

Dear ACM Family,

Today, we pause to mark the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11, 2001. We honor the lives lost, the bravery of first responders, and the resilience that carried us forward in the face of tragedy. In September 2001, the ACM campus came together in a moving remembrance ceremony. We stood side by side, lifting voices and hearts in tribute. These images remind us of the strength we find in one another, then and now. As we reflect today, may we recommit ourselves to unity, compassion, and service. These values will continue guiding us as a college and community.



### **Stay Informed – Board of Trustees Meetings**

Attending the ACM Board of Trustees meetings helps you to stay informed. The Board meets at 4 pm in the Thomas Welcome Center, with the next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2025. The draft public session agenda is provided below for your convenience. For additional information, visit: <https://allegany.edu/presidents-office/board-of-trustees.html>

1. Adopt the August 18, 2025 Minutes
2. Chairman's Update – Mr. Leonard
3. Board Member Comments/Reflections – Board of Trustees Members
4. President's Update – Mr. Jones
5. Welcome & Remarks from Dr. Michael Martirano, ACPS Superintendent – Mr. Jones
6. Recruitment of Faculty and Staff (Action Item) – Ms. Duckworth
7. Tuition Waiver for ACM Credit Courses Revision – (Action Item) – Ms. Duckworth
8. Performance Accountability Report (Action Item)– Mr. Harrah
9. Curriculum Committee Recommendations (Action Item) – Dr. Hoffman
10. Nursing Program Update (Information Item) – Dr. Hoffman
11. Immigration Enforcement on Campus Policy (Action Item) - Dr. Conner
12. Year-end Transfers of Sustainability Fee Funds (Action Item)– Ms. Kilduff
13. Transfer of Funds for Food Service Auxiliary Fund Loss (Action Item) – Ms. Kilduff

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

State of the College: Empowering Our Future  
Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

## **Annual Fall Employee Engagement & Satisfaction Survey:**

The annual faculty/staff survey has become an important way for us to listen, learn, and act on your feedback. The survey link will be shared on September 15th and will remain open through October 3rd.

## **Financial Transparency:**

As part of our commitment to transparency and accountability, I want to remind you that the ACM-approved budgets and related finance documents are available for review. These resources provide a clear picture of how we allocate and manage our funding to support the mission and vision of ACM. You can access these documents using the following link: [Budget Portal](#). I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated finance staff for their diligent work in keeping ACM financially solid.

## **Grant Highlight of the Week:**

### **Nursing Support Program II (NSP II) – Weekend Hybrid Initiative**

Allegany College of Maryland is grateful for the financial support in the form of a grant from the State-supported NSP II program, which has been instrumental in expanding access to our growing nursing program. The weekend hybrid option will provide greater flexibility for working adults and non-traditional students, helping to meet statewide demand for skilled nurses while supporting student success and program growth. Special recognition goes to Aimee Younkin, who led the NSP II grant reporting efforts. Thanks to this funding source, ACM has been able to expand nursing pathways, support professional development for faculty through conference participation, and provide faculty awards—further strengthening nursing education across Maryland. Please join me in giving a big shout-out to Aimee and the entire nursing department faculty and staff, finance (Jennifer and team), and Advancement (Courtney, Mo, and Beth).

## **Inauguration:**

Tomorrow will be a celebration of our college, our community, and the future we are building together. A special thanks to the planning committee for allowing ACM to shine and for making the event extra special for our guests (we are expecting well over 700).

## **On A Personal Note:**

Like many of you, I remember exactly where I was on September 11, 2001. In the busyness of life and work, I would encourage the ACM family to take a moment to reflect with solemn gratitude on the lives lost, the heroes who served, and the enduring strength that unites us as a college and community.

With ACM Pride,  
David