

For Alumni  
& Friends

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## Interesting Times

The 2014.15 academic year has been interesting.

- \* We've seen tremendous gains, and tragic losses experienced by our friends and colleagues.
- \* We graduated 11 young professionals, and gained 28 newly declared Construction folks—growth is evident.
- \* We hosted the 9th Annual UP Construction Skills Challenge (pictured to the right) last week.
- \* We've seen more than two dozen underclassmen land internships this summer



- \* We forged some excellent relationships with firms that submitted proposals for the new Marquette Hospital and the new City of Marquette Municipal Building.
- \* We (along with the help and support of many) will be rolling out the first ever scholarships that are specific to Construction Management students

All in all—not a bad year!

## Congratulations to the Graduates of May 2015

The faculty are excited to announce the following students who graduate in May - along with their employer!

⇒ Patrick Bishop	Mortenson
⇒ Hannah Bordinat	Mortenson
⇒ David Eickhoff	US Army
⇒ Joshua Maier	Mortenson
⇒ Darrin Pursley	Boldt
⇒ Jon Slack	Kraus Anderson

### Q: What is the NMU Student Summit?

A: Our Advisory Committee presents “special topics” for a day

### Q: When is 2015 Homecoming?

A: Saturday, 19 September - Please mark your calendar, tee time for the golf outing will be at 9:30 a.m. The **Career Fair will be Thursday the 17th of September** (the Construction program's 11th annual).

## NMU Alumni—Hard at work in Dallas, TX

Over Spring Break, Mr. Michael Oswald organized an NMU alumni dinner at Pappadeaux's in Dallas.

(pictured left to right: Michael Rossetti, Eric Judy, Kyle Swenor, Matthew Shem, Ryan Lucas, Michael Oswald, Michael Andary Dan Elmore and Michael Judy)

The evening was filled with a lot of laughter and an incredible amount of camaraderie. The NMU presence is strong in the Lone Star state. Also noteworthy is that the day before this dinner, Texas had a snow day—ice and snow ripped through the southwest. Nothing stops NMU Construction Managers!



Good food & good friends getting together

### 2nd Annual Student Summit



*"I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to help and support me all the way to the end."*

-- Hannah Bordinat  
(May 2015 grad)

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

NMU's second annual Student Summit Professional Development Day was held on the 27th of March. Eight members of our Advisory Committee discussed topics of importance to the student body. A.C. members (David Allie, Paul Bentley, Amber Burden, Tom Keranen, Joel Klahn, Jon Nehls, Andy Sikkema and LR Swadley) presented on the topics of Adaptability, Ethics, Art of Multi-tasking and Managing Difficult People. The program was very well received (and attended) by current students.

## Alumni Spotlight



Rachel Posthumus graduated in 2011. She then became a licensed contractor, and founded Great Lakes Renovation Experts (GLRE) - in addition to owning and managing multiple other businesses in and around Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Recently, she closed the Marquette branch of Switchback, and relocated it to Grand Rapids. She has been renovating the building and managing the operations as well—with a grand re-opening planned in the near future.

She carries a strong sense of community, as evidenced by an extremely long list of volunteer activities. She did an exceptional job of managing the NMC finances as Executive Treasurer back in the day.

Rachel became a parent to two teenagers in 2013, and counts being a mom as one of her proudest accomplishments.

She is also a landlord, but recently sold two properties in preparation of her next stage of personal and professional development.

## Student Spotlight

Levy Perry II received NMU's Student-Athlete of the Month for January.

He has been balancing the fine line of student (first) with varsity athletics effectively. Levy maintains a 3.3 GPA in the technical concentration, and will be interning for the second consecutive summer with Hill & Wilkinson in Dallas, TX.

As Defensive Captain of the NMU football team in 2014, Levi had a solid year individually, and is looking forward to team success this fall. He is on target to graduate in May 2016.

(pictured left to right: Julie Rochester (NMU's NCAA liaison) Levi, M. Andary and Forrest Karr (NMU's Athletic Director).



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

## Northern Michigan Constructors Relocation Project (progress)

The Northern Michigan Constructors have been making consistent progress toward completing the new space within the Jacobetti High Bay lab.

With an outstanding effort by the local apprentices (thanks to Mr. Mick Vonck and Mr. John Prince), the systems were roughed-in over a two-week period. Apprentices from the Sheet Metal Workers, Plumbers & Pipefitters as well as the Electricians have provided all of the labor for the electrical, mechanical and fire protection systems. The longstanding relationship between the NMC and Bay Cliff Health Camp was key in the development of this project. Mr. Vonck and Mr. Prince are Board members at Bay Cliff, as well as Board members of their respective apprenticeship committees. Their efforts made the project feasible by saving thousands in construction costs.

If you are able/willing to sponsor any amount of this project, our students will greatly benefit from, and appreciate your support. For those that have already given: Thank you! Every penny counts.



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