

Good morning, Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I trust that you had a safe and relaxing break.

I am honored to officially begin my journey as president of Allegany College of Maryland. It is a privilege to serve such a vibrant and dedicated college community united by a shared desire to transform lives through education and opportunity.

As I step into this role, I look forward to learning about your experiences, goals, and vision for the future. Together, we will build on the college's proud traditions, embrace new opportunities, and tackle challenges with creativity and collaboration.

To keep communication open and consistent, I will share a brief campus-wide email each Friday (starting tomorrow) titled "**ACM Forward Focus.**" These updates will highlight enrollment trends, budget insights, key initiatives in programs and student services, collaborative efforts, and the incredible accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students.

I also want to emphasize my open-door policy and commitment to being accessible. You will often find me walking around our Cumberland or Everett campuses and education sites, saying hello and engaging with our community. Feel free to join me in the conversation. Your thoughts and ideas are invaluable, and I encourage you to share them as we work together to strengthen our college's impact.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I am excited about what lies ahead and deeply committed to ensuring that student success remains at the heart of all we do.

Warm regards,  
David