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ACC ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES AND STUDENT SUCCESS

ALPENA, MICH. — Alpena Community College announced an effort to raise \$6.7 for the College's Van Lare Hall Center for Health Sciences and Student Success renovation project. The project will provide space and updated technology for the ACC Nursing program, including a \$1 million state-of-the-art simulation learning lab to better prepare Nursing students for real world experiences caring for patients in a variety of clinical settings. The project will also include a centralized student support services area, a community gathering space overlooking the Thunder Bay River, and improvements to Van Lare Hall's windows, HVAC and electrical systems, and the building's exterior.

In July 2017 the State of Michigan approved Public Act 107 of 2017 which authorized planning for Alpena Community College's proposed Center for Health Sciences and Student Success. The State's authorization included a commitment to fund half of the renovation project, estimated to be \$3.35 million. ACC will also provide \$3.35 million as a one-to-one match for the State's funding.

On January 25, 2018, the Alpena Community College Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3) corporation, voted to undertake a \$2.2 million capital campaign in support of ACC's matching funds. To date, the ACC Foundation has received a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor and the Besser Foundation has pledged a challenge grant of \$600,000. ACC has already secured \$840,500 for the project through the sale of property and commitments of support from ACC employees.

Constructed in 1957, Van Lare Hall is the oldest building on the main campus of Alpena Community College and a central piece of ACC's legacy. Occupying 40,000 square feet on ACC's most picturesque property, Van Lare Hall houses key administrative and academic support functions along with a dozen general purpose classrooms. It is a solid, functional building that has served as the focal point of higher education in Northeast Michigan for more than 60 years.

At the October 31, 2017, special meeting, the ACC Board of Trustees approved the selection of Cornerstone Architects of Traverse City, Michigan, to provide architectural services for the design and construction of the Center for Health Sciences and Student Success. ACC and Cornerstone staff have collected information and developed initial concepts for the renovation. In November 2017 College staff solicited interest in the pre-construction management work and the Board of Trustees selected Oak City Contracting, LLC., as the project's construction manager.

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Officials from Alpena Community College and Oak City Construction met to review the latest plans for the Center for Health Sciences and Student Success project. From left: ACC President Don MacMaster, ACC Facilities Director Nick Brege, Oak City Chief Operations Officer Fred Gagnier, ACC Foundation Executive Director Penny Boldrey, and Oak City Cost Estimator Pete Cross.

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