

The Guiding Axe
Weekly Campus
Newsletter
January 22, 2026



ALPENA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WELCOME

“The Guiding
Axe” is your go
to source for
important
updates and
reminders from
across the
campus.

Registrar Deadlines

- January 23rd is the last day to drop classes with a full refund.
- January 30th is the Spring 2026 Graduation Application deadline.
- March 1st is the last day to apply for foundation scholarships.



Cashier Office

- 1st Check Disbursement – February 13, 2026.
- 2nd Check Disbursement – March 18, 2026.

*Checks will be mailed to you if not picked up.
Please make sure your address is up to date!

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: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

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





WELCOME BACK

Lumberjacks!

MYACC PORTAL

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)

Email: Don't miss important updates! Check your student email regularly for class announcements, deadlines, and campus events that need your attention.

Laptop Rentals: Stop by OIT if you are in need of a laptop, rentals are \$75 for the semester.

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**.





“New
beginnings are
built on
courage.”

Student Counseling Services

Free, Confidential Mental Health Counseling

As the semester winds down, it's normal to feel a mix of stress, fatigue, and pressure to finish strong. You don't have to handle it all on your own. Our counselor, **Carey M. Schiller, LMSW**, is here to help. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed, need someone to talk to, or just want strategies to manage stress and stay balanced, support is available. Carey offers a safe, judgment-free space to focus on your well-being and find ways to take care of yourself both in and out of the classroom. Don't wait until finals feel too heavy — reach out and take advantage of this **FREE resource**.

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

- Tutoring
- Proofreading
- Workshops
- Computers/Printers
- Comfortable Study Locations
- Referrals to other ACC services
- Ask about becoming a Tutor!

For testing arrangements in Alpena, contact **Beth Matzke at (989) 358-7209** or matzkeb@alpenacc.edu

For testing arrangements in Oscoda, contact **Patrice Billiel at (989) 358-7445** or billielp@alpenacc.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa

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

- Leadership Skills
- Scholarships
- Career Support
- Networking

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

Jack's Rack

Jack's Rack - Our free on-campus clothing resource for students.

Whether you're preparing for a job interview or simply need warm winter gear, feel free to stop by and pick out what you need to feel confident, comfortable, and prepared.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry - Great news! The Food Pantry is fully restocked with lots of snacks, as well as fresh items in the refrigerator and freezer. You'll also find additional dry goods like macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, and more, and a student-friendly recipe book is available to help inspire easy meals. The Food Pantry is open to all students and is located in the Besser Technical Center near room 121.

If you need any assistance or have any questions please contact **Lisa Blumenthal at (989) 358-7296** or by email at blumentl@alpenacc.edu





ACC OSCODA CAMPUS
WHATNEXT
January 2026

WELCOME BACK

As we begin the Spring 2026 semester I want everyone to think about Professional Energy! What do I mean? Whether you are at the Campus as a student or employee... YOU have the capacity to exemplify PROFESSIONAL ENERGY every day. Build an education for yourself or for others and create great PROFESSIONAL ENERGY. Don't ignore or waste it.

Just Jobs

Business of the Month

Sterling Area Health Center

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

Stop into the Main Office Room

211

**There are a few student planners
available!**

ALL SEMESTER

Free Tutoring

Free Classwork Copy Assistance

Free Computer Access

SPECIALTY TRAININGS

Creative Welding Mondays 5 - 7 PM

January 26 February 16

3 D Printing Tuesdays 5 - 7 PM

January 27 February 10

Detailed Flyers with registration info are available at the Campus or online the Acc Oscoda Webpage.

Develop Iosco Partnership Update

Regional progress & development is EVERYONE'S Job! Check out DI's newsletter and maybe attend their January 28th Networking Night at the Whittemore Chamber of Commerce.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 23rd Last Day to drop
classes with full refund

January 30th Spring
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March 1st Scholarship
Deadline





OSCODA

In your own backyard

Ideas Unlimited LIVE!

Glassworks ALL-WAYS!: Rhonda Deeg Presenting

I & E Maker-Times

(Innovation & Entrepreneurship)

Tuesday January 27, 2026

12:00pm – 12:45pm ACC-Oscoda Room 213 OR Virtual

Meeting number (access code): 2425 741 6256

Meeting password: QusKieEr843

or paste the following link into your browser:

<https://alpenacc.webex.com/alpenacc/j.php?MTID=mgefobo807b3coac883b940371d706a49>

Life After High School Graduation Video Series RETURN!

The January 2026 LAHSG life skills podcast message will be all about DRESS

LIKE YOU MEAN IT! It will be posted this month, stay tuned!

Scan the code below to catch up on the previous ones!



Semester Smart Starts

Get the most out of your classes with these tips:

- Organize a binder for each class and keep the syllabus at the front.
- Pay attention to how each instructor can be contacted outside of class.
- CliffsNotes.com suggests that for each hour you spend in class, you should spend 3 hours doing homework, so if you have 15 credit hours, that will mean 45 hours of studying outside of class.
- On the same day each week, plan out your schedule for the week.
- Look at each class for the week and what is due. How many hours must be devoted to get the work done?
- Planning ahead can help you stay on track with assignments and due dates.
- Break up bigger projects into smaller chunks over longer periods of time on your calendar.
- Planning for studying a bit each day, instead of cramming, will help most score better on tests.

Ask questions!

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