

Dear Colleagues,

To those of you that have been away, welcome back to campus! As we start the semester with new energy and a fresh perspective, I am reminded of our mission statement to “deliver diverse and relevant education centered around student success in a supportive and engaging community.” I would like to share some good news items that show that we, as a campus community, are successfully living our mission.

Enrollment Update:

The Enrollment Management Committee and I are happy to report that our enrollment projections for the fall 2022 semester are strong and on target. We are currently seeing a 1.8% increase in headcount and 3.5% increase in credits compared to the same time last year, with some of the largest increases coming from first time students and male students. We know this success is a true team effort. THANK YOU to everyone who recruited new students and worked in retaining our current ones.

Their Success is OUR Success:

ACM is known for its welcoming and family atmosphere. If you see a student struggling – academically or otherwise – please guide that student to receive assistance through our [Student Support Services](#). Also, don’t forget about our [holistic mental health network](#), which focuses on the wellbeing and resilience of each individual person. Early intervention for student success is crucial.

New Programs:

We are happy to introduce 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. In addition, we have also expanded our nursing program by adding a second evening cohort. We are offering “diverse and relevant education” options to our community.

Continued COVID Concerns:

In service to our community, we must do all that we can to reduce transmission of COVID-19. We request that you:

- Continue to self-check for 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 by emailing covidreports@allegany.edu or calling 301-784-5061
- Remember to sign-in daily when entering classrooms and offices/departments

Welcome New Faces:

We have several new faculty and staff on our campuses. I encourage you to welcome them to our ACM family. A friendly smile or kind gesture to a new colleague goes a long way. Thank you for being a part of our “supportive and engaging community.”

If there’s anything you’d like me to address in a future correspondence or if you have questions, please email me directly or speak with your Vice President/Supervisor.

Once again, welcome back! Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents in order to change the lives of our students, their families, and the communities that we serve. I am proud to call each of you my colleague.

With sincere appreciation,

Dr. B