

Dear Colleagues:

As we enter our very last week of the spring semester, I want to thank you for everything you've done to help our students succeed. Your contributions impact our students' futures in ways both large and small.

I'll keep my updates brief, as I know that time is especially limited for our faculty members who are under the looming deadline of grades submission.

ACM FOUNDATION COVID-19 STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Thanks to our faculty and staff, the ACM Foundation has awarded \$21,475 in ACM Cares COVID-19 Student Relief Fund to 35 students. If you know of a student in need of financial help this summer as a result of the pandemic, please advocate for them by emailing David Jones at djones@allegany.edu or Vicki Smith at vsmith@allegany.edu. Describe the rationale, need, and amount. Include the student's name in the subject line and student ID number within your email.

FEDERAL CARES ACT

Following the mailing of letters to eligible students last week, students are beginning to accept their Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds through WebAdvisor. We are sending checks to eligible students on a weekly basis.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the fall semester is open. Please encourage students to reach out to the Advising Center for email or virtual advising sessions by contacting Jennifer Engelbach at jengelbach@allegany.edu.

Again, I know it hasn't been easy for you and your loved ones. Trying to be together while we're apart as an institution has had its challenges. (I'm sure we could list a million challenges if we had the time.) But I appreciate your perseverance and willingness to find new and innovative ways to serve our students and college.

I'm proud of how we, as a college, responded to these uncertain times. Our actions may not have been perfect, but we've tried to keep our students first in our minds and hearts. I believe that matters.

In closing, I'm honored to share this [medley of hope](#) from Jessica Farrell, a spring 2020 graduate and secondary education major. You may recognize Jessica from her work with PTK or her role as a part-time student staff member in the Information (now Thomas Welcome) Center. Many thanks to Jessica, and best wishes to all of our spring graduates.

I hope to see you (virtually) at the All College Assembly Meeting on Thursday.

With appreciation for you,
Dr. B.