

Board of Trustees

Student Achievement Awards

Recognizing the significant contributions that students have made to the quality of life at NMU through their involvement in extra-curricular activities or through work in a University department. They have contributed to the richness of the student experience on this campus and the quality of life beyond the University community.

The Global Campus Award is meant for students who have made a significant commitment to their education through the online NMU Global Campus program. The commitment can be demonstrated by having overcome obstacles in their education path and reaching academic excellence, focus and career ambitions through access to the program.



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Honoring...

Sarah Kendall—Outstanding Graduating Senior

Elizabeth Mansfield—Outstanding Graduating Senior

Lauren Rotundo—Outstanding Student of Any Class

Logan Hartz—Outstanding Non-Traditional Student

Andrea Fox—Outstanding Global Campus Student



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Sarah Kendall

Outstanding Graduating
Senior

Major: Management

Minor: Hospitality Services Management

Hometown: Faribault, Minnesota

First generation college student



Sarah Kendall

Sarah became very involved in student organizations as soon as she arrived. She started with **Campus Cinema** and **Northern Arts and Entertainment**, and added **Platform Personalities** and the **College of Business Dean's Advisory Council** the next year. She has been a **teaching assistant in developmental math courses** since her freshman year.

Sarah completed the **Student Leader Fellowship Program**. Her community service internship was with the Fresh Coast Film Festival and Start the Cycle.

She completed all 4 edges of the **Superior Edge Program**.

She is a member of the **Mortar Board** honor society and the **Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Business School Society**.

Sarah **worked for Post Consumer Brands** in their warehouse in Northfield, Minnesota, for 4 summers. She used her connections with Post to have a guest speaker join one of her business classes. That speaker donated 150 single serving cereal containers to the NMU Food Pantry.

Sarah will graduate **Summa Cum Laude**. After graduation, she will start an **internship in London, England, with Bacchus PR** doing marketing and PR work for two restaurants.



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Elizabeth Mansfield

Outstanding Graduating Senior

Major: Sports Science/ Pre-Occupational Therapy

Hometown: Boyne Falls, Michigan

Harden Scholar

Honors Program



Elizabeth Mansfield

Elizabeth got involved in **house and hall government** right away. She planned events, represented her house at hall government, and was team captain for her house's **Relay for Life** team. She helped with all of the **Presidential Scholars Competitions** and **Wildcat Weekends**, where she represented the **Honors Program, Student Leader Fellowship Program (SLFP)**, or the **Center for Student Enrichment**.

As a member of the SLFP, Elizabeth did her community service **internship with the GoBabyGo! Program**, which provides early mobility opportunities for young children who have disabilities.

Elizabeth **founded the Pre-Occupational Therapy Club** in 2019. She was a member of **Best Buddies**, an NMU student organization focused on promoting inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She and another member represented the Upper Peninsula at the **Best Buddies International Leadership Conference**.

Elizabeth was a member of **Platform Personalities**, the **NMU Diversity Student Alliance** and **Mortar Board**. She worked in the Center for Students Enrichment as the Leadership Program Coordinator. Elizabeth is graduating **Summa Cum Laude**. She will be attending the University of Michigan to pursue a **Doctor of Occupational Therapy** degree.



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Lauren Rotundo

Outstanding Student
of Any Class

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Art and Design

Hometown: Marquette, Michigan



Lauren Rotundo

Lauren was an active member of the Northern chapter of the **Public Relations Student Society of America** and held three positions on the executive board. She participated in numerous volunteer activities through this organization, such as The Coffee Crawl and the Marquette Marketing Panel, and she attended two international conferences.

She completed the **Student Leader Fellowship Program**. For her community service internship, she assisted the **Study Abroad Office** with contacting students through social media and interest meetings. She was a **resident advisor** in Magers Hall.

Lauren spent the summer of 2018 in

Ireland, participating in an **internship at an international PR firm**. She also interned in NMU's **Sports Information Office** and was the communications and design intern for the **UP Sled Dog races** for two years.

Lauren's campus job was in the **Marketing and Communications Office**. She assisted with social media accounts, trained campus staff on the **website** Content Management System and helped with the website conversion project. She also wrote 145 posts for the "People of NMU" series on **social media**.

Lauren will be graduating **Magna Cum Laude**. She will be staying at NMU pursuing a **Master's of Arts and Sciences**.



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Logan Hartz

Outstanding Non-Traditional
Student

Major: History

Minor: Political Science

Hometown: Rochester, Indiana

History Department Outstanding Graduate



Logan Hartz

Logan is considered a non-traditional student because he is a **veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp Infantry** in which he served from 2013 – 2018 and rose to the rank of Corporal.

Logan was very involved in **ASNMU** for two years. He started as a rep and then became the Director of External Affairs. This led to two years representing students at the **Academic Senate**. He talked to students and student organizations constantly so he knew what they were thinking and how he could best represent them to student government and the Academic Senate.

He also served on university committees: the **SISU Innovation Work Group**, the **Center for Student Enrichment Big Ideas Committee**, and the **Student Athletic Engagement Committee**.

He was a member of the **Radio X Board of Directors** and the **Student Law Forum**. He was also a valued member of the **Student Conduct Board**.

Logan is graduating **Summa Cum Laude**. He will be attending the University of Tulsa **College of Law** in the fall.



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Andrea Fox

Outstanding Global
Campus Student

Major: Master of Public Administration

Hometown: Euclid, Ohio



Andrea Fox

Andrea **works for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.**

She has been an incredible asset to the Global Campus outside of her studies. She regularly **contributes valuable content** through written and video testimonials.

Andrea truly embraces all that comes with being an online adult learner who balances a busy life and schedule. She is intentional about **spreading positive messages and sound advice** for those who might be overwhelmed with online learning commitments and formats.

Despite not being on NMU's campus, Andrea **participates in student activities.** She has been known to travel hours to see NMU's hockey and football teams play when they are on the road. Andrea has given back to NMU by supporting the **Food Pantry**, participating in the **Virtual Wildcat Fun Run 5K**, and sporting the "Beat Tech" tee of the **Puckhead** student group. She also has been planning virtual MPA happy/trivia hours to connect with her fellow distance learner classmates.

Andrea's **strong academic performance** and **NMU community involvement** make her deserving of this recognition.

