

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

# Carry on a tradition

**H**i. I'm **Rick Popp '88 BS, 90 MPA**, the new NMU Alumni Association president. I am honored to have this position and hope to hear from many of you about what services and events you value most about the Association and what you'd like to see the Association provide in the future.

Since being named to the Alumni Board in 2000, I've spent more time thinking about Northern and its impact on my life than I have in a long time. One idea that has really taken on more meaning is this: When each of us was a student, some alum—often unbeknownst to us—did something that enabled us to have a more enriching college experience.

Alumni did this for us through their continued involvement with Northern, either through financial support, helping with professional opportunities, or even just touting their own success as a product of going to Northern, which enhanced NMU's regional and national reputation and our sense of pride of attending the same school.

To those alumni who supported Northern in the 1980s, when I was a student, thanks.

Let's carry on the tradition of helping current and future NMU students. You don't have to do something monumental, time-consum-



Rick Popp (left) with his sons, Isaiah and Sam, and his wife, **Sue (Willson) Popp '90 BS**.

ing, or expensive, but do something as a way of honoring those alumni who—known or anonymously—supported you.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have a comment or a question you'd like to ask, please e-mail me at [rpopp@twmi.rr.com](mailto:rpopp@twmi.rr.com).

—**Rick Popp, President NMU Alumni Association**

# Alumni are getting the word out

## Grassroots effort sees growth

**A** grassroots effort is sprouting among Northern alumni willing to help ensure that NMU's mission does not get lost amidst today's often confusing discussions about higher education issues. Alumni are assisting Northern by speaking on the university's behalf to current and prospective students, parents, and community members, and by writing to state legislators.

Alumni can stay informed about higher education issues by receiving the *What's New, NMU?* electronic alumni newsletter; attending forums held on campus, alumni events, or Community Connection gatherings; or simply by asking an Alumni Association

staff member or an NMU administrator about higher education issues.

Today, a college education—whether it be a diploma or certificate, or an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree—has never been more important to opening career doors. Alumni play an integral role

in helping Northern distribute the information needed for others to make informed decisions about higher education. If you're interested in being a part of this endeavor, please contact the Alumni Association toll-free at 1-877-GRAD NMU or by e-mail at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu).

## Alumni Association Services Survey

**WHAT DO YOU THINK** about the programs and services the NMU Alumni Association provides? What programs and services would you like to see the Alumni Association offer?

**LOG ON** to [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni) and fill out our online Alumni Association Services Survey. All of the information collected will be anonymous and confidential. This is your chance to tell us your ideas and let us know how we're doing.

# NMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

## NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

These awards recognize alumni who have received an associate, bachelor's, master's, or education specialist degree from Northern and who have been a positive influence on their professions or their communities through public service, or who have distinguished themselves through outstanding achievements that place them above the norm.

The Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the following awards:

### Alumni Service Award

An NMU alumnus/alumna whose volunteerism, contributions, and/or recruitment efforts on behalf of NMU are above the norm.

### Alumni Civic Leadership Award

An NMU alumnus/alumna whose volunteer service to his or her community has been outstanding for a minimum of 10 years.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

An NMU alumnus/alumna who is outstanding in his/her profession and has made significant contributions to society or his/her profession.

### Outstanding Young Alumni Award

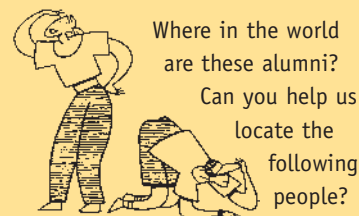
An NMU alumnus/alumna under 36 years of age who has demonstrated achievements in service to NMU, professional success, civic involvement, business, political arenas, or other notable activities.

### Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2003

Awards are given once per year during Homecoming weekend. Nominations must be submitted by someone other than the recommended recipient and are valid for three years. For complete award descriptions and nomination instructions, visit our Web site at [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni), e-mail us at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu), or call 1-877-GRAD NMU.

The mission of the Northern Michigan University Alumni Association is to cultivate a strong tradition of involvement and loyalty among alumni, students, friends, and community while advancing the interests of the university.

## LOST ALUMNI



Dennis Damon '70 BA  
John Gebauer '71 BS  
Daniel Kalinowski '75 BS  
Carol Rydell '75 BS  
Jennifer Hopkins '80 BS  
Sheila Stack '82 BS  
Catherine Hughes '85 MA  
Linda Marx '85 BS  
Mark Flannery '86 BS  
Andrew Shively '92 BS  
Suzanne Kelley '94 BS  
Steven Langner '96 BS  
Mark Roby '96 Dipl.  
Allison Mack '98 BS  
Kevin Sheard '98 BS

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

The following people have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association. Thank you.

John Bottum '48 BA  
Sandra Smith '65 BS  
Patrick '66 BA and Ann '69 BA Cashin  
Katherine Wagester '67 BS  
Susanne Homant '69 BA, '81 MBA  
Michael '69 BS and Kathleen (Williams) '70 BS Mayhew  
John Cozzuol '70 BS  
Richard Little '71 BS  
Norman Bradbury '73 BS  
William Krauss Jr. '73 BS  
Gene '74 BS and Susan (Marcella) '77 BS Autio  
Henry Motes '74 BS  
Douglas '76 BS and Gail Miller  
Michael Nardi '76 BS

Kyra Fedetz '77 BSN  
Paul Kuyper '77 BS  
Joseph Holman III '78 BS  
Peter Biske '79 BS  
Ann Van Dyke '79 BS  
Judith (Sanders) Voorheis '80 BS  
Gary '81 AB, '84 BS and Kimberly (Ericson) '87 BS Brunswick  
Wayne Hanmer '82 BME  
Barbara (Lukkarinen) Ball '84 BS  
Daniel '84 AT, '85 BS and Christine (Marceau) '86 BS Boyle  
Paul Cook '86 BS  
Charles Roberts '86 BS  
Debra Ackley '87 BS  
Brian Hawkins '87 BS  
David Peyton '87 BS  
Lisa Kupfer '89 MA  
Robert '89 BS, '93 MAE and Lisa Mariucci

Amy Molinaro '89 BSN  
Carol Moore '90 BS  
Pamela Pomeroy '90 MAE  
Rhonda (Koms) Sprague '91 BS  
Jenny St. Martin '93 BS  
Bob Tebeau '95 BS  
Rachel Wisniewski '96 BS  
Chad Devereaux '97 AS, '99 BS  
Todd Schuster '94 BS, '98 MA  
Jacob LaValley '99 BS  
Brendan Bailey '00 MS  
Janel '00 BS and Tim '00 BS Marshall  
Timothy Freiberg '01 BS  
Ryan Kieszkowski '01 BS

To learn about the benefits of being a lifetime member, visit us on our Web site 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.