

Dear Colleague,

I will happily lead with a few wins this month.

For the first time since 2019, ACM has Region 20 tournament champions! I hope you will join me in wishing the members of our men's basketball team and their coaches the best of luck as they advance to the District 3 tournament at Monroe College this Friday and Saturday. When you can, be sure to attend ACM's athletic events, which are listed on the [campus calendar](#). Admission is free of charge for everyone at outdoor athletic events, so bring your family and friends.

My second win to mention was the March 6<sup>th</sup> open house event. My thanks to everyone involved, from program directors/division chairs to college recruiters and everyone in between. You can be that welcoming face for prospective students in April. Our next open house is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Nobody knows our college better than our faculty and staff, so be sure to encourage your friends and family who may be considering ACM [to register to attend](#).

A final win is the college's commitment to increase salaries this fiscal year. Short-term bonuses, like the one you will receive this week, have their time and place. A substantial investment in salaries is critical to fully valuing, rewarding, and retaining talented employees at all levels.

As students look to the semester's second half and beyond, encouragement is key for them and, admittedly, sometimes for us, too. If you know a student who may benefit from extra help to stay on track to degree or certificate completion, reach out to your program director or division chair for assistance or recommendations for additional resources.

Registration for summer session and the fall semester opens on April 10. If you know of a current student or a student from a different college who is looking to get ahead in their program of study or general education requirements, please recommend ACM's summer session courses.

As ever, thank you for all that you do on behalf of our students and our institution. Wishing you well,

Dr. Bambara