Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the many congratulations following the announcements of my retirement and the 2024 Maryland Top 100 Women Listing. I can say much about the kindness and compassion of this ACM family, but I'll hold those thoughts for the end of next semester.

Instead, let's talk about our students.

With less than eight weeks left in the semester, it's a critical but exciting time for our students, who may need extra encouragement.

This is where we can help by recommending important <u>resources</u>. Our tutoring services, study labs, The Pantry, mental health supports, and health clinics can help keep students on track. As employees, you can access many of the same services. (Don't be afraid to ask for help if you or your family needs it.)

For many of our students, it's easy to lose track of important next steps. Here's what to know and share with students, if you're able.

- Our <u>Financial Aid</u> experts are available to meet with students (in person and virtually) to help them <u>submit their FAFSA</u> for the next academic year.
- <u>Foundation scholarships</u> are still available for the fall semester. The next deadline is March 31, with future application deadlines through the summer.
- Summer and fall <u>registration</u> open on April 15, with courses available to preview on April 1. (If you're an advisor, you may want to reach out to your advisees. We ask that everyone encourage early registration, especially for the fall semester.

I'd be remiss if I didn't extend my best wishes to our men's basketball team and coaching staff as they journey to the NJCAA D1 Men's Basketball Championship Tournament and thank you for your patience and feedback during the Cloud migration. Thank you to all involved in the successful migration! If you are experiencing any issue, please reach out to the <u>IT Helpdesk</u>.

Wishing you well,

Dr. B