The Guiding Axe
Weekly Campus Newsletter
October 16, 2026

ALPENA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WELCOME

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

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION OPENS **OCTOBER 26** FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

ADVISING DAY

NOVEMBER 3
NO CLASSES; OFFICES OPEN

CLASS WITHDRAW

NOVEMBER 6
LAST DAY TO DO AN INDIVIDUAL CLASS WITHDRAWAL

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 2pm.

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–Friday: 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Note: Special hours or sessions during the evening and weekends will be provided as per faculty request, student petition, or other group requests; a notice of one week will be needed.

ACC MISC.

Fall 2026 **Work-Study Positions** NOW OPEN! Job Postings can be viewed on the bulletin outside of the Financial Aid Office. For further inquiry, please contact Kristen Schnell at 989-358-7286 or stop by the Financial Aid Office (VLH 107).

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 the OIT Help Desk at (989) 358-7374 or **tech-support@alpenacc.edu**

Laptop Rentals: Laptop rentals are available for $75. If you are in need, please go see the OIT office.

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**.

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, Carey M. Schiller, LMSW, is here to help. 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, judgment-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.

Nursing Applications for Spring 2027 – Due November 10th

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

CTR 111 -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 you're here, to get your photo **ID card or for returning students, your new 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 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.

The Market- Now Open

Struggling to afford food? We are here to help!

We created The Market at ACC because when students worry about where their next meal is coming from, they can't focus on their studies.

All items are free and available to any ACC student, including early college and dual-enrolled students. Students must present a student ID to access the pantries.

The Market locations:

- Besser Technical Center, Room 106 (Requires student ID)
- Campus Park Apartments - Laundry Room (Requires student ID)
- Van Lare Hall - Nursing wing
- Oscoda Campus (Requires student ID)

250 Years of American Democracy

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Where: Granum Theater

Join us as we:

- Listen to perspectives on the issues shaping Michigan's future
- Consider what those issues mean for NE Michigan within contxt of our state
- Exchange ideas with fellow members of our community
- Participate in live breakout discussions
- Explore how citizens and communities can contribute to the future of our state and our democracy

ACC OSCODA CAMPUS

WHATNEXT

October 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 16 ACC Open House (Alpena Main Campus)

October 26 Early Registration Opens for Continuing Students

November 3 Advising Day- No Classes – Offices Open - New Student Orientation 1:00 PM

November 4 New Student Orientation 5:00 PM

November 10 Ideas Unlimited Live

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November 10th at 12:00 pm

Join us to hear from Lewis Bender Ph.D. about Team Workshops

THE MARKET at ACC

Check THE MARKET at ACC Oscoda Campus. Located on the second floor – Across from the Student Lounge – Room 213B.

Check out the Recipe Cards for delicious and nutritious meal ideas!

Just Jobs

Business of the Month

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Check Out the Just Jobs Outlet and Student Lounge Room 210 for their information.

ALL SEMESTER

Free Tutoring

Free Classwork Copy Assistance

Free Computer Access

Room 307 Student Success Center

Contact billielp@alpenacc.edu

POP-UP GLASS ART CLASSES

October 21 and 22 5:30 – 8:30 pm Halloween Mosaic Spinners

November 5 and 12 5:30 – 8:30 pm Holiday Mosaic Christmas Tree

Contact the Main Office to sign up!

PROGRAM ADVISORS AT ACC OSCODA

AMANDA CAMPBELL (EDU, HST)
WEDNESDAY 8:00 – 9:30

MELANIE ROWDEN (LPN, RN)
TUESDAY 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

THERESA SCHULZ (NTRL SCI, BIO)
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
11:00-1200 PM
WEDNESDAY 11:00 – 1:00 PM

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Nursing Applications are available and due **November 10th**. Available in the front lobby or in the main office, Room 211 or with Mrs. Rowden. HESI Study Guides are available in the student success center, Room 307 to be rented out from Mrs. Billiel.

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OSCODA

In your own backyard

FEELING FALL OF WELLNESS

The Fall is a great time to settle into a new but familiar routine. Our days will be shorter soon which means less sunlight. One wellness tip for fall is to step outside each day and try to get at least 10 minutes of sunlight, if you can do this in the morning – even better! Having less sunlight means lower vitamin D – check with your health care provider and see if supplements could benefeit your wellness! Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) - one can experience lower moods or fatigue as we lose daylight. Light therapy can be a huge help, feel free to use the therapy light in the Student Lounge – Room 210. Keep your immune system in check with 7-9 hours of sleep each night, herbal teas such as Ginger, Echinacea and Chamomile soothe and support immunity. Find what routine works for you and you can feel Fall of Wellness!

HAPPENINGS IN THE OSCODA COMMUNITY

Cars & Coffee – Sat, Oct 10, 2026, 9:00 AM, Biggby, Oscoda

Clydesdale Wagon Rides – Sat, Oct 10, 2026, 12:00 PM,Biggby, Oscoda.

Spooky Trivia Night – Sat, Oct 10, 2026, 4:00 PM, Ausable Inn Riverview Restaurant & Sports Bar.

Book Launch, The Judgement of Muses –Wed, Oct 14 6:00 PM, Taits Bill of Fare, Oscoda

Halloween Parade & Events – Sat, Oct 24, 2026, Furtaw Field – Mill Street Line Up 5:00 – Parade 6:00 PM

OASC 7th Annual Trunk-or-Treat – Sat, Oct 31, 2026, 6:00 PM, Oscoda/AuSable Senior Center.

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