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Loews Annapolis Hotel



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### Garrett College Allied Health Program

The Appalachian Regional Commission ([ARC](#)) announced approval of a \$110,000 grant to Garrett College for a project to expand health career training programs at the school's Career Technology Training Center in Accident. The project will improve instructional resources for students, and help establish at least three new allied health programs.

Garrett County has an aging population which will increasingly require expanded healthcare services and a larger healthcare workforce. Short-term allied health training programs can provide excellent preparation for entry level positions, but students enrolled in local educational programs lack access to hands-on learning opportunities with modern technology. Garrett College seeks to improve hands-on learning opportunities for students in health career fields, and to establish new allied health training programs that respond to the needs of both students and employers. In particular, ARC and matching funds will create an allied health laboratory with a new simulation manikin. Students expected to use this facility include those in the two-year paramedic associates degree program, and certificate programs for certified nursing assistants and phlebotomists. In addition, the college will assemble a three year plan for developing new allied health programming, in discussion with hospitals, medical providers, and other partners in

the region. At least three new programs will be offered in 2016; fields under consideration include pharmacy technicians and EKG technicians.

Within three years, Garrett College expects to serve nearly 85 students in allied health programs; 90% of those are expected to obtain a career credential or a job, or will continue education in their chosen field. In addition to the ARC funds, the grantee will provide \$110,000 in cash and in-kind resources, bringing the total project funding to \$220,000.



**Mark Your Calendars for Economic  
Development Week 2015!  
September 28-October 2**

Economic Development Week highlights the impact you have on transforming lives in Maryland. Together, we'll raise awareness of the contributions you're making to improve the business climate in Maryland by creating opportunities, inspiring innovation and enriching communities.

Please send details about what you have planned for this annual celebration. We're sharing your events so the energy around this statewide collaboration will inspire and educate others.

If you don't have anything planned (yet), consider collaborating with other organizations in your community. Arrange an 'after hours' event, host an informal open house, or setup a week of daily business visits. Get creative so your message has the most meaningful impact on your community.

Please visit the [MEDA website](#) to see what your colleagues are doing. To have your events included in this list, please submit them to [Pam Ruff](#) by replying to this message.

During this week-long celebration, the MEDA Fall Conference will be held on Thursday, October 1st in Silver Spring and we'll be focusing on how innovation impacts Maryland's industries. To learn more or to register for the conference, click [here](#).



## RMC Executive Board Meeting

The Rural Maryland Council's Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S Truman Parkway in Annapolis, MD. The meeting is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend and lunch will be provided.

Maryland Department of Agriculture  
50 Harry S Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
September 25, 2015  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Please click [here](#) to RSVP

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