

Alumni in touch

Missing Alumni

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

Susan (Lafaive) Adams '75
Jennifer Abbott-Lahaie '80
Anastasia M. Bauman '99
Brian P. Basto '96
Adelia (O'Donnell) Bax '89
Tak C. Cheng '82
Signe (Aho) Lake '63
Russel J. Lamesfield '72
Richard A. Hair '87
Mark A. Halash '99
Marilyn O. Ebreo '01
Kent H. Eckstrom '81
Hamza Chekiri '77
Adlore C. Chaudier '65
Frances C. Adams '76

Lifetime Members

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

Tom C. Baranowski '90
Lisa A. (Bard) '82 and
Dr. Thomas M. Crady '81
David L. Laitinen '80
Aaron J. Maiké '96
Lisa T. (Rossell) Riccobono '99
Carole L. (Beaudoin) '59 and
James C. Welte '59
Donna M. (Brady) '04 and
Phil J. Zaleski '02

Did you know benefits of being a member of the Alumni Association include discounts on:

- Group insurance
 - Lodging and car rental
 - NMU merchandise and events
 - Office supplies
 - PEIF recreation passes
- Join today! www.nmu.edu/alumni

Brad Hamel



Italian Impressions

The stunning views did not overshadow the educational experience of the NMU alumni who traveled to the Tuscany region of Italy. Our group of NMU alumni and friends spent eight days in May exploring the hilltop towns that adorn the beautiful landscape. We spent each day on tour with a guide and also had time to explore on our own.

From the Etruscan city of Cortona we ventured off to learn about and experience the unique history and culture of the surrounding towns. Our first journey of the week was to Perugia and Assisi.

"The Tuscany/Cortona trip offered through Northern was an incredible experience and I am so thankful for NMU allowing its alumni the chance to travel. Seeing historical buildings and great cathedrals that are older than our own country just left me speechless. Everything we set our eyes on and learned about was just amazing. This was a great opportunity as both an educational and pleasurable trip and I sincerely hope that Northern continues to offer such opportunities in the future. Thank you NMU!"

—Leanna Ketola '06 BA

Here we had our introduction to two great cathedrals: Perugia's Piazza IV Novembre and the great Basilica St Francis. Fortunately for us, Assisi was holding a Renaissance fair, which helped us picture what this town may have been like in the days of its glory.

For the next two days we traveled to both Siena and Florence. In Siena another piece of history was under construction. Set builders for the next James Bond movie were recreating the Palio di Siena, a medieval horse race, in the city's main square. They were going to start filming just days after we were to leave Italy.

Florence was the largest city on our tour and we were given extra time to explore. After an informative bus and walking tour we spread out and found some special cafes, restaurants and shops.

After making some great new friends and taking in spectacular views we started to look toward the next adventure of the NMU Alumni Association. This educational experience is just a glimpse at what is to come! Please consider joining us on our next adventure and help spread the word of NMU across the globe.

—Brad Hamel '99 BS
Assistant Director
of Alumni Operations



"There are some places in the world that do not change a lot. People still live in 900-year-old buildings, close together on narrow streets with squares and cathedrals. Some cathedrals and cities took several hundred years to build. The people gather as the generations before them did to buy vegetables, cook, govern and worship. They seem to have an understanding of the need to be close to their family and community. The pace and environment was very respectful of human needs. I see why people want to move there and I understand why I want to go back."

—Mary Lynn Anderson '73 BSN,
'74 MAE, NMU nursing professor

Homecoming 2008 set for Oct. 3-4

The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies have signed on to host two new Homecoming receptions, Friday, Oct. 3. They join the College of Business and Political Science Department in hosting get-togethers for returning alumni. The receptions are open to all alumni and will be at the Landmark Inn, following the parade.

Also new to the schedule is "See ya at Donckers" open house. The historic Donckers soda fountain is back in operation. Stop down at the renovated candy store and grab a milkshake on Homecoming Friday evening.

Be sure to plan some time, too, to catch a performance of *The Foreigner*, a comedy at the Forest Roberts Theatre. On Saturday, Oct. 4, before the 1 p.m. matinee, a special reception for theater alums will be held; and at 3 p.m., a backstage tour of the theater is offered.

New benefit! Read about new savings for Alumni Association members on auto and home insurance through Liberty Mutual at www.nmu.edu/alumni.

Share your passion for NMU with prospective students!

Long to be back on campus, reliving your days as a student at NMU? While that may not be possible to do often, there is a great way to connect with current students and make a difference in their time at Northern, and in their future careers. The Admissions office invites alumni to take an active role with prospective and admitted NMU students.

"As an alumnus, your experiences have provided a special relationship with Northern Michigan University," says **Joanne (Rule) Chalgren '99 BS, '05 MAE**, assistant

director of Admissions. "Pictures and descriptive brochures will tell about the college experience at Northern, but your words, through anecdotes, after-graduation opportunities and personal experiences, could be the key to influencing prospective students and their families to give NMU serious consideration as a higher education option."

There are a variety of ways you can participate:

- **College Fairs**

Be an alumni representative at a college fair in your area. NMU will provide you with materials to share with prospective students and a "Frequently Asked Questions" list. Time commitment is approximately two to three hours per fair.

- **High School Scholarship Presentations**

Represent NMU and present scholarships to admitted students at a high school near you. Time commitment is approximately one hour per presentation.

- **E-mail Pen Pal**

Be a pen pal with an admitted NMU student who lives in your area. Time commitment varies.

- **Share a Quote**

Do you have comments about your Northern experience you'd like to share with prospective students, possibly in a recruitment publication?

To find out more or to get involved, send an e-mail to Joanne at jrule@nmu.edu.