

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to personally let you know that tonight, I announced to the College's Board of Trustees, my intent to retire as President of Allegany College of Maryland, effective, January 1, 2025.

For more than 40 years, I have dedicated my career to higher education students and local communities in various support and administrative roles. The most rewarding and enriching years are those that I spent serving community colleges in both Virginia and Maryland. The past 13 years at ACM have certainly been the highlight of my career.

On March 21, 2011, I began my journey as ACM's fifth president and the first woman to hold the office. "Launching a Legacy" was the theme for the inauguration ceremony that followed a few months later. Over the past 13 years, I have had the opportunity to work alongside talented faculty, staff, and administrators who are deeply committed to our students and the mission of our institution. Together, we have achieved numerous milestones, expanded academic programs, strengthened community partnerships, and enhanced student support services.

I am very proud of the collective accomplishments that have been achieved during my tenure at the College. This "Legacy" has allowed ACM to become a stronger college, always ready and willing to serve ACM students and the ACM community.

The future of Allegany College of Maryland is bright as we join America's community colleges that lead the way to reinvigorate the local, regional, and national economy and form partnerships to enhance local opportunities. The College will continue to work together within our region to provide accessible, high-quality, affordable higher education options for transfer to a university and workforce training for our citizens.

As I prepare for the next phase of my life's journey, I am committed to ensuring a seamless transition to the new leadership of ACM. Additional announcements regarding the search process for the next President of the College will be made in the months ahead and will be coordinated by our dedicated Board of Trustees.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as President of Allegany College of Maryland. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and the support I have received during my time here.

Sincerely,

Dr. B