Hello [Student’s Name],

Welcome to the Spring 2024 semester. If you’re new to the college or we haven’t met, I’m Dr. Bambara, your college president. Here’s even a quick message from me.

It’s time for all of us to embrace the fresh start of a new semester.

This semester be sure to:

1. **Focus on your learning.** Challenge yourself to find new ways to grow as a student. Ask questions, accept feedback, and stay on top of your assignments.

2. **Knock down your academic hurdles.** Use Learning Commons services like Study Labs, online or in-person tutoring, the Reading and Writing Center/RAWC, and more.

3. **Access free services that improve your journey.** Connect with The Pantry (for food, personal, and school supplies), try on-site counseling, or access our holistic mental health network.

**Keep your money for college on track.** If you receive financial aid, verify that you’re in “accepted” status for financial aid awards in Self-Service to prevent delays. (Federal aid is paid after February 5 this semester.)

**Let us welcome you IRL.**
Stop by a Welcome Table this Tuesday or Wednesday for freebies and information. You’ll find tables in College Center, the Tech Building, the Humanities Building, and the Bedford County Campus Student Services Office.

**Value the We Above Me.**
Join us for a MLK Day of Service on Wednesday in partnership with NAACP Branch 7007.

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice training sessions, 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. in the Thomas Welcome Center. [Register.](#)
- NAACP local and statewide initiatives presentation, 12 p.m. in the Zimmer Theatre. [Register.](#)
- Volunteer activity to help everyone access community resources, All-day, Haines Student Lounge in College Center.
- Music and refreshments, Haines Student Lounge.

**Ask questions.**
Please reach out to one of your instructors or a staff member. You can also stop by the Thomas Welcome Center, email info@allegany.edu or call 301-784-5005. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wishing you all the best,

Dr. Cynthia Bambara  
President of Allegany College of Maryland