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COLLEGE OBSERVES FEBRUARY AS CAREER, TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION MONTH

CUMBERLAND, Md. – Gov. Larry Hogan has proclaimed February as National Career and Technical Education month, and Allegany College of Maryland, a regional leader in this area, is taking the opportunity to call attention to its many academic programs in career and technical fields.

High schools and community colleges throughout the state will be celebrating CTE Month to promote their programs and spotlight their students' successes.

"Maryland's Career and Technical Education programs provide our students with the skills necessary to compete in today's 21st century workforce," Hogan said.

"This month highlights the importance of training more Marylanders in these rapidly growing fields, which leads to more job opportunities for workers, a steady pipeline of highly-trained employees, and continued economic growth for our state."

Today's CTE classrooms are modern-day laboratories, where students and educators alike are developing the skills needed to fuel Maryland's future workforce and thriving economy," according to the Governor's Office.

Maryland community colleges present programs in health and biosciences, manufacturing and engineering, construction and cybersecurity to prepare graduates for entry into the fastest-growing occupations requiring specialized technical education.

ACM offers over 20 credit programs -- associate degree and certificate -- in career and technical areas.

Among degree programs are automotive technology, business management, computer technology (cybersecurity, programming, technical support, web development), criminal justice, culinary arts, dental hygiene, forest technology, hospitality management (hotel and restaurant management, professional golf management) human service associate, massage therapy, medical administrative assistant, medical assistant, medical laboratory technology, multimedia technology, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, paralegal, physical therapist assistant, radiologic technology and respiratory therapist.

Certificate programs under these headings include applications user specialist, automotive service attendant, automotive technology, baking essentials, cooking essentials, criminal justice, cybersecurity, dietary manager, event management, graphic design, massage therapy, medical coding and billing, medical laboratory technology-biotechnology, nursing assistant/geriatric aide, paralegal, pharmacy technician, practical nursing, professional golf management, restaurant management, Spanish, technical support and tree care technician.

High school technical centers in counties throughout the tristate area have articulated their curricula with ACM, which allows their graduates advanced standing when they enroll in related programs at the community college.

In addition to its credit programs, ACM presents many CTE opportunities through its Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

Shorter-duration programs for career entry and re-training include such areas as advanced manufacturing and industrial maintenance, health care and human service and computer applications.

ACM career programs will provide information in a Tuesday, Feb. 27, event that is open to the public. Representatives will staff an information table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the College Center.

The Advising Center, which provides students with key academic support services, is available to assist students from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Admissions and Registration Office observes the same hours.

The Admissions and Registration Office can be reached at 301-784-5199. The Advising Center can be reached at 301-784-5654. Both are located in the College Center.

Other sources of information about ACM are its Information Center, whose phone number is 301-784-5005, and its website, www.allegany.edu.