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AAACU and OEOF Oscoda High School Alumni Scholarship

We are very excited to announce that Alec Poland has been awarded a Continuing Education Scholarship. The \$1000 Continuing Education Scholarship is the result of a partnership between Alcona Alpena Area Credit Union and the Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation. This scholarship is available twice a year to Oscoda High School Alumni.

Alec is an OAS 2017 graduate as well as a MSU 2022 graduate with a BA in Political Science with minors in Pre-Law, Justice and Public Policy. His is enrolled at the University of Toledo College of Law to pursue a Juris Doctor (JD) degree.

In his scholarship application, Alec shared that the time he spent going to school in Oscoda taught him many things but the most important lesson was how to be a leader. At MSU he was able to represent Oscoda in many ways. He was able to get into MSU's only prestigious Pre-Law fraternity where only around 20 students get selected to join. He was also awarded the a Political Science Scholar which distinguishes hi as one of the top students in the department. He was also a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success where he was able to attend many leadership seminars and activities. Through this society, he was able to attend exclusive leadership lessons by successful people such as Neil Patrick Harris, Jack Black, and President Barack Obama. He also interned for two semesters in the Michigan State Senate for Senator Kevin Daley where he eventually was hired as a legislative assistant.

Alec graduated with honors from MSU in the top 20% of his class. He feels much of his success is a result of his time at Oscoda Area Schools. Along his path of accomplishments, he has been able to carry Oscoda's name with him as a positive reflection of the school district and the town itself. We wish Alec success in is pursuit of his next degree.

For more information about the Continuing Education Scholarship check out our website <u>www.oscodaeducationfoundation.org</u>.

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