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VAN LARE HALL — PAST

Built in 1957, Van Lare Hall is the College's oldest facility on its main campus in Alpena.



VAN LARE HALL — PRESENT

Van Lare Hall has had only minor upgrades since 1957. It houses administrative offices and classroom space.



VAN LARE HALL — FUTURE

Van Lare Hall will undergo a major renovation, providing state-of-the-art labs for its Nursing Program, updated admissions and administrative offices, and a student and community gathering area along the Thunder Bay River.

Van Lare Hall Renovation Project Moves Forward

Almost every student who has attended Alpena Community College has walked through the doors of the historic Van Lare Hall, ACC's oldest building on its Alpena campus. Named after ACC President Stanley Van Lare, Van Lare Hall was constructed in 1957 and occupies 37,000 square feet on the College's most picturesque property along the Thunder Bay River.

For more than 60 years, Van Lare Hall has served as a central piece of ACC's legacy and is a solid, functional building that has been a focal point of higher education in Northeast Michigan. It currently houses administrative and academic support functions, along with a dozen multi-purpose classrooms.

Cornerstone Architects of Traverse City was hired to develop a plan to renovate and repurpose Van Lare Hall. The ACC Board of Trustees approved the plan at a special meeting held on March 28, 2018.

An exciting part of the project is the relocation of ACC's Nursing Program and the creation of a new Center for Health Sciences in the east wing of the building. The Nursing Program is a core occupational program at ACC that is experiencing growth consistent with local and national healthcare trends. ACC plans for the program to double in size, serving up to 160 students per year. The relocation of the Nursing Program to Van Lare Hall will almost quadruple the program's instructional space, allowing for this growth and increased capacity.

The renovation plan includes updates to existing restrooms and the fire suppression and HVAC systems, including high-efficiency hot water boilers and air conditioning. The exterior concrete masonry will receive a new permeable stain to enhance the visual appeal of the building. Windows will be replaced with insulated glazing and low-e glass and set into thermally-isolated pre-finished aluminum frames. Entry doors will also be replaced with energy-efficient units, including new hardware and security management devices.

The remodeled Van Lare Hall will also include the addition of a 2,188 square foot student and community space overlooking the Thunder Bay River. This space will seat approximately 125 people and will be welcoming to students looking for a comfortable place to study, as well as provide a technology-equipped space for small group meetings or presentations. The remodeled building will also house seven multipurpose classrooms, a new admissions office area and administrative offices.

ACC's Center for Health Sciences

ACC's Center for Health Sciences will include a \$1 million state-of-the-art simulation learning laboratory and control room to better prepare students for real world experiences when caring for patients in a variety of clinical settings. This space will be comprised of four labs that will provide an outstanding simulated hospital patient care environment for students to learn and practice nursing skills, all centered around a control room where faculty will monitor students' work.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The methods that have long been used to prepare future nurses are no longer adequate for the 21st Century. A more complex care environment requires the integration of engaging, experiential learning opportunities that reflect this complexity. ACC is embracing simulation technology, which is a teaching and learning method used to replicate authentic medical situations with the integration of patient simulator manikins.

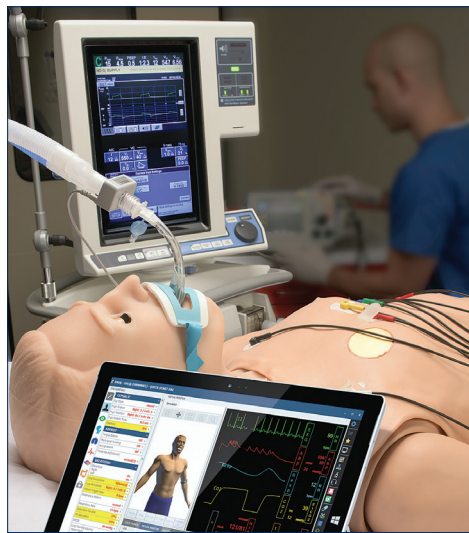


MATERNAL & NEONATAL CARE PATIENT SIMULATOR

The nursing labs will include one standard and one advanced maternal and neonatal care patient simulator and their full-term newborn babies. The simulators will provide students with a full range of obstetrical events to facilitate teamwork and deepen critical thinking skills, including:

- Early pregnancy complications
- High-risk deliveries
- Postpartum emergencies
- Non-gravid scenarios for general nursing care

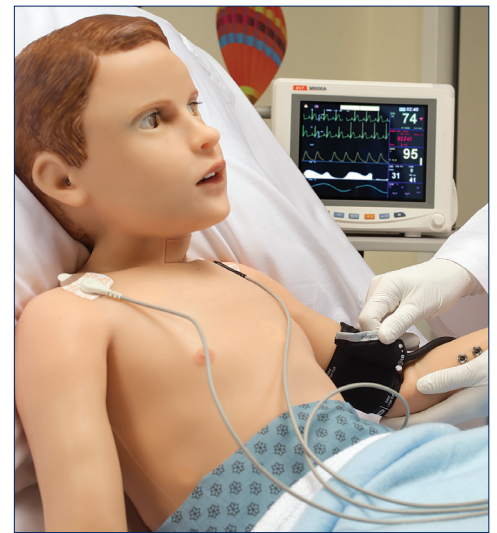
The advanced model will also prepare students for even the most complex cases in OB and maternal-child care.



ADVANCED NURSING LABS

The advanced nursing labs will be equipped with two advanced multi-purpose adult male simulators. A sample of this model's features include:

- Programmable airway and lung compliance
- Myocardial infarction modeling
- Automated physiology and drug recognition
- Real monitoring: mechanical ventilators, 12-lead ECG, AED, oximeters, capnometer and auto-BP
- Wireless and tetherless mobility for care in motion training



PEDIATRIC PATIENT SIMULATOR

The pediatric patient simulator can simulate lifelike emotions through dynamic facial expressions, movement, and speech. This manikin helps develop the skills needed to effectively communicate, diagnose, and treat young patients. Features include:

- Interactive eyes and active facial expressions
- Dynamic lung compliance with true ventilator support
- Real patient monitor support: SpO2, EKG, capnography, NIBP, live pacing, and defibrillation
- Emergency intervention: surgical airway, needle decompression, chest tube insertion

ACC Alumni Support Healthy Futures Start Here Campaign



ROGER C. BAUER — CLASS OF '62

"I support ACC and the ACC Foundation's Healthy Futures Start Here campaign, not only because I attended the College, not only because I have served the College on both its Board of Trustees and Foundation Board, but because I believe it is the most essential element of our Northeast Michigan community. Without ACC, a good many students in the area would not be able to achieve their goal of attending college or go on to a 4-year university or learn a good trade."

MARY L. LAPPAN — CLASS OF '70

"I had always had a dream of being an educator, and starting at Alpena Community College helped me successfully transition to a university setting. Now, as a retired educator, I look back and see what a great start I received at Alpena Community College with small class sizes and affordability that helped me achieve my dream. I am so glad I made my choice to attend our local college. Thus, I feel compelled to support the upcoming renovation of Van Lare Hall. This will double the capacity for ACC's nursing program and add current technology as well as remodel an aging Van Lare Hall."



KEN DRAGIEWICZ — CLASS OF '96

"ACC helped lay the foundation for my career by providing a quality education that was close to home at an affordable price. I'm financially supporting the Healthy Futures Start Here capital campaign so other students have the opportunity to receive the same quality education at state-of-the-art facilities."

AUGUST MATUZAK — CLASS OF '75

"Everyone at some time in their life will be touched by a nursing program graduate. Our College is taking steps to insure we all have quality care into the future. That is why I support the Alpena Community College Foundation's Healthy Futures Start Here campaign."



JACKIE KRAWCZAK — CLASS OF '03

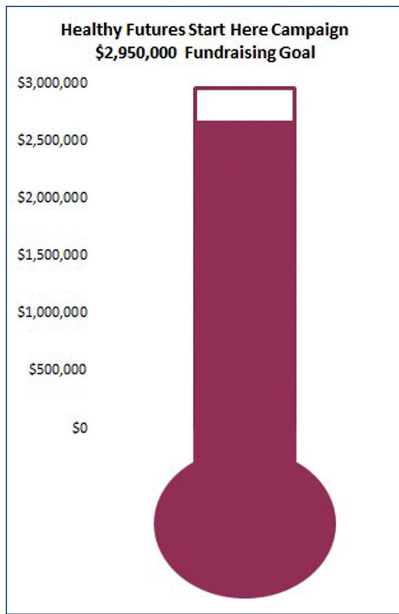
"Alpena Community College is an incredibly important piece of our local economy. We must do what we can to assure that ACC remains a healthy part of our community. Investing in infrastructure and improvements in curriculum and tools for students to receive the best education and training available is one way to help keep ACC an asset to the community. I have personally invested in the Healthy Futures Start Here campaign because I know it will add value to the College and the community. A community works best when everyone comes together to support and grow assets. This is one opportunity of many to do that, so I encourage you to consider a contribution of any amount."

KIMBERLY LABRECQUE — CLASS OF '98

"I began my college education with ACC as a traditional student coming from Alpena High. ACC and its professional staff of educators provided me with a quality education in a small classroom atmosphere. I felt valued as a student and received individual assistance outside the classroom if needed from my professors. When transferring from ACC to a 4-year university to obtain my bachelor degree, I took away many life skills from ACC to assist me with my higher education. For me, education is the foundation on which we build our future and ACC provides all that. Therefore, I support ACC and the ACC Foundation's Healthy Futures Start Here campaign."



Healthy Futures Start Here Campaign in Full Swing



**HEALTHY FUTURES
START HERE**
Van Lare Hall Renovation

The Alpena Community College Foundation Board of Trustees initiated a \$2.95 million fundraising campaign last summer. Named "Healthy Futures Start Here," the fundraising initiative will assist the College with the Van Lare Hall renovations and Center for Health Sciences project.

Immensely successful right from the start, the campaign received a \$1 million donation from longtime supporters of ACC, Tim and Sue Fitzpatrick, as well as a \$600,000 matching challenge grant from the Besser Foundation. Through the hard work and diligent efforts of campaign leadership and over 30 volunteers, the Foundation has secured contributions totaling \$2.66 million to date.

With less than 10% of our campaign goal left to raise, you can help us hit our target. Whether you are an ACC graduate or friend of the College, your gift — no matter the size — will make an impact on the lives of many.

Please use the enclosed donation envelope to make a contribution and help us reach our goal. Every donor will be recognized on a display in the newly-remodeled Van Lare Hall.

For more information on ways you can contribute, contact Brenda Herman, ACC Foundation Executive Director, at 989-358-7297 or hermanb@alpenacc.edu.

A Nursing Student's Journey to ACC

Upon graduating high school in 2011, Alpena native Benjamin Gould left town to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Exercise Science at Saginaw Valley State University. He intended to join the U.S. Air Force as an Officer upon completion of his degree to become a Para-rescue Jumper. Unfortunately, while preparing for the stringent physical qualifications the job requires, he sustained a career-altering back injury preventing him from completing his goal.

In 2016, Ben graduated from SVSU with magna cum laude distinction. He decided to put further education on hold while he married and continued to work as an Exercise Physiologist at Performace Locker in Alpena. At the tail end of his year off, he applied for a Master of Science in Exercise Science at Northern Michigan University, where he was accepted and offered a position as a Graduate Assistant. The opportunity would have allowed him to assist with teaching undergraduate courses and conduct research. Ultimately, Ben decided to turn down the offer because he was drawn to the idea of helping those in more dire circumstances, which led him to shift his focus to nursing.

After examining the rigors of ACC's nursing curriculum, Ben decided it was a perfect fit for him to expand his education to be able to offer both preventative knowledge and hands-on care in a clinical setting.



Ben Gould is awarded the Excellence in Nursing Theory Award from ACC Instructor Diane O'Connor.

"Throughout my time at ACC, I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to learn under extremely competent faculty that share my passion for education, medicine and clinical pursuit," Ben reflected. In December 2018, Ben earned his LPN certificate with magna cum laude distinction as well as the Excellence in Nursing Theory Award, Barbara Jacquemin, BSN, RN Scholarship and the LPN Classmate Appreciation Award.

Ben is a firm believer that if you have the capacity to help someone, you should do everything within your power to do so. With this belief in mind, Ben hopes to serve the Alpena community as an Advanced Practice Nurse. After obtaining his RN licensure through ACC, he plans to continue his education to become a Nurse Practitioner, with the goal of providing passionate and responsible health care to residents of Alpena and surrounding communities.

President's Message



Dr. Don MacMaster
ACC President

I had occasion recently to look up the history of building projects at ACC. It's a fairly short list: Van Lare Hall in 1957, Besser Tech in 1963, Natural Resource Center in 1972, the Donald Newport Center Building in 1996, the World Center for Concrete Technology in 2000, the Olin H. Joynton Fine Arts Center in 2005, and the Ferris H. Werth Technology Center in 2015. We are currently moving ahead on the next milestone building project at ACC — a \$8.7 million renovation of Van Lare Hall that will benefit ACC students, faculty, staff and the Alpena community at large.

I am asking for your help to raise the final \$300,000 of our local \$2.95 million fund-raising target. Why should you consider investing in Alpena Community College?

Overall, the College is performing very well. In a challenging enrollment environment statewide, ACC is one of only two Michigan community colleges to experience an increase in spring semester 2019 credit hour enrollment. The 2018 Integrated Post-

Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS) report compared the average of the ten rural Michigan community colleges in several important performance metrics. ACC's data stands out, as documented below:

MEASUREMENT	ACC	COMPARISON GROUP
Tuition and Required Fees	\$4,410	\$4,530
Average Net Price	\$3,226	\$5,868
Grant or Scholarship Aid	80%	73%
Associate Degrees Awarded	222	207
Graduation Rate (full-time)	35%	25%

ACC's value was recently recognized locally in an Alpena News editorial entitled "ACC a Feather in Alpena's Cap" that ran on February 3, 2019. The following is an excerpt from that article:

"In a study released this month, [U.S. Department of Education] officials looked at several community colleges in Michigan and stacked them against each other in various categories. They looked at things like student enrollment, graduation rates, the cost of tuition, and faculty/student ratios . . . Alpena Community College came out very well in the comparisons. What the study does confirm for us is something we have contended all along — if students want a solid, affordable and worthwhile educational and potentially life-changing experience, ACC is a great place to attend." (The Alpena News)

In short, ACC delivers outstanding value to the citizens of Northeast Michigan as it did when many of you were here attending classes. Over the past 60 years, many alumni and friends of ACC have invested in our buildings, programs and students and the dividends have been paid in the form of an educated, productive and growing community. I ask you now to invest in the future of ACC nursing students, regional health care providers, and the friends and neighbors they will serve. Please consider making a gift that will assist in constructing the next step in ACC history.

Giving Your Required Minimum Distribution to Charity

On December 20, 2017, Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which permanently allows giving your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to charity any time during the year. Here are the rules: if you are 70-1/2 or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year—even if that is more than your annual RMD. The giving counts as your RMD, but it isn't included in your adjusted gross income. In order to qualify and exempt the RMD from income taxes, you need to transfer the money directly from your IRA to the charity for it to count as the tax-free transfer. Why not select ACC and its Healthy Futures Start Here campaign as your preferred charity?

Keep in mind that the tax-free transfer won't count if you withdraw the money from the IRA first and then make a contribution to the charity. By making a tax-free transfer, your adjusted gross income is reduced by the giving

amount, which may reduce your taxable Social Security income and help avoid the Medicare high-income surcharge.

I have been a member of the ACC Foundation Board of Trustees for 20 years and have had the privilege of raising funds for the continued growth of the College on several occasions. I have seen ACC students benefit from the generosity of donors from both Northeast Michigan and other parts of the country who appreciate and treasure the College and its mission. I hope you will consider joining these valued donors and support the Healthy Futures Start Here campaign by choosing ACC as the recipient of your Required Minimum Distribution.



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ACC Foundation Under New Leadership

Brenda (Wilmot) Herman began serving as the Alpena Community College Foundation Executive Director on June 4, 2018. She succeeded Penny Boldrey, who retired June 30 after 16 years of service to the ACC Foundation.

Brenda was born and raised in Alpena and graduated from ACC in 1996. She continued her education at Michigan Technological University, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Marketing. Her professional experience has focused on marketing, event planning and fund-raising, and most recently concentrating on non-profit philanthropy. Prior to joining the ACC Foundation, she held the position of Philanthropy Manager at Hospice of Michigan where she was responsible for fundraising efforts for all of Northeast Michigan.

Brenda never dreamed her career would lead her back to the place where her journey to success began. "I have many fond memories of my time as a student at ACC," said Herman. "ACC provided a solid foundation through challenging courses, instructional support and a caring community that set me on the path to success."



*Brenda Herman, ACC Foundation
Executive Director and ACC
Executive Director of Development*

Working closely with the ACC Foundation Board of Trustees and College President, Dr. Don MacMaster, Brenda has hit the ground running. In addition to the daily responsibilities of the position, she oversees the Foundation's Healthy Futures Start Here capital campaign for Van Lare Hall renovations.

"Brenda stepped into a challenging position at a challenging time and has provided great leadership to the College," said Dr. MacMaster. "Her passion and professionalism have been notable strengths during her tenure at ACC. We're delighted to have her on the team."

"The most satisfying aspect so far has been the overwhelming support of the community, volunteers and my colleagues," said Herman. "I believe ACC is a highly-regarded institution in our small community, and there is a desire to support the College and its students." She is appreciative of the deep regard that the community has for the College, and plans to build upon that support while looking for opportunities to strengthen relationships with alumni and friends who reside outside of Northeast Michigan.