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AAACU's April Teacher of the Month Awardee is Karla Kowalski



Alpena, 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 180 nominations to be considered across all Northeast Michigan counties and schools. At the beginning of June, the next teacher was drawn from the nominations, and Stephanie Goebel, a teacher at Posen Consolidated Schools, was selected as the May AAACU Teacher of the Month. Community members recognized Mrs. Goebel's dedication to creating interactive learning opportunities for students, going above and beyond to write grants and organize trips for her students. They also noted her passion for extending education beyond the classroom.

AAACU is proud to have the opportunity to honor teachers who are making a difference in the lives of their students and going above and beyond to provide them with the education they deserve. AAACU Team member Amber Scott was happy to present Mrs. Goebel with her Teacher of the Month prize.

Community members were invited to continue to nominate teachers each month as the pool of nominees resets each month. Teachers were eligible for nomination if they teach in Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency or Presque Isle counties. AAACU hopes to resume this program at the start of the new school year.

AAACU is a state-chartered credit union with membership eligibility open to any resident in the state of Michigan. As of May 31, 2026, AAACU provides service to 50,021 members with total assets equal to \$977,224,190.