

ACM Family,

I would like to take a moment to celebrate all of you:

On this National Employee Appreciation Day, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment. While today is a special occasion to recognize your contributions, appreciation isn't just about one day; it's about fostering a culture where gratitude and recognition are woven into who we are. Your work is valued every day, and I'm genuinely grateful for all that you do.



Faculty and Staff Focus

This week's nominee is **Justin Warnick!**

"I would like to nominate Justin Warnick for his outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment to our team. Justin consistently steps up when needed and embodies what it means to be a true team player. As a talented multimedia professional, he brings creativity, technical expertise, and passion to Allegheny College of Maryland through his video production and digital media work. His ability to capture and share the ACM story strengthens our brand, enhances engagement, and supports our mission. Justin's dedication and positive impact make him truly deserving of this recognition." - Nominated by Andrea Beall.

Be My Guest

To uphold transparency, I encourage anyone with any questions to visit me at my office during the following dates below from 2:30 – 4 pm. I will be available from 2-2:30 pm on March 20th.

- March 6
- March 20 (2-2:30)
- April 3
- April 17
- May 1

I warmly invite you to visit for an informal opportunity to meet, enjoy a cup of water/tea/coffee, connect, and answer your questions ... or to say hello.

[Grant Highlight](#)

EARN Maryland Grant (Healthcare Focus)

Allegany College of Maryland submitted a \$150,000 EARN Maryland grant to launch the Western Maryland Health & Wellness Workforce Partnership, a regional initiative designed to address healthcare workforce shortages and create new training pathways in the emerging cannabis industry. The project, totaling \$218,000 with leveraged resources, unites employers with community partners, including the Western Maryland Consortium and Allegany County Local Management Board. Over two years, the partnership will train 75 participants—expanding ACM’s Pharmacy Technician and Allied Health programs while introducing Maryland’s first Dispensary Technician pathway—and connect graduates to credentialed, family-sustaining employment across Western Maryland.

[Javier Colon](#)

Exciting news, ACM family! Season one winner of The Voice, Javier Colon, is coming to ACM on May 1. This is a fantastic opportunity for ACM faculty, staff, and students to experience live music together on campus. Proceeds benefit the Western Maryland Food Bank. Tickets are available [here!](#)

For a chance at free tickets, share the event on Facebook using [this link!](#) The shared posts with the most interactions over the next week will win. Multiple winners will be selected, so start sharing!

[Great Colleges to Work For](#)

Allegany College of Maryland is once again participating in the *Great Colleges to Work For* program. This survey provides valuable data to inform decision-making and support our strategic plan as we work to create the best workplace possible. On March 2, 2026, a random selection of employees received an invitation from ModernThink LLC to participate. For questions, contact Scott Harrah (sharrah@allegany.edu) or visit www.ChronicleGreatColleges.com.

[Bringing the ACM Community Together](#)

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with your program, class, club, or team. Whether you’re looking for a quick five-minute conversation or would like to share a lunch or dinner together, I’m happy to join you, and I’ll gladly bring pizza and snacks. I truly enjoy connecting with the ACM campus community and working alongside students, faculty, and staff to strengthen our college and serve the broader community. If you’re interested, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you and hope we can spend some time together soon.

[On A Personal Note](#)

I always look forward to daylight saving time. It’s the perfect excuse to get some fresh air, take a walk, or enjoy being outside a little longer. Hope everyone gets a chance to soak up that extra hour of daylight too!

With ACM Pride,
David