

# Alumni in touch

## Missing Alumni

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

Jack B. Griffin '23

William W. Nicholls '46

Gretchen O. (Olmsted) Tompkins '58

Frank J. Waitrovich '58

Paul E. Kirschner '60

Jean C. Larson '65

Mary (Hendrickson) Beckley '71

Barbara A. (Burkman) Sippola '75

Geraldine L. Smith '82

Christine M. (Tornberg) Niemi '89

Jeffrey S. Cashman '92

Ann M. (LaCosse) Halvorson '93

Dwayne S. Smith '97

Jonathan D. Cooper '04

Megan E. Anthony '08

## Lifetime Members

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

Nancy L. Cunningham '78

Dr. Scott '78 and Deanne (Hanson) '80 Pynnonen

Dr. Janet M. Balbierz '80

Mary L. Myllyla '83, '89

Dr. Marianne T. Erickson '89

Michelle A. (Hiebel) Todzy '90

Lawrence Wilkins, Jr. '92

Daniel '99 and Amanda (Miettinen) '00 Huyck

Jerome G. Lombardo '01

Dr. Kathryn Prevost '02

Brian M. Johnson '05

Timothy '04 and Angela (Graves) '06 Tanis

## NMU alumni honored

**Four alumni were recognized** for their achievements at a celebration brunch during Homecoming:

### Outstanding Young Alumni Award



**Heather Albrecht '96 BS**, of Chicago, is vice president of non-profit services for RuffaloCODY, the nation's

largest and oldest higher education fund-raising consulting/ software firm. Her areas of expertise are helping to design and oversee annual giving fund-raising efforts for colleges and universities. As a student at NMU, Albrecht was supervisor for telephone campaigns and oversaw the telemarketing program. She later was promoted to associate director of the annual fund and served as co-founder of the NMU Student Alumni Foundation.

### Alumni Achievement Award



**Mike Ross '76 BME**, of Appleton, Wis., is director of bands at Appleton West High School.

His groups have been invited to perform at the Wisconsin State Music Convention and have done concert tours in Italy, Germany, France, England and Greece. Ross has held many positions in different orchestras and symphonies in the Midwest, including conductor of the Green Bay Youth Symphony and principal timpanist with the

Green Bay Symphony Orchestra. He played football at NMU from 1972-74, then played in the "Pride of the North" marching band. He holds a master's in music education from Northwestern University.

### Distinguished Alumni Awards



**Larry Inman '76 BS**, of Traverse City, is a retired vice president of Huntington National Bank. He serves as

Traverse County Commissioner and has been instrumental in assisting with economic development for the county. He holds a number of positions on various local and state boards, including the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board. He served four years on the NMU Board of Trustees and recently began a term with the NMU Foundation Board.



**Duane Vandebusch '59 BS**, of Gunnison, Colo., is a history professor at Western State College of Colorado and the

author of six books. He also is a nationally recognized, recently retired, cross country and track and field coach. He coached 10 NCAA national championship teams, both men and women, and was a seven-time recipient of the national "Cross Country Coach of the Year" award. He holds a master's and doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University.

## Wildcat Night Across the County, February 13

The NMU Alumni Association's annual Wildcat Night Across the Country celebration is Friday, Feb. 13. The NMU hockey team faces off against Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., The game broadcast begins at 8 p.m. on CBS College Sports Network.

Now is the time to plan a Wildcat Night Across the Country party for your area. All you have to do is find a local sports bar or restaurant that gets the CBS College Sports Network and then work with the staff to allow Wildcat fans to convene there. Once that is in place, let the NMU alumni office know. We'll publicize the location and details of your event, send out e-mail invitations to area alumni and send you a "party package" that includes green and gold decorations.

Heading into the 2008-09 season, Coach Walt Kyle said, "I am excited about the prospects for our team this season. We have a number of returning faces and will also sprinkle in some new names that we feel can help us. Our run over the second half of last year and into the playoffs will hopefully provide us with experience and make us a strong team to contend with this season. After watching

us on the ice in the pre-season, I really feel we have the most exciting group of players we have had in quite some time.

As a coach you can never tell how that translates into wins, but I can assure you we have some guys that will get our fans out of their seats. It should be an exciting year."

Last year, the Wildcats met the Fighting Irish three times, with a final score of 2-1 each time. In the January home series, the 'Cats won the first game and lost the second. NMU beat the nationally ranked Irish in the consolation game of the CCHA Championship at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit in March.

Let's make this the biggest and best Wildcat Night Across the Country ever. Be a 'Cat on the prowl—organize an event for NMU alumni in your area. Thanks to those who have served as Wildcat Night coordinators in the past. This program has been successful, in large part, because of you.



A Wildcat Night gathering in Asheville, N.C.

### Thank you for supporting the Annual Fund at Northern Michigan University.

*I was thrilled to find out I was a recipient of an annual fund scholarship, but I was even more excited when I heard it was made possible by NMU alumni and friends. What a cool feeling to know that those who were once in my shoes are now the ones giving back.*

*For me, your gift meant more time to focus on my research. For others, it provided study abroad experiences, tutoring sessions, new lecture series, internship opportunities, new lab equipment and more. Every gift is making a difference, every student is benefiting, and every donor deserves our thanks.*

*I guess you could say your gift is like a pat on the back that says, "Keep up the good work!"*

*And knowing that you have invested in me and my future, I will.*

*Adrienne Bozic*

# Thank you



*Adrienne researches rare plants at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.*



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