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## ACM GRADUATES LARGE CLASS AT 55<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CUMBERLAND, Md. -- Allegany College of Maryland graduated 315 students at recent 55<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises on the Cumberland campus. The graduates earned a total of 387 associate degrees and certificates.

Members of ACM's spring 2017 class and the degree or certificate they received are listed below according to residence. Unless noted otherwise, the awards received refer to degrees. The 315 graduates are:

**Alum Bank, Pa.** -- Caitlin Marie Heming, respiratory therapist; **Alvarado, Texas** -- Kathryn Janell Dykes, nursing; **Artemas, Pa.** -- Chelsey Morningstar, business management; **Augusta, W.Va.** -- Courtney Lynn Hill, general studies;

**Baltimore** -- Chontaye S. Adams, computer technical support certificate; Shamia A. Alston, computer technical support certificate; Amir Jabari Gaskins, general studies; Chamare Breanna Lambert, general studies; Bria Witherspoon, applied technical studies;

**Barton** -- Vanessa Marie Brode, human service associate; Tara Marie Goff, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate;

**Bedford, Pa.** -- Jay Bornscheuer, computer technology (cybersecurity option); Stacey Lynn Clark, nursing; Willard C. Clark, computer technology (technical support option); Danielle C. Claycomb, massage therapy; Lacy Knopsnyder, practical nursing certificate; Matthew Lack, biology; Renea Noto, massage therapy; Jack Rafter, computer technology (web development option); Victoria Rosser, accounting, business administration, economics; Rebecca Shafer, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Troy Alexander Shaffer, computer technology (cybersecurity option); Rachel C. Swartz, accounting certificate; Michael J. Tittle, computer technology (programming option); Anna M. Troutman, nursing; Chloe Ware, culinary arts, Chloe Ware, dietary manager certificate; Kristie A. Whitfield, nursing;

**Bellwood, Pa.** -- Gregory S. Patton, medical laboratory technology; **Bowie** -- Connell Charles Reese, general studies; Erin Michael Schumacher, general studies; **Breezewood, Pa.** -- Vaibhavkumar V. Patel, computer science/cybersecurity/information systems;

**Buffalo Mills, Pa.** -- Jordan Scott Hiquet, respiratory therapist; Erica Matthews, applied technical studies; **Burlington, W.Va.** -- Shelley Clayton, nursing; Nevada Brooke Hesse, dental hygiene; **Cairnbrook, Pa.** -- Heather J. Berkebile, nursing; **Centreville** -- Alex Niebyl, professional golf management certificate;

**Clearville, Pa.** -- Melissa Noelle Faust, massage therapy; Christopher Austin Gruitt, cybersecurity certificate; Brittany Nicole Ketterman, general studies, secondary education; Tamila Kinser, psychology; Carli Moose, applied technical studies; Theresa

Ramirez, nursing; **Clinton** -- Malik Lonon, general studies certificate; **Columbia** -- Deanna Green, medical laboratory technology;

**Confluence, Pa.** -- Ashley Marie Pappal, computer technology (programming option); **Cordova** -- Mackenzie Erin Stevenson, dental hygiene;

**Corriganville** -- Karlee Jewel Africa, respiratory therapist; Angel Dawn Leydig, nursing; Melissa M. Shank, elementary education, general studies, secondary education;

**Cresaptown** -- Tara Kathleen Marie Carder, general studies; Fatumata Siaka, applied technical studies; **Crystal Spring, Pa.** -- Emily Barton, nursing;

**Cumberland** -- Andrew David Amoruso, forest technology; Erin M. Amoruso, respiratory therapist; John Julius Apple, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Shawn P. Arriaga, radiologic technology; Kathleen M. Ashe, pharmacy technician certificate; Sabrina Nicole Barnett, nursing; Kaitlyn Bascelli, nursing; Dylan Scott Bean, biology; Jasmine Destiny Benson, secondary education; Victoria Bohrer, general studies; Alazia Chyene Broadus, medical assistant; Mychal Bryant, accounting, applied technical studies, business administration, economics, general studies; Samantha Nicole Butler, applied technical studies, criminal justice, general studies; Tyler Aaron Cage, accounting, economics, general studies; Kylie Campbell, general studies; Chase Jalen Clark, computer technology (programming option); Daniel L. Collins, automotive technology; Patricia Marie Couter, pharmacy technician certificate; Duncan N. Cramer, general studies, secondary education; Stephanie Cushman, respiratory therapist; Samantha Marie Davis, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Teresa L. Durst, applied technical studies, business supervision certificate, general studies certificate; Lakeal O. Ellis, general studies, social work; Christopher Emerick, accounting, business administration, general studies certificate; Taryn Lynn Flaskamp, applied technical studies; Cynthia K. Grabenstein, human service associate; Matthew Dailey Green, computer technology (network option); Kaitlyn Renay Grimm, biology; Rachel Harper, office technologies (administrative medical assistant option); Danielle Lee Hershiser, culinary arts; Andrew Hickey, criminal justice certificate; Greer E. Hughes, medical coding and billing certificate; Misty Marie Jackson, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; Joshua R. Johnson, accounting, economics; Michael William Kerns, accounting, business administration, general studies, business entrepreneurship certificate; Richard Lee Lewis, applied technical studies; David Franklin Linaburg, art, general studies; Scott Robert Long, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; Amber Nicole Lowery, respiratory therapist; Micah James Ludwick, computer science/cybersecurity/information systems; Gabriel Mack, general studies; Rebecca Marie Mason, psychology; Nicol Marie McCormick, Spanish; Haley N. Meeks, medical assistant; Leigh Ann Metz, human service associate; Joni Miller, early childhood education, general studies, secondary education; Kiersten Grace Miller, nursing; Bethany A. Murphy, hospitality management (hotel and restaurant management option); Kiley O'Haver, history; Kelsey I. Painter, general studies; Kaitlin Ann Pearce, general studies; Joshua Dustin Norman Phillips, automotive technology certificate; Becky Lynn Powell, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; Christopher Pyles, computer technology

(cybersecurity option); Brandy Ritchey, multimedia technology; Mallory C. Robey, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; Ilyane Flor Rodriguez, secondary education; Tyler Rotruck, political science; Gineva Beth Rutt, early childhood education, general studies, secondary education; Devan Ryan, office technologies (legal assistant option); Brittney Schultz, nursing; Kristen Marie Self, computer technology (cybersecurity option); Kristin Lynne Sell, arts and sciences (science), general studies, secondary education; Alivia Smith, criminal justice, general studies certificate, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Hannah Lynn Smith, general studies; Melissa Smith, massage therapy; Robert Edward Smith, political science; Sara Snoberger, general studies; Brandon Snyder, nursing; Cynthia M. Snyder, general studies; David Strohl, general studies; Adam Surgeon, elementary education, general studies, secondary education, teaching arts; Kelsey Thompson, human service associate; Shania L. Tkaczuk, radiologic technology; Rachel Stephanie Ward, general studies; Jericho Washington, applied technical studies, multimedia technology, graphic design certificate; Marie Williams, graphic design certificate; Dorothy Mae Wilson, applied technical studies, administrative office support certificate; Logan Taylor Yoder, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate;

**East Freedom, Pa.** -- Tanna Marie Bowers, accounting certificate; Emily Dawn Wyant, radiologic technology; **Ebensburg, Pa.** -- Amy Stoykovich, computer technology (web development option); **Ellerslie** -- Cheyenne Marie Kennell, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Tara Colleen Poland, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate;

**Everett, Pa.** -- Elizabeth A. Barnes, nursing; Jeffrey Barron, cybersecurity certificate; Logan Brallier, computer technology (cybersecurity, technical support options); Alisha Foor, computer technology (web development option); Wanda A. Grimes, nursing; Elaina J. King, respiratory therapist; Aubrea Nikole Phipps, dental hygiene; Taylor Nicole Showalter, nursing; Lauren Elizabeth Verba, business administration; **Fairhope, Pa.** -- Stephanie Rosenberger, human service associate;

**Flintstone** -- Joshua Donald Elliott, computer technology (network option); Olivia Howard, general studies; Stephanie D. McCoy, office technologies (administrative medical assistant option), medical coding and billing certificate; Cathy S. Reed, general studies; Vanessa Rinehart, applied technical studies; Hayley D. Smith, respiratory therapist; Brittany Lynn Wandless, general studies;

**Fort Ashby, W.Va.** -- Brendan McKenzie, criminal justice; Carol Watts, general studies; **Frederick** -- Brandon Dieter Canaza, dental hygiene; **Friedens, Pa.** -- Lynne P. Dively, applied technical studies; Maira Elizabeth Fountain, nursing; Valerie J. King, nursing; Brittany Will, nursing; **Friendsville** -- Ashley Marie Snyder, nursing;

**Frostburg** -- Abby Mills Andres, criminal justice, criminal justice certificate; Matthew Beeman, general studies; Amie Blank, nursing; Morgan Brenneman, nursing; Shandi S. Caspersen culinary arts, hospitality management (hotel and restaurant management option), dietary manager certificate; Brandi L. Finzel, medical assistant; Brent Frankenberry Jr., applied technical studies; Ronna Garrison, dietary manager certificate;

Justice Ariel Hoban, dental hygiene; Logan James Jeffries, general studies; Shawn Edward Jones, elementary education, general studies, secondary education; Margaret Komatz, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; Megan Mckenzie, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Samantha Schoenian, nursing; Shayna Staggs, human service associate; Jessica Stotler, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; Justin Lee Tippen, applied technical studies; Miranda Kaye Walker, administrative office support certificate; Carly Michelle Willison, nursing;

**Garrett, Pa.** -- Candra R. Steras, nursing; **Grantsville** -- Misty Champlin, nursing; Traci Jean Gilpin, nursing; Katrinia M. Snyder, office technologies (administrative medical assistant option);

**Hagerstown** -- Marlaina F. Blank, dental hygiene; **Hancock** -- Amanda Aberle, general studies; **Hopewell, Pa.** -- Christopher David Cutchall, computer technology (network option); Danielle Nicole Dodson, medical laboratory technology; Amanda D. Young, nursing; **Hudson, Pa.** -- Christine Irene Irvin, nursing;

**Hyndman, Pa.** -- Russell T. Byerley, applied technical studies, multimedia technology, graphic design certificate; Christopher Gibbner, general studies; Wendy L. Heeter, nursing; Joshua Lynn Logsdon, general studies; Shayla E. Miller, office technologies (administrative medical assistant option); Bradley W. Torbet, respiratory therapist;

**Imler, Pa.** -- Richard Negley, nursing; **James Creek, Pa.** -- Brooke Chadwick, respiratory therapist; Brandon Tyler Rhodes, computer technology (technical support option);

**Jeannette, Pa.** -- Kelsee Boozer, social work; **Johnstown, Pa.** -- Joseph H. Alicardi III, nursing; Roxann Urbasik, nursing;

**Keyser, W.Va.** -- Ashley Bruce, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Morgan Lynn Grace Long, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Stephanie Riley, pharmacy technician certificate;

**Kitzmilller** -- Lindsay Ellen Brady, radiologic technology; **Knoxville** -- Man Sian It, dental hygiene; Man Sian Zun, dental hygiene; **Laurel** -- Grace Baptista Biney, social work;

**LaVale** -- Jana Browning, nursing assistant/geriatric aide, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Sylvia L. Corbin, nursing, general studies certificate; Michaela Lynn George, early childhood education, general studies, secondary education; Elizabeth Ann Simmons, nursing; Chad Emerson Sindy, secondary education; Dustin Tippen, biology; Casey M. Wilson, dental hygiene;

**Little Orleans** -- Ainslee Brown, radiologic technology; Kourtney Lyn Dicken, office technologies (administrative medical assistant option), phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Taylor Higgs, pharmacy technician certificate; Kara Mckinley, early

childhood education, general studies, secondary education; Shayla M. Fazenbaker, pharmacy technician certificate; Stephen Weddle, automotive technology certificate; Colten Christopher Winner, accounting;

**Luke** -- Kerry Elizabeth Parker, pharmacy technician certificate; **Maitland, Fla.** -- Jerome Edward-Burns Ross, general studies; **Manns Choice, Pa.** -- Kayla Lynn Whitfield, nursing;

**Martinsburg, W.Va.** -- Kelley Christian Markowski, dental hygiene; **Maysville, W.Va.** -- Brittany Nicole McDonald, nursing;

**McConnellsburg, Pa.** -- Amanda D. Bookheimer, practical nursing certificate; Rebecca L. Hahn, applied technical studies, business management, accounting certificate, business entrepreneurship certificate, business supervision certificate; Sydney Kerlin, dental hygiene;

**Meyersdale Pa.** -- Elizabeth C. Bittner, medical coding and billing certificate; Natessa Noel Engle, human service associate; Ty Aaron Hoover, criminal justice; **Middletown** -- Sandra B. Gaitan-Diaz, dental hygiene;

**Midland** -- Jonathan Paul Livengood, massage therapy; **Morgantown, W.Va.** -- Jeffrey Hughes, respiratory therapist; Nathan Mazurik, respiratory therapist;

**Mount Savage** -- Heath L. Bittner, multimedia technology, graphic design certificate; Ashley Mae Bookheimer, general studies; Joshua Adam Booth, forest technology; Areka Nicole Lashley, nursing; Emily Morgan, political science; Stephanie Paige Riggs, general studies; Sarah Ann Sines, respiratory therapist;

**Needmore, Pa.** -- Seth William Strait, dental hygiene; **New Enterprise, Pa.** -- Marina R. Replogle, nursing; **New Paris, Pa.** -- Taylor Frazier, business administration; **New Windsor** -- Broc Weldon Bowers, forest technology;

**Oakland** -- Erin Nichole Bittinger, massage therapy; Savannah Rodeheaver, medical assistant; Kristie Ann Swearngen, radiologic technology; **Odenton** -- Kayla Nicole Wilson, radiologic technology;

**Oldtown** -- Dena L. DelSignore, medical assistant; Brittney Lynn Friend, general studies; Chad Bryan Martin, elementary education, general studies, secondary education, teaching arts; Paul Miltenberger, graphic design certificate; Ula Kay Slider, general studies; Stephanie Justine Treadwell, hospitality management (hotel and restaurant management option);

**Paw Paw, W.Va.** -- Jessica A. Fry, respiratory therapist; AReEtta Shambaugh, human service associate; Madeline Smith, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; **Petersburg, W.Va.** -- Trevor Dylan Harman, respiratory therapist;

**Pinto** -- Allison McIntosh, business administration; **Pomfret** -- Rachel Anna Buckler, dental hygiene; **Port Orchard, Wash.** -- Melanie M. Pile, business management;

**Rawlings** -- Jodi Lee Viar Masoncup, applied technical studies, arts and sciences (science); Benjamin Robert Sanders, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Dylan Mitch Stumbaugh, forest technology;

**Ridgeley, W.Va.** -- Erica Cassidy, radiologic technology; Carol Conner, nursing; Savannah Hose, respiratory therapist; Adam Knowlton, culinary arts, hospitality management (hotel and restaurant management option), dietary manager certificate; Bethanie R. Payne, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate;

**Roaring Springs, Pa.** -- Alica Marie Wachter, applied technical studies; **Robertsdale, Pa.** -- Morgan Lynn, nursing; **Rockwood, Pa.** -- Brooke E. Revello, nursing; Jessica Marie Vaughan, applied technical studies; Jessica A. Weimer, dental hygiene;

**Romney, W.Va.** -- Hailey Augenstein, applied technical studies, respiratory therapist; Laura Dotson, nursing; Angela Turnbaugh, dental hygiene; **Salix, Pa.** -- Alexis Ramsdorfer, nursing;

**Saxton, Pa.** -- Maxwell Stapleton, general studies certificate; Erika Zelanko, nursing; **Schellsburg, Pa.** -- Charleen Ickes, office technologies (legal assistant option); Dawn Shippey, applied technical studies;

**Shrewsbury, Pa.** -- Jessica Engle, nursing; **Silver Spring** -- Juleen Lovikel T. Ipanag, dental hygiene; **Somerset, Pa.** -- Michelle L. Lake, nursing; Kayla Elizabeth Landis, social work; April L. Maggi, nursing; Kelli L. Ritter, applied technical studies; Matthew Spurgeon Thompson, nursing;

**Springfield, W.Va.** -- Tara Elizabeth Steward, nursing; **State College, Pa.** -- Samuel G. Plafcan, general studies; **Swanton** -- Mendy Marie Tichinel, nursing; **Three Springs, Pa.** -- Allison Nearhood, nursing; **Toronto, Canada** -- John Foden, business administration;

**Trappe** -- Asya Bridges, nursing assistant/geriatric aide certificate; **Tyrone, Pa.** -- Kayla Marie Myers, dental hygiene; **Walkersville** -- Callie Rebecca Denn, dental hygiene;

**Washington, D.C.** -- Diamond Bynum, general studies; Avery R. Carter, applied technical studies; Patrick D. Coleman Jr., criminal justice;

**Westernport** -- Kalen Ellifritz, medical coding and billing certificate; Joshua Allen Kimble, respiratory therapist; Sarah A. Michael, arts and sciences (arts), history, social sciences, Sarah A. Michael, sociology; Lindsey Owens, nursing; Kayla Blair Shoemaker, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate; Kaleigh Regina Whetzel, human service associate;

**Windber, Pa.** -- Marcy A. Naugle, nursing; **York, Pa.** -- Michael A. Santiago, general studies; **York Haven, Pa.** -- Evelyn Grace Potts, phlebotomy/EKG technician certificate.

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PHOTO CAPTION==Allegany College of Maryland graduated 315 students in recent 55th commencement exercises. Two ceremonies – in the morning for career and transfer program graduates and in the afternoon for allied health program graduates -- were held on the Cumberland campus. Students gave the commencement address at each ceremony following introductions by college faculty members. President's party participants at each ceremony are pictured in two photos.



The three student speakers at the morning ceremony are pictured in the center from left to right. They are Michael Kerns, business major; Stephanie McCoy, office technologies major; and Micah Ludwick, computer science major. Others pictured, from left, are: James Pyles, ACM trustee; Jane A. Belt, trustees vice chair; Melody Gaschler, ACM assistant professor of music; Cynthia Zumbrun, assistant professor of office technologies; James E. House Jr., assistant professor of computer technology; James Ortiz, trustee; Dr. Cynthia Bambara, ACM president; and Dr. Kurt Hoffman, senior vice president of instructional and student affairs.





Students Hayley Smith, at left, a respiratory therapy major; and Kaleigh Whetzel, a human service associate major, gave the commencement address at the afternoon ceremony. Also pictured, from left to right, are Jane A. Belt, trustees vice chair; James Pyles, trustee; Paula Fuller, professor of respiratory therapy; Cherie Snyder, professor of human service associate; Dr. Kurt Hoffman, senior vice president of instructional and student affairs; John J. McMullen Jr., trustee; Dr. Cynthia Bambara, ACM president; and James Ortiz, trustee.