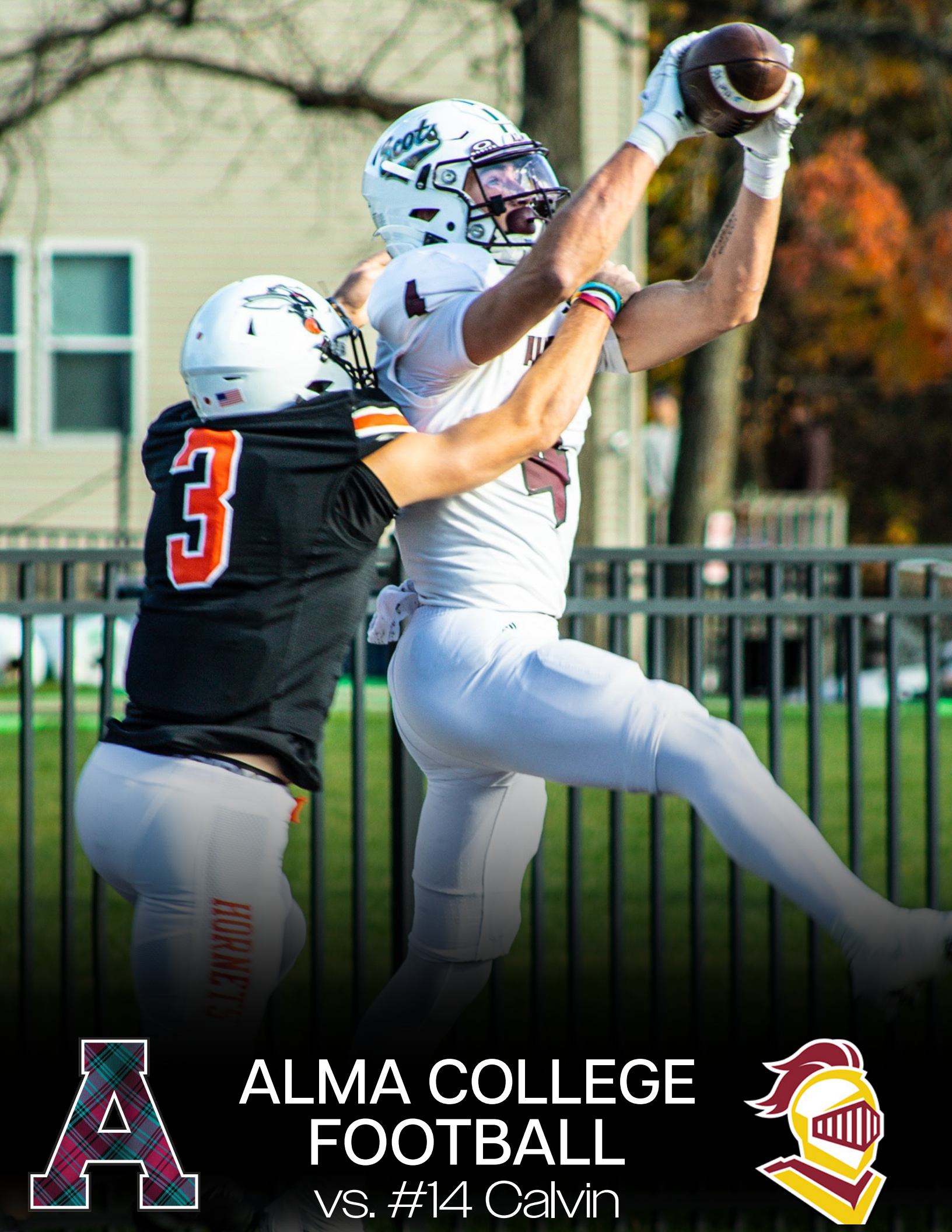


ALMA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

vs. #14 Calvin

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association,

As we embark on another academic year, we celebrate a remarkable milestone: 137 years of intercollegiate competition and 127 years of football in the MIAA. Our legacy as the nation's first multi-sport collegiate athletic conference is a source of great pride, and we continue to be inspired by the positive influence our student-athletes have on their campuses and communities.

In an era of significant change for college athletics, the MIAA stands firm in its commitment to excellence. Our conference's unique blend of academic rigor and athletic achievement positions us as a beacon among Division III institutions. We remain dedicated to fostering an environment where our student-athletes can thrive both in their studies and in their chosen sports.

The MIAA's strength lies in its ability to adapt while staying true to its core values. Our member institutions continue to exemplify the best of NCAA Division III principles, balancing competitive spirit with a focus on holistic student development. It's this commitment that keeps the MIAA at the forefront of collegiate athletics, offering an experience that is both challenging and deeply rewarding.

We are continually amazed by the passion and dedication of our MIAA community. From the tireless efforts of our student-athletes to the unwavering support of our fans, every member plays a crucial role in our success. As we reflect on our rich history, we're reminded of the countless individuals who have contributed to our storied legacy, and we're excited about the new chapters yet to be written.

Your support as fans is invaluable to us. We encourage you to cheer on your teams with enthusiasm and respect, both in the stands and on social media. The positive energy you bring helps create an atmosphere that truly embodies the spirit of the MIAA.

We invite you to immerse yourself in today's game, celebrating the talent, sportsmanship, and camaraderie that define our conference. The MIAA experience is unique, and we're thrilled to share it with you. We hope to see you at many more exciting events throughout the year!

With gratitude and anticipation for another great season.



Lauren Bryne-Dunn
MIAA Commisioner

2026 MIAA Football Standings

Pos.	School	MIAA	OVR
1.	**#14 Calvin**	**6-0**	**9-0**
T2.	#19 Hope	5-1	8-1
T2.	Trine	5-1	7-2
4.	**Alma**	**3-3**	**3-6**
T5.	Adrian	2-4	4-5
T5.	Kalamazoo	2-4	3-6
7.	Albion	1-5	1-8
8.	Olivet	0-6	3-6

ALMA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Alma Scots

2026 Schedule
(2-4, 2-1 Michigan)

Wisconsin-Eau Claire	Away	Sep. 5	L	23-15
(RV) Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Home	Sep. 12	L	23-21
(RV) Baldwin-Wallace	Away	Sep. 19	L	42-17
Adrian ***Homecoming***	Home	Sep. 26	W	27-24
Trine	Away	Oct. 3	L	33-9
Olivet	Home	Oct. 17	W	55-7
#9 Hope	Home	Oct. 24	L	38-3
Albion	Away	Oct. 31	L	24-21
Kalamazoo	Away	Nov. 7	W	48-14
#14 Calvin ***Senior Day***	Home	Nov. 14	---	---

Alma Coaching Staff

Jason Couch	Head Coach	9th Season
Ryan Ettinger	Assistant Head Coach / Co-DC / LBs	10th Season
Zach Riepma	Offensive Coordinator / QBs	7th Season
Scotty Cole '12	Co-DC | Special Teams Coordinator	9th Season
Jason Polmanteer	Recruiting Coordinator | O-Line	6th Season
Cooper O'Gara	Defensive Line	5th Season
Ty Hill	Defensive Backs	4th Season
Dr. Eric Calhoun	Assistant Defensive Line	13th Season
Alex Dean '23	Tight Ends	4th Season
Josh Guilford	Running Backs	2nd Season
Trent Devereaux '24	Wide Receivers	2nd Season
Josh Dukes '01	Assistant Wide Receivers	5th Season

Support Staff

Erik Hartwell	Associate Athletic Trainer	7th Year
Kennedy Hannah	Assistant Athletic Trainer	3rd Year
Kyren Henning	Assistant Athletic Trainer	2nd Year
Brian Baublitz Jr.	Director of Athletics Communication	1st Year
Ava Webb	Assistant AD. For Operations	1st Year

Passing Leaders

#	Name	QBR	Comp-Att (%)	Yards	TD-INT
15	Jason Boge	133.3	79-135 (58.5%)	944	9-4
5	Tyler Herzog	138.3	76-111 (68.5%)	758	6-3
9	Jaxon Palmer	85.4	7-14 (50%)	59	---

Scouting the Scots

- Coming off a 48-14 win at Kalamazoo
- 6th in NCAA in Defensive Touchdowns (4)
- Leads MIAA in Turnover Margin (0.56)
- Jacob Kluk ranks 2nd in NCAA in Punting (43.8)
- Jett King ranks 2nd in MIAA in Tackles Per Game (9.2)

Rushing Leaders

#	Name	Att	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
8	Braylon McDonald	73	270	3.7	---	15
5	Tyler Herzog	59	240	4.1	1	33
29	Rafael Payne	36	168	4.7	---	25

Special Teams Leaders

#	Name	FGM-A (%)	Long	Punts	Avg.	Long	I20
90	Jacob Kluk	---	---	45	43.8	64	18
83	Jace Heck	5-9 (55.6%)	47	---	---	---	---
84	Will Soulliere	2-4 (50%)	42	---	---	---	---

Receiving Leaders

#	Name	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
1	TJ Seiler	45	484	10.8	4	46
4	Ethan Hull	23	385	16.7	7	61
16	Brayden Sullivan	17	249	14.7	2	48

Return Leaders

#	Name	KR-Yds-TD	Avg.	PR-Yds-TD	Avg.
86	Tryce Tokar	---	---	10-87-0	8.7
84	Jaylen Maddox	7-224-0	32.0	1-3-0	3.0
0	Alfonso Gray III	9-200-0	22.2	---	---

Defensive Leaders

#	Name	Tkls	TFL	Sacks	INT	FF-FR	PBU
7	Jett King	83	2.5-4	---	1	0-1	1
5	Reed Seabase	53	1.0-1	---	---	---	1
0	Vindarr Soffredine	38	0.5-0	0.5-0	---	---	---

ALMA FOOTBALL

#14 Calvin Knights

2026 Schedule
(9-0, 6-0 Michigan)

Otterbein	Away	Sep. 5	W	53-21
St. Norbert	Home	Sep. 12	W	49-7
Franklin	Away	Sep. 19	W	41-7
Olivet	Home	Sep. 26	W	66-20
Adrian	Away	Oct. 3	W	17-12
Kalamazoo	Home	Oct. 17	W	54-9
Albion	Home	Oct. 24	W	52-20
Trine	Away	Oct. 31	W	51-20
Hope	Home	Nov. 7	W	38-24
Alma	Away	Nov. 14	---	---

Calvin Coaching Staff

Trent Figg	Head Coach / Quarterbacks	3rd Season
Ben Dixon	Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line	3rd Season
Lamar Bell	Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Backs	3rd Season
Christian Verley	Outside Linebackers	3rd Season
Andrew Vazquez	Tight Ends	3rd Season
Daniel Packard	Assistant HC / Co-DC / LBs / Recruiting	2nd Season
Joey Femali	Assistant Offensive Line	2nd Season
Austin McCrory	Defensive Line	2nd Season
Jaiden Burgess	Wide Receivers	3rd Season
Nate Sanders	Strength & Conditioning / Running Backs	3rd Season
Luca Prior	Director of Football Operations / QBs	2nd Season
Caden Hyink	Assistant DBs / On-Campus Recruiting	2nd Season
Bryce Bengelink	Assistant FB Operations / Assistant LBs	2nd Season

Passing Leaders

#	Name	QBR	Comp-Att (%)	Yards	TD-INT
13	Thomas Vaccaro	201.2	208-286 (72.7%)	2,899	40-4
16	Beau Harris	155.4	19-27 (70.4%)	203	3-2
12	Noah Escobedo	158.8	1-1 (100%)	7	---

Scouting the Knights

- Coming off a 38-24 win vs. Hope / Clinched MIAA Championship
- 9th in NCAA in Scoring Offense (46.8)
- 10th in NCAA in Sacks Per Game (3.33)
- Thomas Vaccaro Ranks 2nd in NCAA in Pass TDs (40) / Pass Yds (2,899)
- Caden Kolanowski ranks 11th in NCAA in Interceptions Per Game (0.56)

Rushing Leaders

#	Name	Att	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
2	Hayden Slegers	87	429	4.9	---	27
13	Thomas Vaccaro	74	425	5.7	6	20
7	Hunter Hogan	33	254	7.7	3	69

Special Teams Leaders

#	Name	FGM-A (%)	Long	Punts	Avg.	Long	I20
99	Logan Nap	0-1 (0%)	---	15	40.9	67	6
96	Sal Ruffino	6-9 (66.7%)	43	---	---	---	---
13	Thomas Vaccaro	---	---	2	30.5	32	1

Receiving Leaders

#	Name	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long
7	Hunter Hogan	64	897	14.0	13	68
18	Luke Michmerhuizen	49	766	15.6	10	64
2	Hayden Slegers	21	250	11.9	1	24

Return Leaders

#	Name	KR-Yds-TD	Avg.	PR-Yds-TD	Avg.
7	Hunter Hogan	---	---	12-144-0	12.0
17	Aiden O'Brien	11-258-0	23.5	---	---
1	Paul Hubbard	4-118-0	29.5	---	---

Defensive Leaders

#	Name	Tkls	TFL	Sacks	INT	FF-FR	PBU
2	Carson Schnurstein	74	5.5-11	3.0-6	---	---	1
10	Nolan Bloomquist	55	6.5-25	1.0-9	1	---	3
30	Kaden McCullough	43	7.0-52	5.0-46	---	1-0	1

ALMA FOOTBALL

Head-to-Head

Projected Starters

OFFENSE			
#15 Jason Boge (So.) #5 Tyler Herzog (Jr.)	QB	QB	**#13 Thomas Vaccaro (R-Jr.)** #16 Beau Harris (So.)
#8 Braylon McDonald (Sr.) #29 Rafeal Payne (So.)	RB	RB	**#2 Hayden Slegers (Jr.)** #0 Leighton Kolk (So.)
#2 Sam Couch (Sr.) #3 Aiden Klein (Sr.)	WR	TE	**#9 Drake Irwin (Jr.)** #10 Carter Bylsma (Jr.)
#4 Ethan Hull (Jr.) #10 Max Volk (So.)	WR	WR	**#1 Jude Klunder (Jr.)** #17 Aiden O'Brien (Jr.)
#1 TJ Seiler (So.) #6 Cooper Keene (Sr.)	SLOT	WR	**#7 Hunter Hogan (Jr.)** #22 M'khi Guy (So.)
#16 Brayden Sullivan (Sr.) #84 Jaylen Maddox (Fr.)	SLOT	WR	**#18 Luke Michmerhuizen (Jr.)** #6 Chase Swartz (Fr.)
#61 Hunter Brosseau (Jr.) #53 Nate Joseph (Sr.)	LT	OL	**#79 Jayden Fles (So.)** #73 Conner Nash (So.)
#64 Lloyd Stoneman (So.) #74 Micah Young (So.)	LG	OL	**#52 Brayden Steinbacher (Jr.)** #53 Drew Ziel (Jr.)
#65 Jerrold Atwell (Sr.) #51 Charlie Nichols (Fr.)	C	OL	**#69 Michael Liggett (Jr.)** #66 Matthew Hallam (Jr.)
#59 Adam Horrigan (Sr.) #75 Connor Jackson (Jr.)	RG	OL	**#72 Andrew Berg (Jr.)** #70 Cooper Roberts (So.)
#56 Joseph Foster (Jr.) #60 Caden McPhillips (Sr.)	RT	OL	**#65 Andre Johnson (So.)** #71 Rowan Stewart (Jr.)
DEFENSE			
#32 Parker Shuman (Sr.) #93 Kalifornia Bey (So.)	DE	DL	**#7 CJ Sheets (Jr.)** #11 Isiah Hill (Jr.)
#98 Evan Walters (Sr.) #58 Jackson Armstrong (Fr.)	DT	DL	**#97 Brock Sperling (So.)** #54 Morgan Martinez (Jr.)
#62 Jacob Bowen (So.) #90 Dageor Robertson (Sr.)	DT	DL	**#95 Peter Markvluwer (Jr.)** #9 Sam Gallo (Jr.)
#36 Keegan Bey (Sr.) #99 Drew Kanary (Sr.)	DE	OLB	**#8 Caiden Bolduc (Jr.)** #57 Jaden Lewis (So.)
#0 Vindarr Soffredine (Sr.) #15 Will McCalla (So.)	WILL	LB	**#30 Kaden McCullough (Jr.)** #28 Bryson Newell (So.)
#7 Jett King (Sr.) #52 Zayne Moore (Sr.)	MIKE	LB	**#2 Carson Schnurstein (Jr.)** #37 Trevor Martens (Jr.)
#5 Reed Seabase (Sr.) #24 Jayden Button (Fr.)	ROVER	DB	**#10 Nolan Bloomquist (Fr.)** #4 Gage Jones (Jr.)
#3 Emillio Riley (So.) #21 Darrell Jones (Jr.)	CB	DB	**#5 Sean Foley (Fr.)** #35 Dominique Williams (Jr.)
#1 Andrew Bradley (Sr.) #18 Robert Hock (So.)	SS	DB	**#14 Amari Powell (So.)** #3 Gavin Grueter (So.)
#2 Joe Debski (Sr.) #16 Drake Koepke (So.)	FS	DB	**#0 Reed Vogeler (So.)** #29 Keegan Kroll (Fr.)
#11 Nathan Sanders (Jr.) #8 Ryan West (Sr.)	CB	DB	**#15 Caden Kolonowski (Jr.)** #32 Justin Febus (Fr.)
SPECIAL TEAMS			
#84 Will Soulliere (Jr.) #83 Jace Heck (Jr.)	K	K	**#95 Sal Ruffino (Jr.)** #99 Logan Nap (So.)
#90 Jacob Kluk (Sr.) #83 Jace Heck (Jr.)	P	P	**#99 Logan Nap (So.)** #9 Drake Irwin (Jr.)
#76 Abram Evans (Sr.) #5 Reed Seabase (Sr.)	LS	LS	**#54 Braedyn Evans (Fr.)** #71 Rowan Stewart (Jr.)
#0 Alfonso Gray III (Sr.) **#86 Tryce Tokar (So.)**	RET	RET	**#17 Aiden O'Brien (Jr.)** **#7 Hunter Hogan (Jr.)**

Team Stats Comparison	Alma	Calvin
Points per Game	24.0	**46.8**
Points Allowed per Game	25.3	**15.6**
Pass Yards Per Game	197.1	**345.4**
Rush Yards Per Game	112.4	**187.9**
Pass Yards Allowed per Game	220.9	**212.1**
Rush Yards Allowed per Game	150.8	**69.9**
Turnover Margin	**+5**	+1

All-Time Series	
Alma Leads 2-0 (100%)	
Last 2 Games	
October 4, 2025	Alma 55 / Calvin 6
October 5, 2024	Alma 73 / Calvin 13

Rosters (Hyperlinked Below)
Alma Online Roster
Calvin Online Roster

ALMA FOOTBALL

Kiltie Marching Band

The Alma College Kiltie Marching Band has a rich tradition spanning 103 years. Founded in the fall of 1922 by students, this group has evolved from its original pep band status to the contemporary marching ensemble that you see and hear today and is composed of students from across the United States.

The band assumed its Scottish identity at the suggestion of the Reverend William "Billie" Malcolm, a Presbyterian minister from Three Rivers. In 1938, the Kiltie Marching Band first performed in its Royal MacPherson tartan uniform for a pep rally before an October football game. Since the Fall of 1997, members of the band wear the official Alma College Tartan, which, is officially registered in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The band is under the direction, in her 1st year, of Kerrissa Silverthorne and led on the field by Drum Major Alyssa Burger. Percussion Professor, Aaron Krause instructs the percussion section. Kylie Hofstra is the Color Guard Instructor and Choreographer. The band's musical compositions and arrangements were written by Alma College student Nolan Musonda and the field show drill by Patrick Ruddy.



Royal Scots

About the Royal Scots

Each year, Alma College recognizes student leaders who go above and beyond to make our campus a better place. These students have thrived in the classroom, and made a significant impact on Alma College and the greater Alma community. They actively embody Alma's core values by serving generously, leading purposefully, and living responsibly.



Mackenzie Bennetts is a senior from Farmington Hills, Michigan, pursuing a double major in Psychology and Theatre. At Alma, she is involved in Alma College Choir, Pretty in Plaid, and Highland Harmonics. She also serves as President of ACT, Sisterhood Development Chair for Phi Sigma Sigma, and Sergeant-at-Arms for Sigma Alpha Iota. In addition, Mackenzie is a member of Psi Chi, the Psychology Honorary, and is a Sweetheart of Phi Mu Alpha.

After graduating from Alma, Mackenzie plans to attend graduate school and earn her doctorate in Clinical Psychology, with hopes of becoming a clinical psychological analyst



Grace Main is a junior from West Bloomfield, Michigan, majoring in History and Political Science. At Alma, she is a member of the softball team and Gamma Phi Beta, where she serves as the Belonging, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Chairwoman. She is also Secretary of the History Club and works as Copy Editor and Layout Manager for the Almainian.

After her time at Alma, Grace plans to continue her education in graduate school and pursue her academic interests.



Carlos Williams is a junior from Lewisham, South London, England, studying Business Sports Management with a minor in New Media Studies. At Alma, Carlos is a member of the Men's Basketball Team and serves as Vice President of the Black Student Union. He is also involved across campus as an ACUB member, Resident Assistant, Library Assistant, and Student Content Creator.

After Alma, Carlos has his sights set on becoming a media mogul and entrepreneurial powerhouse. Carlos would like to give a special shoutout to the friends here who have become family and to his family back home for supporting him every step of the way.



Nayeli Santana-Venegas is a senior from Hastings, Michigan, completing her degrees in Chemistry and Political Science. Throughout her time at Alma, she has been an active member of several student organizations, including iGEM, Latin U, LEAPS, and Kappa Iota.

As Nayeli looks ahead to life after Alma, she plans to continue her academic journey by attending grad school and pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry.

Tartan Award Winners

About the Tartan Award Winners

The Alma College Advancement Office has announced the recipients of the 2026 Tartan Awards, recognizing distinguished alumni and community members whose leadership, service, and professional accomplishments exemplify the values of Alma College.



Dr. Amy McGinnis '92 (Hugh Brenneman Distinguished Alumni Award) - The Hugh Brenneman Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed by Alma College, recognizing alumni whose professional achievements, leadership, and service bring distinction to the college. The award is named in honor of Hugh Brenneman '67.

For nearly three decades, Amy McGinnis has dedicated her career to higher education and student success. She serves as a faculty member in Central Michigan University's Management Department, Director of the Student Engagement & Professional Development HUB, and Director of the Queller Leadership Scholars Program. Before joining CMU, she worked at Lansing Community College as an HR & Communication Leader in the Business & Community Institute while completing her master's degree at Michigan State University.



Ryan Webb '00 (George and Bess (Brown) Hebert Award) - The George and Bess (Brown) Hebert Award recognizes alumni whose loyalty, service, and commitment have strengthened Alma College and its Alumni Association.

Since graduating from Alma College in 2000, Ryan Webb has built a successful career with Pfizer, where he currently serves as a Team Lead in cardiovascular marketing. During his 25-year tenure, he has held a variety of leadership roles in sales, marketing, training, operations, and commercial effectiveness, while also earning an MBA from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.



Brent Neubecker '95 (Smith Distinguished Service Award) - The Smith Distinguished Service Award is presented to graduates who demonstrate a deep commitment to Alma College through service, mentorship, student recruitment, and alumni engagement. The award is named in honor of Art '38 and Carra (Jones) '42 Smith.

A 1995 Alma College graduate with degrees in history and political science, Brent Neubecker has built a career centered on service and community leadership. He has previously held roles with Central Michigan Athletics, Alma College, and a U.S. Congressional office.

Tartan Award Winners (Cont.)

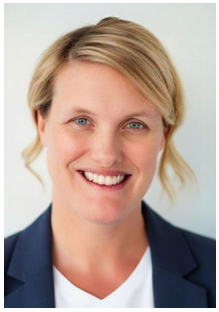
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Libby Flatoff '21 (Young Alumni Award) - The Young Alumni Award recognizes alumni of the past five to 15 years who are living out the values of Alma College through professional achievement, leadership and service.

As Program and Policy Associate for the Arms Control Association in Washington, D.C., Libby Flatoff works to advance public understanding of effective arms control policies and nuclear disarmament. Since earning a master's degree in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies from the Middlebury Institute for International Studies, she has built a career dedicated to international security and global engagement. She also hosts a local networking event, Gin and Atomics, which connects emerging professionals in the nuclear policy field.



Betsy Pilon '03 (Lynne Sherwood Women's Leadership Award) - The Lynne Sherwood Women's Leadership Award recognizes women whose leadership, service, and professional accomplishments have created meaningful impact in their fields and communities.

As Executive Director of Hope for HIE, Betsy Pilon leads a global nonprofit dedicated to supporting families affected by neonatal and pediatric-acquired hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy (HIE). A founder of the organization, she helped grow Hope for HIE from a small parent-led support network into an international advocacy organization serving approximately 15,000 families worldwide. Her work brings together families, clinicians, researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers to advance education, research, patient advocacy, and systemic change.



Dr. William "Will" Nichols (2026 Alma College Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal) - The parade grand marshal for Alma College Homecoming represents the essence of Alma College: a lifelong commitment to learning, community, leadership, and the transformative power of shared experiences.

Will Nichols has exemplified those values through more than four decades of service to Alma College and its students. From 1983 until his retirement in 2024, he served as conductor of the Alma College Choirs and as the Secrest Professor of Music, shaping the lives of generations of students through music, mentorship, and leadership. He earned both his Master of Music degree and doctorate from Michigan State University.

Become a Scot

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About Alma College

LOCATION
Alma, Michigan

ENROLLMENT
1,150

NICKNAME
Scots

COLORS
Maroon, Teal, and White

CONFERENCES
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA)
American Heartland Bowling Association (AHBA)
Great Lakes Esports Conference (GLEC)

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Education
Biology
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