



David Jones currently serves Allegany College of Maryland as the Vice President of Advancement and Community Relations & Executive Director of the ACM Foundation. Born in Central Appalachia, Jones is a long-time resident of Allegany County, attended and graduated from the Allegany County Public School System, understands the unique needs and opportunities of the region, and is committed to serving the education and workforce development needs of the community for the long term. His career has exemplified a commitment to the community college mission of accessibility, affordability, and high-quality education.

Jones is a distinguished academic and community leader with nearly 30 years of experience driving success in education and workforce development, fundraising, and community relations. Known for his collaborative leadership focusing on student success, Jones oversees the ACM Foundation, grants, public relations, marketing, and government relations. He has a demonstrated history and commitment to serving ACM with integrity and ensuring that all faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders remain a top priority in every interaction

and decision.

His career reflects a solid commitment to fiscal accountability, shared governance, and fostering student success through his extensive experience working with Board leadership and executive management. Jones holds a Master of Education from Frostburg State University. Under his leadership, the College has secured over \$68 million in grant funding. Jones has helped to spearhead College initiatives in Academic Program and Workforce Development, Facilities, Athletics, Student Services, Community and Civic Engagement, Energy and Sustainability, and Campus Safety and Security.

Jones is a seasoned fundraiser, working collaboratively to raise over \$30 million for the College's affiliated Foundations. Under his leadership, over \$20 million in scholarship funds have been awarded to support students through education and job training. He is well-respected for his government relations efforts, both locally, at the state level, and nationally. His strategic leadership has also supported the development and expansion of numerous programs, including nursing, advanced manufacturing, teacher education, cybersecurity, PTECH, and early college initiatives, positioning ACM as a leader in meeting the education and workforce needs of the region.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jones has contributed extensively to his community, serving on various boards and non-profit organizations, including the Rotary Club of Cumberland, LaVale Lions Club, Allegany Museum, Frostburg Memorial Park, and the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. Jones was selected as the recipient of the College's Outstanding Achievement Award of Excellence in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, the ACM Community and Civic Engagement Award in 2024, and was nominated as an Influential Marylander in 2023 and 2024, which honors citizens who have made significant impacts in their field and continue to be leaders in Maryland.

Jones is recognized for his visionary leadership, innovative strategies, and a deep commitment to Appalachia, education, and community development, making him a highly respected figure in both the academic and local communities. Jones lives by the concept of servant leadership, paying close attention to the needs of the organization and those within it, and always putting the interests of others ahead of his own. His serve-first concept extends to leadership roles in the community. His keen interest in youth development included previous soccer, basketball, and softball coaching, and his church, where he is active as a youth leader and a deacon.

He and his wife, Elaine, a Certified Public Accountant, are the parents of three adult children where they have instilled the importance of community, integrity, and civic responsibility. In his spare time and to relax, he enjoys playing tennis, landscaping, outdoor recreation, long walks with his wife of 29 years, and cheering on the ACM Trojans during athletic and other student events.