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## **Alpena Community College Names Its 2022 Distinguished Graduate Alexandra Johnson ('07) to be Honored at ACC Commencement**

Alpena— April 15, 2022 — Alpena Community College has selected Alexandra Johnson as its 2022 Distinguished Graduate. She will be honored during ACC's commencement ceremony May 12 at Alpena High School's Park Family Field at Wildcat Stadium. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.



### **From ACC to NYC**

Ms. Johnson is the Global Head of Foreign Exchange Payments Go-to-Market, Commercialization, and Partnerships at JPMorgan Chase, the nation's largest bank. She leads a global team that operates between California, New York, London and Mumbai identifying, designing, and commercializing solutions for cross-border foreign exchange payments. Ms. Johnson and her team also identify and establish strategic partners for the bank, such as financial technology companies, to support cross-border foreign exchange payment solutions that ultimately create value for JPMorgan customers

Ms. Johnson graduated summa cum laude from Alpena Community College in 2007 with an associate degree in liberal arts. She then attended Michigan State University, where she earned bachelor's degrees in both marketing and interior design. Ms. Johnson went on to earn a Master of Business Administration from The George Washington University. Following her graduation, Ms. Johnson led brand strategy for upscale brands at

Choice Hotels Inc. for four years before transitioning to the financial services industry as a director with PayPal, where she managed a network of payment providers, payment operations, and led the PayPal prepaid card product offering. She began her career with JPMorgan Chase in 2019.

"I am honored and flattered to be considered as a distinguished graduate and be part of an impressive group of such accomplished past winners. I never would have imagined that by 31, I would be a global leader in one of the largest financial institutions in the world, and receiving this honor reminds me to be grateful for every step of my career journey, and specifically, to reflect on the significance of Alpena and Alpena Community College in those accomplishments."

## **Distinguished Graduate Honor**

Ms. Johnson is the thirtieth 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 graduates who have gone on to contribute to society through successful careers. Its recipients are examples of how a solid educational foundation from ACC can launch a lifetime of achievements.

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## **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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