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ACC HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR VAN LARE HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

ALPENA, MICH. — Alpena Community College is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for Van Lare Hall's Healthy Futures Start Here renovation project at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019. The kick off event will be located in front of Van Lare Hall and feature remarks by members of the ACC Foundation board, ACC's Board of Trustees, ACC students and staff, and project participants. Details of the project will be shared and light refreshments will be served.

The renovation of Van Lare Hall will move ACC's Nursing Program out of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center and into specially constructed spaces in Van Lare Hall. The project will provide for state-of-the-art classrooms and enable the use of high tech teaching equipment including life-like robotic manikins.

In July 2017 the State of Michigan authorized planning for Alpena Community College's proposed Center for Health Sciences. The project would repurpose Van Lare Hall to provide space and updated technology to house an enhanced Nursing program as well as other facilities improvements. Cornerstone Architects of Traverse City, Michigan, has provided architectural services for the design of the renovation. Spence Brothers of Traverse City serves as construction manager.

Based on the latest design, the renovation project is estimated to cost \$8.7 million.

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 currently 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.

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