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From our Perspective

- * We'll miss Mr. Delongchamp a bunch
- * The summer of 2016 will yield another record number of students interning all around the United States—which we believe is awesome.
- * We are not wishing away summer by any means, but the Career Fair will be on Thursday, the 22nd of September and the alumni golf outing will be on Saturday the 24th. Please plan accordingly
- * Alumni and corporate donations have not only started, but also helped maintain the scholarship program that was started last year
- * We are thankful for a strong alumni base...because our current students benefit from your assistance
- * By the numbers:
 - \$190m—intended construction budget for replacement hospital in Marquette
 - \$80m—planned investment for replacement dormitories on campus at NMU
 - \$25m—schematic budget for City of Marquette's new municipal building
 - 125—expected number of students studying Construction Management at NMU come August 22nd (4th consecutive year of growth)
- * We hope you have a productive, profitable, safe and fun summer!

Congratulations to the Graduates of April 2016

The faculty are excited to announce the following students who graduated last month.

- ⇒ Patrick Fehlberg
- ⇒ Shawn Greening
- ⇒ Daniel Kennard
- ⇒ Trevor LaCombe
- ⇒ Levi Perry
- ⇒ Trevor Poupore
- ⇒ Rob Sparks
- ⇒ Jared Wales
- ⇒ Drew Wudtke

Q: Where are seniors heading in May?

A: Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Grand Rapids, Green Bay, Marquette, and Minneapolis

Q: Who had record snowfall in April?

A: Marquette

Q: Do you need a reminder for the alumni golf outing?

A: If yes—it's Saturday, 24 September

NMU Construction Management Advisory Committee

The 2016 Spring Student Summit was well received and well attended by current students.

Six topics were covered by current advisory committee members:

Derrick Pass covered Entrepreneurship for a young Construction Professional

Joel Klahn discussed site logistics in depth

Amber Burden talked about sub-surface utilities and road construction

Kevin Bredeson chatted about the state of construction technology

Paul Bentley reviewed bridge construction and

Ken Kasten spoke of mine construction intricacies



The 2016 Student Summit was held on 18 March

2016 U.P. Construction Skills Challenge



Champions
Dickinson Iron ISD



Runner Up
Westwood



Third Place
Munising

Dickinson Iron ISD was successful in defending their title. Mr. Jayne's teams have been perennial top three finishers, and have won three of the last four competitions. The annual event draws at least 60 high school students from surrounding communities across the Upper Peninsula. A consortium of organizations and individuals (including NMU and the Northern Michigan Constructors) coordinate the entire event, and provide the visiting students with a memorable experience. Each year, we benefit by adding at least a couple of participants to our program.

Alumni Spotlight

Paul Bentley (2001)



Following graduation, Paul worked for the Walsh civil group, and managed large projects across the United States. Over the last few years, he gradually continued to move north with NEA and Payne and Dolan. He is now an area manager and liaison for all new business development work in the Northern Wisconsin, Northern Lower Michigan and Upper Peninsula regions. Paul agreed to play “fast five”

Favorite Movie:	Top Gun
Best NMU memory:	Graduation
Greatest Professional Accomplishment:	Getting published in a nationally recognized magazine
Best part of coming back to Mqt.:	The people
Person most anxious to meet:	Abe Lincoln

Student Spotlight

So Dam (Sophie) Park came to NMU from Ulsan, South Korea, and has left a fantastic impression thus far. Sophie started as a study abroad student with an interest in Architecture. She enjoyed NMU enough to apply for a work visa.

She will be graduating next spring, and carries a grade point average most people would envy. She is interning with Mortenson this summer, and has overcome a significant language barrier over the last two years.

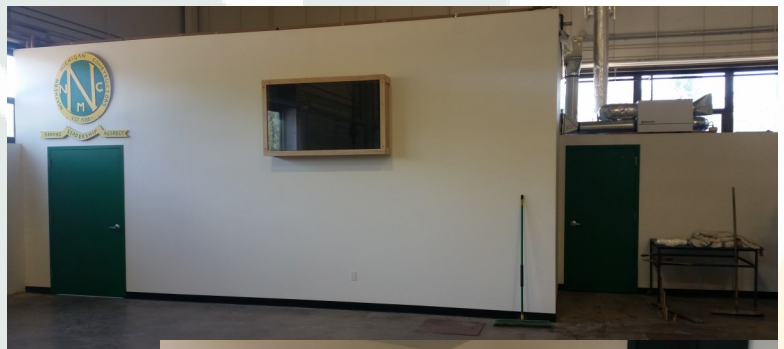
Pictured to the left, she is (hopefully) enjoying beer and burgers at Susie’s house over Christmas break. The visit also included a tour of tacky Christmas decorations around the city.



We need your pictures and stories for future issues!!!

NMC Happenings

The Northern Michigan Constructors have begun to add features to the new rooms within the Jacobetti High Bay lab. Pictured to the right is the new 65” flat screen that is enclosed by a custom case. It will be used for publicizing student announcements, welcoming visiting students with their families and thanking donors. Above the door is a custom sign that was hand painted with the NMC logo. The interior of the room has a few acoustic panels, a small table (for now) and a commercial refrigerator. It’s come a long way in 18 months.



The Constructors were also busy at Bay Cliff Health Camp during the winter semester, by helping frame a mezzanine and stairwell in their new activity building. It is an indoor gymnasium for the campers. They also worked with the local Shriner’s group to design and build light post signs of the traditional “Fez” hats for the Shriner convention this summer in Marquette. Additionally, the NMC was heavily involved with the UP 200 start shack construction and they had a tremendous turnout for the 2016 UP Builders Show.



Something Awesome

Two Hill & Wilkinson Scholarships (\$1,500 each) were awarded this spring at the annual Student Summit on the 18th of March.

Dustin Delvoye



Dustin is a sophomore from Green Bay, Wisconsin and carried a 3.8 gpa last year. He is a soft-spoken and humble young adult, but is interested in getting more engaged in the curriculum and community this coming year. Mr. Delvoye has farming in his background, and is a first generation college attendee. His work ethic has proved valuable in the classroom.

Kent Frantz



Kent is on target to graduate in May 2017. He is working for Mortenson for the second consecutive summer. Kent was last year's President of the NMC, and also an ambassador for the program, as he was available at countless events helping the faculty spread the word about NMU Construction Management to potential future students.

Alumni:

Please continue to leave things better than you found them

Graduation: Spring 2016



Mike with Patrick Fehlberg (right)

Patrick accepted employment with Mortenson, and will be in Minneapolis for a little while before being assigned to an energy project

It wasn't intentional to omit any of the spring graduates, but we were not able to get pictures of everyone.

Heidi with Drew Wudtke (left) and Levi Perry (right)

Drew is heading back to the Fox Valley of Wisconsin to work for Boldt.

Levi is off to Dallas to work with Hill & Wilkinson



2016—Where are interns headed this summer?

Sample of companies—each with various locations

- ◇ Barton Malow— Southfield, MI
- ◇ Boldt—Appleton, WI
- ◇ Christman—Lansing, MI
- ◇ Gundlach Champion—Iron Mountain, MI
- ◇ Kaufman—Las Angeles, CA
- ◇ Kraus Anderson—Minneapolis, MN
- ◇ Leopardo—Chicago, IL

- ◇ Miron— Neenah, WI
- ◇ Mortenson —Minneapolis, MN
- ◇ Payne & Dolan— Appleton, MI
- ◇ Pitlik & Wick—Eagle River, WI
- ◇ Rockford—Grand Rapids
- ◇ Skanska-Closner—Marquette, MI
- ◇ Walbridge— Detroit, MI

Fast Facts

Relatively new updates (slower than Facebook & LinkedIn), but still fun:



Michael Plagens (2002) is a Vice President of TH Marsh in Royal Oak, MI...and has lived in Southeast Michigan since graduation. Michael worked his way up from a Project Engineer to an Executive. Pictured to the left is one of many projects that he has completed for the Beaumont Healthcare system.



Chris Crittenden (2003) is a Project Manager with DeVere Construction Company, based in Alpena, MI. He relocated back to Michigan after a number of years in the Carolinas. Pictured to the right is a Waste Management facility completed earlier this year.

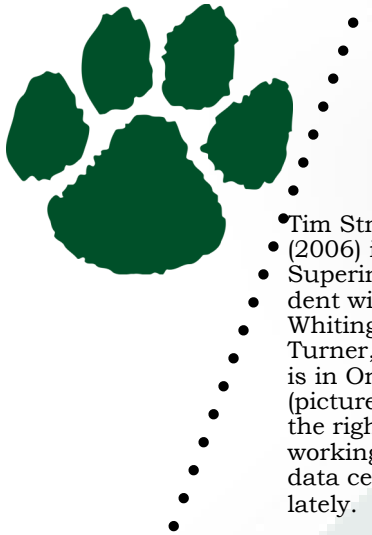


Michael Colenso (2004) is Project Manager with SODO Builders, LLC in Seattle, WA. Following a 4-year stint as a software developer, Michael got back into the construction side of life. The picture on the left shows progress on a downtown mixed use structure in downtown Seattle.



Jesse Tarr (2006) is President and CEO of Wind Secure, Inc.. He took a little time out to play the last round of golf (by anyone) for the next 15 months at Torrey Pines in San Diego, CA before the course was shut down for a multi-million dollar renovation

Fast Facts (continued)



• Tim Straub (2006) is a Superintendent with Whiting-Turner, and is in Omaha (picture to the right) working on a data center lately.



Josh Lucas (2007) is a Project Manager with Derr and Gruenewald, and is responsible for the steel erection on new Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA - pictured to the right with a maize of cranes



Danny Elmore (2007) is a Senior Project Manager with Hill & Wilkinson, and has done a ton of Higher Education work (like the picture to the right) in Lubbock, Odessa and San Marcos, TX (among other institutions)



JR Mooney (2012) is an Assistant Project Manager with Graycor, and has completed projects in at least six different states in the last few years.



Annual Giving...Something we are asking you to consider

We recognize that you have given and sacrificed a considerable amount to be where you are, and yet we are still going to ask that you consider giving a little more. We also know that you are now independent young adults with financial burdens of your own...but here we are - seeking your altruistic support for our primary initiative: educating the next generation for a career in construction. In the truest form of leaving things better than you found them, you are in a position to have a positive impact on the development of our students...current and future. The good news is that this "giving section" will appear in every newsletter moving forward, so we'll be able to reinforce our message through repetition.

Giving to the NMU Foundation and designating the Construction Management Program as the recipient will carry benefits that are difficult to truly measure.

- ◆ You could help make the difference between a student completing their degree goal, or quitting due to the overwhelming financial pressure.
- ◆ You could be the person that puts us in a position to keep pace with today's technology (Ex.: so we are not reliant on the 1958 theodolites for surveying)
- ◆ You could leave a positive legacy at NMU that will last a lifetime (or more)
- ◆ You should know that \$1.00 donated is \$1.00 of impact. The NMU Foundation is a responsible steward for your resources. They do not take anything off the top...and your gift is tax-deductible

There are a number of ways to do it, but the following link does make giving relatively easy:

<http://connect.nmu.edu/s16cmn>