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ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO 2020 PHI THETA KAPPA ALL-MICHIGAN ACADEMIC TEAM

ALPENA, MICH. – Alpena Community College students Geyer Balog and Todd Graham have both been named to the 2020 Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Academic Team. In addition to their awards, both students received scholarships from the ACC Foundation.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs. Members are required to maintain high academic standings and participate in leadership and service activities. PTK is the world's largest honor society with more than 2 million members in 1,250 chapters.

Balog is currently studying Business Management at ACC and will graduate with his Associate in Applied Arts Degree in May. He plans to continue his education at ACC for another year through the Northwood University 3 + 1 program in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree, and later go on to earn a Master's Degree in Political Science. While attending ACC, Balog has been involved with Science Olympiad and PTK, he started a non-partisan political group, The Educated Voters of ACC, and he has held a work-study job on campus.

Graham is a nontraditional student who enrolled at ACC after taking a 33-year hiatus from education. At ACC he has maintained a 4.0 GPA while participating in PTK, Educated Voters of ACC, Student Leadership Commission, the ACC Players Club, Sigma Zeta, tutoring, and founding ACC Takes Pride, the first LGBTQIA student group at ACC. Graham will graduate from ACC in May with an Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts, an Associate Degree in General Sciences, Microsoft Certifications in PowerPoint and Excel, and as a licensed Unmanned Aerial Systems Pilot. He plans to continue his education this fall at Saginaw Valley State University where he will work towards a Master's Degree in Psychology.

Balog and Graham were both selected by ACC President Don MacMaster. The students were recognized at the PTK Awards Program and Luncheon held on March 9, 2020, in Lansing. This event was hosted by the Michigan Community College Association and served as an opportunity for the students to be introduced and receive their awards. The 2020 PTK All-Michigan Academic Team consists of 75 students from 24 schools.



ACC students Todd Graham (left) and Geyer Balog (right) attended the PTK Awards Program and Luncheon held in Lansing on Monday, March 9 with ACC President Don MacMaster.

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