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## Celebrating 25 Years!

2014 marked the 25th year Construction Management classes were offered at Northern Michigan University. We felt this was a reason to celebrate and share our many successes with the wonderful alumni of this program. To date we have successfully graduated 500+ Students from the Construction Management and Building Technologies program. The occupational outlook for Construction Managers remains high which is evident in our continued 100%

graduate placement rate. Our alumni work hard in the construction industry and have earned titles such as Executive Vice President, Project Executive, Owner, CEO and President! Our current students are continuing to develop valuable relationships with our alumni and we cannot be more proud of the accomplishments of all!



Pictured to the left are Andrew Kruse and Aaron Miller:

- friends and fellow December 2014 graduates

## Congratulations to the Grads of December 2014

The faculty are excited to announce the following students who graduated in December!

- ⇒ Nicklas Allers
- ⇒ Andrew Kruse
- ⇒ Aaron Miller
- ⇒ Matthew Saunders
- ⇒ Joey Zawada

### **Q: How was placement for Fall Graduates?**

A: Consistent with previous years, placement was 100%

### **Q: Where are graduates headed?**

A: Mortenson, Self-employed and Lowe's Mgt. Training

### **Q: What was the Senior Project?**

A: It was a design-build mobile starter shack for Marquette Mountain.

# December 2014 Senior Project

The CN450 Project Control class took on the unprecedented task of not only conducting a feasibility study, but of completing the design and construction of the project as well. The students were tasked with working closely with the community partner (Marquette Mountain) to design and build a "Mobile Starter Shack" for the ski hill. The students project was a resounding success. Not only did these impressive students complete the task, they made an impact on the ski community in Marquette that will last long beyond their years

at NMU. These students truly learned the value of teamwork, communication and planning. For more information on the tremendous success of these students see the news article to the right:

TV6 News link at:

<http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/news/story.aspx?id=1133838#.VLPkcivF97E>



**"Marquette Mountain has a new starter house...11 students put in more than 700 hours to build it."  
-uppermichiganssource.com**

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*"The faculty took an interest in me and provided opportunities for me to pursue beyond the classroom. My experience was beyond my expectations"*  
  
-- Andrew Kruse



The Advisory Committee with the Senior Class Presenters in December 2014. Pictured left to Right: LR Swadley, Paul Bentley, Aaron Miller, Darrin Pursley, Joey Zawada, Andrew Kruse, Joshua Maier, Nicklas Allers, Hannah Bordinat, Patrick Bishop, David Eickhoff, Jonathan Slack, David Allie, Thomas Keranen, Ken Kasten, Lawrence Zeugner and Rob Tervo.

We ask for your feedback - future issues depend on it!!



### 1st Ever Alumni Spotlight

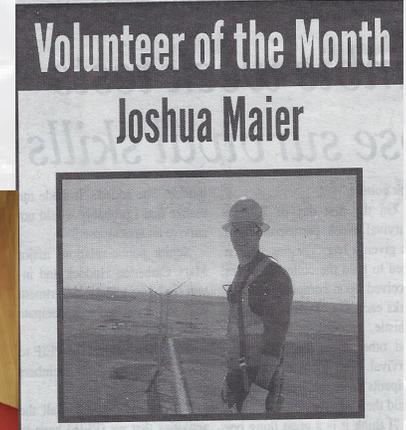
Michael Oswald is a 2003 graduate of NMU's Construction Management program. He has hired more than a dozen alumni from our program, and is an Executive Vice President for Hill & Wilkinson in Dallas, TX. He has mentored current students, as a member of our Advisory Committee, and has been a tremendous resource for those seeking assistance on any number of topics.

We want to welcome Ava Rose Oswald (6 lb 8 oz) to the Construction industry, and congratulate Michael and Rose—Ava's proud parents.



### NMU's Northwind Volunteer of the Month

Joshua Maier (current NMC President) received the Volunteer of the month award from NMU's Northwind Newspaper. A small sample of his efforts include leading a service day at Bay Cliff Health Camp, coordinating the reconstruction of UP200 barricades and building a raised gardening table for senior citizens. Joshua's award was in large part attributed to his role in creating the plan for a 4-day renovation of a disabled veteran's home. He is quick to deflect credit, and would humbly note that members of the NMC are equally deserving of any award he receives.



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

## Northern Michigan Constructors Relocation Project

The Northern Michigan Constructors have been given the opportunity to design and construct a space that is specifically for their use. The new space will be located in the High Bay lab. Pictured to the right is the area to be built. The students are working hard to get this space completed during this Winter 2015 semester, so they can secure their equipment and supplies. As an alum of this program, you will likely have had some experience with this group during your career as a student. The NMU Foundation is working hard to assist in raising funds for the students to be able to complete this project. Please be aware that you may receive a letter or call from the NMU Foundation as an alum of the program. If you are able/willing to sponsor any amount of this project our students will greatly benefit and appreciate your support.



Progress photos for the N.E. corner of the Jacobetti High Bay lab