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Alpena Community College Foundation Welcomes Mary Eagan as New Executive Director

Alpena, MI – The Alpena Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Mary Eagan as its new executive director. Eagan, an alumna of Alpena Community College, brings nearly two decades of combined experience in communications, alumni relations, and community engagement to the role.

For the past five years, Eagan has served as the director of alumni relations at ACC, where she played a pivotal role in reconnecting the College with its 80,000 alumni. Through her leadership, she organized alumni reunions, created an alumni sports hall of fame, developed historical archives, and played a key role in fundraising initiatives that have strengthened the College's mission and impact.

Eagan holds a bachelor's degree in creative writing and a certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Iowa, where she is also completing a Master of Arts in Strategic Communication, set to graduate in May 2025. With a background in mass communications, Eagan spent over a decade in broadcasting, honing skills in promotion, social media management, and community relationship-building that she now applies to fundraising and donor engagement.

Her ties to Alpena and ACC run deep. Her mother, Ellen Runkel Eagan, was a longtime adjunct faculty member at the College, and her grandfather, the Reverend Gilbert Runkel, served on the Alpena Public Schools Board of Education, which oversaw ACC until the early 1980s. Eagan's commitment to education and community service is evident in her extensive volunteer work, including her leadership roles with the Huron Humane Society and volunteer work for organizations such as Sunday Supper at Trinity Episcopal Church.

“Education has the power to transform lives, and I am honored to lead the ACC Foundation in its mission to support students through the generosity of passionate supporters of the College,” said Eagan. “ACC provides a high-quality, accessible education that empowers students to achieve their dreams. I look forward to working with donors, alumni, and the broader community to ensure a bright future for the college and its students.”

Penny Boldrey has been serving as the interim executive director since August. A longtime supporter of ACC, Boldrey previously served as the Foundation’s executive director for 16 years before retiring in 2018. She graciously returned to lead the organization during the search for its next leader, reconnecting with college supporters and engaging with students striving for a brighter future through education.

The ACC Foundation plays a critical role in enhancing student success through scholarships, program funding, and institutional support. Under Eagan’s leadership, the Foundation will continue its efforts to expand donor engagement, grow student support opportunities, and strengthen ACC’s legacy in the region.

For more information on how to support the Alpena Community College Foundation, please contact Mary Eagan at eaganm@alpenacc.edu or visit discover.alpenacc.edu/foundation.