

Awesome work, awesome people

When I graduated from Northern Michigan University and got involved in the Alumni Association, I was in awe of what went on and how it all got done. This included helping to plan and organize various activities including homecoming and local alumni gatherings. The Alumni Association has come a long way since 1969, and it is all because of alumni who take leadership roles and work together.

Jennifer Giangrass '03 BS, for example, did a great job putting together a Hockey Night Across the Country party in Chicago in February. **Paul Roberts** '56 BS is a tireless volunteer, who is out there actively promoting Northern to prospective students. **Jack Mauro** '65 BS is re-energizing the Alumni 'N' Club for former letter winners,

and **Mike Harris** '78 BS is a strong advocate and fundraiser for the Wildcat hockey program. These are just a few examples of alumni who are making a difference for NMU.

But alumni aren't just taking leadership roles on behalf of the university. Locally and around the globe, alumni are at the forefront of efforts to better their communities and the lives of others. **Steve Klinkner** '78 BS participates in a program that brings dental care to people who live in Third World countries; **Krista Jensen** '95 BS donates her time to lead a nursing home volunteer group in Royal Oak, Michigan; and **Tom Knauss** '54 BS worked diligently to make sure Marquette's Veterans Park became a reality. Again, I am in awe of how NMU alumni are making things happen.



Every one of us makes a difference in one way or another. If you would like information on how you can be a leader for NMU alumni in your area, call the Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD-NMU or e-mail us at alumni@nmu.edu.

Barry Axelrod '69 BA,
President NMU Alumni Association

ALUMNI FAST FACT...

Snapshot: Who Belongs to the NMU Alumni Association

Total Addressable Alumni: 40,011	By Gender Male: 52%
Total Members: 3,024	Female: 48%
Annual Members: 2,499	By Graduation Decade
Lifetime Members: 525	1920s: .2%
By Affiliation	1930s: .9%
Alumni: 94%	1940s: 2.3%
Non-alumni: 6%	1950s: 5.1%
By Location	1960s: 15.7%
Michigan: 60%	1970s: 27.5%
Out-of-state: 39.6%	1980s: 21.4%
International: .4%	1990s: 14.5%
	2000s: 7.1%
	Unknown: 5.3%

Upcoming Alumni and Marquette Area Events

DATE	EVENT
Oct. 15-16	Homecoming 2004
Dec. 18	NMU Commencement
Dec. 22	Minneapolis Area Alumni Reception in Conjunction with Dodge Holiday Classic Hockey Tournament
2005	
Jan. 21	Chicago Area Alumni Reception
Feb. 18	U.P. 200 Sled Dog Race, Marquette

For more information on any of the above events, contact the NMU Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD-NMU or alumni@nmu.edu.

2004 Alumni Association Award winners

Troy Huggett '92 BS, Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Troy is the owner of and trainer at Huggett Fitness Pros in Battle Creek, Mich. He has worked in the fitness industry for 17 years and specializes in weight loss, sports conditioning, medical fitness training, and senior fitness conditioning. He received a master's degree in physical education from Emporia State. Troy is a published author, certified trainer, exercise specialist, and a licensed emergency medical technician. He has volunteered as the fitness director at Burnham Brook Senior Center and with the Michigan Special Olympics medical staff. A lifetime member of the NMU Alumni Association, Troy has also served as a host for a number of Northern alumni events in the Battle Creek area.

Steven Mitchell '67 BS, Distinguished Alumni Award

Steve is chairman of Mitchell Research and Communications, Inc., a company he founded in 1985. His political consulting, public relations counseling, and marketing research career spans more than 25 years. Steve is a recognized speaker on trends in politics and polling. He has served on the staffs of United States senators and state legislators. He is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, past director of Common Ground Sanctuary, and a volunteer for the Jewish Community Council, Jewish Resettlement Center, and Jewish Association for Residential Care.

Bobby Glenn Brown '87 BS, Alumni Service Award

A graduate of NMU's theatre program, Bobby has worked tirelessly on behalf of the program. After receiving a master of fine arts in musical theatre from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Bobby returned to Marquette. Since 1990, he has donated his time and resources to the NMU program and assists students with theater productions. He has served as president of the First Nighters Club, the booster club for the Forest Roberts Theatre. Bobby has performed in numerous shows across the country and on the FRT stage. He is a past member and officer of various area art boards. He has also directed five of the annual Christmas productions of *Scrooge*, now called *Ebenezer*, and produced children's theater workshops and performances at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum.

LOST ALUMNI

We know they're out there. Can you help us locate the following people?

Clay Leek '68 MA
Susan Black '74 BS
Thomas Nicolini '75 BS
Lawrence Ellerman '80 BS
Lynda Mason '81 BS
Judith Fuller '82 BSW
Gregory Boles '86 Dipl.
Nina White '90 BS
Mary Younker '90 BS
Patrick Moore '93 BFA
Scott Tarnowski '94 BS
Melani Chonko '96 BS
Terry Jones '97 BS
David Magno '98 BS

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LIFETIME MEMBERS

We'd like to thank the following people who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

James Orwin '67 BS
Victor Ceru '71 BS
Gary Hoensheid '73 BS
Richard '73 BS and Glenys Hull
Juanita (Barber) Spallina '73 BSN
Don '75 BS '83 MBA and Ann
(Bedard) Dames '77 BS
Jacquelyn (Redd) Ingram '75 BS
Mark Lovell '77 BS
Shaun '79 BS and Debra
(Fisher) Clark '81 BS
Steven LaBrenz '89 BS
David Lover '92
Eric Bolduc '94 BS
Terri (Laitinen) Fawkes '95 BS

To learn about the benefits of membership, visit our Web site at www.nmu.edu/alumni, e-mail us at alumni@nmu.edu, or call us toll free at 1-877-GRAD NMU.