

Alumni in touch

Missing Alumni

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

Louise M. Bennett '28
Blanche G. LaPage '31
Laura W. Venard '40
Charles J. Burns '42
Elaine Peterson (Olson) '43
Gerald B. McIntyre '47
Arnie Heikkila '50
Joyce E. Bryers '58
Robert J. Jeffery '62
Donnajean Pierce (Fuchs) '69
Linda M. Roncaglione '76
Robert M. Mackichan '77
Daniel J. Bulone '80
Karen M. Rossell (Pizarek) '87
Sarah G. Carpenter (Kelley) '89
Mark A. Bishop '92
Terri L. Jandron (Martin) '99
Chad R. Dobson '03
Megan E. Salvano '09

Lifetime Members

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

James M. Ankoviak '77
Jo Ann Ankoviak '78
Jessica M. Baker '98
John A. Bayerl '62
Jody L. Grundstrom '07
Andrew J. Grundstrom '09
Kristen L. Lucas '95
Steven C. Pelto '99
Wendy Pelto
Linda S. Rosenkranz '84
Kathrine B. Swanson '84
Jane M. Swanson '86
Kelly M. Wagner '98

Check out the many benefits of being a member of the NMU Alumni Association at www.nmu.edu/alumni and join today!

Students today. Alumni forever.

The NMU Student Alumni Association fires up



SAA members Dan Burlingame, Leanne Plath, Whitney Mosher, Rhian Smith, Alison Silk and Brittany Woodard.

It might not have occurred to nursing majors Whitney Mosher and Rhian Smith that the difference between landing or not landing a hospital job could lie in the type of shoes they wear to the interview. (Don't wear "clicky" shoes. While you're being shown around the hospital during your interview, noisy shoes will disturb the patients and the duty nurses.)

That's exactly the sort of make-it-or-break-it, real-world detail that NMU nursing alumna **Lisa Duquette '05**, was able to provide when she spoke at a Student Alumni Association meeting in September.

The Student Alumni Association formed in August and is dedicated to creating opportunities for students to network with alumni while educating students on the importance of philanthropy and promoting NMU pride and traditions. The group is working closely

with the NMU Alumni Association and the NMU Foundation and operates under NMU student organization guidelines.

Alison Silk, president of the group, says, "Having the opportunity to meet and communicate with alumni is very important. We are currently working on having alumni attend every other meeting to talk about their experiences at NMU, breaking into their field after graduation and any other tips that might be helpful. NMU students are excited to hear their advice."

The group hit the ground running by bringing alumni speakers to their meetings, participating in Homecoming activities, meeting with the Alumni Association board and planning participation in Alumni Association-sponsored events such as Make a Difference Day. They are currently planning a speaker series to bring alumni back

to campus and speak as a panel to large groups of students about their experiences.

But they need your help to create as many diverse opportunities as possible for students to benefit from the knowledge, experience and insights of our graduates.

Silk suggests a number of ways that you can work with the SAA:

- Become a mentor.
- Speak at a Student Alumni Association meeting or be a part of the panel-discussion series.
- Conduct one-on-one advising sessions with students who are

interested in your field or profession.

- Provide an internship opportunity at your business.
- Host a lunch or dinner for eight or ten students to informally chat about life in your field.
- Coach students on resume-building and interviewing for jobs.

These are just a few possibilities. What ideas do you have? The NMU Student Alumni Association is waiting to hear from you. Contact the Alumni Association at 877-Grad NMU or alumni@nmu.edu, or reach Alison Silk directly at saa@nmu.edu.



Helping in Haiti

Because of Northern—as an early member of the Student Leader Fellowship Program and Volunteer Center coordinator—I have become a servant leader. Through my involvement with the Alumni Association, I now have the opportunity to give back to NMU, which gave me so much.

In August, I had the privilege of traveling to Haiti to volunteer at the Pwoje Espwa Sud orphanage outside of Les Cayes with REACH—Reconstruction Efforts Aiding Children without Homes. As we flew over Port au Prince, the destruction from the January earthquake was overwhelming and heart-breaking. Visible from the sky, thousands of bright blue tarps and tents represented the estimated one million people who were still without housing and clean water...over eight months later.

Yet to see the joy and feel the hope in the children's eyes at the orphanage was transformative. I was humbled by the simplicity of life and the kindness, resourcefulness and work ethic of the Haitian people. I was reminded that the best things in life aren't things.

So whatever opportunity you have to make something better, I hope you take advantage of it. There are numerous ways you can give back through Northern, and we would love to help you find yours!

—Kris Day, NMU Alumni Association President

Meet the new board members

At the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors annual meeting in September, two new board members began their terms. Shown in the photo with NMU Alumni Association President **Kris Day '94 BS** (left) are incoming board members **Pat Wilson '92 BS**, of Bay City, and **Carissa Waters '04 BS**, of Lombard, Ill. Also joining the board but unable to attend Homecoming is **Jim Seelye, Jr. '03 BS**, of North Canton, Ohio.

Special recognition was given to out-going board members **Rich Dabney '87 BS**, **Janet Nellis Mendler '68 BS**, **David Wirth '72 BS**, and **Fred Stonehouse '70 BS, '77 MA**, for their six years of service to the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Attention Milwaukee!

Save Friday, January 22 for a Milwaukee area alumni reception. All alumni and friends in southeastern Wisconsin are invited to attend. Details will be announced soon. Keep an eye on the Alumni Association website for more information.



The U.P. is the place to be in the summer, and these reunion groups took advantage of our distinctive destination this past summer. NMU football players who wore Wildcat jerseys in the '80s were on campus in July. The group posed in the Wildcat weight room at the Superior Dome. Dakota House hosted their biannual reunion in Marquette in early July. To see enlarged photos, go to www.nmu.edu/alumni.

