

ACM faculty and staff,

As we enter April, I want to recognize your dedication and hard work during this critical stretch of the semester. Your efforts—both in and out of the classroom—make Allegany College of Maryland a place where students can thrive. Whether you guide students through their final projects, support their next steps, or ensure our campus runs smoothly, your impact is felt daily. I am pleased to share the following updates:


Registration and Enrollment: Registration for summer 2025 and fall 2025 opens on April 7th. Please continue to help spread the word and support our enrollment process.

<https://www.allegany.edu/registration/index.html>


Sine Die: *April 7th marks Sine Die* in Maryland, the final day of the legislative session in Annapolis. It's a day filled with tradition, late-night negotiations, and the closing of another chapter in State policymaking. I will share additional details in the days ahead, but I am grateful for the legislative support of community colleges by our elected officials.

Budget: Allegany College of Maryland presented our FY26 funding request to Allegany County yesterday. A special thanks to the finance team, Board of Trustees, business leaders, and ACM students who provided comments as part of our request. Please continue to reach out and ask questions about the budget and budget process.

Celebrating You: I invite you to join us for upcoming gatherings where we can celebrate and thank you in person!

 **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

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 **Thursday, May 15** | **Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon & Fun Day**

Stay tuned for more details!

ACM Digital Catalog: As shared earlier, the 2025-2026 digital credit catalog is now published on the ACM website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://catalog.allegany.edu/index.html> A special thanks to Andrea Beall, Kim Mouse, Lynn Grimm, James O'Donnell, Nick Taylor, Shauna McQuade, and Beth Little for their work in preparing/publishing the digital catalog.

MHEC Segmental Advisory Council: I am honored to be selected as one of two Maryland Community College Presidents to serve on a newly established MHEC advisory council with the goal of strengthening collaboration and alignment in key statewide issues.

Calendar of events: Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

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

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

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

Wed, April 23 – Arbor Day with Tree Planting, and Tree Campus Status, 12 noon.

Tues, April 29 - Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

Weds, April 30 – BCR Cyber Ribbon Cutting, Tech Building, 11 a.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

Thurs, May 15th – All College Assembly

Friday, May 16th – Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 6 pm

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

On a Personal Note: With warmer weather upon us—and ice cream stands opening for the season—today brings back memories of my first job at the [Frostburg Freeze](#) (then Tastee Freeze), where I worked from 1985 to 1990. I'm grateful to the Workman family for taking a chance on a high school sophomore and for their investment and trust, which expanded to a year-round job at the laundry and car wash. Beyond earning \$2.85 per hour (I believe), there was an unexpected perk: I got to keep the spare change I found while cleaning out dryers or emptying the industrial-sized car vacuums. Even after 35 years, I can still make a well-shaped soft-serve ice cream cone with a perfect swirl on top.

Take time to breathe and enjoy the weekend,

David