

Hello Students,

We're honored to welcome you to campus for our Spring 2021 semester. Full-term classes begin Thursday, January 21, 2021. Whether your first day will be spent logging into class, meeting in person or a mix of both, we're glad you've chosen ACM.

It's another "COVID College" semester this spring. Keeping our college community safe requires cooperation from all of us. While more information is available at allegany.edu/coronavirus, several **required** items are worth highlighting:

- WEAR a face mask or face covering, practice proper hand hygiene, follow directional signage, and use social distancing measures while on campus. This applies to all students, campus visitors, and employees.
- SELF-MONITOR daily for COVID-19 symptoms and [report symptoms](#)/contact with COVID positive individuals. Stay home if you're sick or under an isolation/quarantine order.
- COMPLETE sign-in sheets when visiting an office or department, and attending class or a lab.
- USE disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer while on campus.
- SCHEDULE virtual appointments and meetings whenever possible.
- COMPLY with [Governor Hogan's travel guidance](#) and be smart in your interactions with others.
- CONTACT us if you have questions by emailing info@allegany.edu or calling 301-784-5005.

Lastly, an assurance from me to you.

As we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 18 and the inauguration of President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris two days later, I want to again pledge ACM's commitment to democracy, equality, equity, opportunity, and inclusivity.

"The fundamental job of the college or university is to teach students to distinguish the true from the untrue, fact from opinion, evidence from insistence."

These words penned by Brian Rosenberg in a recent Chronicle of Higher Education editorial ("Higher Education in a Time of Insurrection") encapsulate our college's charge. ACM will do its part to be a place of healing for all.

As I have shared many times, we are all in this together. In my many years in education, never has this been more true.

With warmest wishes,

Dr. Cynthia Bambara