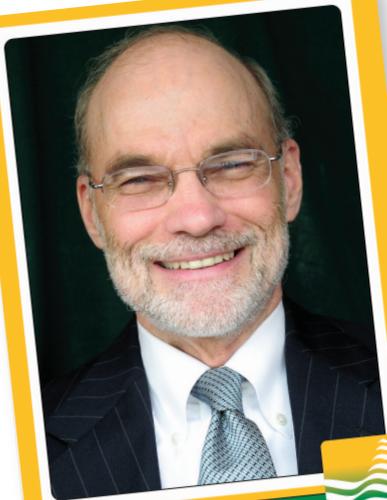


Alumni in touch

This year's superstars...

First presented in 1964, the NMU Alumni Association Awards celebrate excellence: Northern alumni who have distinguished themselves through achievements, both personal and professional, which not only set them apart in their field and social circles, but define them as true leaders.

Here are five NMU alumni making a difference around the globe. Help us celebrate their success during Homecoming 2011. These alumni will be honored October 1 at the annual Homecoming scholarship and awards brunch.



BRIAN MAJEWSKI '76

Distinguished Alumni Award

"What I convey to younger officers I mentor is that above all else I credit my success to my undergraduate years where I learned to think critically and to express myself logically, both verbally and in writing. Thank you, NMU!"

As executive director for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Brian is directly responsible for the delivery of all management service, guidance, planning, budget, human resources, information technology and

regional support for 28 embassies and 22 consulates from Canada to Argentina. The January 2010 devastating earthquake in Haiti is an excellent example of the full scope of his leadership and management skills. Brian juggled three major operations at once: staffing the State Department's round-the-clock Haiti task force for several weeks, supporting the U.S.'s highly stressed embassy in Port-au-Prince, and setting up a logistics hub in Santo Domingo.

"My experiences at NMU paved the way for my success. I was a member of the NMU cheerleading team, a coach and a graduate assistant. I learned so much through those experiences, from teamwork to problem solving to leadership."

There have been a lot of "firsts" in Stacy Welling's career: the first female to serve as the Department of Natural Resources U.P. regional director, conductor of the first log truck safety survey involving drivers and organizer of the first Mackinac Bridge run. In all these instances, Stacy worked hard at breaking down barriers and taking things to the next level.



KYLE ORTIZ '04

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

"Before arriving at Northern I didn't take education seriously, but after being inspired by a number of exceptional teachers and fellow students, both in and out of the classroom, I left NMU seeing education as the greatest asset one can possess."

An attorney with Weil Gotshal & Manages LLP in New York City, Kyle Ortiz was offered a one-year leave to do public service work. He jumped at the chance. While living in Cambodia, Kyle discovered a dramatically high rate of tuberculosis. He took the initiative and now there are three TB centers open in Cambodia with 12 more planned by the end of this year.



STACY WELLING '00, '02

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

"NMU and its people are just so welcoming. They have always made me feel so very much a part of the family."

A tireless advocate for Northern Michigan University, Garn's service to her alma mater goes well beyond her role as a member of the NMU Board of Trustees. A past-president of the NMU Alumni Association, she has hosted a variety of NMU events, both alumni-related and legislative. She was one of the first to participate in Wildcat Make A Difference Day by spearheading a food pantry drive in Midland and Saginaw. Her contributions extend to the next generation of Wildcats with the establishment of the Lewis Endowed Scholarship.



L. GARNET LEWIS '86

Alumni Service Award



BEVERLY SOLOMON '74

Alumni Achievement Award



"I had an excellent education at Northern and would not have gone as far as I have in the field without the skills I acquired from the social work program at NMU."

Beverly Solomon is an accomplished social worker with more than 35 years in the field of children's residential treatment. Her experiences in the hospital environment and school setting have her interfacing with some of the most difficult human conditions that can arise in life. Her work with these individuals enables them to reach their optimum level of functioning and contribute to society in a positive manner.

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NORTHERN NETWORK

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