me for the interactive simulations and live demonstrations by multiple law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. Thanks to Brandon H., Scott G., Robert B., Anne S., Emily C., and Heather K. for their work in preparing for this event.

Open Enrollment for Insurance: Open enrollment for ACM health and other benefits will begin on May 5th and run through May 19th, with a provider fair scheduled on campus for May 8th from 10 am - 2 pm. Please look for announcements from HR with additional details in the days ahead.

Budget Update: The College's FY26 budget was developed to ensure that ACM can address the education and workforce needs of our community, provide key services to our students, and ensure that we recognize and support the dedicated efforts of our faculty/staff. Although not finalized until next month, I remain cautiously optimistic that our budget will provide the financial resources needed to support these areas. This has been a challenging year financially at the County and State levels. I am grateful to Allegany County Government and the District 1 State Delegation for recognizing the importance of ACM and for the support provided by our elected officials and government partners.

Program News: Congratulations to the ACM [Automotive Technology](#) and [Human Service Associate](#) programs for recently completing the Program Review Process. I enjoyed learning even more about these programs, their learning outcomes, and the numerous student success stories. Thanks to Ray H., Matt M., Annette C., and Jason G. for your vision and dedication and for successfully leading these programs.

Committee and Task Forces for 2025-2026: If you have not already done so, please use the following link to select the committees/task forces that you are interested in serving on or would like to continue to serve on for the upcoming academic year. https://alleganycollege.formstack.com/forms/acm_committee_task_force_sign_up

Stay Connected: The next month is especially busy, so I wanted to remind you of upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

Tues, April 29 - Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony
Weds, April 30 – BCR Cyber Ribbon Cutting, Tech Building, 11a.m.
Weds, April 30 – ACM Retiree Reception, 1-3 p.m.
Fri, May 2 - Bedford Campus Foundation Fundraiser, Clear Ridge Event Center
Fri, May 9 - Cosmetology Students Graduation, College Theatre, 6 p.m.
Fri, May 9 - Spring 2025 Classes End
Mon, May 12 – Board of Trustees Meeting, Welcome Center, 4 p.m.
Tues, May 13 – All -College Awards Ceremony, Theatre, 6 p.m.
Weds, May 14th – Professional Development Day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thurs, May 15th – All College Assembly, College Theatre, 9 a.m.
Thurs, May 15th – Dental Hygiene Pinning, College Theatre, 5 p.m.
Fri, May 16th – Nursing Pinning, Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
Sat, May 17 - Spring 2025 Commencement, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Mon, May 19 – Bedford Campus Commencement, 7 p.m.
Fri, September 12th – President Jones Inauguration

A Safe and Secure Campus: ACM is installing an access control system and new security cameras, which will allow consolidated monitoring and the ability to lock down all buildings in the event of an emergency on campus. The project will be completed by June. I appreciate your patience as West Security is in the midst of the campus installation. I want to thank Dave L., Sarah S., Rich C., Chris P., John S., David P., Jenna P., Jennifer L., Courtney J., Christina K., and the entire team from ACM security, IT, finance, facilities, and grants/development for making this project a reality.

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 May 2, 2025.

On A Personal Note: One of my favorite hobbies is outdoor landscaping. Over the break, I spent a day spreading mulch and dethatching/scarifying my lawn. This reminds me that, like in landscaping, every small effort we put into growing and nurturing can lead to something beautiful. I look forward to working with you and seeing our college community grow and flourish in the same way.

With ACM Pride,

David