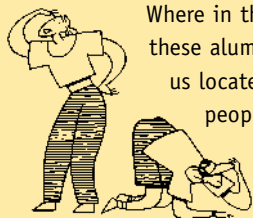


## LOST ALUMNI



Where in the world are these alumni? Can you help us locate the following people?

**David Pina '78**  
**BFA**  
**William T.**

**Smeester '81 CER**  
**Trudie Hagman '84 BS**  
**James R. Blahnik '86 Dipl.**  
**Ed Feigel '87 Dipl.**  
**Donna Kristoff '90 BS**  
**Kenneth C. Wood '90 BS**  
**Jill M. Wenger '91 BS**  
**Karen L. Kortryk '92 BSN**  
**Connie White '92 BS**  
**Julie M. Zeleznik '93 BA**  
**Mark L. Gilles '95 BS**  
**Matthew L. Aldridge '97 BA**  
**Melissa J. Austhof '97 BA**  
**Diane Dyer '97 AS**

If you can help us, please drop us a note at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu) or call us toll free at 1-877-GRAD NMU.

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

We would like to thank the following alumni who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

**Kathleen Frazier '86 BS**  
**L. Garnet Lewis '86 MAE**  
**Matthew '86 BS and Jane '85 BS**  
**Surrell**  
**John and Deborah '86 MAE Veiht**  
**Robert '91 BS and Sara '91 BS**  
**Dunstone**  
**Barbara Burri '92 BS**  
**LuAnne Thurston '93 BS**  
**Bill B. Mays '94 BS**

Want to learn more about the benefits of being a lifetime member? Visit us on the Web at [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni), e-mail us at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu), or call us at 1-877-GRAD-NMU.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

## What can you do for NMU?



As my two-year term of office officially ends at Homecoming, this is my last article for *Horizons* as president of the Alumni Association.

At my first board meeting as president, I asked the Alumni Board members to give me one specific goal they would like to complete by the end of my term. The same request is coming from me to all of you. Set a goal to do one thing for NMU over the next year. Attend one event at Northern such as a music concert, a sports event, an educational forum, or an alumni gathering. Or sign up for an NMU alumni e-mail address, encourage a high school student to attend Northern next fall, reconnect with a former classmate from NMU through our Web page, or invite a student to do an internship at your place of employment.

All of your efforts help strengthen your ties to NMU and send a message to everyone you connect with that you are proud to have graduated from Northern Michigan University.

—**Susi Dahlke '63 BS**, President NMU Alumni Association

## And the winners are...

Congratulations to our alumni sweepstakes winners

**Jon P. Christensen '77 BS**

HP 315, 2.3 mega-pixel digital camera and DeskJet 825 color printer

**Peggy A. Graf '76 BSN**

Art Carved 10K gold signet ring

**Michael R. Hill, '80 BS**

NMU prize basket

**JoAnn Huber, '73 BSN**

Weekend package, Shoreline Resort, Eagle Harbor, Michigan

**Kathleen S. Johnson '99 AA**

One-year PEIF membership

**Kristine A. Keranen '76 BS**

Freshwater pearl bracelet/silver and bali silver bracelet

**Stephen B. Leisenring '82 BS**

One-night stay at the Landmark Inn, Marquette, Michigan

**Margaret Grace Liesche '72 BA**

Season NMU hockey or Forest Roberts Theatre tickets

**Scott C. Long '91 BS**

U.P. sled dog print and snowshoe wallhanging

**Robert J. Mariucci '89 BS, '93 MAE**

NMU Alumni Association lifetime membership

**Earl C. Messner '40 BS**

\$100 gift certificate for Alumni Association merchandise

**Annette Molner '43 BA**

Two-night stay package at the Holiday Inn or Ramada Inn of Marquette, Michigan

**Wayne S. Rodriguez '00 BS**

NHL Atlanta Thrashers team jersey and mementos

**William C. White '72 BS**

14K gold U.P. pendant

**Raymond J. Zavada '74 BS**

Paul Grant "Coming Home" print

# Alumni awards

Four alumni to be honored at Homecoming



**Distinguished Alumni Award: Kathryn Davis Messerich '79 BS**

Kathryn Davis

Messerich is a winning trial lawyer representing health care professionals, hospitals, and clinics in medical malpractice matters, licensing board disputes, and other health care related litigation. Kathy received her bachelor of science in nursing from Northern, her master's degree in maternal-child nursing from the University of Minnesota, and her juris doctor from William Mitchell College of Law.

Prior to practicing law, she was a registered nurse working in intensive care and also served on the University of Minnesota pediatrics transport team. Kathy currently serves on the executive committee of the Minnesota Defense Lawyer's Association and is vice-chair of the Hennepin County District Ethics Committee. She was recently named one of Minnesota's Top Ten Attorneys of the Year and is currently a shareholder with Halleland, Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins, and Johnson in the Twin Cities area.



**Alumni Service Award: Robert (Bart) Bartkowiak '72 BA**

Bart Bartkowiak has been an active volunteer in the Marquette community and at NMU. He is a founding board member of the Marquette County YMCA and is currently serv-

ing as its president. He is treasurer of the Economic Club, on the board of Catholic Social Services, and the past president of the Marquette Golf and Country Club board. He is the president of the NMU Wildcat Club and serves on the NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees. Bart received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Northern.

Professionally, he owns Bartkowiak Accounting and Tax Service in Marquette. He is vice-chair of the Independent Accountants Association. He received the Business Person of the Year award from Rotary International and was recognized by the Upper Michigan YMCA with its Key Leader Award.



**Outstanding Young Alumni: Dale J. Samar '89 BS**

After graduating from NMU with a bachelor's degree in marketing, Dale Samar moved to Phoenix, where he found employment in the golf industry. A three-year PGA apprenticeship ultimately enabled him to begin a professional career in golf management. During his five-year tenure at Mountain Shadows Golf Resort, he moved from service attendant to head golf professional.

In 1995, he left Mountain Shadows to work as a golf pro for SunCor Resort and Golf Management Corporation, a company that generates more than \$20 million in revenue at its golf facilities. He currently serves as general manager of Stone Ridge Golf Course and general

manager and director of golf at Sedona Golf Resort. His facilities have played host to major USGA and LPGA championship tournaments, have been featured in golf magazines, and have been listed in the top five of Arizona public golf courses.



**Alumni Civic Leadership Award: Leonard (Bud) Lawry '65 BS, '69 MA**

For more than 30 years, Bud Lawry has worked to make the Midland community a better place to live. His civic leadership began in the late 1960s with involvement in the Elks Club. He volunteered at the Midland County School Employee Credit Union and served as its president for 10 years. He has been a member of the Midland Lions Club for nearly 20 years and is its current president. He is a mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, was recently appointed to the Midland Housing Commission, and is a trustee on the board of Windover High School, an alternative high school for troubled youth.

Bud was raised in the Upper Peninsula. He graduated from Ishpeming High School and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern. He also holds an education specialist degree from Central Michigan University. Bud committed 35 years of his life to working in the field of education, retiring as principal of Jefferson Intermediate/Middle School in Midland in June 2000.