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NEWS FROM MARQUETTE Anything but normal...

The renovation is on hold, and the Jacobetti has not been accessible since mid-March. We have driven past to see that it is still there, but very few other details are available at this time. Michigan's budget is like most other cities, states and federal budgets,

in that resources have been allocated away from stuff in order to combat that thing....the thing that has not had any impact on anything or anyone in the last four months.



We had a faculty meeting at Black Rocks in late-February (no masks), which was our last face-to-face meeting until recently. We were able to visit Black Rocks again in late-May (with masks), and had an incredibly productive meeting. The mid-June meeting at Black Rocks yielded a lot of creative problem solving, so we may have every meeting there until further notice

School will be starting a little early this fall semester (17 August), and ending early as well (24 November). Lots of logistics are being developed for appropriate distancing and cleaning protocols, but we plan to be ready to roll with both the face-to-face program, as well as the new online for construction professionals.

May graduates are all employed, and the intake of new students is slightly above last year. Although we are not looking at explosive growth, we do have stable enrollment – which is nice.



President Fritz Erickson leading the way.

UPDATE 2020

HOMECOMING & CAREER FAIR

Career Fair: Thursday, 24 September (we are still determining logistics of face-to-face, virtual or a hybrid)

Golf Outing: Saturday, 26 September (9:30 a.m. at NMU's course)...It's a GO!

Homecoming: Saturday, 26 September



CONGRATS TO THE GRADUATES MAY 2020



Joshua Amen ◀ (Plainfield, IL) will be in Marquette as a primary technician for Marquette Mountain, where he maintains all of the equipment and trails.

Nathan Hayes ▶ (Clarkston, MI) will be a Project Engineer for Barton Malow in Southeast MI.



Noah Herington ▼ (Bath, NY) will be a Field Engineer for Mortenson's Wind Energy group.

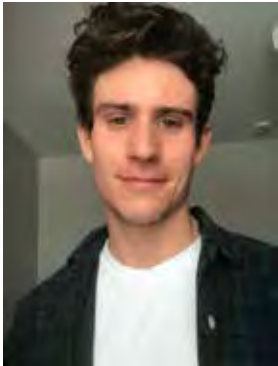


Ben Hoffman ▼ (Petoskey, MI) is heading back to Petoskey to work in the family's irrigation and landscaping business.

Jud Beveridge ▶ (Lake Linden, MI) is heading back to Lake Linden to work in the family construction business.



Dan Gwidt ▼ (Whitefish Bay, WI) will be returning to NMU to continue his work toward the Bachelor of Science in Construction Management.



Gabe Baumann ▼ (Mecosta, MI) will be a Field Engineer for Owen, Ames & Kimball (OAK) in Grand Rapids, MI.



Christian Biolchini ▼ (Oxford, MI) will be a Field Engineer for Walsh's Detroit, MI office location.



Griffin Boo ▼ (Highland Park, IL) is planning to be a Project Engineer with Skender in Chicago, IL.



Max Kujala ▼ (Iron Mountain, MI) will be a Field Engineer with Mortenson's Wind Energy group.



Luca Lippert ▼ (Langen, Germany) will be continuing his soccer career at the University of Hawaii – Hilo, and seeking a graduate certificate in Finance.



Brandon Makowski ▼ (Northville, MI) will be a Project Engineer with Clark Construction in either the Lansing or Detroit, MI office.



Mitch Gallitz ◀ (Reeseville, WI) will be a Project Engineer for Payne and Dolan in Madison, WI.

Matthew Marquardt ▶ (Northville, MI) will be a Project Engineer with Barton Malow's Baltimore, MD office.



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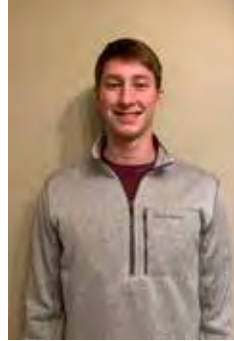
Tyler Meng ▶ (Sleepy Hollow, IL) will be a Field Engineer with Kiewit out of their Omaha, NE office.



Daniel Menze ▼ (Marquette, MI) will be a Project Engineer with Hensel Phelps in the Denver, CO office.



Adam Nolde ▼ (Menominee, MI) will be working at Waupaca Foundry while continuing to seek employment in the Fox Valley of Wisconsin.



Max O'Halleran ▼ (McHenry, IL) will be a Field Engineer with The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company in their Baltimore, MD office.



Nick Quinn ▼ (Mason, MI) will be a Project Engineer with Rieth Riley's Lansing, MI office. He will also be continuing his military commitment with Michigan's Army National Guard.



Dan Stacey ▼ (Escanaba, MI) will be a Field Engineer with Kiewit...likely in Seattle, WA.



Ed Tascoff ▼ (Taylor, MI) is a Field Engineer with Kiewit in Phoenix, AZ.



Alec Walters ▶ (Crystal Lake, IL) will be a Project Engineer with Archer Western in Phoenix, AZ.



Ken Wilkins ▼ (Round Rock, TX) will be a Project Engineer with Hill & Wilkinson in Dallas, TX.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Hank (2000)



Family: married for 18 years in June. He grew up in Skandia. Wife is from Gwinn, and they were college sweethearts.

Andrew joined the Navy out of high school and spent three years on active duty. He was able to see a large part of the world during different deployments, and accumulated nearly 60 credits from colleges across the country. Coming back to NMU was an easy decision for him, even though his original plan was to major in history. His professional passion was building, so he pursued it.

Currently, Andrew is a General Superintendent with Lend Lease (Chicago office). He started his career with Hubert, Hunt & Nicholls in Boston, working on a Joint Venture with Clark. He later switched over to the Clark side of the JV. He connected with Lend Lease in 2005, and has remained with them. Andrew manages multiple projects and teams. His current workload consists of five active projects, two in preconstruction and another four pursuits. 50% of his time is spent on jobsites, and the other 50% is in the office. Lots of mentoring is involved with his role... including fellow NMU alums (Alex Latvala and Shawn Greening).



His highlight project thus far is the unforgettable One Bennett Park in Chicago. It is an 850' tall apartment/condo combination. It contains very high-level finishes with a concrete structure, and the facade is all precast. Two tower cranes were on site for most of the project duration...it was a very large and impressive building.

"Fast Five" with Andrew

One: What is your favorite movie: Miracle

Two: What is your best NMU memory: the hockey team from 1991...he attended a lot of the games as a kid, before being a student. He still follows the team.

Three: What is your greatest professional accomplishment: Never envisioned leading a project, let alone multiple projects. The work done to be in his current role feels like his greatest professional accomplishment.

Four: What is the best part of coming back to Marquette: It still has a small town feel, even though the campus has drastically changed since his time at NMU. The summer and fall seasons are awesome!

Five: Who is the person he would most like to meet: John Rockefeller – he had a lot of positive impact on society. Too much emphasis is placed on the negative things, and not enough is noted about how his vision helped move our country forward. Since he had modest beginnings, his story is exceptional.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bowen Holmes (2021)



Bowen was born in Grand Ledge, MI and, was raised in the Frankfort, MI area. He graduated from Frankfort High School where he played varsity golf and basketball. Bowen was also a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Much

of his volunteer work included placing mulch around trees at various local parks, which fits his passion for the outdoors. Any free time is spent hunting, fishing, hiking or boating. Time on or around the water is peaceful and relaxing Which makes Marquette and NMU the perfect fit.

Following his freshman year, Bowen worked for a residential builder doing finish carpentry around Benzie County. During the summer of his sophomore year, he worked for Whiting-Turner in Norfolk, VA – where he worked closely with alum and Advisory Committee member, Andy Patt. His project was at the Norfolk Naval Station, and he went through a rigorous series of background checks. Bowen had not seen a multi-story building (over 160,000 sf) without any windows...which made the experience all the more interesting and memorable. This summer, he will again be with Whiting-Turner, but in their Detroit, MI office.

He has been an active member of the Northern Michigan Constructors for all three years, and will be this year's Treasurer. He is looking forward to helping make some great things happen.

Bowen is proud of his grade point average, and the hard work that has put into the degree thus far. He is extremely excited about what the future holds for his professional development.

He chose NMU based upon the program and the culture of the area. Bowen has no regrets about any of his choices, and feels a strong sense of belonging here.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION (WIC)



Heidi's spring WIC event, like everything at the time, was cancelled. It was unfortunate, as over 100 middle school girls were registered for it. In lieu of an event, we happened upon a story that put a little giddyup in our step.

Kate Havel has a passion for construction. So much so, she started a nonprofit organization (U.P. SHE BUILDERS: <https://www.upshebuilders.org/>) to help women of all ages learn life-changing construction skills.



Her current position is an Equal Opportunity Title IX Specialist with Northern Michigan University, but before and after work hours, she is tirelessly honing her skills to find ways that help train and provide confidence for women and girls interested in construction.

Kate, along with her husband (Pat), daughter (Maddy) and son (Mason) were able to thrive during the stay home / stay safe directives earlier this year, due in large part to the construction projects that she had planned and organized for the family. Maddy was an apprentice concrete finisher for a day, as they formed and poured custom pavers for the wrap-around deck at their home.



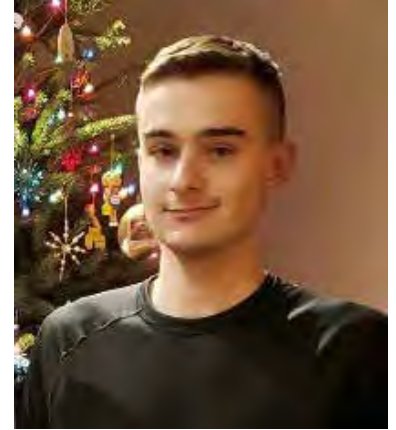
In her "spare" time, Kate is working toward our Building Technology degree. Once completed, she intends to pursue her Michigan Builders License. Our faculty team appreciates having Kate in class, due to her strong work ethic and passionate / tireless commitment to achieving her goals. We have marveled at the way she attacks challenges!



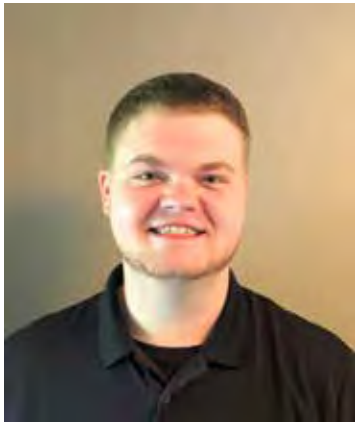
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



◀ **Morgan Pelach** and **Michael Willaert** ▶ were selected by NMU's Construction Management Advisory Committee to be awarded Hill & Wilkinson Scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year.



Gabe Johnson ▶ was awarded both the state Associated General Contractors (AGC) scholarship and a scholarship through the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA).

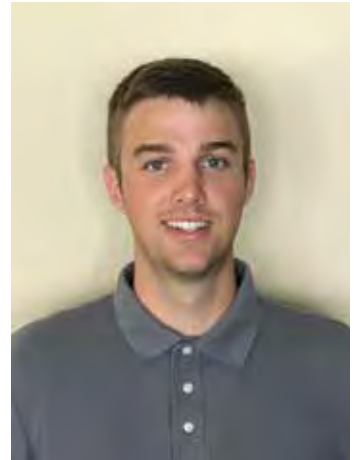


State Associated General Contractors (AGC) scholarships were awarded to:

◀ **Spencer Cota,**
Bowen Holmes ▶

and

◀ **Cody Nehls**



Mitch Gallitz ▼ was awarded a scholarship through the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association.



ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Matthew Boonstra ▼ (2017) is a Superintendent for Midwest Construction Group in Grand Rapids, MI. His current project is the Vicinia Gardens Independent Living Facility in Fenton, MI. There are 133 independent living units in the scope, along with a full-service commercial kitchen, bar, restaurant and a sweet putting green. Completion Date: 4/1/2021



Austin Coon ▶ ▼ (2012) is a Superintendent with Mortenson out of their Chicago office. His current project is a Hilton Garden Inn in Madison, WI. There is a precast podium and parking garage.



Derrick Carter ▼ (2017) is a Project Engineer with Mortenson in their Milwaukee office. His current project is for Advocate Aurora Hospital in the Mt. Pleasant / Racine area, which is about 30 miles from the Wisconsin-Illinois border. The project is a combination medical center (198,000 square feet) and medical office building (98,000 square feet), with a substantial completion date in the Spring of 2022. This project will be the first Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)



contract for Mortenson on a whole. Derrick is handling the building enclosure scopes of work, which includes coordination of each trade partners work activities.

He is working toward a superintendent role by developing phase plans and coordinating all of the site work on the campus...so if it is outside of the building, it is in his area of focus.



Conor Dare ▼ (2006) is the Director of Field Operations for O'Brien Construction Company (OCC) in Troy, MI. One of his projects, The George in Ann Arbor, received an AGC Michigan Award in February – in the Build Michigan category. The George was planned to be a mixed-use structure, but fell into financial disarray in 2014. OCC was appointed to complete the project. They had to navigate through pre-existing multiple liens as well as the declaration of bankruptcy from the original developer. The county and federal court system determined that it was in the best interest of all the concerned parties to allow OCC to complete the scope. The construction schedule was aggressive enough, but all of the other distractions made it incredibly difficult. In the end, Conor and the OCC team were able to overcome long odds, complete the project and win an award for the effort.



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James Dube ▶ (2012) is a Superintendent with Whiting-Turner in the Omaha, NE area. He lives in Western Iowa with his wife, Elaine (NMU class of 2012), and their two daughters. Cora was born in January 2019 and baby girl Amelia was born on April 1, 2020. Outside of spending time with his family, James continues to enjoy woodworking projects and restoring his 1967 Chevrolet C-10.



Kent Frantz ▶ ▼ (2017) is a Construction Manager with Ren-Tech Industrial in Alpena, MI. After traveling the Midwest and southwest for a few years, he found a sweet opportunity back in his hometown. He has been updating one of Ren-Tech's manufacturing facilities with new steel siding, parking lot, sidewalks and lots of landscaping



Spenser Feld ◀ ▼ (2018) is a Project Engineer for Clark Construction Company in Lansing, MI. He married his college sweetheart last August. He has been working on a 2018 Bond

project with Haslett Public schools (1 High School, 1 Middle School, 3 Elementary Schools, and 1 Early Childhood Center). Part of the scope is site updates, so they replaced the high school's all-grass football field with new synthetic turf, repaved the High School's Track and Tennis Courts, and replaced parking lots at all schools with new asphalt. The upcoming phase includes working on a small addition for the High School, and removing/replacing all interior finishes inside the classrooms of all the schools within the district. They will also add security features to schools that did not carry them previously (New Entrance vestibules & Security Access).



Ben Hager ▶ ▼ (2005) is a Senior Project Manager with J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc. out of their Madison, WI office. His current project sent him south and west this spring to complete an 8 story, 243,000 SF student apartment building on



the University of Arizona campus in Tucson, AZ. There will be underground parking, retail at ground level and 152 student apartments ranging from Micro (one room) to

6-bed units. There are 394 water closets and showers! The tower crane is up, and footings are moving along. Students move in August 2021. It is interesting how they neat cut the excavations there, which eliminates forming on the footings. With the heat, all of the deck pours are completed at night. The weather has been dependable for Ben...sunny and hot.

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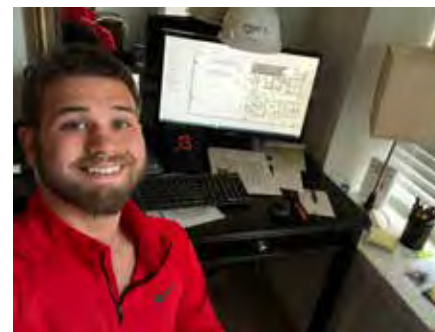
Chris Hernandez ▶ ▼ (2007) is a Superintendent with Mortenson. He is currently working on building the Aurora Sheboygan Medical Center in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Construction began in June 2019 and is expected to be complete in 2021. The site is on 56 acres and the hospital consists of a 345,000-square-foot medical center with a 115,000-square foot medical office building. Also on Chris' team are Michelle Perttunen (2018) and Cody Nehls (2022). Cody is a summer intern, and a Laborer for Local 113, while Michelle is a Project Engineer. Chris is pictured between Michelle and Cody, while the other features site and structural progress.



Jason Kehrer ▶ ▶ (2011) owns Pine State Builders in Whiting, ME. His company will be starting a unique renovation / preservation project. Jason will be working on a home in coastal Down East Maine that is 191 years old. They will be restoring the home while upgrading systems to modernize it, all while maintaining the old charm of the house. The project includes new roofing, MEP, kitchen, bathrooms, framing and more. There is also a lot of rot repairs. He anticipates a six-month project duration.



Daniel Kennard ▶ (2016) is a Project Engineer with Power Construction in Chicago, IL. Although a recent graduate, Daniel has made rapid progress with Power's self-performing group. He was assigned to a mentor current NMU student, **Collin Cavin** ▼, throughout the summer. Collin has assisted with the project management roles on the Ritz Carlton Hotel Renovation in downtown Chicago where our scope of work includes Demolition, Gypsum Assemblies, Rough and Finish Carpentry. He will also be assisting in Power's



One Chicago Square Project where he will gain experience in expansion joints and possibly cold form metal framing. The pictures show their home "offices" and one of their jobsite walks where sanitation standards are at an all-time high.

Michael LaFleur ▼ (2015) is a Senior Integrated Construction Coordinator with Mortenson's Federal Contracting Group. He remains in Athens, GA working on the modernization of the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory (SEPR). They are building a 250,000 sf laboratory around an existing active BSL-3AG lab originally constructed in the early 1960's. The USDA will use this facility to study highly infectious diseases in poultry that may pose a threat our environment and our nation's poultry industry.

His role is to bring technology into the office/field to improve our day to day workflows. BIM coordination is the bread and butter. Progress tracking and documentation. Trimble GPS underground utility coordination. In wall/overhead inspections. 360 photo documentation (Project specific version of Google Maps).

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, he has been taking 360° photos of the project on a weekly basis. With travel restrictions, Mortenson's customer (located out of town) is able to virtually walk the project and see progress without having to leave their desk.



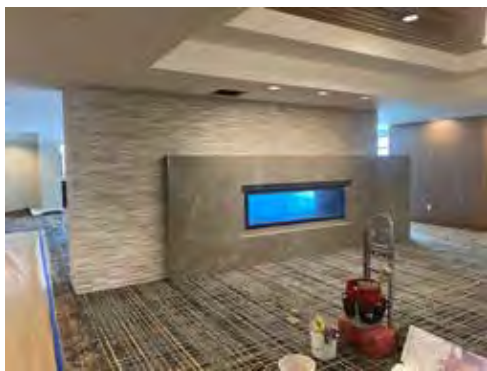
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Alex Latvala ▼▼ (2016) is working on a 240 unit senior living facility (Deerfield Senior Residences) in Deerfield, IL which is about 25 miles NW of downtown Chicago. Some of the amenities/features include a theatre, restaurant, pool, sauna, massage rooms, beauty salon, and fitness room. They are well on the way through final punch list/city inspections for units. They have been hot and heavy with landscaping and will be paving the parking lot soon.



Lend Lease has incorporated standard safety protocols:

- All of our sites now have an on-site medic. They have a threshold of 100.4° F. On or above that they are not permitted to work that day and the medic suggests they get to a doctor ASAP. You have to go through Medic to gain site access.
- They have hand sanitizer stations set-up all throughout the sites in the case soap/water is not nearby or readily available.
- Prior to May 1 it wasn't mandatory in Illinois for masks/face coverings on sites but they started



making them mandatory around the first week of April. No mask means not permitted to be on-site regardless of where you are working or how many people are working by.

- Our site specifically cancelled all in-person meetings and made our field office by appointment only.
- There currently have four Lend Lease employees on our site, and split into two teams of two. They work two days on site and work the next two days from home. This system allow them to have as few people from management there, but still be productive.

Tyler McGuire ▶▼ (2017) is Senior Field Engineer with Whiting Turner out of the Baltimore, MD office. He completed a \$3.5 million renovation for Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and is now working on an emergency COVID-19 fit out project for Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore City.



He is converting a 30,000 sf shell space on the 17th floor of the active hospital into a 32-bed inpatient facility dedicated to treating patients with COVID-19. The schedule is intense, we are performing what would normally take about 10 months in 10 weeks. The team recently wrapped up week 5 of working 7 days a week with a day and night shift. This is not a temporary pop up facility. The floor will be complete, with a floor plan and finishes that match the other patient floors in the building, with med gas, 12 isolation rooms, advanced patient monitoring systems, nurse workstations, etc. The floor will have dedicated restrooms and a dining area to contain patients. We have been having good success so far, as everyone seems to have a common goal to do his or her part to help. One of the significant challenges he has faced is the day-to-day compliance with CDC social distancing requirements. It can be tough to fit out a 30,000 sf floor with an average crew size of 95 trades when you need to be at least 6 feet away from anybody. It has been a great project, and he is proud to be a part of it.

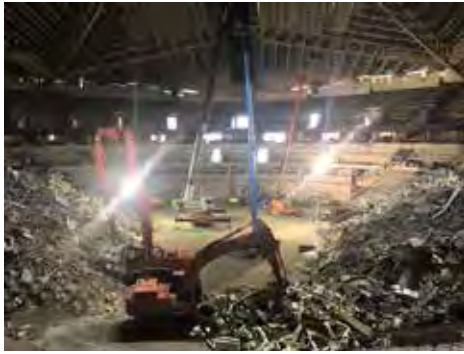
His wife, Breanna (NMU '17), graduated from Boston College with an MSW last spring, and obtained her Maryland Social work license in the fall. She started a new position with Johns Hopkins University as an Emergency Room Psychiatric evaluator at Howard County Hospital. Their little one, Emelia, will be two years old this May!



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Travis Mellon ▶▼

(2007) is a Superintendent II with Mortenson's Sports and Entertainment Group. He has been working on the New Seattle Center Arena in Seattle, WA. The project is expected to cost in excess of \$800M with substantial completion planned for the summer of 2021. They demolished five existing buildings and 95% of an old existing area, then saved the existing 44 million pound historical roof. Some additional fun facts: They removed the old historical existing curtain-wall, labeled all the pieces and will later re-install it. Installed 4,400 tons of temporary roof support steel (4 Sections of Trusses, 3' Tube Columns & Green Center Shore). Installed 550 perimeter piles. Install 2500+ tie-backs. Installed 120 permanent shafts. Excavated & hauled off over 600,000 yards of soil. Enlarged the footprint of the building from 400,000 sf to about 800,000 sf, which includes two levels of underground parking. Installed new footings and columns to support the existing roof. Will be installing all new MEP underground along with other utilities. Will be



installing a new tunnel under an existing building and road to access the area's loading dock. Will be installing a new South main atrium entry and plaza.

Alex Murray ▶ (2019)

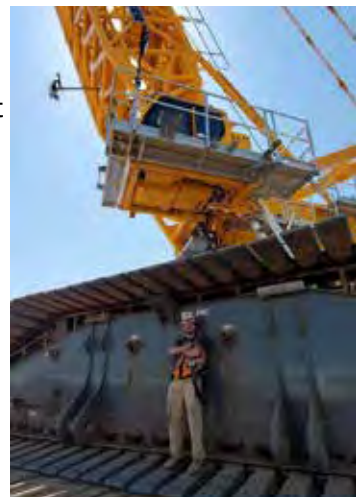
is a Project Engineer and Estimator for Springfield, Inc. in Kingsley, MI. He is becoming a specialist in commercial roofing, building analysis, safety systems and installations, and mechanical insulation for industrial applications. Alex is appreciative for the hands-on opportunities he has been receiving to complement the office side of things.



Andrew Plomer ▶▼ (2019) started with Boldt as an Estimator last December, and rapidly transitioned into a Field Engineer role for a "STAAT Mod" project, which are fabricated modular critical care units. The first shipment of products were delivered to Maryland in mid-April.



Nick Sexton ▶▼ (2018) is now a Project Engineer with Barton Malow's energy group, and was assigned to start on a wind farm in the Garden Peninsula east of Escanaba, MI. He recently completed two years with the Mortenson Wind Energy Division. Throughout his first year with Mortenson, he was a Field Engineer at the Solomon Forks Wind Project in Colby, KS where they erected 105 Siemens 2.6MW turbines. The second project in Colby, KS, called East Fork Wind Project, where the Mortenson team that included five NMU Construction Management graduates (Aaron Miller, Jim Conlin, Pat Bishop, Aaron Miller, and Nick) erected 72 GE 2.7 MW Turbines. He then moved west of Des Moines, IA to be part of the Arbor Hill 2019 Wind Project, where the team erected 12 Vestas V-150 4.2 MW 105 meter hub height turbines, which were the tallest and first of their kind in the United States at the time, along with five Vestas V110 2.0 MW turbines. Following the Arbor Hill project, he moved down to Vernon, TX to the El Campo Wind Project where they were in the process of erecting 48 Vestas V150's, two Vestas V136, and 17 Vestas V110 turbines. Nick was promoted to the Project Engineer I position over the winter, and have began to transition into more a traditional management role versus the field engineer role. He enjoys returning to his home in the Upper Peninsula, and continues to stay connected with NMU and the Marquette community.



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Charlie Sullivan ▼ (2013) is Project Manager for Barton Malow in Detroit, MI. He is also a ROTC alum from NMU. Charlie was called up by the National Guard and has been instrumental to the COVID response measures in Southeast Michigan. As part of the National Guard's 1434th Engineering Company and the 507th Engineering Battalion, Charlie has been active helping transform Detroit's Cobo Hall into an alternate COVID care facility. He has briefed Military and congressional leaders on the response efforts of the teams. He has also been involved with the Suburban Collection Showplace alternate care facility in Novi, MI.



Chris White ▼ (2014) is a Project Manager for Carey Contracting in Iron Mountain, MI

He finished up this old bank renovation, turning it into a welcome center for Republic Township. There was a lot of heavy masonry restoration on exterior, new Marvin windows, new concrete ADA ramps with handrails. They used a few subcontractors... for the EPDM roof, HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical, but self-performed the rest. He learned a lot along the way, and it was really rewarding. It feels great to renovate a building to keep it going another 150 years.



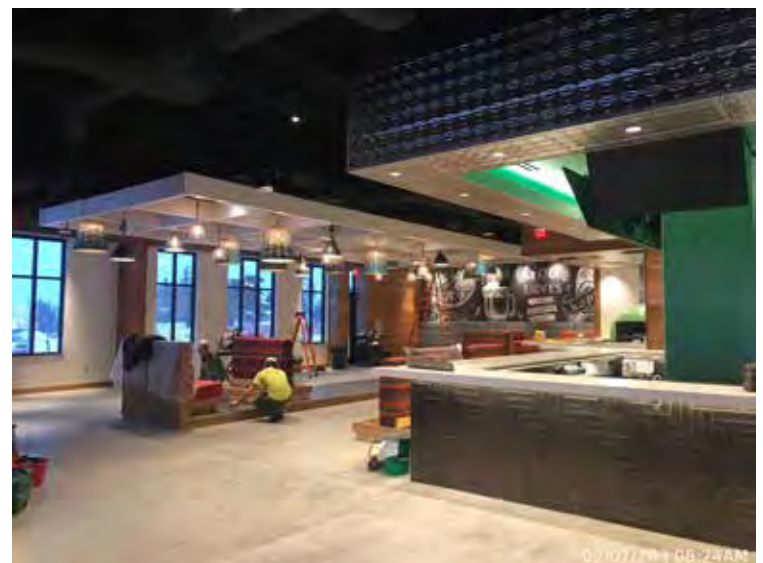
This building was built back in the 1800's and had been many things over the years, but it had sat empty for a long time. The township supervisor wanted to bring it back to life as a Welcome Center for the Trail riders and a place for people to read up on the history of the area. The majority of the grants were for the exterior work. They have future ideas for grants for the interior.

Thomas Wahlstrom ▼ ▼ (2018) is a Project Engineer with Gundlach Champion, Inc. in Iron Mountain, MI. His work at the KBIC Marquette Casino wrapped up in late February as work at the Marquette Tavern restaurant addition was completed, putting a close to a very fun and successful project. He then spent the month of May in Gulliver, MI working with a 4 man crew installing a new crusher for Carmeuse Lime & Stone...battling a harsh UP spring on the northern shores of Lake Michigan.

In May, GCI. began construction on a new 12-story hotel and waterpark addition to the Island Resort & Casinos facility located in Harris, MI. They are working with the project team to reach a GMP agreement by the end of summer, once a full set of CD's are received. Summer 2020 work will consist of sitework, caissons, concrete foundations, underground and site utilities, and precast erection, with the remaining trades being brought on board in the fall. Current NMU Construction Management student, Gabe Johnson, will join GCI's project team during the summer months as an intern.



The superstructure will be almost entirely constructed using precast concrete products including the floor planks, shaft walls, and majority of the building envelope - utilizing an Integrated Enclosure System (IES). The addition will consist of 130-150 new guest rooms, a banquet and dining facility, and a waterpark. Construction is slated to reach substantial completion in late December 2021.



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Chad Bollman (2010 & MBA 2013) is a Project Manager for Soleil Energy Group in Salt Lake City, UT

Joe Ebertsch (2009) is a Senior Estimator for Diversified Infrastructure Services, Inc. in the Oshkosh, WI.

John Van Eizinga (2013) is an Assistant Project Manager with Premier Electrical Corporation in the Minneapolis, MN area.

Patrick Fehlberg (2016) is a Project Engineer for Ronnisch Construction Group in Lake Orion, MI.

Steve Hunter (2012) is a Project Manager with Barton Malow in Detroit, MI. Due to his experience, he was asked to join Barton Malow's "Sustainability Community" group that is compiling information across the industry regarding sustainability efforts (in every sense of the word – job site waste, energy usage, design and material elements, OH and back office practices, material sourcing, best practices, etc.).

Michael Judy (2011) is a Project Manager with Wolverine Building Group in Grand Rapids, MI.

Ken Kasten (2007) is a Project Manager and Estimator for Gundlach Champion, Inc in Iron Mountain, MI. He has been receiving treatment for malignant spindle cell neoplasm. It is a cancerous condition in the sinus cavity. Ken remains in good spirits, and is feeling a little better each day.

Matthew Kehrer (2011) is a Lead Superintendent for the Gilbane Building Company in the greater Boston, MA area. Matthew is currently finishing a project for DCAMM (Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance) in Lynn, MA located at North Shore Community College in Lynn, MA. The \$6M project includes mostly electrical infrastructure and resiliency upgrades. He is planning to roll into a DCAMM Phase II initiative involving Worcester State University, Fitchburg State University, Quinsigamond Community College, and North Essex Community College.

Ryan Khatib (2001) is a Senior Project Manager with Balfour Beatty in the Orlando, FL area.

Brian Kloak (2002) is a Specification Writer at Erdman in Madison, WI.

Scott Knudsen (2006) is a Vice President with Langehauser Construction, Inc. in Chicago, IL.

Todd Livingston (2004) is a Project Manager for DWC in their Nashville, TN office.

Daniel Maloney (2009) is a Vice President at Kellenberger Excavating, llc in the Lancaster, PA area.

Nick Manzoline (2016) is Journeyman Carpenter, and also a Project Coordinator / Estimator for Lindberg in Ishpeming, MI.

Adam Michaud (2018) is a Project Engineer at Clark Construction Company in their new Alpena, MI office.

Nick Moore (2007) is a Project Manager for Greenfire Management Services, llc in Wausau, WI.

Richard Platt (2006) is a Project Manager with Arco/Murray in the San Francisco, CA area.

Jacob Rhodes (2018) completed his MBA at Northern Michigan University, and is a Project Engineer with Granger Construction in Kalamazoo, MI.

Phillip Rhodes (2018 & MBA 2020) is an Assistant Project Manager with the Concord Group in Grand Rapids, MI.

Michael Rosetti (2010) is a Project Manager with Talley Riggins Construction Group in the Dallas/Fort Worth, TX area.

Ben Sanchez (2012) is a Project Engineer with Talley Riggins Construction Group in the Dallas/Fort Worth, TX area.

Alex Schmelebeck (2019) is a Field Engineer with Kiewit in the state of Washington.

Rich Schneider (2006) is a Senior Project Manager for Iowa Concrete in the Green Bay, WI area.

Paul Smith (2017) is an Assistant Project Manager with Lawrence Construction Co. in Durango, CO.

Brett Sheffer (2004) is a Project Manager for Mark Anthony Contracting, Inc. in Milford, MI.

Vince Sochacki (2005) is the Vice President of Operations for Absolute Construction, Inc. in the Chicago area. Since the outbreak, Vince was able to help develop a new sales strategy for virtual consultations. His primary partner, Home Depot, helped with marketing. Although not the same as face-to-face sales, Vince was able to adjust quickly to the virtual model, and sales remained brisk during difficult times. The process change also helped him make project tracking more efficient through better-defined stages of development.

Tim St. Clair (2005) is a Senior Project Manager for Indiana University Health in Greenwood, IN.

John Stenzel (2003) is a Project Manager for Carlson Construction in Chicago, IL.

Jerry Stuitts (2010) is a Project Manager with Amtrac of Maryland Railroad Contractors in Hagerstown, MD.

Caity Tefft (2017) is an Assistant Project Manager with Dickinson Homes in Iron Mountain, MI.

Bill White (2009) is a Fiber Program Manager for Great Lakes Energy in the Petoskey, MI area.

Michael Wilkin, Jr. (2008) is a Project Manager for Wilkin Insulation Company in Chicago, IL.

PROGRAM OUTREACH

The faculty team was able to host some events, and visit a few locations in early 2020, prior to the world falling apart.

▶ Evan and Heidi traveled to Bellaire, MI for the annual Michigan Construction Teachers Association (MCTA) annual conference. They were able to visit with nearly 100 statewide high school construction teachers throughout the conference. There were schools interested in visiting NMU, and many hoped that we could visit there school at some point soon.



▼ We hosted the Marquette Senior High School junior class in early February for a day of career exploration. 220+ students signed up for various 30-minute sessions, and our sessions were packed.



▼ We also hosted the sophomore classes from Negaunee and Westwood in mid-February. It was a similar format to the Marquette visit.

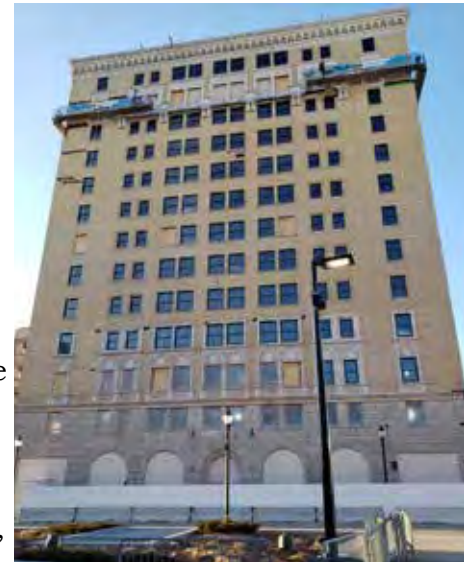


Mike and Evan presented/promoted our online degree for established construction professionals at Michigan's Associated General Contractors awards ceremony in Plymouth, MI.

▼ During that trip, they visited Ann Arbor's construction trades program. Mark Valchine and his advisory committee select 15 students to enter their one-year program. The class builds a 3,500 sf home each year, which is quite impressive



▶ ▼ Mike and Evan were also able to connect with Conor Dare and Mike Brown for a project visit of the historic Eddystone building in downtown Detroit, MI, which is next door to Little Caesar's Arena – home of the Red Wings. Conor and Mike are both alums that work for O'Brien Construction Company, and they provided an amazing guided tour. The exterior stone and terra cotta was being refurbished, so the roof rigging that supports the staging was picture-worthy.





2007: It was a NMU Foundation event in the woodshop that showcased our program. The NMC created some cool projects (custom sauna, concrete coffee table...etc) that were displayed, along with visual displays of program highlights and a rolling slideshow of pictures. The event was intended to provide donors an opportunity to see some of the work that our program does.

Back row L to R: Chad Bollman, Bob Mantz, Jeremy Bubb and Colin Phillip

Middle row L to R: Ben Herman, Chris Cardinal, Maria (Krawczak) Nykerk, Kellie (Smith) Berry and Ben Begres

Front row kneeling L to R: Adam Glover, Ryan Lucas, Jim Conlin and Josh Lucas

2010: Austin Coon was working in a crawlspace in a Habitat for Humanity home. In 2010, a group of students attended the International Builders Expo in Orlando, FL. They spent a couple days on the way down assisting Habitat with one of their homes in northern Florida.



2016: Jim Conlin gets married, and invites a bunch of NMU folks. L to R: Andary, Evan Lucas, Adam Glover, Jake Supa, Jim (the groom), Adam Covert, Kellie (Smith) Berry and Chris Grebe.

GUESS WHO

Based upon the facial hair, or lack thereof, in these four pictures, who is the alum? The first correct email response to mandary@nmu.edu will yield a burger/drink upon the next visit to Marquette! (A different meal may be substituted if there are dietary restrictions)

Hints:

- Was not raised in Michigan
- Has not lived in Wisconsin
- Might have been nicknamed "Maverick"
- Faster than most marsupials
- May have developed a rocking chair habit

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NMU NETWORK

Andrew Steinhauer (2018) and Levi Perry (2016) are both working with Hill & Wilkinson in the Dallas, TX area. They are also friends that have a drink together every once in a while. Our faculty team always marvels at how construction brings people together. Levi is from the Detroit, MI area, and Andrew is a Marquette native. They meet at NMU in our program, and end up working together in Dallas.



Andrew Kruse (2014) is pictured with Natalie Blanck (Heidi's daughter). Andrew and Natalie's meeting is based on three degrees of Heidi:

- Andrew is a Superintendent with Mortenson, and working in Arizona. He married his wife, Sarah (maiden name Marquardt) in 2015, and Heidi attended.
- Sarah's younger brother, Matthew Marquardt graduated from our program last month, and is moving to Maryland to work for Barton Malow. Matthew's long-term girlfriend is Cambri Ostala.
- Cambri's younger brother, Daniel, is dating Natalie Blanck.

Hence... three degrees of Heidi. The whole group was together helping get Matthew moved to Baltimore.



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