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ACC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE 2016 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

Roger C. Bauer was awarded the 2016 Distinguished Graduate Award at the 63rd Alpena Community College Commencement ceremony held in the Park Arena on May 5.

Bauer is a native of Alpena and earned an Associate of Arts degree from ACC in 1962. He transferred to Michigan State University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964, and graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 1967. Following graduation from law school, Bauer returned to Alpena and worked solo in private practice. He also served as Alpena County's prosecuting attorney from 1969 to 1976, and as Alpena County's Friend of the Court from 1971 to 1976.

For the past 48 years Bauer has been a highly regarded lawyer and has been a partner in the firm of Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski, & Gulden since 1974. He has served in leadership roles on a variety of boards and volunteer organizations including the Michigan Prosecuting Attorney Association, Alpena Country Club, Salvation Army Board, Thunder Bay Theater Board, Thunder Bay Arts Council, Public Defenders Board, Quarter Back Club, Blue Line Club and he is currently a member of the Community Corrections Board. He also served as a delegate to the 1972 and 1976 National Democratic Conventions.

While Bauer's involvement at ACC began in 1960 as a student, he returned to his alma mater when he was elected as a charter member of the ACC Board of Trustees in 1979 and later named chairman of the Board at its organizational session. For 24 years, Bauer's exemplary leadership and vision served the College well and his many contributions will last a lifetime.

He was also instrumental in the establishment of the ACC Foundation in 1982 and for 34 years Bauer has served as a trustee. The ACC Foundation has been involved in every capital expansion project at the College and has raised nearly \$4 million in support of these endeavors. In addition, the ACC Foundation has provided a total \$2.5 million in scholarship support to ACC students.

Bauer said, "ACC was the right college for me and it set the stage for me to go on successfully to Michigan State and then to law school. It was a great experience for my wife, Mary Jane, whom I met when she was a student at ACC, and one that we passed on to our children, Joel and Kara."

Penny Boldrey, Executive Director of the Foundation said, "The ACC Foundation is proud to award the 2016 Distinguished Graduate Award to Roger for his professional achievements and outstanding accomplishments since his early days at ACC." 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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