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PHOTO RELEASE: Comptroller Lierman Tours Washington County

Comptroller visits several sites in Hagerstown during Take a Look with Brooke Tour

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 21, 2024) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Friday afternoon continued her statewide Take a Look with Brooke Tour with stops at several community and nonprofit organizations in Hagerstown.

Comptroller Lierman began the day by touring the Meritus Medical Center Campus. Meritus Health in Hagerstown is now a teaching hospital and a clinical training site for the Meritus Family Medicine Residency Program and more than 1,000 nursing and allied health students. The Comptroller and hospital administrators discussed the system's goals and the services the hospital has implemented to meet the community's needs.



Comptroller Lierman dons a hard hat at the construction site for the School of Medicine at Meritus Health in Hagerstown on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Last month, the hospital broke ground on the site for its proposed School of Medicine, which is slated to accept its first class of students in Fall 2025. Comptroller Lierman also toured student housing currently under construction.

Comptroller Lierman then visited the Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Studies (CBES) at Hagerstown Community College which opened in 2021. The CBES also houses the David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs which supports a range of small businesses, researchers, and entrepreneurs, and maintains with private office spaces, wet labs, offices, desk space, and a commercial kitchen.



At the Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Studies (CBES) at Hagerstown Community College, Comptroller Lierman met with staff and learned about program offerings.

During her visit, Comptroller Lierman also met instructors and participants in Hagerstown Community College's English Language Learner program, which recently graduated several students enrolled in healthcare programs.

Next, Comptroller Lierman toured three completed affordable housing units for military veterans in Hagerstown. The units are renovated and managed by Platoon 22, a nonprofit that seeks to support military veterans in their reintegration into civilian life by providing housing, supportive health services, and job placement opportunities. The organization is renovating a total of six one-bedroom housing units as part of this project in Hagerstown.



Comptroller Lierman learned about affordable housing units for veterans that allows them to transition back into civilian life with housing and mental health services.

On the final stop of the tour, the Comptroller met with the Washington County Board of Commissioners where she gave an update on her agency's initiatives and outreach services and resources to assist local government and the county's residents.



Comptroller Lierman met with the Washington County Commissioners to hear about their successes and ways the Comptroller's Office can improve its outreach services.

Please find more photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/118390036@N08/>.

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