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DEREK JONES JOINS ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND BEDFORD COUNTY

EVERETT, Penn. (Aug. 10, 2018) – Dr. Derek S. Jones has joined the faculty of the Computer Technology Department at ACM’s Bedford County Campus in Everett, adding depth to its computer technology programs, in particular cybersecurity.

Jones earned his Ph.D. in Communication Media and Instructional Technology from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Master’s degree in Computer in Education from Shenandoah University. With over a decade of instruction experience, Jones will teach a range of courses, including Computer Literacy, Introduction to Cybersecurity, PC Architecture and Introduction to Networking.

Jones’ courses in PC architecture and networking prepare students to secure sought-after credentials such as CompTIA’s A+ certification and the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification exam.

Jones will instruct full-time at the Bedford County campus. Prospective students are encouraged to register now for classes with Jones and fellow Bedford County faculty as fall semester begins on Aug. 20.

“In addition to his teaching experience, Derek brings 16 years of hands-on IT experience to the table. He knows the challenges that students encounter after graduation,” explained Jim House, ACM’s

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Computer Technology program director. “And he’s preparing them to solve real-world security threats.”

Allegany College of Maryland offers a competitive one-year cybersecurity certificate as well as two-year Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science degree options.

ACM partners with local employers, including IBM through its national New Collar Jobs initiative, to educate, train and place the next generation of cyber workers in apprenticeships and jobs with significant earning potential, benefits and opportunities for advancement. Outside of the immediate region, students may find employment in the Maryland-District of Columbia-Virginia Cyber Corridor.

In its first 18 months of existence, ACM’s cybersecurity program experienced a 500% increase in enrollment. The program was initially established as part of Cyber Pathways Across Maryland, a three-year \$14.9 million Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to a consortium of 14 Maryland community colleges led by Montgomery College.

To learn more about the program, visit allegany.edu/cyber or call 814-652-9528.

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