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COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOST ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE APRIL 8

CUMBERLAND, Md. -- Allegany College of Maryland will highlight its wide-ranging opportunities Saturday, April 8, in an open house that combines important education and career information with the chance to win valuable tuition assistance.

This 20th annual event, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Cumberland campus, showcases ACM's numerous credit programs in career and transfer areas. The college is known for quality education delivered at a reasonable cost.

ACM offers nearly 60 career programs designed for prompt application in the workplace. There are also about two dozen transfer programs, which prepare graduates to continue their studies at four-year schools.

Campus buildings will be open for hands-on demonstrations and other activities to provide information about education and careers. High-tech equipment used in many instructional programs will be on view.

Academic areas of the college include health care and human services; computer and other technology-based fields and business and hospitality professions. In addition, ACM offers increased transferability through admissions agreement with many regional four-year colleges and universities.

Students can visit such buildings as Allied Health, Science, Technology and the Library in guided tours that begin at the gymnasium, where program directors will be available throughout the entire event to meet with prospective students and their families.

Those interested in hospitality careers can travel to downtown Cumberland and tour the college-owned Gateway Center, home of the School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts and its popular Culinaire Cafe. The building also houses the professional golf management program for those interested in this exciting career opportunity.

Willowbrook Woods, garden-apartment housing for ACM students, also can be toured. The complex houses 236 students in quadruple-occupancy, furnished apartments in five buildings surrounding a small clubhouse.

Open house also offers general information about the college and its features, including academic and other support services that help students to be successful. An information session on housing will be presented in the Zimmer Theatre, located in the College Center.

Other pertinent departments conveniently located in the College Center include admissions and registration, financial aid, business office and the advising center, all of which will be open to provide important services on the day of the event.

Prospective students may take the placement assessment, which assists in proper course selection, at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting the Student Success Center at 301-784-5551.

Open house attendees can take part in a random drawing of tuition vouchers totaling \$3,000. Prospective new students who are interested must register in person and meet eligibility requirements for each of the six \$500 awards, which are provided by the ACM Foundation. The winning names will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

This 20th annual open house is coordinated by the marketing and enrollment management unit of ACM's Advancement and Community Relations Office.

Visitors may pre-register for the event at www.allegany.edu/ohregister. For more information, call the ACM Information Center at 301-784-5005 or visit the college website, www.allegany.edu.