



THE INAUGURATION OF

DAVID R. JONES

AS THE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF
ALLEGANY COLLEGE *of* MARYLAND

FRIDAY, THE TWELFTH OF SEPTEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

Inspiring EXCELLENCE,
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Allegany College of Maryland proudly celebrates the inauguration of its sixth president, a leader whose vision aligns with ACM's enduring mission: to be the college of choice that transforms lives, strengthens communities, and places learners at the heart of everything we do.

Founded in 1961 as Allegany Community College, ACM has grown into a dynamic institution offering 48 two-year degree programs (AA, AS, AAS, and AAT), 31 certificate programs, and 10 letters of recognition. With a strong commitment to access, ACM serves a diverse student population, 80% of whom are first-generation college students, and 88% receive financial assistance.

ACM's reach extends across multiple locations, each designed to meet the evolving needs of our region:

- ▶ Cumberland Campus
- ▶ Bedford County Campus
- ▶ Gateway Center, featuring the School of Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts, Culinaire Café, and ACM's Adult Education and Literacy Services
- ▶ Western Maryland Works Training Center and Makerspace
- ▶ Bedford County Technical Center
- ▶ Garrett County Nursing Site
- ▶ Somerset Education Site at the Somerset County Technology Center

In FY 2025, ACM served over 10,000 students through credit programs and Continuing Education and Workforce Development opportunities, empowering learners and fueling economic growth across the region.

As we look to the future, ACM remains committed to shared governance, community partnerships, and the transformative power of education. Together, we will continue to inspire excellence and empower tomorrow.



DAVID R. JONES

David Jones became the sixth president of Allegany College of Maryland on January 1, 2025, bringing nearly three decades of dedicated service to his new role. His tenure is defined by strong community partnerships, transformative fundraising, and a steadfast belief in education as a driver of regional progress—advancing workforce development and expanding access through enhanced scholarship support for students.

He began his career at ACM in 1996 as an administrative assistant to President Donald Alexander. Within a year, he was named the College's director of fundraising and grant writing and later served as director of grants and development and executive director of the ACM Foundation. He became vice president of advancement and community relations in 2015, a role he held until his appointment as president.

During this 29-year span, President Jones became known for his diplomatic and caring demeanor and collaborative style of leadership. His work on behalf of students and ACM includes:

- ▶ Securing more than \$68 million in grant funding to support academic programs, athletics, campus security and safety, capital projects, community and civic engagement, facility updates and renovations, student services, and workforce development.
- ▶ Raising more than \$30 million for the College's affiliated foundations, the Allegany College of Maryland Foundation and the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation.
- ▶ Awarding over \$20 million in scholarships to students enrolled in academic or job training programs.
- ▶ Building partnerships in collaboration with ACM faculty and staff to develop and expand programs in advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, early college, nursing, and P-TECH.

Before joining ACM, President Jones was a program specialist with the U.S. Department of Education for two years and has served as a federal grant peer reviewer for nearly three decades. President Jones earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in social science and education from Frostburg State University.

He and his wife, Elaine, a Certified Public Accountant, are the parents of three adult children, Daniel (Addie), Audrey, and Rachel, and reside in Frostburg. President Jones is deeply involved in the local community and is committed to fostering strong regional partnerships that support education, workforce development, and civic engagement.

Order of Events

PRELUDE	String Quartet: Patricia Aaron, Charlene Moon, Jacob Blank, Clare Cooper
PROCESSIONAL	
INVOCATION	Dr. John Jones, <i>Father of President David Jones</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Dr. Daniel Jones, <i>Son of President David Jones</i>
WELCOME	Jane Belt, <i>Vice Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS	Kim Leonard, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT	On Behalf of the State of Maryland Brooke E. Lierman, <i>Comptroller of Maryland</i> Michael McKay, <i>Maryland State Senate, District 1</i> Jason Buckel, <i>Maryland House of Delegates, House Minority Leader</i> On Behalf of the Allegany County Commissioners David J. Caporale, <i>President</i> On Behalf of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges Dr. Brad Phillips, <i>Executive Director</i> On Behalf of the Allegany College of Maryland Foundation Dr. Audie Klingler, <i>President</i> On Behalf of the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation Beth Manges, <i>Vice Chair</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	"A Million Dreams" <i>Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul</i> Kylie McKenzie, Hayley Wiegand, Nick Buckel, and Wes Rinehart
REFLECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE	Dr. William "Chip" Zimmer, <i>Son of Allegany Community College's First President, Dr. Robert S. Zimmer</i>
REFLECTION AND CHALLENGE FROM ACM STUDENTS	Hannah-Yael Apedo Owen Pratt

MUSICAL SELECTION

"You Raise Me Up"
Music and Lyrics by Brendan Graham and Rolf Løvland
Kylie McKenzie, Hayley Wiegand, Nick Buckel, and Wesley Rinehart

INSTALLATION OF THE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

PRESENTATION OF THE MEDALLION

On Behalf of the College Constituent Groups Associate Support Staff Association
Elaine Bridges, *Chair*

Professional and Administrative Support Staff Association
Shannon Redman, *Chair*

Faculty Association
John Bone, *Associate Professor and Chair of the Faculty Senate*

Student Body Representatives
Hannah-Yael Apedo and Owen Pratt

CONFERRAL OF THE MEDALLION

Jane Belt

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

Dr. Daniel Jones
and Audrey Jones
Daughter of President David Jones

INTRODUCTION OF THE 6TH PRESIDENT

Elaine Jones
Spouse of President David Jones

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

David Jones
President, Allegany College of Maryland

POETRY READING

Eugene Frazier
Member, Board of Trustees

BENEDICTION

Pastor Matthew Eichhorn

CLOSING REMARKS

Jane Belt

RECESSIONAL

String Quartet

POSTLUDE

Leadership & Representatives

FORMER PRESIDENTS

Dr. Cynthia S. Bambara (2011-2025)
Dr. Bruce K. Exstrom (2008-2010)
Dr. Donald L. Alexander (1980-2008)
Dr. W. Ardell Haines (1967-1980)
Dr. Robert S. Zimmer (1961-1967)

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Our Vision

WE WILL BE THE COLLEGE OF CHOICE THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES, STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES, AND MAKES LEARNERS THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

Our Mission

WE DELIVER DIVERSE AND RELEVANT EDUCATION CENTERED AROUND STUDENT SUCCESS IN A SUPPORTIVE AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY.



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===== of MARYLAND =====