

## INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FALL 2015 STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Chair Popp, Members of the Board of Trustees, President Erickson:

One of the special components of tomorrow's graduation ceremonies is the student speaker's commencement address. I am pleased to introduce the young man who was selected as the student who will address the graduates tomorrow, Mr. Trevor Case.

Please join me, Trevor.

Trevor enrolled at NMU for the first time in the fall of 1998. He stayed for just two semesters, left and returned in Fall 2010. He is from Munising, Michigan.

Trevor majored in Entrepreneurship and minored in Alternative Energies and Anthropology.

Trevor joined the United States Army in 1999, where he was trained as a Combat Engineer. He performed duty missions throughout Central America. He is most proud of his work in Nicaragua, where they built schools and health clinics in rural areas. After his discharge, Trevor worked his way up to Used Car and Internet Sales Manager at West Suburban Imports in Chicago. He decided that he needed an education to advance in his career so he moved back to the UP, bought a small farm in the woods in Chatham, and enrolled at Northern.

During his time here, Trevor has been involved in the Anthropology Club and participated in the Beaver Island summer seminar. He has also been a valued member of the Student Conduct Board and the Student/Faculty Conduct Board. He gave up his time this past summer to serve on the Code of Conduct Review Board. Trevor is also very involved in his community of Chatham. He has managed the local ski hill, Hiawatha Slopes, for children for the past three years and has grown the use of the hill from 3 – 8 kids a day to 60 – 70 kids a day. He volunteers at the paper recycling center in Alger County. This past summer he coached the Chatham Little League Team to the division championship.

After graduation, Trevor will continue to run the ski hill. He plans to use his Entrepreneurship degree to start a snowmobile guide service in the winter and expand his sustainable farm in the summer. He is also hoping to start the MBA program in the Fall.

The theme of Trevor's address tomorrow is the journey the students have made through Northern and the difference people they have known have made in that journey.

Chair Popp, I believe you have a presentation to make.

