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Success Comes in Many Forms

By Dr. Don MacMaster • ACC President

While attending a downstate press conference at the invitation of Governor Whitmer to discuss the ice storm that devastated the region this past spring, I was startled to hear someone call my name from the crowd.

“Dr. MacMaster,” a young friendly face inquired, coming over to shake my hand. “Remember me?”

I did remember him. It was Mikhail Perkins, a former ACC student I met during my first year as President more than 10 years ago. Recruited to play basketball at ACC, Mikhail and I enjoyed many conversations that year — first about hoops then about life off the court. He was bright and ambitious and aspired to become a lawyer. I remembered he told me then how much he enjoyed his ACC academic experience, particularly his classes with



*Dr. Don MacMaster,
ACC President*

government and social sciences instructor Tim Kuehnlein. One assignment inspired him to turn in an award-winning paper and subsequently led to a well-



Above: Former ACC student and athlete Mikhail Perkins (left) with Gov. Whitmer (middle) and Dr. MacMaster (right).

attended public presentation to the community. A decade later that lesson still resonated with him. I asked him how he was doing. He said after graduating from ACC he transferred to MSU, later graduated from law school, and was now working for Governor Whitmer in the Executive Office of the Governor. He was married with two youngsters. Grinning he told me he was beginning to take them to the park to teach them basketball — the full circle of life.

“I want to thank you,” Mikhail said to me as I entered the ice storm media scrum around the Governor. “ACC changed my life.”

Recent ACC Successes

With a projected fall semester enrollment of nearly 1,600 students, success comes in almost as many forms as we have students. But there are common themes that do tend to lead to student success: purpose, focus, resilience, timely support, and sustained inspired effort. While certainly not a complete list, here are three recent examples of ACC students doing good work that deserves the spotlight.

MATE International ROV Competition

On June 19-21, 2025, the Marine Advanced Technical Education (MATE) worldwide Remote-Operated Vehicle (ROV) robotics competition came to Alpena, hosted by Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary with events at ACC. Teams from 22 countries and 18 states came to town to compete with underwater robots they designed and built themselves. ACC fielded a team as well — the Aquajacks — who with the guidance of ACC instructor



ACC Aquajacks team members Thomas Bruning (second from left), Emily Samp (third from left), and Clayton Thomson (third from right) receive their third place award in the pioneer class at the Marine Advanced Technical Education (MATE) Remote-Operated Vehicle (ROV) robotics competition hosted by the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary on June 19-21, 2025.

David Cummins did a beautiful job building a functioning underwater robot in a short period of time that allowed them to finish third in the world in their category. It was a pleasure watching the team work together. They did well in their engineering presentation where they had to explain to a three-member panel of ROV experts how they designed their submersible and the problems they had to overcome. Then at the pool, industry leaders remarked how well the team worked together, highlighting specifically the thought they'd put into the design features of their ROV that paid off in the pool. It was a pleasure watching them work and hearing these observations from employers who deploy deepwater ROV exploration teams around the world. Kudos to the Aquajacks!

Lineman Rodeo Returns to Alpena Campus

The 2025 National College Lineman Rodeo was held at ACC on Friday, April 25. Twelve teams from three states came to campus to compete in a variety of lineman skills challenges, including cross arm change outs, obstacle climbs, framing a C-1 structure, and a lineman knowledge exam. ACC fielded three teams with Jake Giesige winning the best overall lineman award. Beyond highlighting their lineman skills, the competition brought pride and healing to a community that needed a shot of inspiration after nearly a month dealing with the aftermath of the historically destructive ice storm. Led by instructors Roy Smith, Paul Gamage, Todd Artley, Rick Smith,

Dane Werth, and Wesley Repke, the ACC teams helped turn the lights back on for the community at the Lineman's Rodeo event. Thank you to the Utility Tech lineworker students and their mentors!

Dellar Becomes ACC's First ADN-to-BSN Graduate

In May, Nursing student Carmen Dellar from Alcona County became the first ACC student to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree through ACC's partnership with Saginaw Valley State University. An award-winning athlete during her freshman year at ACC, Carmen decided to forego sports to focus on maximizing the opportunity the BSN partnership provides. Working hard, Carmen completed her BSN as she was completing her RN program, earning both credentials simultaneously, and was hired by MyMichigan Alpena to begin work in the Intensive Care unit. Congratulations Carmen, you proved it can be done with focus, persistence, and effort.

Watching students succeed is the most enduring pleasure of community college work. Tied inextricably to learning, seeing the light go on is deeply meaningful and keeps us going year after year.

With autumn closing in, consider coming to ACC if your journey forward involves post-secondary education and training. We will do our best to help you succeed.



Dr. Don MacMaster
ACC President



Above: ACC instructors Todd Artley (left) and Roy Smith (right) pose with Utility Tech students Colton Ruether (second from left), Kade Odens (third from left), Britt Carlson (third from right), and Holden Lottman (second from right) during the presentation of Lineman Rodeo awards on April 25, 2025. Fifty students from four colleges competed in four individual and four team events. ACC earned four individual awards and five team awards; ACC student Jake Giesige won overall individual champion.



Above: Nursing student Carmen Dellar (middle) became the first ACC student to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree through ACC's partnership with Saginaw Valley State University. Dellar graduated in May 2025 with an Associate Degree in Nursing from ACC and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from SVSU. With Dellar are SVSU representatives Dr. Tina Thornton (left) and Mason Kuchanski (right).

Active Spring and Summer Semesters Lead to a Great Fall

By Dr. Paige Gordier • Vice President of Instruction

As we prepare for the fall semester it is beneficial to look back over the spring and summer activities on campus. There are many things which have been happening to prepare for the fall start up.

The Linesman Rodeo in April was a great event which brought teams from across the country to compete in events related to the Utility Technology program. The faculty, staff, alumni, and community were all involved and made this a very successful event which brought well-deserved attention to one of our premier programs.

The MATE ROV World Competition that was held in mid-June in Alpena provided an opportunity for ACC students to excel at an international event. The college campus was energized by the presence of teams from around the world with students



ACC students Thomas Bruning (left), Emily Samp (second from left), and Clayton Thomson (right), along with team coach David Cummins (second from right) present their ROV during the MATE International ROV competition.

staying on campus and parts of the competition taking place in our classrooms. The ACC team, mentored by David Cummins, built a competitive robot and placed third in the Pioneer Class where 14 teams competed (including schools from the United States, Egypt, Canada, Saudi Arabia, and Bangladesh).

On August 6 over 80 educators from across Northeast Michigan came together for the Huron Shores Ed Tech Conference, hosted at Alpena Community College. The day-long event offered teachers, instructional staff, and administrators hands-on professional development focused on the integration of technology in the classroom. Meghan Cameron, Instructor of Mathematics at Alpena Community College, worked with a team to coordinate this event.

The week of August 11 saw the return to campus of a youth police academy. Numerous police agencies worked together to provide the participants an opportunity to learn more about the criminal justice field and career opportunities available at the local, county, and state levels.

A unique opportunity occurred this summer for three of the Electrical Systems Technology students. They have been contributing to the project management aspects for the College's upcoming solar array. This has included working with the installer (Harvest Solar), Alpena Power, the City of Alpena, ACC staff, and the Alpena Disc Golf Club to facilitate the application/permitting processes, site prep, and relocation of several disc golf holes to make room for the array.

New equipment and computer software has been installed over the



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Dr. Paige Gordier*

summer and will provide more tools for the students.

ACC's Automotive Technology program has had several additions over the summer. We are very grateful to Alpena High School who donated a Pontiac Solstice to the program. Dustin Ruehle, our automotive technology instructor, obtained a Corvette engine that his class will rebuild and install into the car. An electric vehicle charger was also wired up in the ACC shop for the EV/Hybrid class and another hoist will be installed soon.

The Welding program recently received funding to purchase a diesel-powered portable welder. Many of our students end up welding in the pipeline and ironworker construction industry. These types of machines are very common in those industries and now ACC students can begin to learn on those specific machines starting this Fall. This will make them more skilled and prepared to hit the ground running.

The Oscoda Nursing program has a new medical cart that replicates medication distribution in a hospital setting. The students scan information to indicate what medications are needed for

particular patients. Once the correct information is entered the cart opens the appropriate drawer holding the approved medication. The nursing students and faculty will also be using a new learning platform that allows for better tracking of student progress, more student resources, and cost savings to the students.

Several faculty members in the Social Sciences and English departments will be using Grammarly/Autorship for Higher Education this fall, with plans to expand more broadly to the curriculum where appropriate in the

future. Grammarly helps students explore, construct, and polish writing assignments. It's a great tool for helping coach students along the way, including helping clean up writing, grammar, and additionally documenting source materials when used in an assignment where appropriate and necessary.

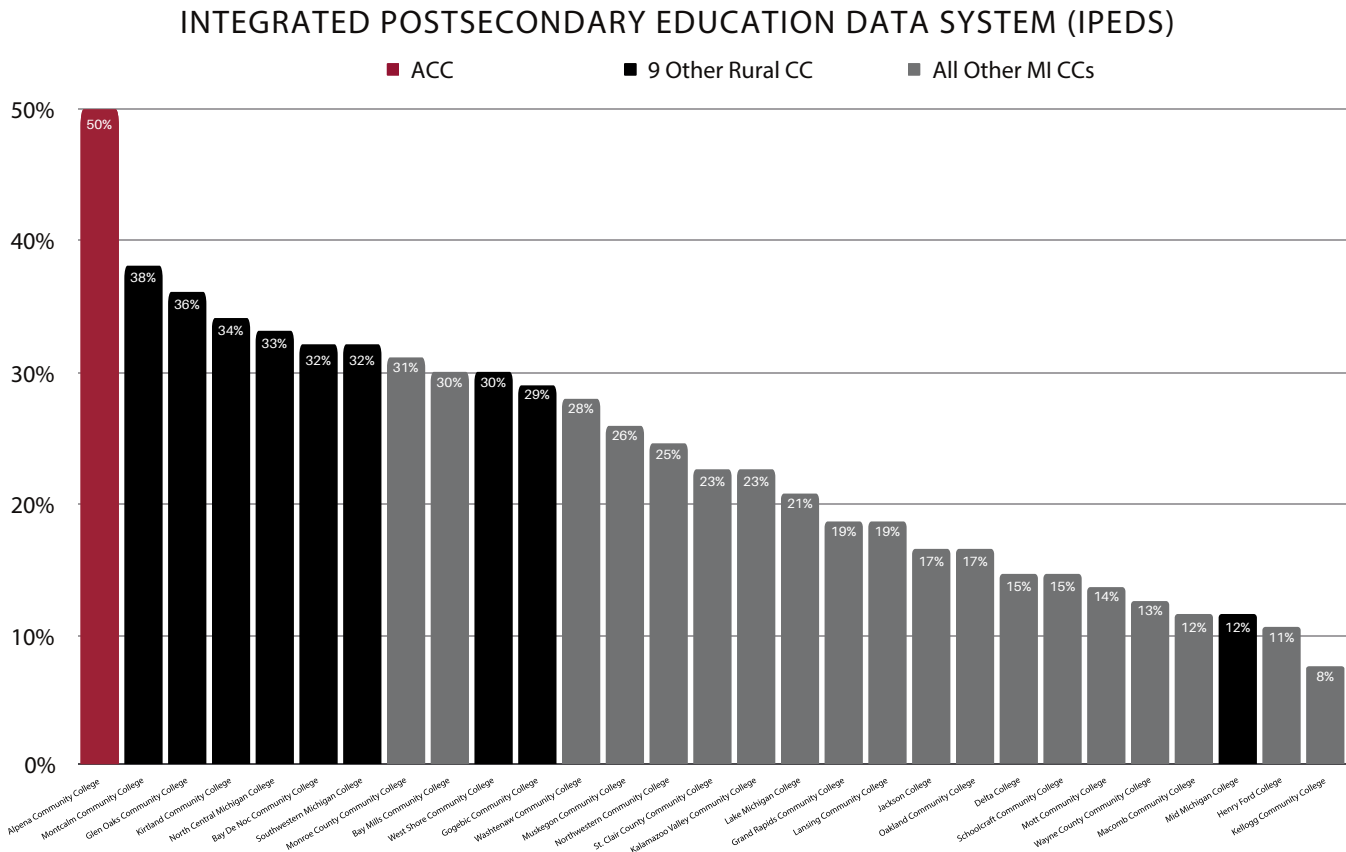
Over the summer a number of faculty work in their occupational fields. This provides faculty with an opportunity to keep current in their skill areas and bring back new ideas that will be incorporated into ACC's programs. This summer faculty

were active in electrical and utility trades, nursing, historical research, and other areas. Faculty also attended conferences and training opportunities. They did also had some time for fun!

Many things occur over the summer which show the progress at the College and to the excitement of a new academic year. We look forward to starting the year with new faculty and staff on campus, new equipment, facility upgrades, and most importantly the return of our students.

MI Community Colleges Graduation Rates 2023-2024

Comparing ACC to Other MI CCs | Graduation Rates within 150% of normal time



Above: In January 2025 federal IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) statistics documented that ACC attained the highest graduation rate among the 28 Michigan community and three tribal colleges by a substantial margin — the 4th consecutive year ACC has finished first in graduation rate according to IPEDS data.

30th Annual Robert M. Granum Scramble for Students Raises \$35,000 for ACC Students

By Mary Eagan • Executive Director of the ACC Foundation

The Alpena Community College Foundation celebrated a milestone on July 19, 2025, with the 30th annual Robert M. Granum Memorial Scramble for Students golf outing. Held at River's Edge Golf Club in Alpena, the event netted approximately \$35,000, all of which will go directly toward supporting ACC students in the coming academic year.

This year's tournament was sponsored by Besser Company, continuing its long-standing commitment to higher education in Northeast Michigan. The outing brought together golfers, sponsors, and volunteers from across the community for a day of camaraderie, competition, and generosity.

"We are grateful to everyone who played a role in making this year's Scramble for Students such a success," said Mary Eagan, Executive Director of the ACC Foundation. "The incredible support of our community for this



Above: Besting 30 other teams, the 2025 Scramble for Students winning foursome featured Todd Skiba, Mitchell Skiba, Jerry Skiba, and Gavin Hamp, who claimed top honors after an impressive round on the course.

event ensures that students have access to the resources they need to succeed."

Besting 30 other teams, the 2025 winning foursome featured Todd Skiba, Mitchell Skiba, Jerry Skiba, and Gavin Hamp, who claimed top honors after an impressive round on the course.

The ACC Foundation extends sincere thanks to the dozens of local businesses, organizations, and individuals who contributed through sponsorships, prize donations, and volunteer service. From hole sponsors to prize

donors, the generosity of the community continues to make a meaningful impact on students' lives.

Since its inception, the Scramble for Students has raised well over \$500,000 for scholarships and other forms of student support. This year's success underscores the power of community partnerships in helping students achieve their educational goals.



Above: Team members (from left) Cindy Reynolds, Kim Opekar, Cheryl Middleditch, and Cindy DeRocher (right) participated in this year's Scramble for Students.

**2026 Scramble for Students:
July 18, 2026!**

2025 Lumberjack Legends Hall of Fame Inductees Announced; Induction Ceremony September 13

By Rob Enslen • Director of Alumni Relations

Alpena Community College will celebrate another group of standout athletes, coaches, and historic teams at the second annual Lumberjack Legends Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner on Saturday, September 13, 2025, inside Park Arena and Granum Theatre on the Alpena Campus.

This year's class features a dynamic mix of individual excellence and team achievement. Among the honorees are:

- Frank McCourt – Athletic Director and Coach (1973-2017)
- Bobby Allen – Men's Basketball (1989-1991), Basketball Coach (1994-current)
- Karina Cole – Women's Basketball (2014-2016)
- Lisa Dahm Moore – Softball (2002-2004)
- Nathan Tuori – Men's Basketball (1994-1996)
- Ralph Diethelm – Voice of the Lumberjacks (1954-1981)
- Keith Jackson – Men's Basketball (1974-1976)

One of the highlights of this year's celebration is the induction of the 1979-81 ACC Women's Basketball Teams, a group that won a conference championship and a regional runner-up. The roster of athletes being honored from those teams includes:

- Cindy DeRocher
- Diana Flakes
- Cheryl Middleditch



- Cheryl Tunney Greene
- Mary Ellen Nielson
- Ellen Larabee
- Sheila Parkinson
- Denise Erb
- Judy Worm Case
- Nancy Ciszewski
- Shelle Davison
- Eva Brockenbrough
- Linda Smigelski
- Karen Hanson
- Laurel Minard
- Julie Waldie
- Voronica Mullen

From fierce competitors in their respective sports to inspirational leaders beyond the game, these

Lumberjack Legends exemplify the very best of ACC athletics. Their impact continues to resonate, and the Hall of Fame stands as a lasting tribute to their outstanding contributions to the college's proud athletic legacy.

Tickets for the induction dinner are \$40 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be bought online or by mailing a check to the ACC Foundation at 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this celebration of ACC pride and tradition!

Looking Ahead: The Future of Workforce Training and Development at Alpena Community College

By Lisa Blumenthal • Assistant to the Dean of Workforce Development

As the needs of our community continue to evolve, so too must the ways we support local workforce growth. That's why Alpena Community College is proud to introduce an exciting new chapter for what was previously known as Workforce Development. Moving forward, we'll operate under the name Workforce Training and Development — a title that more clearly reflects our mission to provide focused, practical training for today's workplace.

This past year was a strong reminder of what's possible when education and community work hand in hand.

In May, we celebrated the graduation of 20 new firefighters from our Fire Academy after completing eight months of rigorous training.

In June, our Corrections Academy welcomed 16 corrections officers from 12 different Michigan counties, offering vital skills to support public safety in our region. In addition, we delivered over 90 hours of grant-funded safety training to nearly



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400 area employees on critical topics such as OSHA 10, Tree Crew Trauma, High Angle Rescue, and Lockout/Tagout procedures. These efforts are only the beginning.

Looking ahead, we are launching a Workforce Advisory Roundtable — a group of local employers and community members who will help shape our future training offerings and ensure they align with regional workforce needs. We're also excited to grow our

community-based trainings, which will include everything from Microsoft Excel and photography to customer service, leadership, and workplace communication.

These programs are designed to serve individuals



at all stages of their careers, whether they're sharpening current skills, exploring new interests, or preparing for a career change. Our mission remains clear: to provide accessible, high-quality training that supports both individual success and regional economic growth.

As ACC's Workforce Training and Development program continues to grow, we remain committed to meeting the evolving needs of our community and employers. Whether you're seeking skill-building opportunities for your team or have ideas for new training topics, we'd love to hear from you.

Training can be held at Alpena Community College or right at your place of business. For training needs, special requests, or

suggestions, contact Lisa Blumenthal at blumentl@alpenacc.edu or 989-358-7296. We're grateful for the partnerships that make this

work possible, and we're just getting started. Together, let's build a stronger, more skilled community and workforce, one course at a time.



Above: Besser Company employees built team skills and confidence by attending a WCCT Introduction to Blockmaking course; many of the attendees were seeing a block machine in action for the first time. This activity linked concept to production and strengthened workforce success.



Above: Corrections Academy students gather in front of the Alpena County Courthouse during a June 2025 training session. Officers from 12 Michigan counties participated in the program.



Above: Students practice safe chain saw handling during free training funded by the MIOASHA CET Grant, which improves workplace safety and health through education, training, and prevention services. Led by Utility Arborist instructor Walt Wiltse, this training bridges knowledge and practice in a high-hazard industry.

ACC Athletics Looks Back on a Successful 2024-25 Year

By Allen Telgenhof • Athletic Director

This is my third annual report on athletics. It has been a fun ride over these last three years as we have added new sports, new staff and a new vibe in ACC athletics. This upcoming year, 2025-26, will be an exciting one with the addition of three new sports: men's and women's soccer, and women's cross country.

As of this writing, we will have 81 new student-athletes at ACC for 2025-26! When I started in athletics, we did not even have that many athletes total in our program.

This spring and summer we spent a lot of time interviewing and hiring coaches; those coaches have been busy recruiting to build entire rosters from scratch. We have been processing the eligibility and compliance paperwork for our athletes and helping them get acclimated.

For the 2024-25 academic year, we had 88 students participate in intercollegiate athletics at ACC. Eight of them were dual sport athletes competing in two different sports. This is up from 64 in 2022-23 and 78 in 2023-24.



Academic Success

Our student-athletes had a tremendous year in the classroom, posting a 2.9 GPA as a group. Forty-four (over ½) of our student-athletes achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher and thus received MCAA Academic All-Conference recognition.

Five student-athletes — Abigail Platt (women's basketball), Benedikt Purat (cross country), Carter Upper (cross country), Grant Slater (baseball) and A.J. Wheelock (baseball) earned perfect 4.0 GPAs for the year. For Grant, it was his second straight year with a 4.0.

In addition, four ACC teams — men's cross country (3.48), women's basketball (3.38), men's basketball (3.12) and softball (3.06) earned MCAA All-Academic Team honors for posting team GPAs higher than

3.0. The volleyball and baseball teams narrowly missed recognition with team GPAs of 2.95 and 2.94 respectively. The MCAA does not recognize eSports as a conference sport.

In the fall, 26 student-athletes were named to the ACC Dean's List with a GPA of 3.5 or better. In the spring, 24 achieved this distinction.

Athletic Success

The most successful sport in competition at ACC was our newest — eSports. The two-person Fortnite team posted a perfect 8-0 record while our two-person Call of Duty Gunfight team was 6-7.

Our men's cross country team had a solid season to top off Mark Jacobs' coaching career as he retired after the season and was honored at halftime of a home basketball game in the winter. The team was third in the Northern Conference and finished ninth out of 15 teams in the regional championships. Ryan Allen (Reed City) earned All-Northern Conference honors.

The volleyball team, our other fall sport, struggled a bit under new coach Courtney Holmes and finished 1-9 in the conference and 1-14 overall. Lillian Adams (West Branch) and Raquelle Miller (Mio) were named all-conference honorable mention.

In the winter, the women's basketball team was 4-18 overall and 3-11 conference in coach Karl Momrik's



Above: Ryan Allen earned All-Northern Conference honors in cross country.



Above: the eSports team now has a competition room specifically for their activities. For the 2024-25 year eSports was ACC's most successful team.



Above: Men's basketball player Derian Williams (left) and women's basketball player Saige Flaughter.

first season. Saige Flaughter (Hillman) was named 3rd team all-conference as well as to the MCCA Northern Conference All-Freshman team.

The men's basketball team was 2-21 overall and 1-13 conference in coach Bobby Allen's fifth season as head men's coach and 23rd as a head coach overall at ACC. Derian Williams (New Haven) was third team all-conference as well as making the all-freshman team. Robert Williams (Grand Blanc) was named All-Northern Conference honorable mention.

Coach Drew Ornelas' softball team was solid in the spring, posting a 17-23 overall record and going 12-13 in the conference. The team qualified for postseason play and won two games in the super regionals but fell in the semifinals, just two wins from qualifying for the national tournament.



Above: Award winners on the women's basketball team included (from left) Kristin Neubecker, Alaina Neubecker, and Kenna Tippman.

Kirsten Neubecker (West Branch) earned a number of awards: NJCAA Region 12 All-Region Team, NJCAA Region 12 Great Lakes B All-Tournament team, All-MCCAA, 1st team All-Northern Conference and Northern Conference All-Freshman team.

She was not alone earning accolades as Emilee Modrzejewski (Alpena) was All-MCCAA team, 1st team All-Northern Conference and Northern Conference All-Freshman team. Alaina Neubecker (West Branch) was NJCAA Region 12 Great Lakes B All-Tournament team and 2nd team All-Northern Conference.

Kenna Tippman (Venice, FL) was 1st team All-Northern Conference. Jordan Ashley (Cheboygan), Faith Cousins (Posen), Magdalyn Sandoval (Grand Rapids), Taylor Krentz (Rogers City) and Dakota Rachow (West Branch) all received all-conference honorable mention.

The ACC baseball team continued to improve in its third season under coach Rob Enslen's leadership after a 50-year respite. The team won 16 games, going 16-31 overall, 11-14 conference. The squad has steadily improved in the conference winning 3, 4, and 11 games over those three years respectively, and 4, 11, and 16 overall. The Lumberjacks missed a playoff spot by two games.

Jake Zann (Alpena) had a tremendous year and was

rewarded by being named Northern Conference Player of the Year by conference coaches. He also was named All-Region, All-MCCAA, All-Northern Conference First Team and Northern Conference All-Freshman Team.



Above: Baseball players winning awards in the 2024-25 year were Jake Zann (left) and Max Coughlin (right).

Max Coughlin (Midland) was also All-Region, All-MCCAA and All-Northern Conference 1st Team. Grant Slater (Petoskey) was 2nd Team All-Northern Conference while Jacob Brohl (Utica), Evan Fairbanks (Rogers City), Nate Koster (Mt. Pleasant) and Max McCarty (Belding) all received all-conference honorable mention.

Athletic Support and Fundraising

During 2022-23, my first year at ACC, we engaged in no fundraising. A very generous gift from the ACC Foundation allowed us to support athletics, including starting the baseball program.

For 2023-24, we raised \$68,945 through the ACC Athletic Partnership and ACC Lumberjack Club programs. Individual sports raised \$15,565 on their own for a total of \$84,510.

This past year, we increased our total number to \$97,657 with \$53,988 coming in through our athletic department-wide endeavors and \$43,735 coming in through sport-specific fundraisers or donations.

These gifts allowed us to pay for spring trips to South Carolina for the softball team and Tennessee for the baseball team, as well as backpacks, uniforms, travel wear and practice wear for all of our student athletes as well as "big ticket" items for athletics.

Oscoda Campus: Joint Ventures Matter

By Dr. Marv Pichla • Director of the Oscoda Campus

“Staying Adaptive” was the challenge area identified by the Alpena Community College Oscoda Campus as our best progressive operational approach for last year. This organizational position served our campus well as we initiated and completed projects in several continuous improvement areas. Following are some of the challenges we addressed in 2024-25.

As the 2024-25 fiscal year ends so does the three-year Alpena Community College-Oscoda Campus Improvement Project funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Specific project initiatives completed include:

- The addition of a Physical Assessment Lab
- Receipt of donated nursing training equipment from community sources
- Upgrades to video conferencing classrooms for expanded student training options
- Improvements to student disability accessibility and facility upgrades
- Creation of a new science prep lab and related training supplies area.
- Enhancements of nursing-related, technology-based learning components

Completing those initiatives were an important part of “staying adaptive” last year.

Another project that saw progressive advancement was the establishment of a more regular Nurse Assistant Training Program. This included partnering with H-CAP (Healthcare Career Advancement Program) to help recruit and cover students’ costs related to the training.

Finally, with the multiple challenges facing local companies and organizations, the ACC Oscoda Campus continued its LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS initiative with Develop Isco (DI) the county’s economic development agency. The LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS component especially promotes a specific ACC training opportunity most requested by the regional community and thereby cooperatively promoted by DI and the ACC Oscoda Campus.

Oscoda Campus 2025-26 Goals

“Joint Ventures Matter” will be the ACC Oscoda Campus continuous improvement theme for the 2025-26 semester period. In support of this theme, the following goals are planned:

- Re-start the John Deere Precision Optimization Clinic special agri-business



Dr. Marv Pichla, Director of the Oscoda Campus.

training opportunity.

This joint venture with the Hutson John Deere company will hopefully begin a possible series of unique learning opportunities primarily targeted to the agri-business community.

- Continue to research and sample ART-centered





- o ACC TALKS (Ted Talks-style professional presentations)
- o IDEAS UNLIMITED "LIVE" (virtual monthly entrepreneurship presentations and discussions)
- o Possibly an I & E Pitch and Catch Trade Show highlighting local products and doing business with those companies closer to home.



Skill-Building noncredit mini sessions. Each potential joint venture initiative will offer different learning experiences and better highlight skills needs existing in the region.

- Work directly with area businesses and community entities to produce customized Life After High School Graduation "life skills" videos. These very successful and popular information sharing tools serve as a creative cooperative joint venture between the community and its students.
- Based on the primary purpose of regional development, the ACC Oscoda Campus will continue progressive joint venture activities under the I & E Maker-Times (Innovation & Entrepreneurship) label. Activities will include but not be limited to the following:

- Work with apprenticeship credentialing officials to gain approval to count a high-school presentation to potential health care candidates as acceptable class-clinical training time.

The 2025-26 ACC Oscoda Campus: Joint Ventures Matter

list would not be complete without again mention of main highway new signage considerations that better directs people to our facility. Different options are still being researched.

Stay tuned for more good news from the ACC Oscoda Campus!



Above: Physical improvements to the Oscoda Campus building and classrooms continue in 2025; College officials are preparing to replace the front entrance awning with up-to-date and attractive graphics.

Honoring a Legacy of Learning: The Kari Seelye Schellie Scholarship in Marketing

By Mary Eagan • Executive Director of the ACC Foundation

When Thomas Schellie looked for a way to honor his wife, Kari, after her passing in May 2024, he chose something that reflected her deepest values—education, hard work, and a passion for marketing.

Memorial scholarships at the Alpena Community College Foundation carry a special kind of meaning. They not only support students in achieving their educational goals, but also celebrate and preserve the legacy of those who inspired others through their lives, work, and values. One such scholarship—the Kari Seelye Schellie Scholarship in Marketing—is a shining example.

Kari Seelye Schellie ('96) was a lifelong learner and a passionate marketing professional whose career spanned more than 25 years and crossed continents. Known for her expertise in marketing, strategic planning, and team building, Kari worked across North America, Europe, Central America, Australia, Russia, and China. She began her career close to home at Besser Company in Alpena, steadily advancing to become their director of marketing & information technology. Her career path later took her to leadership roles at Meijer, Behler-Young, and finally ETNA Supply Company, where she served as their director of marketing.

Kari's commitment to education was as strong as her professional drive. An Alpena Community College alumna, Kari went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Spring Arbor University, a master's



Above: Kari Seelye Schellie ('96) was a lifelong learner and a passionate marketing professional whose career spanned more than 25 years and crossed continents.

degree from National University, and a digital marketing certificate from Michigan State University—achieved in 2021, late in her career, underscoring her belief in continuous learning.

Kari's dedication to service extended well beyond the workplace. As public relations and community service chair for the Rotary Club of Grand Haven, she poured her energy into projects that made a tangible difference in the community, bringing people together and inspiring action.

When Kari passed away in May 2024, her family and friends sought a meaningful way to carry on her legacy. The result was the creation of the Kari Seelye

Schellie Scholarship in Marketing at Alpena Community College. This scholarship supports students pursuing marketing careers, helping them follow in Kari's footsteps by embracing lifelong learning and striving to make meaningful contributions in their chosen fields.

Memorial scholarships like Kari's channel grief into the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others. They keep alive the values and dreams of remarkable individuals while opening doors for future generations. At Alpena Community College, each memorial scholarship tells a story—a story of a life well-lived, a passion worth sharing, and a legacy that continues to inspire.

If you're interested in finding out more about memorial funds at the Alpena Community College Foundation, contact ACC Foundation Executive Director Mary Eagan at eaganm@alpenacc.edu.

Help support the ACC Foundation by making a donation online today!

discover.alpenacc.edu/donate



The Stephen H. Fletcher **LIBRARY**

Fall 2025 Library Hours

Monday-Wednesday.....	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

Special Dates

August 30	CLOSED
September 1	CLOSED
October 28.....	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 17	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 26	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 27-29.....	CLOSED
December 13	CLOSED
December 15-17.....	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 20	CLOSED
December 22-23.....	CLOSED
December 24-31.....	CLOSED
January 2, 2026.....	CLOSED

Located in the Newport Center Building, the Learning Resources Center (LRC) provides access to information consistent with the present and anticipated teaching and research needs of Alpena Community College.

The collection contains resources geared towards lower-division undergraduate study and consists of fiction and non-fiction books, periodicals, research databases, eBooks, and audiobooks. Interlibrary loan service connects libraries worldwide to provide patrons with requested materials. The Alpena News, Presque Isle County Advance, and Wall Street Journal are available daily to read in the library, along with many popular magazines. The LRC provides a quiet, safe, and relaxing space to study, including multimedia conference rooms available for student use.

Knowledgeable, helpful, and friendly staff can help with research papers, answering questions, teaching information literacy, and materials discovery. Computers are available for student and community use. Students and staff can checkout materials with their ACC ID cards. Community members must be 18+ and present legal identification to obtain a library card. Additionally, the LRC provides audiovisual services for the campus.

Contact the Library Staff

989.358.7252 or accrlrc@alpenacc.edu

Director • Noel Curtis

989.358.7391 or curtisn@alpenacc.edu

Technician • Sharlene Kozlowski

989.358.7409 or kozlowss@alpenacc.edu

The Frederick T. Johnston **WELLNESS CENTER**

Fall 2025 Wellness Center Hours

August 18-December 22, 2025

Call 989.358.7409 for more information.

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.

Special Dates

September 1 (Labor Day).....	CLOSED
November 26	Closing at 2:00 p.m.
November 27 - 30 (Thanksgiving Break).....	CLOSED
December 22	Closing at 2:00 p.m.
December 23 - Jan. 1 (Christmas Break).....	CLOSED

The Frederick T. Johnston Wellness Center is FREE to all ACC students who are currently taking classes! It is also open to the public, faculty, and staff. Located adjacent to Park Arena, the Wellness Center features health and fitness programs designed to meet your needs. Offering a variety of the newest equipment on the market, including treadmills, elliptical trainers, cross steppers, rowers, Airdyne and recumbent bikes, stair masters, 14-piece Camstar weight training equipment, and a smith machine.



ACC Programs of Study

Alpena Community College offers courses that are equivalent in content and quality to freshman and sophomore courses at four-year colleges and universities. Students can complete programs of study preparing them to transfer to a four-year institution or to seek immediate employment. Those seeking personal enrichment or new or updated job skills, as well as visiting students from other colleges are welcome at ACC.

Accounting (AAS)*
Anthropology (AA)
Apprentice, Electrical (C, Advanced C)
Apprentice, Millwright (C, Advanced C)
Auto Service & Repair (C, Master C, AAS)
Biology (AS)
Business Administration (AA)*
Business Information Systems
 • Administrative Professional (AAS)
 • Business Services (C)
Business Management (AAS)*
Chemistry (AS)
Computer Info Systems (AA)
Computer Science, General (AS)
Concrete Technology (AAS)**
Criminal Justice
 • Corrections (AAS)
 • Corrections Officer Academic Program (C)
 • Pre-Service Program (AAS)
 • Transfer Program (AA)
Customer Energy Service (C, AAS)
Economics (AA)
Education (AA)
Electrical Maintenance Tech (AAS)
Electrical Systems Technology (BS)**
English (AA)
Environmental Science (AS)
eSports Management (AA)
Fine Arts (AA)

General Sciences (AS)*
General Studies (AGS)
Geography (AA)
Graphic Design (AA, AAS)
History (AA)
Industrial Sales (AAS)
Industrial Technology (C, AAS)
Liberal Arts, General (AA)*
Machine Tool Technology (C, Advanced C, AAS)
Marketing (AAS)
Mathematics (AS)
Mechanical Design Technology (AAS)
Millwright Technician (AAS)
Natural Sciences (AS)*
Network Administration (C)
Network Administration & Cyber Security (AAS)
Nursing, Licensed Practical (C)*
Nursing, Registered (AAS)
Physics (AS)
Political Science (AA)
Pre-Construction Management (AS)
Pre-Dental (AS)
Pre-Engineering (AS)
Pre-Fisheries & Wildlife Management (AS)
Pre-Law (AA)
Pre-Medical Technology (AS)
Pre-Medicine (AS)

Pre-Occupational Therapy (AS)
Pre-Pharmacy (AS)
Pre-Physical Therapy (AS)
Pre-Radiologic Tech (AS)
Pre-Veterinary (AS)
Psychology (AA, AS)
Small Business Management (C, AAS)*
Sociology (AA)
Utility Arborist Line Clearance (C)
Utility Technician (C, Advanced C, AAS)
Welding Fabrication (C, AAS)

C — Certificate

AA — Associate of Arts

AAS — Associate of Applied Science

AS — Associate of Science

AGS — Associate of General Studies

BS — Bachelor of Science

** Course work for these programs is regularly offered at the Oscoda Campus. You may have to travel to the Alpena Campus for some courses.*

*** You won't find this program at any other Michigan college!*

Get Class Cancellations on Your Phone!

ACC students can now receive class cancellation notifications and other info on their phones! ACC's new SchoolMessenger system provides **alert notification services for class cancellations, weather delays, campus closures, and emergency broadcasts via SMS text messaging and email.**

For more information about SchoolMessenger, please visit ACC's SchoolMessenger webpage, discover.alpenacc.edu/admissions/current_students/schoolmessenger.php.

Getting Started at ACC

Applying

Alpena Community College grants admission to all persons who have earned a high school diploma or GED, or who are 18 years of age or older and who demonstrate the ability to benefit from a particular program of study. You can contact the ACC Admissions Office at 989.358.7339. You can also apply online at www.alpenacc.edu. Complete and submit your application for free; there is no application fee at ACC.

Financial Aid

Apply for financial aid as soon as you decide to take courses. Submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) online as soon as possible. Apply online at www.fafsa.gov and authorize electronic release of the results (called the Student Aid Report or SAR) to ACC by including our code number, 002237.

Assessment

Information for placement testing is located on page 8. Students can complete their placement testing at either our Alpena or Oscoda campus. It's free; there is no charge for ACC placement assessment. The ACCUPLACER test can be waived if you have a sub score of 18 or higher on the ACT in the areas of Math, Reading and English, or SAT scores of 25 or higher in Reading, Writing, and Language; 26.5 or higher in Mathematics.

Orientation/Registration

All new students must attend a mandatory orientation session where they will meet with an advisor, register for classes, and get a better feel for college expectations. Your advisor will help you plan what courses you need to take to achieve your academic goals. Choose the most convenient orientation time either online or on our Alpena Campus. Bring the registration form that you and your advisor filled out. Turn it in and be ready to pay the tuition and fees for your course(s).

Yes, at this step, you do have to pay whatever balance remains after any financial aid you are receiving is applied. Even so, ACC's rates are affordable ... and parking is free!

Books

The ACC Bookstore has your textbooks, course supplies and ACC clothing and accessories. The Bookstore will have extended hours during Central Registration and the first week of classes. Many of the Bookstore services are available online.

If you have any questions about admissions, financial aid or registering, call the Admissions Office at 989.358.7339.

Get a Head Start on College with Dual Enrollment Courses

Dual enrollment is a great way for high school students to earn college credits and take classes not offered by high schools. Under ACC's Dual Enrollment Program, eligible high school students may enroll in approved ACC classes and the local school district pays all tuition. ACC encourages interested high school students and parents to contact their high school principal or guidance counselor for eligibility guidelines and dual enrollment information.

For a number of years ACC has also accepted enrollment by high school seniors who have a recommendation from the school principal or counselor but do not qualify for dual enrollment. Concurrently enrolled high school students are responsible for payment of all tuition and fees.

For more information on dual enrollment, contact Mike Kollien in the ACC Admissions Office at 989.358.7339.

Admissions Policy

Alpena Community College grants admission to all persons who have earned a high school Diploma, Certificate of Completion or GED, or who are 18 years of age or older, and who demonstrate the ability to benefit from a particular program of study. Ability to benefit may be demonstrated by those who:

1. Have satisfactory skills* as measured by institutional placement testing for reading, language and numerical skills or
2. Can produce Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test score results of 500 or better when coming from a non-English speaking country.

The age requirement is waived for a high school student who:

1. Is a dually enrolled high school student* as provided for by the State School Aid Act, as amended, or
2. Is certified as having attained junior status toward graduation as determined by the high school or the home schooling association issuing the diploma. College course enrollment will be determined in accordance with the Alpena Community College ACCUPLACER placement test results for reading, language, and numerical skills.

* Interested high school students should contact their high school principal or guidance counselor for further information.

This admissions policy applies to admission to the College only and is intended to assure students of both opportunity and quality in programs. Admission to a specific curriculum or course is based on student interest, achievement, and test scores necessary for preparation to enter a specific program or course.

Michigan Transfer Agreement

Alpena Community College participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement between public and private community colleges and universities in Michigan.

This agreement provides ACC students more assurance of having completed their general education requirements when they transfer to a participating four-year college or university. Working closely with your academic advisor is recommended to assure meeting MTA requirements. To fulfill the Michigan Transfer Agreement, students must successfully complete at least 30 credits, with at least a 2.0 in each course.

To be eligible for the Michigan Transfer Agreement at Alpena Community College, a Minimum of 1 college level course must be taken at Alpena Community College. Transcripts of ACC graduates who meet the MTA requirements will automatically be certified for MTA when degrees are posted to academic records. Students who transfer prior to the completion of a degree program but have completed the MTA requirements may also be certified upon request. Requests should be made to the Registrar, 108 Van Lare Hall.

Institutional Statement of Non-Discrimination

The College policies and practices for admission, employment and activities comply with requirements of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2010; Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008. The College **does not discriminate** on the basis of **race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sex, age or disability**. The College practices and policies also comply with the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (PDCRA) and the Michigan Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) which prohibits discrimination in hiring based on age, height, weight and marital status and familial status in addition to race, color, religion, sex (which includes pregnancy) and national origin. For more information contact the Title IX, Section 504, the Age Discrimination Act and Title II coordinator located in the Office of Human Resources, VLH 102, 989.358.7211.

The College's Statement on Non-Discrimination is published on the College website at discover.alpenacc.edu.

2025-26 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER 2025

August

- 1 Tuition due date for Fall 2025 Early Registration; Early Registration ends
- 2-18 Open Registration for Fall 2025 — tuition due at time of registration
- 19-24 Central Registration (advisors available Aug. 19-21) — tuition due at time of registration
- 25 Fall Semester classes begin

September

- 1 Labor Day — College closed
- 5 Last day to drop classes with full tuition refund (full-semester courses)

October

- 3 Deadline for Fall Semester graduation application
- 10 ACC Open House — Classes in session
- 27 Early Registration opens for Spring 2026 (returning students)
- 31 Fall 2025 individual course withdrawal deadline

November

- 17 Fall Break — no classes; offices open for normal hours
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Break — College closed

December

- 5 Tuition due for Spring 2026 Early Registration; end of Spring Early Registration
- 5 Fall 2025 complete withdrawal deadline
- 5 An Evening with the Arts (student art exhibit)
- 6 Open Registration begins for Spring 2026 — tuition due at time of registration
- 8-11 Final Instruction Week
- 24-31 Winter Break — College closed

SPRING SEMESTER 2026

January

- 1 Winter Break — College closed
- 2 College offices reopen
- 5 Staff Development Day — offices closed; mandatory for all staff (date may change)
- 5 Open Registration for Spring 2026 ends; tuition due at time of registration
- 6-11 Central Registration — tuition due at time of registration
- 12 Spring Semester classes begin
- 23 Last day to drop classes with full tuition refund
- 30 Deadline for Spring Semester graduation application

February

- 13-17 Winter Break — no classes; offices open for normal hours

March

- 16 Early Registration opens for Summer/Fall 2026 (returning students only)
- 18 Orientation/Advising Day — no classes; offices open for normal hours
- 27 Spring 2026 individual course withdrawal deadline
- 30-April 2 Spring Break — no classes; offices open for normal hours

April

- 3 Good Friday — College closed

May

- 1 Spring 2026 complete withdrawal deadline
- 1 1st 6-week/all 12-week Summer Early Registration tuition deadline
- 1 An Evening with the Arts (student art exhibit)
- 4-6 Final Instruction Week
- 7 Commencement, 7:00 p.m., Park Arena

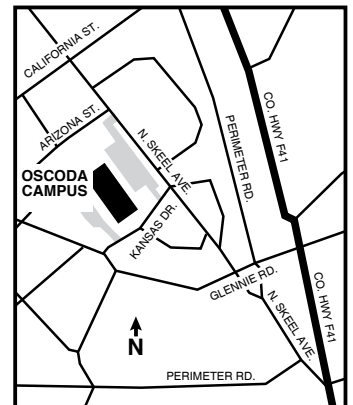
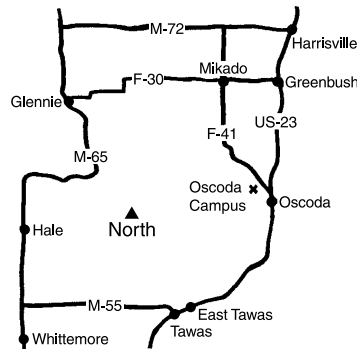
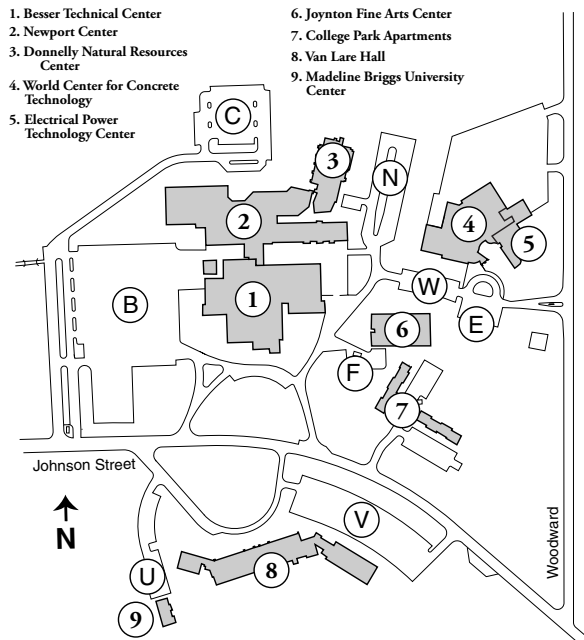
Please Note: A calendar with the most current information regarding campus events and important academic dates is updated during the year. Pick one up at the ACC Bookstore (BTC 104), the ACC Library (CTR 111), or Oscoda Campus Office.

Get the latest Academic Calendar information on the ACC website:
https://discover.alpenacc.edu/calendar/academic_calendar.php

Alpena Campus

665 Johnson Street, Alpena
989.356.9021

The Alpena Campus is easy to find, located just east of the traffic light at U.S. 23 and Long Rapids Road/Johnson Street.



Oscoda Campus

5800 Skeel Ave., Oscoda
989.739.1445

The Oscoda Campus is easy to find, located just off F-41 in the Huron Shores Educational Center on Skeel Avenue at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

MISSION

The Mission of Alpena Community College is to create a culture of educational excellence and service to the community.

VISION

To be recognized in our local and global communities as the premier resource and first choice for exceptional, affordable, and innovative education.

VALUES

- We demonstrate accountability to all our stakeholders, students, staff, business partners, industry alliances, and taxpayers.
- We act with integrity, placing fairness and honesty at the center of all our actions.
- We aspire to excellence in all our endeavors.
- We show respect for diversity, individual contributions, and educational partnerships.

GOALS

1. **Campus/Culture** — Offer a welcoming, safe and adaptable culture that inspires diversity.
2. **Learning/Education** — Motivate continuous exploration of diverse opportunities and knowledge acquisition through a flexible learning environment.
3. **Community** — Stimulate community collaboration, which fosters comprehensive economic, cultural, and community development.
4. **Value** — Exercise sustainable value that supports career pathways and fiscal responsibility.

SAVE THE DATE

LUMBERJACK LEGENDS

SPORTS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION EVENT

SEPTEMBER 13

Tickets to the Lumberjack Legends Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner are limited and only available in advance. The cost is \$40 per person, \$20 for kids 12 and under. They can be purchased online by:

- Scanning the QR code at right.
- Mailing a check to 665 Johnson Street in Alpena.
- Calling the ACC Foundation at 989-358-7359.
- Or by visiting the ACC website at discover.alpenacc.edu.



The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:30. Former ACC athletic director Max Lindsay will be the evening's host.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fall Semester Classes are going on now!

To learn more about

Spring Semester 2026 classes

check out the ACC website at discover.alpenacc.edu

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