

ACM Family,

I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates, from spotlighting our science outreach efforts for young learners to launching a new "Make ACM It" campaign.

### Federal Funding Approved for Pathways for Success



I'm overjoyed to announce that ACM has once again secured federal funding for our Pathways/TRIO Student Support Services Program. Pathways provides academic advice, financial literacy, transfer guidance, and personalized support to help first-generation or income-eligible students or students with documented disabilities thrive. *A sincere thank you to our Pathways team.*

### New Hires and Employee Promotions

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating:

- Linda Sweitzer, Security Guard at Willowbrook Woods
- William Baxter, Lead Makerspace Technician
- Brian Slope, Director of e-Learning and Technology Education
- Colleen (Connie) Milligan, Coordinator of Public Relations and Advancement
- Dr. Aimee Younkin, Interim Associate Dean – Nursing.

### Enrollment

Fall 2025 Enrollment (very preliminary):

- Up .8% in headcount and down 2.7% in FTE compared to fall 2024

CE/Workforce Development (FY25)

- Up 8.2% in FTE over FY24

### Summer Popup Science in George's Creek Area

I want to recognize a special outreach program taught by our biology faculty, Cassie Foster and Carolyn George. As part of a weekly summer popup series, the duo led science experiments with 50+ George's Creek Elementary students and their parents last week at Barton Park. Students played with models of natural, paved and grassy landscapes, tested water infiltration, and learned how natural areas reduce storm runoff. They even created native Maryland-native wildflower seed bombs.

Speaking of community, our **“Freeze! ACM is It!” Social Media Challenge Starts Now.**

Let’s showcase all that ACM’s seven locations have to offer! Our hope is to promote the student experience, highlight our resources, and show our ACM family pride. *Need an incentive?* Participants will win a Frostburg Freeze ice cream coupon.

📸 Here’s the challenge:

- Strike a “tag, freeze—you’re it!” pose in front of key places at your ACM locations (classrooms, labs, support offices, student spaces, etc.)
- Share why that spot is a must-stop for students and that it’s not too late to enroll this fall.
- Post on your social media, tag ACM, and encourage others to join the challenge.

### A “Ribbon”-Cutting Ceremony in Humanities



No explanation is required.

### On a Personal Note

I turned 55 earlier this week. Growing up, my birthday usually meant a camping trip at New Germany State Park or Swallow Falls. Campfires, wooded trails, and time with family shaped my early memories. I turned 20 by day-hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back. I’m grateful to spend this season of life with my wonderful wife, our adult children, and lifelong friends. I find time to step outside, share laughter, and stay grounded in what matters most.

With gratitude,  
David