

**Subject:** Welcome! We're Glad You're Here.

Dear [Student's Name],

We would like to officially welcome you to the start of the fall 2022 semester. Whether you are a returning or new student to our campus, we thank you for choosing ACM. We are always here to help you learn, grow, and achieve your goals. If you ever have any questions and don't know who to ask, please email [info@allegany.edu](mailto:info@allegany.edu) or call 301-784-5005. Feel free to also visit one of our Welcome Tables next week set up on our Cumberland and Bedford County campuses. YOUR success is OUR success!

As we start this new academic year, we want to share some news items with you.

#### New Programs:

We have introduced three exciting academic programs this semester, including a Data Analytics degree and certificate, a Social Media Marketing certificate, and an Engineering-Automated Manufacturing Technology degree. Visit the [ACM website](#), to learn more about these popular career paths.

#### Continued COVID Concerns:

Our COVID-19 Command Response Team continues to monitor the number of cases in Allegany County and our region. We request that you:

- Continue to SELF-CHECK daily for COVID-19 symptoms using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) guidelines. **If you are showing symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider and refrain from coming to any ACM location.**
- If you have been exposed, become symptomatic, or test positive for COVID-19, please REPORT it to us by emailing [covidreports@allegany.edu](mailto:covidreports@allegany.edu) or calling 301-784-5061
- Remember to SIGN-IN when entering all campus classrooms and offices/departments
- Continue to PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS. While wearing a mask is currently optional on ACM campuses, some individuals may elect to continue to wear one. Please be respectful of others and their choices.
- A full listing of ACM's COVID-19 protocols can be found here: [allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/Covid-19-ACM-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf](http://allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/Covid-19-ACM-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf)

#### Your Academic Success and Wellness:

We hope that you have a strong start to the semester. Our faculty are committed to helping you succeed in their classes. If you start feeling overwhelmed or need additional help, our [Student Support Services](#) offers advising, tutoring, [mental health support](#), time management assistance and other resources to guide you throughout your academic journey at ACM. Please reach out. Early intervention is a key to any success.

I look forward to seeing you around campus. I wish you well this semester and, as always, encourage you to be safe, be smart, and be successful.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cynthia Bambara

President, Allegany College of Maryland