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BEDFORD COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO HOST SPEAK OUT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDRAISER

EVERETT, Pa. (Feb. 8, 2019) –The Bedford County Regional Education Foundation (BCREF) invites you to **Speak Out for Scholarships** on March 10 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bedford Elks Country Club located at 937 S. Richard Street in Bedford. Ventriloquist Ian Varella will headline the event which also features a silent auction.

Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling 814-562-9528 ext. 6223 or visiting the Allegany College of Maryland Bedford County Campus. A cash bar will be available. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner, catered by Chef Nicole Kimmel, will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Event proceeds will fund student scholarships for ACM Bedford County Campus students. According to Leah Pepple, the director of Pennsylvania Advancement and Community Relations for ACM, the event helps to make the dream of education possible for ACM students throughout the region, “BCREF scholarships are not solely limited to Bedford County residents. Our scholarship opportunities also benefit residents of Blair, Fulton and Huntingdon Counties, thanks to the generosity of our donors.”

A comedy ventriloquist, Varella has entertained some of America’s top Fortune 500 companies and completed engagements at several top show rooms in Las Vegas. He has toured the world numerous times aboard NCL, Holland America, Princess and Renaissance Cruise Lines. Varella has shared the stage with the Statler Brothers, Crystal Gayle, Aaron Tippin, Randy Travis, Marty Stuart and George Strait, among others. His television credits include HBO, Showtime, TNN and Fox Networks.

BCREF’s annual fundraiser typically raises over \$15,000 for the Foundation.

For more information about the event or the BCREF, call 814-652-9528 or email lpepple@allegany.edu.

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Ranked among the top 20 community and technical colleges in the country by the Brookings Institution, Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) offers world-class education in a caring environment that transforms lives, strengthens communities and celebrates life-long learning. Serving more than 3,000 credit and 7,000 continuing education and workforce students annually, ACM offers over 80 associate degree, certificate, and letters of recognition programs at affordable rates with campuses in Cumberland and Everett. To learn more, visit allegany.edu or call 814-652-9528.

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PHOTO CAPTION== Comedy Ventriloquist Ian Varella will be the featured performer at the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation's **Speak Out for Scholarships** fundraiser on Saturday, March 10, 2019 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bedford Elks Country Club. Silent auction and event proceeds benefit Allegany College of Maryland Bedford County Campus student scholarships. Tickets can be purchased by calling 814-652-9528, ext. 6223, emailing lpepple@allegany.edu or stopping by the ACM Bedford County Campus in Everett.

