

Dear ACM Family,

As we near the end of our second week of classes and approach the Labor Day weekend, I want to take a moment to thank you for the dedication and enthusiasm you've brought to the start of this new academic year. I am pleased to share the following updates:

**FSU Presidential Search:** I'm honored to share with my ACM family that I've been selected to serve on the Presidential Search Committee for the next President of Frostburg State University. It's a privilege to be part of this important work.

**Congresswoman Delaney:** It was a pleasure to host Congresswoman Delaney on campus earlier this week. [https://times-news-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?publink=10b9c35c9\\_134faef](https://times-news-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?publink=10b9c35c9_134faef)

**Celebrating the Arts and Humanities:** If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to visit the Humanities Building to see the graphics that have been installed in the atrium windows/doors. A special thanks to Shannon, Charlene, Brenda, Jenna, Stephen, Miha, Adam, Christina, and Andrew for your work on this project, which celebrates the Humanities and highlights our students. ACM's *Expressions* celebrates the creativity of our students by compiling their original literary and artistic works (essays, fiction, poetry, and artwork) into an annual volume. <https://www.allegany.edu/expressions/>



**87% enrollment increase over 5 years:** [Congratulations](#) to our CE Workforce Development team on this incredible accomplishment. An 87% increase over five years is incredible, but the greater impact is on the thousands of individuals and hundreds of businesses who are positively impacted annually. Thank you for your work in meeting the education and workforce development needs of our community. We are all better because of your hard work and dedication.



**Partnerships Make Us Stronger:** I am pleased to share a recent Reader Commentary, highlighting just a few of the many ACM partnerships that make us stronger.

[https://times-news-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?publink=3810e9ee3\\_134fae8](https://times-news-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?publink=3810e9ee3_134fae8)

**Stay Informed - President's Advisory Team (PAT):** The President's Advisory Team (PAT) meets monthly to 1) provide advice and counsel to the President regarding the overall operation of the College; 2) assist the President in developing the College calendar; 3) collaborate with the President on creating and implementing strategic plans for the College; 4) recommend funding patterns and priorities to the President; and 5) develop the agenda for All-College Assembly staff meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 3:00 pm, with meetings also scheduled on October 1, November 5, and December 3. I encourage you to stay engaged by attending PAT meetings, contacting your affinity group representatives for updates, sharing ideas, and asking questions. Your input is invaluable to shaping the future of our College.

**ACM Shared/Participatory Governance**

As part of the participatory governance process, a routing form was created to assist individuals and groups in submitting suggestions for new policies, policy changes, or non-operational major institutional issues. The issue raised should first be vetted by the parties affected, and if no resolution can be found, a routing form may be submitted. Click this link to access a blank routing form: [blank routing form](#).

**Emergency Communication System Test:** ACM will conduct a test of our emergency communication systems on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 8:45 a.m. The following message will be broadcast across multiple platforms: *"Code Green – All clear. Resume normal operations."*

**A Sweet Treat for ACM Employees:** Join us for a special treat! Stop by and enjoy a **Grab-and-Go**.

September 10<sup>th</sup>

7:45 – 9 am – Entrance to Campus

11 am – Bedford Campus

Delivery of treats during the morning to Western MD Works and Gateway Center

**Bedford County Campus Commencement:** Please note that starting in May 2026, the Bedford County Campus Commencement will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Please mark your calendars for May 19, 2026.

**Grants Update:** Starting next week, I plan to highlight a grant-funded project in my weekly update to share the impact of public and private funding and to recognize our faculty/staff involved in these important projects.

**Inauguration Invitation:** I'd love for you to join me on Friday, September 12, at 2 pm. This is a celebration of our college, our community, and the future we are building together. Additional information, including an electronic RSVP, is provided at the following link: <https://www.allegany.edu/showcase/presidential-inauguration.html>

**A Gift For You:** As a gift to the ACM family, I am pleased to provide a free ACM-branded shirt. A variety of styles and sizes will be available for pick up in the campus store starting September 2, 2025. Please note that this gift is provided by a donor with private funding, with no College funding utilized. Thank you for all you do to support our students (and promote ACM).

**On a Personal Note:** As we celebrate Labor Day, I hope you will take a moment to rest, refresh, and enjoy time with loved ones. I plan to go hiking every day to enjoy the beauty of our region. Your hard work makes such a difference every day, and this holiday is a reminder of the value of balance, renewal, and gratitude for the contributions of all.

With ACM Pride,  
David