

Dear Students,

On behalf of all of us at ACM, welcome to the start of the spring semester. If we haven't met yet, my name is David Jones. It's an honor to help you reach your education goals.

*This semester belongs to all of you. As **your** biggest supporter (and a proud dad of an ACM grad), I can offer five tips for 'owning' this semester.*

1. **Know your class syllabus.** Understand what's expected of you, how to contact your instructor, their policies, and due dates for assignments/projects. *Your instructor will thank you.*
2. **Access our student services and resources early.** Bookmark this [page](#) as a quick way to connect with everything you may need this semester.
3. **Keep your financial aid on track.** Accept your financial aid award in Self-Service to prevent delays. *If you're continuing at ACM next fall, please complete the [2025-26 FAFSA](#).*
4. **Let us know if you need help.** Talk with staff in our [Foundation offices](#) if you can't afford books/supplies or basic needs during the gap before your financial aid payment.
5. **Ask questions and share concerns.** ACM is a family that's here for you. Please reach out to your instructors or a staff member. You can always contact our Welcome Center staff in person or by calling 301-784-5005 or emailing info@allegany.edu.

I hope to personally connect with you this semester, whether it's at a student event or through an informal chat. As I begin my new role at ACM this semester, I want to hear from you and support your journey.

You can reach [my office](#) by calling 301-784-5272 or emailing Lori Spence, my friend and executive associate. Her email address is lspence@allegany.edu.

Wishing you all the best,

David Jones

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