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ACC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2008 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

Lisa M. Dietlin was awarded the 2008 Distinguished Graduate Award at the 55th Alpena Community College commencement ceremonies on May 8. 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 foundation from ACC can launch a lifetime of achievement.

Dietlin is a graduate of Alpena High School and earned her Associate of Arts degree from Alpena Community College in 1983. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in the public administration program at Michigan State University in 1985. Dietlin later completed her Master's degree in philanthropy and development from Saint Mary's University in Minnesota.

Dietlin's 25-year career has been spent in the philanthropic arena, where she is a respected leader in the development field. She pursued a career in politics and worked raising funds for several Democratic candidates in Michigan, like former State Senator Mitch Irwin and U.S. Senator Carl Levin. Dietlin has also served as the Assistant Dean of Development for the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago as well as Senior Advancement Director at Michigan Technological University.

After 18 years of fundraising for politicians, nonprofits and institutions of higher education Dietlin started her own company. She is President and CEO of Lisa M. Dietlin & Associates, an 8 year old fundraising consultant company in Chicago, which assists nonprofit organizations in developing philanthropic strategies.

She is actively involved in numerous nonprofit boards throughout the country. Dietlin is a frequent speaker at conferences and lectures on a variety of subjects including strategic board development, major gifts strategies, capital campaigns and entrepreneurial giving. In addition to her busy and successful career, Dietlin is an adjunct professor at North Park University in Chicago in its nonprofit management degree and certificate programs.

Dietlin is also in the process of writing a book which will serve as a how-to guide for development professionals for approaching and engaging entrepreneurs as committed donors and partners with nonprofit organizations. The book will also include her own experiences in working with entrepreneurs.

Penny Boldrey, executive director of the Foundation said, "The ACC Foundation is proud to award the 2008 Distinguished Graduate Award to Lisa. It is truly an honor to recognize Lisa for her many professional accomplishments since her graduation from Alpena Community College."

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