

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for helping our students start *and* stay strong this semester. I'm encouraging them to reach out now for help, resources and connections that strengthen their success, secure in the knowledge that you'll remain receptive and supportive of their academic and personal journeys.

I have a few updates and reminders to share.

INCREASING ENROLLMENT

On the off-chance that you haven't read the emails or heard the collective sigh of relief at our last Board of Trustees meeting, I'm delighted to share that we've experienced a 4.2% increase in our fall headcount and a 7.1% increase in credit hours this semester, not including early college data. (We'll share final enrollment data in October.) My sincere appreciation to our entire ACM family for your efforts on behalf of our college.

CONTAINING COVID-19

The spread of coronavirus continues to challenge many of our surrounding communities. Please report [COVID-19](#) symptoms, positive tests and/or exposures by calling 301-784-5061 or emailing covidreports@allegany.edu and refrain from coming to campus. You can text your zip code to 438829 to find free COVID-19 vaccines or boosters near you.

VALUING THE POSITIVE

I recently shared a Letter to the Editor about positive happenings at ACM with several local papers. Here's a [link](#) to my piece on our website.

INVESTING FOR TOMORROW



UPMC Western Maryland leadership joined us to celebrate the dedication of the UPMC Western Maryland Nursing Simulation Laboratory. We were especially glad to be joined by nursing students and even a program alumnus. UPMC has committed a future six-figure gift to support our Nursing and Allied Health program and scholarships as we continue to provide the critical workforce needed by UPMC.

STAYING CONNECTED

These monthly updates are my quick way of sharing information outside of All College Assemblies, but many more topics go unmentioned in these messages. The [President's Office group](#) on SharePoint boasts a wealth of information as do the Faculty & Staff Newsletters. If there is a topic that you'd like to see addressed in a future update, please email me directly or mention it to your supervisor or VP.

Wishing you well,

Dr. B.