

# Spring Semester UPDATE

## Alpena Community College

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### Ken MacGregor's career is 'wonderful', thanks to ACC

By AMY GUEST

Ken MacGregor had never heard of Alpena, Michigan, or Alpena Community College while growing up, but he has certainly grown to appreciate both!

Born in Canada, Ken and his family moved frequently throughout his childhood, finally ending up in Wyoming during his high school years. It was in Wyoming that Ken met his wife Joyce, a native of the Alpena area.

After their marriage the couple moved to Colorado, where their daughter, Stephanie, was born in 1989. That year, Ken and Joyce also decided to head to Michigan to be closer to family. The MacGregors settled in Alpena, and Ken took a job in a foundry, often working 60- to 80-hour weeks. He knew he wanted more.

Even while still out West, Ken had thought about getting into the health care profession—physical therapy, specifically. He felt he had the personality, humor and desire required for someone in this profession, but the needs of his growing family made it impractical to go away to school.

He realized, however, that he could earn an associate in applied science degree in registered nursing right here at Alpena Community College. Still working in the foundry, Ken began as a part-time student in 1990, taking one or two classes every semester... even summers! Keeping his goal in sight, he made steady progress and by 1994 had completed all the pre-nursing program course requirements. He was accepted into



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the one-year licensed practical nursing certificate program. After completing it, he was accepted into Level II, which continues for another year and leads to the AAS degree. He graduated in May 1996.

Ken's diligence and hard work paid off not only in a degree, but in honors as well. He received the competitive John M. Grant Front Runner Award, which recognizes an outstanding male and an outstanding female graduate from among "non-traditional" students

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A new campus sign and message center daily greets students and Johnson Street motorists with date, time, temperature, a quote for the day and announcements of College events. For a \$10 donation to the ACC Foundation Scholarship Fund, non-profit organizations, service groups and individuals can have a message posted for one day. Message forms are available from Karen Eller, 356-9021 Ext. 276, and at Besser Technical Center 125G.



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Chris Granum (right) checks out a biology display at the ACC Showcase that was part of Ceremony & Celebration Oct. 12. The event included ribbon cutting for the \$8.2 Center project completed this fall and open house in new and renovated areas. Biology instructors Deborah Hautau and Mark Milostan were among the staff who set up displays and demonstrations in Park Arena to highlight the variety of programs available at Alpena Community College.

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