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AAACU's February Teacher of the Month Awardee is Cassandra Ortiz



Lincoln, MI—At the beginning of September 2025, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) announced their new Teacher of the Month recognition program. Each month members of the community can nominate a teacher that has had a positive impact on their students to be rewarded with a \$100 Visa gift card and a gift of credit union swag.

Since the start of this new program, AAACU received over 150 nominations to be considered across all Northeast Michigan counties and schools. At the beginning of March, the next teacher was drawn from the nominations, and Cassandra Ortiz of Alcona Community Schools was selected as the February AAACU Teacher of the Month. Community members recognized Ms. Ortiz's kindness, her respect for all the students in her classroom, and her dedication to making a difference in the lives of her students.

AAACU is proud to have the opportunity to honor teachers who are making a difference in

the lives of their students and our broader communities.

Community members are invited to continue to nominate teachers each month as the pool of nominees resets each month. Teachers are eligible for nomination if they teach in Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency or Presque Isle counties. For more information and to submit a nomination, visit <https://www.aaacu.com/learn/teacher-of-the-month>.

AAACU is a state-chartered credit union with membership eligibility open to any resident in the state of Michigan. As of September 30, 2025, AAACU provides service to 48,818 members with total assets equal to \$918,804,315.