

NMU and the rest of the world

When does one begin to learn to be a good citizen? Where does one learn to become a participant in the world community? For many people, that process truly begins to take shape during their college years.

I was thinking about these questions while back on campus in October for Homecoming weekend—first when I attended our Alumni Awards and Sports Hall of Fame banquets and listened to the testimonials given about the volunteer and community service efforts of all of our award winners, and again when President Les Wong discussed the “Curriculum for the 21st Century” in his investiture address. In the latter, Dr. Wong challenged students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Northern not to be afraid of change and to be active participants in the discussion about what skills NMU graduates need to be

successful in both life and their professions in today’s global society.

I believe that the NMU student should have a global perspective in order to prosper. Many of the companies I do business with today are headquartered in cities around the world. Are Northern students ready to be worldwide community members? Just the fact that there are about 200 student organizations on campus today leads me to believe they are on the right track. When I hear that about 900 NMU students turned out for Make A Difference Day, I’m even more optimistic.

Dr. Wong has challenged NMU alumni to get involved in this very important discussion and planning process for the “Curriculum for the 21st Century.” What from your professional or personal experiences would you bring to this discussion? If you have ideas, e-mail them to alumni@nmu.edu. They will be



passed along to the various committees that are examining such things as international experiences and leadership and ethics training.

Let’s all get involved. Doing so can help Northern, its students, faculty, and alumni in taking an even greater place in the nation and the world. And that is something that can make all of us proud.

**Barry Axelrod '69 BA, President
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ALUMNI FAST FACT... NORTHERN BY THE NUMBERS

When asked about your alma mater, do you have current information right at hand? Now, you do. Below are 10 frequently asked questions and answers that can help alumni provide accurate information about Northern Michigan University.

1. Number of students? About 9,400.
 2. Number of freshmen? About 2,000.
 3. Number of full-time undergraduate students? About 8,400—90 percent of student body.
 4. Number of students who live on campus? About 2,600—just over 25 percent of the student body (2,300 in the residence halls and about 350 students in the university apartments).
 5. Male-female ratio of student body? Nearly even, with women having a slight edge (male 46%, women 54%).
 6. Average class size? About 25-30 students.
 7. Number of faculty and staff members? Faculty, about 350. Staff, about 700.
 8. Number of academic programs? About 200 (includes programs at all levels). This is the same rounded number as student groups on campus in any given year.
 9. NMU's graduation rate? Fifty percent—about the same as the national average for comprehensive universities.
- And last but not least...
10. Number of NMU alumni? More than 50,000 and counting!

Numbers listed are as of fall 2004.

Can't come to NMU?

Bring NMU to you with Mediasite Live

Just weeks before the 2004 presidential election, **Steve Mitchell '67 BS**, CEO of Mitchell Research and Communications and one of the most respected political pollsters in the business, came to campus and gave a presentation on leadership and the upcoming election. A woman in Virginia watched Mitchell's presentation and afterward asked him what he thought about negative campaigning. What made that interaction possible? Mediasite Live.

Mediasite Live is a real-time presentation system that can serve up live, interactive, Web-based broadcasts while also allowing users to store and replay presentations on demand. The NMU Alumni Association is hoping to use this technology to help keep you connected to your alma mater.

"We have so many faculty, staff, and alumni who are excellent resources. Mediasite will allow us to provide some real life-long learning opportunities," said Deanna Hemmila, director of alumni operations.

"We could feature investment specialists, history professors, readings by our English writing faculty, and current students and their research projects. The possibilities are endless. The real task for us now is determining what topics are of interest to alumni," Hemmila added.

Previous NMU Mediasite presentations are archived and ready for you to view. Visit www.nmu.edu/alumni for details. If you have an idea for a Mediasite presentation, let us know. Send an e-mail to alumni@nmu.edu, or call us at 1-877-GRAD NMU.

Upcoming Alumni and Marquette Area Events

DATE	EVENT
Jan. 21	Chicago Area Alumni Reception, Glascott's in Lincoln Park
Jan. 22	NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors Winter Meeting, Chicago
Jan. 28	Wildcat Night Across the Country, NMU vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Various Locations
Feb. 15	DeVos Art Museum Grand Opening, Marquette
Feb. 18-19	U.P. 200 and Winter Fest, Marquette
March 17-19	CCHA Super Six Tournament, Detroit, Joe Louis Arena
April 19	Reynolds Recital Hall Dedication, Marquette
June 23	Wildcat Club/Alumni Association Golf Outing, Marquette
June 24	NMU Alumni Association Spring Meeting, Marquette
August 10-14	Finn Grand Fest 2005, Marquette
Sept. 16-17	NMU Homecoming 2005, Marquette

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

LOST ALUMNI

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

Floyd Cassidy '64 MA
Kenneth LaMar '72 BS
Peter LaVoy '72 BS
Darwin Wendt '75 BS
Julia Pitcher '79 BS
Esther Serfas '79 BS
Nancy Franco '80 BS
Deborah Wright '81 BSN
Donnell Elwood '82 BS
Diane Turchan '82 BSN
Mark Levelius '86 BS
Gerry Sandahl '86 BS
Philip Johns '90 BS
Barbara Ferguson '91 BS
Linda Hill '97 BS

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

LIFETIME MEMBERS

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

Raymond Hirvonen '48 BS
Betty Dahlquist '75 BA
Larry Inman '76 BS
Theresa (Vallina) Adams '83 BSN
Richard Droelle '84 BS
Kurt '86 BS and Susan Lindow
James Hundrieser '87 BS
Linda Swenson '90 BS
Jodi Golisek-Nelc '96 BS and Francis Nelc
Tiffany Menard '95 AS, '96 BS
Craig '98 BS and Amy (Johnson) Jones '98 BS
Jeremy '98 AS, '00 BS and Nichole (McMahon) '00 AA Stover
Bruce Herr Jr. '99 BSN

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