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Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Expands Recognition Program to all School Staff Members

Northeast Michigan—In September 2025, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) announced their new Teacher of the Month recognition program. Each month members of the community were invited to nominate a teacher that had a positive impact on their students for a chance to win a prize. Over 180 nominations for teachers at schools across Northeast Michigan were submitted over the course of the 2025-26 school year.

This year AAACU has decided to relaunch the program as the School Staff Spotlight, expanding those who are eligible to be nominated to include **all school staff members** from cooks to bus drivers to custodians to secretaries and more. If the school staff member is employed by a school district located in Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency or Presque Isle counties, then they are eligible. Nominees will be selected from the pool each month and the winners will once again receive a \$100 gift card and a gift of AAACU branded merchandise.

Community members are invited to nominate staff members at the following link: <https://www.aaacu.com/learn/school-staff-spotlight>. Teachers are eligible for nomination if they teach in Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency or Presque Isle counties. A nomination will only be removed from the pool if they have already been selected as a winner from September 2026 through May 2027.

AAACU is pleased to expand this recognition program to acknowledge the many different types of educational professionals who are making a difference in the lives of our students and our broader communities.

AAACU is a state-chartered credit union with membership eligibility open to any resident in the state of Michigan. As of August 31, 2026, AAACU provides service to 50,736 members with total assets equal to \$997,656,802.