

The Guiding Axe
Weekly Campus
Newsletter
September 18, 2026



ALPENA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WELCOME

"The Guiding Axe"
will serve as your go
to source for
important updates and
reminders from across
the campus.

STUDENT REFUND CHECKS

Financial Aid refunds are
on **September 23, 2026**

*(Including loan amounts for
all Students except 1st time
borrowers)*

Checks will be available for
pick-up from the cashier in Van
Lare Hall between 9am-2pm.
Checks may only be picked up
by the student whose name is
on the check. You **MUST** have
picture ID.



PHI THETA KAPPA

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

PTK has a nonprofit mission to
recognize and promote student
academic achievement. PTK provides
opportunities to cultivate
professional and leadership skills,
secure scholarships, explore diverse
career paths, and build a network of
supportive peers.

If interested please connect with Rob Mills:
millsr@alpenacc.edu, they meet every
Thursday in BTC 126 at 2pm.

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–Friday: 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

*Note: Special hours or sessions during the
evening and weekends will be provided as
per faculty request, student petition, or
other group requests; a notice of one week
will be needed.*





WELCOME BACK,

Lumberjacks!

MYACC PORTAL

Use your ACC email and password to log in to the MyACC portal to access Self-Service, Blackboard, and Email/Office 365

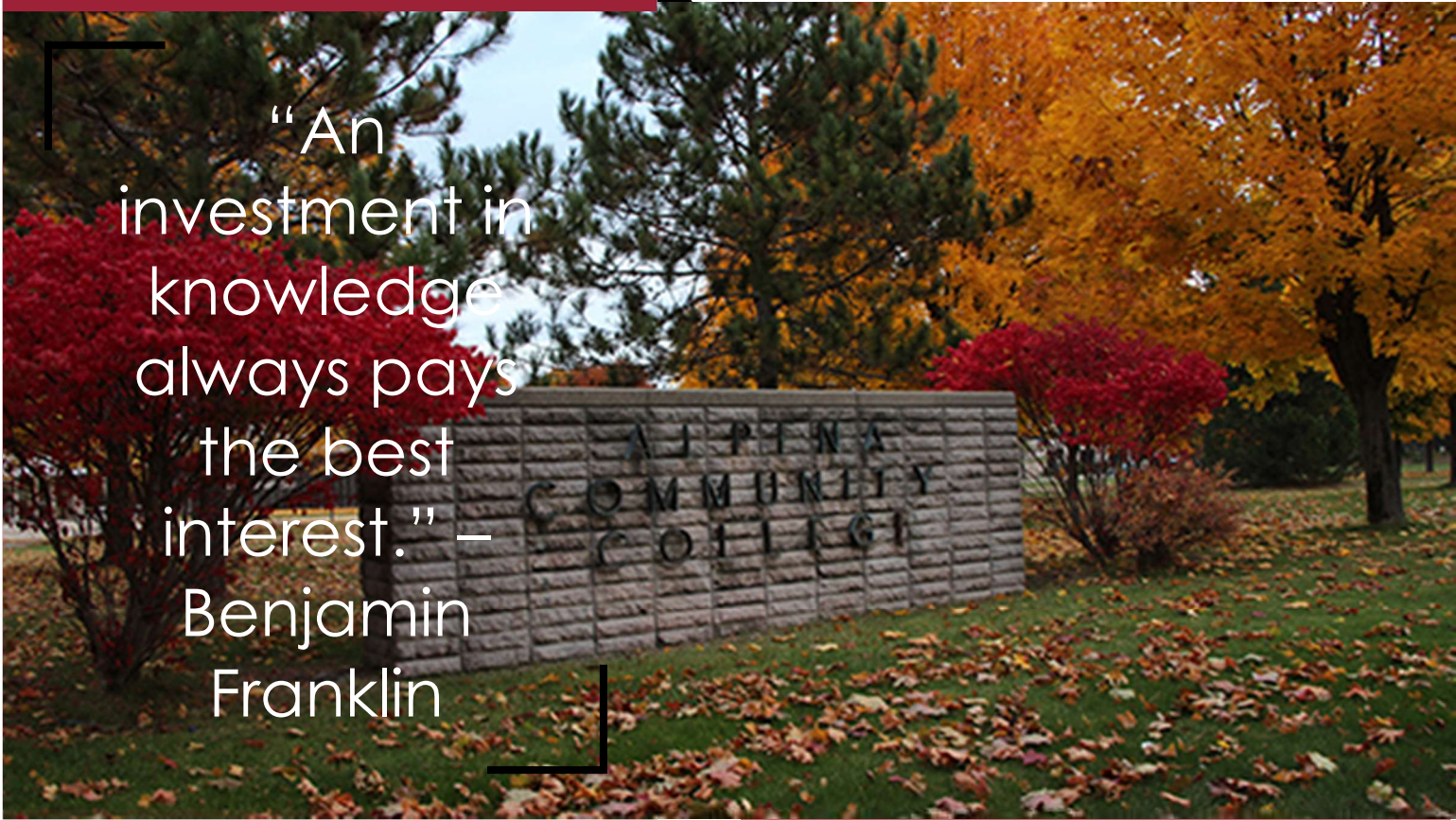
Find the link at the top of our ACC homepage, or click here: [ACC Main Homepage](#), and you will see it at the top right. If you need assistance, please contact the OIT Help Desk at (989) 358- 7374 or helpdesk@alpenacc.edu (students) Or tech-support@alpenacc.edu (staff)

Laptop Rentals: Laptop rentals are available for \$75. If you are in need, please go see the OIT office.

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**.





“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin

Student Counseling Services

Free, Confidential Mental Health Counseling

Starting a new semester can bring a mix of excitement, stress, and everything in between. That is totally normal! Our counselor is here to help: Carey M. Schiller, LMSW. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed, want someone to talk to, or just need a few tips to handle stress and stay balanced, we've got you covered. Our counselor offers a safe, judgment-free space where you can focus on your well-being and learn ways to take care of yourself both in and out of the classroom. Don't wait until things feel too heavy; reach out and take advantage of this **FREE** support that is here for you.

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

CTR 111 -Alpena or Computer Lab Room 307 – Oscoda

Need a little extra help this semester? The Student Success Centers at both Alpena and Oscoda campuses are here for you! Whether you're looking for free tutoring, proofreading, or just some extra guidance, we can help you stay on track.

We also offer workshops and support for you. If you're in Alpena, stop by the Student Success Center or call **(989) 358-7270** to learn more—or even ask about becoming a paid tutor! Don't forget, while you're here, to get your photo **ID card** or **for returning students, your new ID card**. Then flash it around town to receive special discounts.

In Oscoda, the Student Success Center is open **Monday 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Wednesday 11:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** Testing appointments should be scheduled ahead of time since computer space is limited, and don't forget your photo ID! For questions or testing arrangements, contact **Patrice Billiel** at **(989) 358-7445** or billielp@alpenacc.edu.



The Market- Now Open

Struggling to afford food? We are here to help!

We created The Market at ACC because we know that when students are worried about where their next meal is coming from, they can't focus on their studies.

All items are free and available to any ACC student, including early college and dual-enrolled students. Student IDs will be required to access the pantries.

The Market locations:

- Besser Technical Center, Room 106 (Requires student ID)
- Campus Park Apartments - Laundry Room (Requires student ID)
- Van Lare Hall - Nursing wing
- Oscoda Campus (Requires student ID)



**ACC OSCODA CAMPUS
WHATNEXT**
September 2026



SEPTEMBER

Ideas Unlimited Live!

September 29th Rm 213 @ 12pm

Join us Virtually or In person!

For any one that is interested in
sharing ideas, innovations,
inventions.



Program Advisors on Campus

Anthropology
Education
Geography
History
Biology
Chemistry
General Sciences
Natural Sciences
LPN
RN

Just JJ Jobs

Stop into our Student Lounge and
Just Jobs Outlet to see the different
employment opportuntites in our
area.

Room 211



Check out our new Food Pantry at ACC
Oscoda Campus. ACC Market –
Located on the second floor – Across
from the Student Lounge – Room 213B

Glass Art Classes

Start out with the Mini-series and learn
copper foil, mosaics and the art of lead
based stained glass work. These courses
do not require expereicne and are in the
evenings. Check out the flyers around the
college

UPCOMING DATES

August 31 Classes Begin

September 7 Labor Day – Campus
Closed

September 29 Ideas Unlimited Live
September 29 ACC Talks

October 27 Spark Tank Challenge

Kaleidoscope Class

September 17, 24

Mini-series

September 30, October 7, 14

Copper Foil

October 8, 15

Holiday Tree Mosaic

November

5, 12





OSCODA

In your own backyard

ACC TALKS

ACC Talks

Join us on September 29 at 6:00 PM we are going to have a panel of presenters from Mid-Michigan Writers Inc. Have you ever thought about writing? Short stories, poems, childrens books? This long standing non-profit group is based in West Branch and offers free critique sessions, workshops and more! Bring your thought, your questions and your IDEAS! Doors open at 5:30 pm, Room 213 at the ACC Oscoda Campus.



Life After High School Graduation Video Series

Scan the code and tune in to check out our video series of Life After High School Graduation. This month we get to hear from ACC's very own Alex Gorton! Hear about his expertise with his Tech Tips!



Refund Check Dates:

Most Financial Aid Students : September 23
First Time Loan Borrowers: October 2
Second Loan Disbursement: October 28

Pick up at the Cashier's Office – Van Lare Hall –
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Checks not picked up by 2 pm will be mailed –
Picture ID is required