

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to launch in-demand, high-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship is the most formal “work and learn” model pairing solid training with industry and employer specifics, working with a skilled professional in a real job on day one. Registered Apprenticeship is a proven way to prepare workers for the demands of emerging technologies.

WHEREAS, CCBC recognizes the urgent need to prepare its students to address Maryland’s pressing workforce challenges. CCBC is advancing the implementation of non-traditional apprenticeships in industries such as behavioral health, health care, manufacturing, and information technology. CCBC continues its strong partnerships with area building and construction trades apprenticeship programs.

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career-seeking students’ affordable pathways to high-paying, quality jobs. Demand continues to grow, and CCBC’s [Apprenticeship Center](#) is working closely with CCBC’s schools, employers, and the Maryland Department of Labor to develop new Registered Apprenticeship programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, President of the Community College of Baltimore County, call upon educators, our community, and local industry partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week and beyond.

IN SUPPORT,



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