ACM Family,

As we close out the month of May and look ahead to the summer season, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued dedication and share a few important updates:

Budget Update: I am incredibly pleased to share that the Allegany County Government approved its FY2026 budget last night, which includes flat funding for ACM. This was our request and will allow ACM to receive the 11.4% increase in funding from the State of Maryland. This budget ensures 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 through a salary step increase without having to increase tuition. This has been a challenging year financially at the County and State levels, and I am grateful to our elected officials and government partners for recognizing the importance of ACM.

DelFest 2025 Kudos (photos below)

From supporting the DelFest box office and check-in on campus, coordinating off-site parking at ACM, volunteering over the weekend, providing security, physical plant, facilities expertise, and Continuing Education services - your hard work and dedication were noticed and appreciated.

A special shoutout to Professor John Bone and the ACM <u>Multimedia Technology</u> students and alumni for their outstanding technical support throughout the four-day event. Their invaluable expertise kept everything running smoothly and was deeply appreciated by the McCoury Family. Having ACM's Professor Gibb Cochrum perform on Saturday was the fog on the mountain. Thank you, ACM Team—you make us proud!

Summer Enrollment: As of May 27th, the Summer 2025 headcount is 7.6% over Summer 2024, and Summer FTE is 2.6% over Summer 2024. ACM experienced significant increases in first-time students (20%) and male students (29%). We will have more finalized Summer 2025 enrollment data over the next month, and I will keep the ACM community updated on Fall 2025 enrollment.

Celebrating The Life of Vic Reuschlein:

A celebration of Vic's life will be held at ACM today at 4 pm in the Thomas Welcome Center. The ACM family is invited to attend to celebrate and remember. Please continue to keep Linda and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

<u>On A Personal Note:</u> As we return from Memorial Day, please join me in remembering those who served our country. Their sacrifice is a powerful reminder never to forget the price of freedom. May we honor their legacy with gratitude and a commitment to serve others.

With ACM Pride, David

