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COLLEGE PRESENTS AWARDS TO ITS MOST-OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

CUMBERLAND, Md. -- Allegany College of Maryland honored its most-outstanding students with 70 individuals presented with awards at the recent 44th Annual All-College Awards Ceremony.

Achievement and excellence in academics, athletics and service to the college and community was recognized in 59 different awards categories in more than three-dozen subject headings.

Welcoming the awards recipients and others to the ceremony was Erin Yokum, ACM’s director of student life. ACM’s president, Dr. Cynthia Bambara, extended greetings.

The winners were congratulated for their achievements and ACM faculty and staff members were thanked for their efforts on behalf of students. The ceremony was hosted by the Student Government Association.

The awards recipients, listed according to subject, are as follows:

- Allied Health Technician -- outstanding student awards, Sky Crawford of Cumberland and Carrie Hendershot of Harrisonville, Pa., (phlebotomy); Jo Ann Gilpin of Bittinger and David Rounds of Grantsville (EKG); David Rounds of Grantsville (nursing assistant-day class); Michelle Sawyers of Wiley Ford, W.Va., (nursing assistant-evening class); Fawn Ryan of Cumberland (pharmacy technician); Kathleen Wilson of Cumberland (Myron E. Blough memorial award in pharmacy technician);
- Art – excellence in art, Briana Swisher of Hancock;
- Athletics -- outstanding male student-athlete, Tanner Klein of Shippenville, Pa.; outstanding female student-athlete, Carlie Lewis of Barton;
- Automotive Technology – outstanding auto tech student, Matthew Werner of Frostburg;
- Business Administration -- outstanding business students, Kristina Robinson of Cumberland, (Cumberland campus), Catherine Clark of Everett, Pa., and Elisha Pile of Crystal Spring, Pa., (Bedford County Campus) and Kimberly Schrock of Wellersburg, Pa. (Somerset County Campus); business professionalism award, Betty Love of Springfield, W.Va.;
- Computer Science and Technology – outstanding student in computer science and technology, Joseph Shipway of Flintstone;
- Criminal Justice – outstanding students in criminal justice, Melanie Abe of Cumberland and Dakota Rugg of Confluence, Pa. (Victor Reuschlein award); Kaytlyn McKenzie of Frostburg, (criminology); and Bill Hoover of Martinsburg, Pa. (distance learning);
- Culinary Arts – outstanding culinary arts student, Amanda Marshall of New Creek, W.Va.;
Democracy Commitment – excellence in civic engagement, Jesus Candler of Cumberland, Fred Julien of Cumberland; Jennifer Carthew of Fishertown, Pa.; Tijuan Rhue of Owings Mills; Bill Plummer of Cumberland; Rashid Nero of District Heights; Blake Hill of Frostburg; Brooke Hesse of New Creek, W.Va.; Julianna Knaggs of Elkton; and Joseph Klink of Hyndman, Pa.;

Dental Hygiene -- outstanding achievement awards, Andrea Silva of Germantown, (pharmacology); and Bailey Sinai of Altoona, Pa., (oral pathology and periodontics);

Diversity Center -- Focus on Women awards, Amanda Weimer of Frostburg and Catherine Clark of Everett, Pa.; outstanding veteran graduate, Somers W. McKinley of Cumberland; Rev. George and Catherine Hazen Memorial Scholarship, Katherine Blank of Frostburg;

Education – service to children awards, Timothy Sehn of Somerset, Pa.; Shandi Sires of Frostburg; Cheyann Trout of Rockwood, Pa.; Hannah Twigg of Bedford, Pa.; and Noelle Wilt of Lonaconing;

English – outstanding student in English, Elizabeth Szymanski of Cumberland

Forestry -- William L. Cones award to outstanding second-year forestry student, Seth Clapper of Hopewell, Pa.; North American forest technician honorary, Seth Clapper of Hopewell, Pa., and George Nolan Jr. of Frostburg;

History -- Clio award, Marisa Hott of Shanks, W.Va.; Sister Mary Alice Belanger award, Jarrett Wolfe of Cumberland;

Hospitality Management – outstanding hotel-restaurant management student, Tikki Harding of Cumberland;

Human Service Associate – Rodney Frazier award for advocacy, Amanda Weimer of Frostburg; Barb Mullenax award for personal and professional development, Nicole Mallery of Mount Savage; academic and clinical achievement award, Amanda Weimer of Frostburg and Jennifer Dunkin of Warfordsburg, Pa.;

Mathematics – outstanding math achievement, William Moon of Cumberland;

Medical Assistant – Heart of Healthcare award, Katherine Loar of Cumberland;

Medical Laboratory Technology – outstanding MLT students, Ashley Miller of Hagerstown and Candi Stinebaugh of Hancock;

Multimedia Technology – Terry Feck award for outstanding achievement, Emma Goldhaber of Everett, Pa.;

Music – music and performance award, Jonathan Livengood of Milton, Pa.;

Nursing – Margaret Keller Memorial awards, Melinda Hatcher of Oldtown, (Cumberland campus), Rebecca Miller of Somerset, Pa. (Somerset County Campus); and Candi Jones of Bedford, Pa. (Bedford County Campus); nursing faculty awards, Samantha Upole of LaVale, (Cumberland campus), Kelly Purbaugh of Confluence, Pa., (Somerset County Campus); and Misty Colledge of Everett, Pa.;

Occupational Therapy Assistant – leadership award, Tara Shane of Imler, Pa.;

Office Technologies – spirit award, Cesily Dolly of Burlington, W.Va.; degree achievement award, Julie Hoffman of Lonaconing;

Pathways for Success – emerging leader award, Amanda Bellamy of Gwynn Oak; scholar awards, Melanie Abe of Cumberland; most-improved student awards,
Brianna Myers of Gwynn Oak and Brandi Sartor of Capital Heights;
• Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society -- special recognition awards, Michael Kerns of Cumberland and Brandi Lynch of Friedens, Pa.; 2015 All-Maryland Academic First Team, Angel Steinkirchner of Friedens, Pa.; 2015 All-Maryland Academic Second Team, Dawn Birgensmith of McConnellsburg, Pa.;
• Physical Therapist Assistant – PTA leadership award, Adrian Twigg of Green Spring, W.Va.;
• Political Science – Lowell Markey political science award, Gary Cosner of Cumberland;
• Psychology – Dr. Sharon Hott award, John LaFramboise of Friedens, Pa.;
• Radiologic Technology -- academic excellence award, Clarissa Kitzmiller of Swanton;
• Science – outstanding student awards, Sean Flanagan of LaVale (general biology); Kaitlyn Grimm of Cumberland (general chemistry); Joseph Shipway of Flintstone (physics); Abigail Patton of Bellwood, Pa., (human anatomy and physiology; Dr. Glenn O. Workman Jr. plant science award, Sean Power of LaVale;
• Spanish – outstanding student award, Faith Barnett of Todd, Pa.;
• Tutoring – tutor of the year award, Julie Hoffman of Lonaconing; level one tutor certifications, Julie Hoffman of Lonaconing, Emily Kendall of Buffalo Mills, Pa., and Joseph Shipway of Flintstone;

Following the awards presentations, the SGA hosted a reception in the College Center. Music was provided by Don Robinson, ACM professor of mathematics.

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PHOTO CAPTION==Allegany College of Maryland’s Student Government Association hosted ACM’s recent 44th Annual All-College Awards Ceremony. From left to right are SGA members Yasai Sallah and Kelly Robertson, SGA adviser Erin Yokum, and SGA members Dakota Rugg, Fatumata Siaka and Michael Kerns. Seventy students received awards in academics, athletics and college and community service at the event.