

ACM Family,

As autumn “officially” began earlier this week, we are reminded that each new season brings fresh opportunities for our students and our college community. I’m pleased to share the following updates:

Empty Bowls = Huge Impact

It warms my heart (and my stomach) to see the huge success of this project. Not only was the soup tasty, but it also raised \$904 to benefit the ACM pantry. A special thanks to our faculty, staff, and students who made this project a success. Well done, ACM family.

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 will remain open through midnight, Friday, October 3, 2025. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fall25_ACMEmployeeSurvey

SAVE THE DATE:

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

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary:

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 October 20, 2025. For additional information, visit: <https://allegany.edu/presidents-office/board-of-trustees.html>

I have included my notes below on a few items from the 9/22/2025 meeting:

- a. David Jones introduced Dr. Martirano (ACPS Superintendent), who provided comments.
- b. Recruitment of Faculty and Staff Policy: Board approved.
- c. Tuition Waiver for ACM Credit Courses Policy: Board approved.
- d. Performance Accountability Report. Scott presented and the Board approved.
- e. Curriculum Committee Recommendations: Board approved.
- f. Immigration Enforcement on Campus Policy: Board approved.
- g. Year-end transfer of Sustainability Fee Funds: Board approved.
- h. Transfer of Funds for Food Service Auxiliary Fund Loss: Board approved.

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 October 1st, starting at 3 p.m. 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.

Grant Highlight of the Week: Meeting Learners Where They Are

Since spring 2024, ACM has been part of an Education Design Lab pilot focused on reaching underserved families, community school parents, and non-traditional learners. The grant has supported the creation of table displays (from WMW) that travel into community schools and virtual reality headsets that allow students and families to explore career pathways. These headsets are also available for checkout in the library for use in classes and personal exploration (more information will be coming soon). This fall, the EDL team will begin working directly in the community schools to break down the often-intimidating language of higher education and introduce families to the three parts of ACM: credit programs, CE/workforce training, and adult education. The goal is simple—help

people see themselves in college and connect them to opportunities that fit their lives. Please join me in thanking Diane McMahon, Dione Clark Trub, Melanie Chapman, and Courtney Jensen, who started this journey in Tennessee last spring, attended sessions throughout the year, and recently traveled to Missouri for training in design thinking and a Rural Community conference, as well as our partners who are helping ACM expand access to education and workforce pathways.

There's No Place Like Home: Attending the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Award Celebration was an honor. I was grateful to spend the evening with many ACM colleagues and numerous education, business, and community partners.



Cheer on the Trojans: Join me in supporting all of our student-athletes. Don't miss the action for Women's Volleyball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Men's Cross Country, and Women's Cross Country. For more details, visit: acmtrojans.com

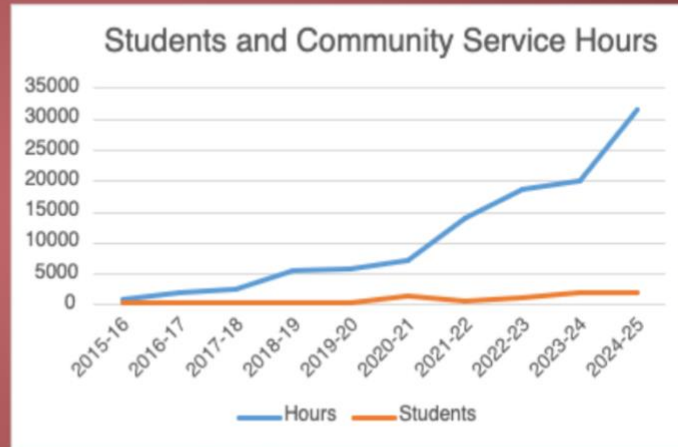
Community Engagement:

A special thank you to Diane McMahon and the ACM [College to Community Partnership Center](#) for their work in building partnerships with community leaders to connect college students, faculty, and staff with efforts to address unmet needs in our community. Over the next several weeks, I plan to share information showing a variety of impacts from these efforts, including the total students and total hours served over the past ten years. Thank you, Diane and ACM family, for your efforts to support our community.

Total Students & Total Hours Served

	Hours	Students
2015-16	1075	353
2016-17	2014	421
2017-18	2592	448
2018-19	5494.5	483
2019-20	5915	404
2020-21	7279	1569
2021-22	14064	709
2022-23	18669	1268
2023-24	19950	2137
2024-25	31615	1938

- Individual students are counted per activity. This means that each student may have participated in more than one activity during the year and the final number can include students who participated more than once in a community engaged activity.



A Gift For You: As a gift to the ACM family, I am pleased to provide a free ACM-branded shirt. Please make sure that you pick up your shirt by **September 30th** or order online using the instructions below. Thank you for all you do to support our students (and promote ACM). To Order Online:

- <https://campus-store.allegany.edu/category/appreciation-facultystaff>
- Select the shirt and size
- Add to Cart
- Enter the following Coupon Code: **INSPIRE & select Apply to Order**
- Select I am not a robot.
- Checkout
- Fill out all the lines with red
- Payment: Select Pay in Store
- Review Order
- Submit

On A Personal Note: For me, being an Orioles fan is a lifelong commitment (with plenty of character-building seasons to prove it). I had a blast catching the Orioles/Yankees game on Saturday evening with my accountability partner and best friend since middle school.

With ACM Pride,
David