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TAKE A COFFEE BREAK
WITH DR. KURT HOFFMAN
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF
INSTRUCTIONAL AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

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It's time for a coffee break and today we'll be chatting with Dr. Kurt Hoffman, Senior Vice President of Instructional and Student Affairs, and discuss some of the initiatives he and his team have been involved in. [@Dr_KurtHoffman](https://twitter.com/Dr_KurtHoffman) [#alleganycollegeofmaryland](https://twitter.com/alleganycollegeofmaryland) [#coffeebreak](https://twitter.com/coffeebreak)

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Q1. Can you briefly overview your role as Senior Vice President of Instructional and Student Affairs and how you support ACM's mission? [@Dr_KurtHoffman](https://twitter.com/Dr_KurtHoffman)

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A1. I help support all the amazing faculty and staff that provide instruction, all the student services, and Continuing Education and Workforce Development. About 70% of the institution. All amazing folks who care deeply about our students succeeding.

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Q2. How does implementing Guided Pathways at our institution improve student success and retention? [@Dr_KurtHoffman](https://twitter.com/Dr_KurtHoffman)

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A2 (1/3) The idea of “guided pathways” is to help students get on their curricular pathway, ensure they are succeeding while taking classes in that program and ensuring they are successful, then to completing their degree & going into the workforce/transfer to a 4-year university

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A2 (2/3) Every step of that pathway we have supports to assist the student and to ensure they stay on path and succeed. Student success means ACM has been successful. Sometimes students need help getting on the proper pathway for them. ACM website we have a “guided pathway”...

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A2(3/3)...page that helps students determine their program—grouped into clusters called meta-majors. We have amazing advisors to also help. Our website has “career assessments” and Career Coach that will allow anybody to search jobs and vocations of our region.

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Q3. What are some unique academic services offered at ACM to better support student learning and success? [@Dr_KurtHoffman](#)

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A3(1/2) At ACM we like to say we have a Culture of Care. Students are just like family. We believe our students already face numerous obstacles just to get to classes each day. We look to help remove some of those barriers. The Pantry for folks who need food or hygiene supplies..

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A3(2/2) We have a Holistic Mental Health Network—which provides students numerous ways to get help with mental health issues. We have groups to help students better manage their stress. We have a peer mentoring group called Aspiring Young Mentors. [#engageyourfuture](#)

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Q4. How does ACM promote civic engagement among students, and what initiatives are in place to encourage students to become active, informed participants in their communities?

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A4(1/2) All of our work in being a national model for rural civic engagement is thanks to Dr. Diane McMahon. She is the director of the College to Community Partnership Center. Thanks to her we have earned Carnegie Classification for Community and Civic Engagement. The center...

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A4(2/2)...has over 70 community partners, records thousands of service learning hours each year. ACM believes that building bridges from what students are learning in their classes out to the local community only produces better citizens and a stronger democracy. [#engageyourfuture](#)

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Q5. What makes ACM different from other higher education institutions? [@Dr_KurtHoffman](#)

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Simple: our "secret sauce" is our people. Everyone passionately committed to our mission of serving students and ensuring they are helped to succeed--in however each student defines success for them.

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Q6. Since this is a coffee break, what are you drinking today? [@Dr_KurtHoffman](#)

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A5(1/2) I love Celebration Migration from Deans Beans sold by an ACM student club (proceeds go to a worthy charity). Organic and fair trade. Velvet roast of a Honduran bean. 7/10 on body, lower acidity. Cupping notes of hints of chocolate, roasted almonds...

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A5(2/2)Coffee is entirely produced by a woman's co-op farmed in a certified bird-friendly way as verified by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. We enjoy the coffee, they maintain the winter grounds for North American songbirds. I call that a win-win. [#engageyourfuture](#)

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Thanks for joining our coffee break today. If you have any questions for [@alleganycollgmd](#) or [@Dr_KurtHoffman](#) be sure to tag us and keep the conversation going. [#EngageYourFuture](#)