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ACC RANKS #1 IN GRADUATION RATE AND SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT INCREASE

ALPENA, MICH. — Alpena Community College is riding a wave of student success this year as shown in two recent Michigan community college metrics for success: ACC earned the highest graduation rate of all Michigan community colleges in the 2022 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Data Feedback Report and ACC ranks number one in enrollment increases for Spring Semester 2023.

President Dr. Don MacMaster reported the two major accomplishments at the January 19, 2023, ACC Board of Trustees meeting. In his report to the trustees MacMaster noted the following:

- As of January 17, 2023, Spring semester enrollment at ACC was up 12.35% in headcount, first among Michigan community colleges by a wide margin. Credit hours increased by 7.55%. Enrollment was up on main campus, Oscoda Campus, at other sites, and for online/remote courses. Dual enrollment was up substantially.
- As of January 19, ACC's increase in headcount had risen to 13.95% and credits had increased to 8.69%, both of which were first among Michigan community colleges as reported by the Michigan Community College Student Services Association enrollment report.
- The 2022 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) report was released recently; it showed that ACC finished first in graduation rate (42%) among Michigan's community colleges.

Institution	Graduation Rate
Alpena Community College	42%
Glen Oaks Community College	40%
Gogebic Community College	37%
Bay College	33%
Southwestern Michigan College	29%
North Central Michigan College	27%
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College	27%
West Shore Community College	26%
Kirtland Community College	25%
Monroe County Community College	23%
Muskegon Community College	23%
Northwestern Michigan College	23%

Washtenaw Community College	22%
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	21%
St. Clair County Community College	21%
Grand Rapids Community College	20%
Schoolcraft College	20%
Kellogg Community College	19%
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College	18%
Lansing Community College	17%
Delta College	16%
Lake Michigan College	16%
Montcalm Community College	16%
Jackson College	15%
Mott College	15%
Oakland Community College	15%
Macomb Community College	12%
Henry Ford College	10%
Mid-Michigan College	10%
Wayne County Community College District	10%

Dr. MacMaster attributed ACC’s recent successes to the hard work and dedication of ACC’s faculty and staff. “These metrics matter to our students, staff, and the communities we serve,” said MacMaster. “They represent a shared focus on student success and professional persistence toward the goal of delivering quality postsecondary education that transforms lives. I couldn’t be prouder of the ACC team.”

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