



ACM BEDFORD COUNTY CAMPUS IS “A COLLEGE LIKE NO OTHER”

Paige Shauf, a resident of Six Mile Run, will earn her first college degree in December. Her ACM Associate’s Degree in Business Administration is the stepping stone needed to enroll in the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science where she will continue her studies to earn her second degree. Afterwards she plans to come back to Bedford County to work under a funeral director before branching out into other opportunities.



Paige Shauf, recipient of the Coldwell Banker Premier Scholarship

Paige began her educational journey with the ACM Bedford County Campus while she was attending Tussey Mountain High School. As an early college student, Paige completed 16 college credits. Paige shared, “The early college opportunity was huge. Having the cost of college covered by the donors and the Foundation was a game changer since I would not have been able to afford the classes otherwise. The credits I earned in high school helped me graduate from ACM a semester early.”

When deciding where to attend college after her May 2022 high school graduation, Paige’s mom and the ACM professors impacted her decision. “I was already comfortable with the ACM professors because I took

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE ALLEGHENIES GRANT WILL BENEFIT BEDFORD COUNTY CAMPUS NURSING STUDENTS

The Bedford County Regional Education Foundation is grateful to the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for their generous grant award that will benefit current and future ACM Bedford County Campus nursing students. The \$4,000 grant will be used to install audio-visual equipment in the nursing simulation laboratory. The equipment will allow clinical nursing scenarios to be recorded and will enhance assessment, increase feedback, and improve clinical skills.

The audio-visual equipment, combined with the Guarnard clinical nurse simulators which were recently added to the nursing simulator laboratory, will create learning experiences that mimic real world nursing scenarios in a consequence free atmosphere with no harm to live patients. As a result of this project, students will enhance nursing knowledge and skills, gain more confidence in their clinical techniques, and work toward skill mastery.



Dina McGee, Bedford County Endowments Director, presents a CFA grant award to Cheryl McInroy, BCREF board member, Lynn Ashe, BCREF secretary, and Leah Pepple, ACM Director of PA Advancement and Community Relations.

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classes in high school. Plus, my mom went to ACM and always advocated for me to attend there as well. I thought of a few other colleges but I always came back to ACM because it is close to home, is affordable, offers extremely flexible schedules, offers tons of programs, and is a college like no other. At ACM, I am able to get exactly what I need. I'm not a number, and the professors are able and willing to help students whenever needed."

Paige has been the beneficiary of scholarship support through the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation. She is the current recipient of the Coldwell Banker Premier Scholarship which is sponsored by Melinda Feaster and Cheryl McInroy. As a scholarship recipient, Paige shared, "Scholarships mean everything to me. Without them I wouldn't be as focused on my studies. They take a large weight off my shoulders since I am not worried about paying everything back."

As Paige reflected on her decision to pursue mortuary science, she credits her high school Anatomy & Physiology teacher, Ms. Sarah Elder, for helping her see this career pathway. "Ms. Elder knew I was really interested in the field of A&P but wasn't interested in a medical career. She suggested mortuary science. I looked into it and it seemed right for me. As a future mortician, I hope to help people see their loved ones as they were before they died to help reduce the trauma of their situation."

Paige will begin her studies at PIMS in Fall 2024. She shared, "Combining my business and mortuary science degrees will help me navigate all of the intricate pieces that are involved in running a business."

ACM NCLEX PASS RATES EXCEED NATIONAL AVERAGE

ACM offers an Associate Degree of Nursing program and an online LPN to RN program which upon graduation enables graduates to take the NCLEX (National Council Licensing Examination) to be licensed as Registered Nurses. The ACM Nursing program combines lecture, simulated nursing laboratory practice, and clinical experience.



ACM Bedford County Campus nursing students Lydia Wright, Alecsis Mowry, Kendra Feaster and Kayla Hinish practice skills on clinical nurse simulators.

ACM received their NCLEX first-time pass rates for recent ACM graduates. ACM's overall rate of 94.7% exceeds the national average of 80% by 14.7%. The Cumberland Campus students averaged a pass rate of 93.3%, Bedford County Campus students received a pass rate of 100%, and the online LPN to RN students averaged a pass rate of 95%. Congratulations to ACM nursing graduates and their dedicated nursing professors.

Save the DATE

BCREF SCHOLARSHIP DINNER IS MAY 3, 2024

The Bedford County Regional Education Foundation's Scholarship Dinner fundraiser will be held on **Friday, May 3, 2024** at the Clear Ridge Event Center in Clearville, PA. Johnny Beehner is known for leaving his audiences "in stitches" from so much laughter. More information to come in 2024 about this fun event that will help provide scholarship support to local ACM Bedford County Campus students.

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