

ACM Family,

Thank you for your work in supporting our students and preparing for the fall semester. Your patience, compassion, and expertise make a difference. As we gear up for August 18, I have several updates to share.

Start Here, Work Here Fair

My great thanks also to our allied health program directors and the teams behind our **successful *Start Here, Work Here fair*** held on Wednesday: career and technical education, student recruitment, desktop and print services, admissions and registration, financial aid, public relations and marketing, athletics, and facilities departments.

2025 Distinguished Alumni Award



Last week, I had the honor of presenting the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award to **Beth Manges**, Class of 1989. Beth, who attended our college on scholarship, is a dedicated advocate for higher education, vice chair of the Bedford County Regional Education Foundation, and president of Hometown Bank of PA. [Learn](#) how Beth and Hometown Bank helped more than 400 high school students take ACM classes.

Upcoming Employee Appreciation Events

- **Cumberland Sweet Treats – Campus Main Entrance with deliveries to Western Maryland Works & Makerspace and the Gateway Center**
Time: 7:45 am – 9 am
Dates: **August 13**, September 10, October 8, November 5
- **Bedford Sweet Treats – Bedford County Campus**
Time: 11 am
Dates: **August 13**, September 10, October 8, November 12
- **Employee Holiday Luncheon**
Time: 12 pm
Date: December 11

Voting & Winners

- ACM has been nominated for the Cumberland Times-News **Reader's Choice Award** for Favorite Largest Employer. Feel free to cast your vote [here](#).
- Kudos to our physical therapist assistant program students and the Athletics Department for their submissions for the "Tag, You're It" contest.

On a Personal Note

I spent time earlier this week with my fellow Maryland community college presidents, covering topics ranging from legislative priorities for 2026 to the Maryland Association of Community Colleges' strategic plan. We met with key committee leaders from the Senate and House, including Budget and Taxation and Appropriations. I am excited to share more details with you soon, as your involvement and understanding are crucial for our collective success.

With gratitude,
David