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ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND SEEKS COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR COLLEGE TO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CENTER

CUMBERLAND, Md. (July 12, 2019) –Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) invites regional community organizations to be part of its newly revamped **College to Community Partnership Center**, formerly ACM’s Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

The **College to Community Partnership Center** (CCPC), allied with ACM’s The Democracy Commitment (TDC) Committee, is designed to support and promote the invaluable work of community partners by connecting them with ACM students, staff and faculty.

The newly named **College to Community Partnership Center** developed from the committee’s decision to apply for the Carnegie Foundation's Classification for Community Engagement, a gold-standard nationally recognized classification that focused on civic and community engagement.

In seeking the Carnegie Foundation classification, the college completed an intensive self-assessment of its community involvement activities. It sought advice in the form of in-depth surveys from existing community partners, including but not limited to: the Allegany County Board of County Commissioners, the American Red Cross, Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority, the Cumberland Mayor and City Council, the Family Crisis and Resource Center, Frostburg State University, the NAACP Chapter #7007, The Family Junction, the Western Maryland Health System and the Western Maryland Mission of Mercy.

The new name reflects the college’s commitment to developing, at the recommendation of the Carnegie Foundation, a “reciprocal partnership between the college and public or private sector that: enriches scholarship, enhances curriculum, empowers and prepares engaged citizens, strengthens democratic values and skills, addresses critical societal issues and/or contributes to the public good.”

ACM’s long-standing dedication to community engagement is demonstrated through its institutional priorities,

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strategic goals and mission as well as its history of service. In the 2018-2019 academic year, more than 480 ACM students donated 5,495 hours of service to 128 community partners in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

For more information about joining ACM's **College to Community Partnership Center**, please call 301-784-5306 or email dcmahon@allegany.edu.

ABOUT ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

Ranked among the top 20 community and technical colleges in the country by the Brookings Institution, Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) offers world-class education in a caring environment that transforms lives, strengthens communities and celebrates life-long learning. Serving more than 3,000 credit and 7,000 continuing education and workforce students annually, ACM offers over 80 associate degree, certificate, and letters of recognition programs at affordable rates. To learn more, visit allegany.edu or call 301-784-5000.