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## **Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Hosts Reality Fair for Atlanta Community Schools**



Pictured: Linsey Rogers, AAACU Team Member

Alpena, Michigan, May 24, 2019 – Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) recently hosted a Financial Reality Fair for ninth grade students at Atlanta Community Schools.

The Reality Fair teaches students about budgeting, saving money, and finances by having students select a career they would like to pursue after high school. The students then are assigned a starting salary, a credit score, and a small savings account balance. Students will use this information when visiting 12 lifestyle stations that focus on various expenses in life such as housing, transportation, clothing, and food. In addition,

students that selected careers that required college degrees were faced with student loans that impacted their monthly budget.

Each of the lifestyle stations students visited had Credit Union team members that worked with students to help them fit the required life expenses within their budget.

*AAACU serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with 9 locations: a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Atlanta, Oscoda, the Owl's Nest in Oscoda Area Schools, Tawas, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of April 30, 2019, AAACU provides service to 28,959 members with total assets equal to \$353,003,126*