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Alpena Alcona Area Credit Host Reality Fair at Atlanta Community Schools

Alpena, Michigan, May 30, 2018- Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) partnered with the Michigan Credit Union League to host a Teen Financial Reality Fair for local high school students at Atlanta Community Schools on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

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 13 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's loans that impacted their monthly budget.

Each of the lifestyle stations students visited had Credit Union team members or community volunteers 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 8 locations: a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Atlanta, Oscoda, Tawas, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of April 30, 2018, AAACU provides service to 28,395 members with total assets equal to \$337,994,089.