

The Guiding Axe
Weekly Campus
Newsletter
February 2-6, 2026



ALPENA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WELCOME

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

Campus Reminders

- ✓ **February 13-17** is Mid-Winter Break – No classes, offices are open.
- ✓ **March 1st** is the last day to apply for foundation scholarships.
- ✓ **April 3rd** is the last day for graduates to RSVP to commencement through the form found on Self-Service.



Cashier's Office

- 1st Check Disbursement – February 4th, 2026.
- 2nd Check Disbursement – February 13th, 2026.
- 3rd Check Disbursement – March 18th, 2026 (Only to students with one semester loans).

*Checks will be mailed to you if not picked up. Please make sure your address is correct in Self-Service.

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: acclrc@alpenacc.edu





SHARPENING MINDS

Shaping Futures

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. If you have Financial Aid leftover, you can use this towards the laptop rental.

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**.





“Take care of
your mind – it
helps you
succeed.”

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
February 2026

ALPEN
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FEBRUARY

Ideas Unlimited live!

February 24th at Noon

Join us Virtually or In person!

For any one that is interested in sharing ideas, innovations, inventions. Please join us to share their experiences and knowledge with likeminded individuals.



UPCOMING DATES

February 13 - 17 Winter Break
No Classes Offices Open

February 23rd Creative
Welding Start Date

February 24th 3D Printing
Start Date

February 24th Ideas Unlimited
Live

Just JJ Jobs

Business of the Month



ROBERT J. PARKS LIBRARY

Stop into our Student Lounge and Just Jobs Outlet to check out this local business and see what they have to offer and what they are about. Room 211

JOB FAIR

ACC OSCODA CAMPUS will be hosting a Job Fair **March 31st 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. Save the date and stop in to see the different opportunities in your own backyard!

Just Some Notes-

February is a great time to check in with an advisor – even just a quick email. Make sure you're on track!

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO Mr. Bryan Shellenbarger keeping the facilities clean and clear of all this snow and helping make it so we can keep moving!
Thank you!!





OSCODA

In your own backyard

ACC TALKS

Join us on **April 1st, 6:00 PM** as we talk AGRI-BUSINESS 2030 (A Future Look....NOW). We are honored to have Nathan Beyerlein of Hutson John Deere, Ashley Batteen of MDARD and Theresa Sisung from Michigan Farm Bureau for an exclusive presentation and discussion.

Life After High School Graduation Video Series RETURN!

Scan the code and tune in to check out our video series of Life After High School Graduation. This month we hear from Robin Savage on Dressing Like You Mean It! You don't want to miss this one!

