

Alpena Community College Names Its 2025 Distinguished Graduate Doug Field ('84) to be Honored at ACC Commencement

Alpena — April 16, 2025 — Alpena Community College has selected Doug Field as its 2025 Distinguished Graduate. He will be honored during ACC's commencement ceremony on May 8 at Park Arena on the campus of Alpena Community College. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.

ACC Alum Makes His Mark in Welding and Innovation

Mr. Field is the founder and owner of Vulcan Systems, a leading provider of high-quality welding alloys used across a wide range of industries. Since 1987, Doug has built a business known not only for its products and technical excellence, but for its unwavering commitment to service, community, and integrity.

Vulcan Systems manufactures welding electrodes, MIG and TIG wires, silver solder, brazing flux, and other alloys used in maintenance and repair welding for materials ranging from stainless steel and cast iron to aluminum and tool steels. By helping companies repair parts economically rather than replace them, Vulcan Systems offers practical solutions that save time and money for clients across the country.

Doug graduated from Alpena Community College in 1984, an experience he credits as foundational in shaping both his professional career and personal values. Guided by a life philosophy centered on faith, hard work, and generosity, Mr. Field often shares principles that have inspired his journey: "Always put the Lord first. Expectations, passion, persistence: 100% from 100%. No one remembers you for what you keep, only for what you give."

Mr. Field's dedication to his hometown is evident through his charitable efforts. Through Vulcan Systems and personal contributions, Doug has supported numerous initiatives and organizations that strengthen the Alpena area. As he puts it simply: "Alpena Strong."

Distinguished Graduate Honor

Mr. Field is the thirty-third recipient of the Distinguished Graduate award, which is bestowed upon an ACC alumnus/ae who has impacted the world in their area of expertise. Established in 1998 by the ACC Foundation, this award honors ACC alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary achievement in their chosen professions or who have made a remarkable positive impact on others through philanthropy or service. Its recipients are

examples of how a solid educational foundation from ACC can launch a lifetime of achievements.

About ACC

Founded in 1954, Alpena Community College provides affordable higher education in Northeast Michigan to students with diverse backgrounds and academic goals. Each semester, ACC educates over 2000 students spread between campuses in Alpena and Oscoda, along with students taking advantage of the college's distance learning offerings. In addition to providing two-year degrees and one-year certificates in over 75 programs of study, ACC offers customized workforce training, continuing education courses, dual-enrollment studies for area high school students, cooperative on-campus four-year degree programs, and community education.

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