Subject Line: Important Message from President David Jones

February 26, 2025

Dear Students,

I am thinking of you all as we draw nearer to the middle of the semester and Spring Break.

As you may have heard, higher education is undergoing significant changes due to shifting policies, funding adjustments, and evolving federal mandates. I can assure you that ACM is focused on this matter.

We are evaluating how federal directives may impact our institutional policies, planning documents, and operating procedures related to instruction, student services, scholarships, facility use, and compliance with federal and state laws and accreditation standards. We are working closely with counsel and regulatory agencies to maintain compliance while educating and serving our students.

While there is much for us to learn, please know that we remain committed to our college's values of quality, integrity, respect, opportunity, and wellness.

I ask that you stay focused on your education goals and make every effort to be part of our college community. If you need support, we offer a wide range of resources.

- Use <u>Learning Commons</u> services like Study Labs, tutoring, and the Reading and Writing Center (RAWC).
- Connect with <u>Academic Access & Disability Services</u> for accommodations and resources if you have a documented disability.
- Access nutritious food, personal care, or school supplies at <u>The Pantry</u> or Pantry Outpost. Contact our <u>Foundations</u> if you require emergency funds to finish the semester.
- Meet with our <u>on-site support staff</u> or <u>on-site personal counseling</u>.

As always, please <u>reach out</u> to me directly if you have any questions or concerns or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

David R. Jones President of Allegany College of Maryland