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ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND BEDFORD COUNTY CAMPUS
COMMENCEMENT PLANNED FOR MAY 20

EVERETT, Pa. (May 14, 2019) – The accomplishments of more than 30 students will be recognized during Allegany College of Maryland Bedford County Campus’s spring commencement exercise on Monday, May 20 at Everett Area High School at 7 p.m.

ACM President Dr. Cynthia S. Bambara will open the campus program with a welcome to the candidates for graduation and their guests. ACM Board of Trustees Member John J. McMullen, Jr. will offer greetings and Dan Koontz, chair of the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation, will offer brief remarks.

Zachary Clark of Everett, Austin Sipes of Bedford and Laurinda Yoder of Harrisonville will provide the student address.

Clark is a Health and Physical Education major with a 3.61 GPA and graduate of Northern Bedford County High School. Clark will major at Lock Haven University in the fall as a health/physical education major and apply for entry into the Pennsylvania State Police. An athlete and sports enthusiast, Clark also hopes to coach wrestling after college. In his address, he will talk about selecting ACM as his stepping stone institution for a four-year degree.

Sipes is a Computer Technology–Cybersecurity Area of Concentration major with a 3.90 GPA and graduate of Bedford High School. He is pursuing a career with the Pennsylvania State Police and will begin the testing process next month. Sipes, who looks to apply his cybersecurity skills and IT background to his law enforcement career, will discuss the many opportunities he has enjoyed while attending ACM.

Yoder is a Nursing major with a 3.63 GPA and a high school graduate. Yoder has accepted a position as a Graduate Nurse Resident in Acute Care at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. She is member of Phi Theta

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Kappa and the Beta Upsilon chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. Yoder, who feels a genuine calling to help those who are struggling, will encourage others to achieve their dreams and discuss her nursing class's multi-year journey.

Faculty members will announce the names of the graduates as they receive their associate degrees and certificates. ACM Instruction and Student Affairs Senior Vice President Dr. Kurt Hoffman will present the candidates for graduation, and McMullen will award eligible graduates their diplomas.

Ashely and Jessica Farrell, ACM students, will perform musical selections throughout the commencement exercise.

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