

The Guiding Axe
Weekly Campus
Newsletter
October 16, 2025



ALPENA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WELCOME

Formerly known as
"The Splinter", this
newsletter has a new
name and a fresh new
focus.

"The Guiding Axe"
will serve as your go
to source for
important updates and
reminders from across
the campus.

STUDENT REFUND CHECKS

2nd disbursement of one
semester loans will take
place on Wednesday,
October 22.

Checks will be available for pick-up
from the cashier in Van Lare Hall
between 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Checks
may only be picked up by the
student whose name is on the
check. You **MUST** have picture ID.
All checks not picked up by 2pm on
this day will be mailed.



PHI THETA KAPPA

If you've achieved a strong GPA and
are looking to get more involved,
PTK is a great way to connect.

PTK has a nonprofit mission to
recognize and promote student
academic achievement. PTK provides
opportunities to cultivate
professional and leadership skills,
secure scholarships, explore diverse
career paths, and build a network of
supportive peers.

If interested please connect with Rob Mills:
millsr@alpenacc.edu, they meet every
Thursday in BTC 126 at 2:00 p.m.

Stephen H. Fletcher Library

Looking for a quiet place to study or
work on assignments? Visit the
Stephen H. Fletcher Library in the
Newport Center, Room 111.

Hours:

- Monday–Wed.: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

Need special access or want to
schedule a session with a librarian?
Contact the library for more
information.





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Lumberjacks!

MYACC PORTAL

Use your ACC email and password to log in to the MyACC portal to access Self-Service, Blackboard, and Email/Office 365

Find the link at the top of our ACC homepage, or click here: [ACC Main Homepage](#) and you will see it at the top right. If you need assistance, please contact OIT Help Desk at (989)358-7374, helpdesk@alpenacc.edu (students) Or tech-support@alpenacc.edu (staff)

Laptop Rentals: Starting in the *Spring 2026* term, OIT will be raising the price of a laptop rental to \$75 a semester. We will also be adding regular laptops into our fleet of rentals.

Parking Permits: Parking permits are **free but required** for all students and staff. Be sure to pick yours up from the **Facilities Office (BTC 101)** on the Alpena Campus.

Students at the **Oscoda Campus** can obtain both their **student ID and parking permit in Room 206**. Permits issued at either campus are valid at **both locations**.





“People
start to heal
the moment
they feel
heard”

Student Counseling Services

Free, Confidential Mental Health Counseling

Starting a new semester can bring a mix of excitement, stress, and everything in between. That is totally normal! Our counselor is here to help, Carey M. Schiller, LMSW. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed, want someone to talk to, or just need a few tips to handle stress and stay balanced, we've got you covered. Our counselor offers a safe, judgement-free space where you can focus on your well-being and learn ways to take care of yourself both in and out of the classroom. Don't wait until things feel too heavy, reach out and take advantage of this **FREE** support that is here for you.

With a strong background in crisis work and a passion for helping young adults, Carey earned a double major in Psychology and Individual & Family Relations from the University of Wisconsin. She has owned and operated Northern Therapeutic Center in Alpena for the past 10 years.

Carey's office is located in the World Center for Concrete Technology, room 110C. *Click the link above to request an appointment.*

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis,
please call 1-800-273-8255 or dial 911.

Fredrick T. Johnston Wellness Center

Stay active and recharge at the
Fredrick T. Johnston Wellness Center.

Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Friday: 6:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

For questions or to find the best times
to meet your fitness goals,
contact the Wellness Center at **989-358-7391**.

Student Success Center

VLH 101 -Alpena or Computer Lab Room 307 – Oscoda

Need a little extra help this semester? The Student Success Centers at both Alpena and Oscoda campuses are here for you! Whether you're looking for free tutoring, proofreading, or just some extra guidance, we can help you stay on track. We also offer workshops and support for you.

If you're in Alpena, stop by the Student Success Center or call (989) 358-7270 to learn more—or even ask about becoming a paid tutor! Don't forget while here to get your photo **ID card**. Then flash it around town to receive special discounts.

In Oscoda, the Student Success Center is open **Monday 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Wednesday 11:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** Testing appointments should be scheduled ahead of time since computer space is limited, and don't forget your photo ID! For questions or testing arrangements, contact **Patrice Billiel** at (989) 358-7445 or billielp@alpenacc.edu.

Nursing News

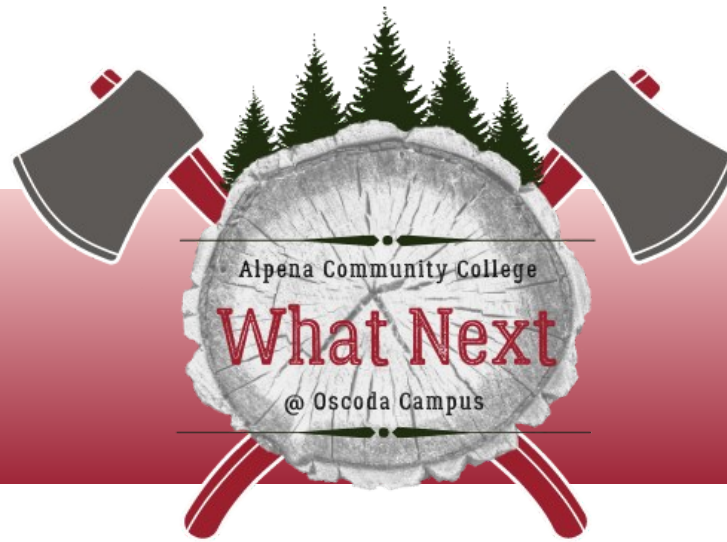
The Student Nurses Association is hosting **Trick or Trot a 5K Halloween Fun Run/Walk** at the ACC Alpena Campus on Saturday, October 25th, at 11:00 a.m. This event is open to everyone of all ages! DJ Prophet will be keeping the energy up and nursing students will be checking blood pressures and heart rates. Costumes not required but encouraged! Prizes will be awarded and t-shirts will be for sale at the event. Preregistration encouraged. [5K Registration Link](#)

Nursing Program Applications will be accepted until November 10, 2025. Applications can be [obtained online](#) or are available in Van Lare Hall room 126 or room 211 in Oscoda. If you have any questions, contact nursing@alpenacc.edu or oscodanursing@alpenacc.edu.



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Special Professional NETWORKING Session

Holiday Season All Year Long!

ACC TALKS

Featuring: Frankenmuth's River Place Shop Directors

Date: Tuesday, October 7th, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm (door open 5:30 pm)
Oscoda Campus Alpena Community College
5800 Skeel Avenue, Room 213, Oscoda MI 48750

R.S.V.P.
WHATNEXT@ALPENACC.EDU
(989)-739-1445

ACC Oscoda Orientation Sessions

Registering for classes starting in January 2026 is happening already!

Tuesday October 28, 1:00 PM

Wednesday November 5, 5:00 PM

Be sure to sign-up online: [New Student Orientation Registration](#)

Develop IOSCO Grant Writing Workshop

Our co-located agency partner Develop Iosco is sponsoring a Grant Writing Workshop:

Thursday, October 23rd
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
ACC Oscoda Campus Room 213
Register with DI at: www.develop-iosco.org/grants-1

Save the date for our 5th Annual, **Education Shadowing Week!** It will be offered during the week of October 20—23 by the ACC Oscoda Campus. Education Shadowing allows regional high school students to visit (or more) ACC College class sessions and experience a real/regular college class.

Contact us for more information!

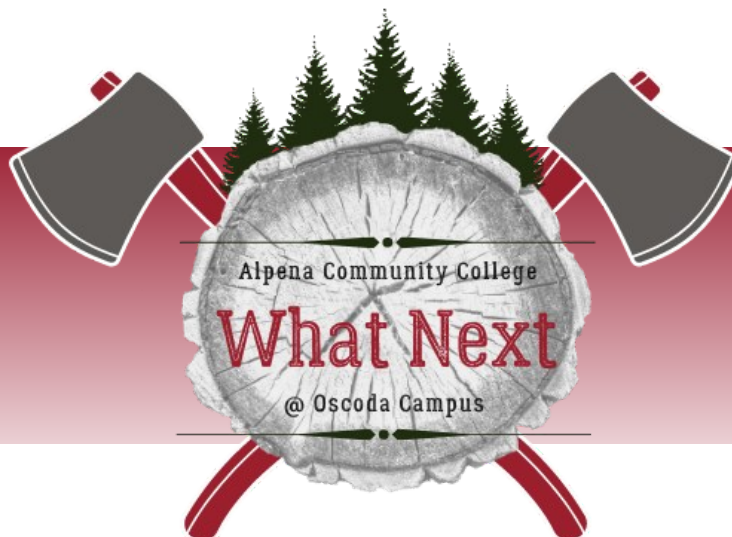


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Ideas Unlimited LIVE!

I & E Maker-Times (Innovation & Entrepreneurship)
Thursday, October 30, 2025 12:00pm – 12:45pm

ACC Oscoda Rm 213 or Virtual

I & E Number: 2437 713 9224
I & E Password: WypCpy9Bh27

or paste the following link into your browser:

<https://alpenacc.webex.com/alpenacc/j.php?MTID=m534cf8b8672943771b2deb228df43a4d>



Just  Jobs
Business of the Month



Stop by the Lumberjack Lounge/Just Jobs Outlet and learn more about this month's featured business.
ACC-Oscoda is pleased to highlight this local company.

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION "Podcasts"

Last year we recorded 7 LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION podcasts. Life Skills discussed included: Vehicle Maintenance, Personal Banking, Insurance, Tax Returns, Cooking 101, Jobs and Budgeting & Saving Money. Scan the code to watch them.

And YES the video series continues this semester with discussions on Budgeting your Time and Staying Healthy!



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