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News from Marquette

* By the numbers:

9 – number of donor funded scholarships awarded for the 2016-17 academic year.

7 - of those scholarships were awarded at the December Advisory Committee meeting. Two Hill & Wilkinson Scholarships were awarded at the spring Advisory Committee Meeting

5 – number of states where our December graduates will be heading.

5 – number of current or former students employed by the Skanska-Closner (and major subcontractor) team on Marquette's replacement hospital.

3 –number of current or former students working for contractors at the Marquette Board of Light and Power's new generating facility

2 –number of current or former students employed by the Walbridge-Gundlach team at NMU's new student housing project.

1 - alum managing the renovation of the former Marquette Orphanage project for the Wolverine Group.

1 –current student working on the Marquette Municipal building with Gundlach Champion.

* We are thankful for a strong alumni base, because our current students benefit from your assistance...and, we wish you only the best for a wonderful 2017!

Congratulations to the Graduates of December 2016

The faculty are proud to announce the following students who graduated earlier this month.

- ⇒ Eric Brandt
- ⇒ Zac Crouch
- ⇒ Alex Dykstra
- ⇒ Matthew Gamalski
- ⇒ Gabriella Garza
- ⇒ Nick Manzoline
- ⇒ Patrick McFadden
- ⇒ Cody Schlee
- ⇒ James Spicer
- ⇒ Max Watrous
- ⇒ Lucas Zimmerman

Q: Where are seniors heading in January?

A: Neenah, Detroit, Dallas, Denver, Grand Rapids, Iron Mountain, Iron River, Marquette, and Seattle

Q: How many senior projects this year?

A: Five

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

A: We'll send it as soon as the Alumni Association sets the date, which should be soon.

2016 Homecoming

The Construction Management Career Fair was well attended by nearly three-dozen organizations. Most tables were staffed with alumni. A sample of pictures (far right) are corporate representatives shown with our new Dean, Mr. Robert Eslinger.

Something new for the current students this year, was an alumni panel comprised of the folks pictured to the right: (left to right) Curtis Brown (Boldt), Levi Perry (Hill & Wilkinson), Hannah Bordinat (Mortenson), Jon Slack (Kraus Anderson), Adam Glover (Power), Jim Johnson (Closner) and Nikk Glazier (Whiting-Turner)



The Career Fair was held on 22 September

Homecoming week wouldn't be complete without the alumni golf outing and luncheon with pictures below. Most everyone completed nine holes this year. We had awards, badminton, football and a pretty good time catching up with each other. This was the 10th annual golf outing, which is amazing. Hopefully, more alumni will be to attend each year.



2016 Associated General Contractors U.P. Student Contractor Awareness Night (SCAN)



Outside the new NMU dorms (left)

Marquette's new Municipal Bld. (right)



Marquette's new power generating facility (left)

New LifePoint hospital (right)



50+ students from NMU, 25 from Michigan Tech and another 25 industry professionals joined together on Thursday, 20 October to tour jobsites, eat supper and network afterwards. The Associated General Contractors (AGC) coordinated the event for students and industry to get together and discuss the career opportunities available in construction. After all the tours and dining, everyone gathered back at the Jacobetti commons for a more quiet series of discussions (right).



Alumni Spotlight

Chris Cardinal (2008)



Following graduation, Chris went back to continue the next generation of Cardinal Concrete in Fon du Lac, WI. The family of companies have expanded to now include real estate and flatwork to compliment the poured wall business. He got married in 2012 to Kenna, and their son, Calim, was born in May of 2015. Chris started the alumni golf outing as an NMU sophomore in 2006, and has helped continue the tradition in the decade since.

Chris' "fast five":

Favorite Movie: *Slap Shot*

Best NMU memory: *the golf outing with a close second being 8:00 a.m. Friday concrete labs*

Greatest Professional Accomplishment: *Not going bankrupt during the recession of 2008, and seeing the companies thrive since.*

Best part of coming back to Marquette: *seeing so many people that I've gotten to know along the way*

Person most anxious to meet: *Donald Trump*

Student Spotlight

Thomas Wahlstrom (May 2018)



Thomas is a Junior in the program, after transferring from Michigan State University this time last year. Since his arrival, Thomas has taken a leadership role in, and out of, the classroom.

He interned with Gundlach Champion last summer, and has continued to work for them throughout the academic year—on the Marquette Municipal Building.

Additionally, he bartends at least a couple night per week at Elizabeth's, and is also heavily involved with the family catering business.

Thomas has been a lab assistant in at least one class thus far, and will more than likely be a tutor for his peers once school resumes in a couple weeks.



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

Northern Michigan

The Northern Michigan Constructors have had a busy semester doing great work in the community. During the fall, they:

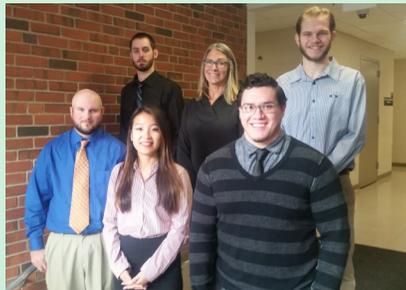
- * Completed their final loft building project for NMU, as the new housing buildings will be coming available, and loft building will no longer be an option for the NMC.
- * Spent time at Bay Cliff Health Camp working on a variety of projects. Shown (top right) installing tongue & groove paneling in one of the buildings.
- * Designed, built, delivered and set up the display stands for the Beaumier Museum. The project was completed in time for their 10th anniversary show on 24 September, and the exhibition was called "Remnants: Ghost Towns of the Upper Peninsula". The middle picture to the right shows many of the displays that are hung from the stands
- * Removed and completely replaced posts, chain link fencing, and gates for the Marquette Community Garden (in partnership with the City of Marquette). The garden is located on the back end of the property within the cemetery grounds on 7th street.





2016 Senior Projects

(Right) Lake Superior Theater partnered with Cody Schlee, Matthew Gamalski, Sophie Park, Jorge Rios and Jeremy Garvin for a storage structure that would match the existing finishes at the theater site near the lower harbor. The new building will also serve as an actor change room during the summer theater season.



(Left) Negaunee Historical Society partnered with Alex Williams, James Spicer, Lucas Zimmerman, Eric Brandt and Derrick Carter to receive a feasibility study for their museum that included costs for a new porch roof with a new structural support system, a new deck and a ramp to allow barrier free access to the first floor.



(Right) The Janzen House partnered with Nick Manzoline, Tyler Lenderink, Tyler McGuire, Logan Nord, Patrick McFadden and Alex Dykstra to design and build a canopy system to stop the ice from building up at the egress for the basement shelter



(Left) Teaching Family Homes partnered with Max Watrous, Ryan Lynch, Caity Tefft, Gunther Garrett and Patrick Levandoski to design and build a storage structure at their site in Sands Township. The building will be used to store recreation equipment for the young adults that are part of the Teaching Family Homes system



(Left) Lake Superior Industries partnered with Kent Frantz, Collin Lake, Gabby Garza, Matthew Boonstra, Zach Crouch and Wade Schetter to male and female set of barrier free restrooms at LSI's Marquette location. The project also involved coordination with Business Managers from the Electrical and Plumbers and Pipefitters unions. Through that relationship, the apprentices from each union donated the labor for their respective systems, and the students did the rest. The scope was significant, as it included demo, concrete cutting, framing, gypsum, painting, tile and bathroom specialties.



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Doing great things

Heidi Blanck (2000) is not only a full-time faculty in our program, but also an alum of, the program. During the summer, she began to coordinate meetings with the NMU Engineering and Planning division, Walbridge, Neumann/Smith (A/E) and EDR (Program Financier), with the intent to develop a strong partnership and a living lab space for the NMU Student Housing Project. The result has been a strong relationship that is unlike anything we've had. Students have access to the site, meetings, documents and management teams for the project.

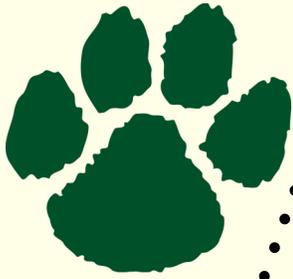
Pictured to the right are (from left to right) are Mark Grambergs, EdR's Vice President for real estate development, Heidi Blanck, Caity Tefft - NMU Senior, Dr. Fritz Erickson -NMU President, Gene Carroll - Neumann/Smith Partner and Kirk Frownfelter -Walbridge Senior Project Executive



The signing of the collaborative agreement is shown to the left with Grambergs, Erickson, Carroll and Frownfelter exchanging copies.

The final picture to the right shows most of the team, which also includes members of NMU's Engineering and Planning, our Dean, and NMU's Chief Financial Officer





Donor Funded Scholarship Recipients

Seven Donor Funded Scholarships (\$1,000 each) were awarded after the annual senior project presentations on the 2nd of December.



Picture to the left: (Top Row—L to R): Daniel Hunter, Caity Tefft and Kent Frantz

(Bottom row—L to R): Collin Rajala, Thomas Wahlstrom, Lucas Ewbank and Darrin Koivisto

Picture below: Top row advisory committee (L to R) Andy Sikkema, Jim Ebli, Kevin Bredeson, Adam Glover, Amber Burden, Jon Nehls, Derrick Pass and Tom Keranen. (missing from picture—Scott Ampe and Evan Lucas)



Alumni:

Please continue to leave things better than you found them

Graduation: Fall 2016



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

Heidi & Mike with Gabriella Garza (right) and Eric Brandt (left).

Gabbie is heading to Detroit to work for Barton Malow and help complete the Detroit Event Center for the Detroit Red Wings.

Eric will be working locally with Miron Construction; splitting time between the Board of Light and Power's generating project and the structural concrete for the new hospital.



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Fast Facts

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



Brandon Bogue (2003) is a Superintendent for Miller-Davis, and has been working on Notre Dame's campus. The picture to the left is a boxed version of "The Last Supper" sculpture, which was hand-carved in 1957 into a 6' tall x 12' wide x 4" thick slab of oak. It's being shipped to Ohio for restoration, and will be returned prior to completion of the university's north dining hall.



Evan Lucas (2011) is a Project Manager with Rockford Construction Company in Grand Rapids, MI. The photo to the right is the new College of Business building at Davenport University that was just completed this week.



Chad Bollman (2010) is an Estimating and Purchasing Manager for Taylor Built Homes in Salt Lake City, UT. Pictured to the left is one of his two projects that made the Salt Lake County Parade of Homes last year. After five years of working in the industrial and mining sectors, his career shift has been enjoyable



Nick Allers (2014) is a Project Engineer with Mortenson Construction in Minneapolis, MN, but has been building wind farms (picture to the right) across the nation since graduation.



Michael Holbrook (2014) owns Holbrook Custom Designs, and operates out of Petoskey, MI. He is now buying land, building homes and performing unique contract work for a variety of clients in an around Emmet County. Pictured to the left is one of his recent "camp in the woods" projects.



Jerad Patterson (2015) is a Field Engineer for Boldt out of Appleton, WI. Pictured to the right is a replacement hospital in Marinette, WI that he is building.



Ken Kasten (2007) is a Project Manager and Estimator for Gundlach Champion in Iron Mountain, MI. He is part of the Walbridge-Gundlach team that is constructing the new student housing project at NMU (left).



Austen Harris (2012) is a Project Engineer for Ideal Contracting, and is part of the team constructing the new Little Caesars arena in Detroit, MI that will be the home of the Detroit Red Wings beginning with the 2017 season (right).

Fast Facts (continued)



Sean Hart (2011) is a Project Engineer for J.H. Findorff and Son in Madison, WI. Sean, and Kayla Voss (2010) from Mortenson, were on a joint venture together at the University of Iowa, and they built a new structure for the School of Music.



Jeremy Bubba (2008) is a Project Manager for Lunda Construction, out of their Twin Cities office in Rosemount, MN. Jeremy has been building bridges with them for a number of years, and recently completed another, as part of a traffic congestion relief effort. The project included seven bridges, two tunnels, utility relocation, mass grading, concrete and asphalt paving and traffic management systems. The picture to the right is an aerial that shows one of the highway interchanges.



Jim Conlin (2009) is an Assistant Project Manager

for Mortenson in Minneapolis, MN. Jim is part of the Renewable Energy Group, and has been managing work across the Midwest. Late last summer he got married in Marquette. He invited a nice group of NMU folks to join in the event (left). From left to right: Andary, Evan Lucas, Adam Glover, Jake Suppa, the groom (Jimbo), Adam Covert, Kellie (Smith) Berry and Chris Grebe.

Nikk Glazier (2008) is a Project Manager with The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company in Baltimore MD. Nikk has recently completed a variety of healthcare projects in the Baltimore and D.C. areas. The rendering to the right will occupy his time for the next couple of years. The buildings will house assisted living quarters, memory support, full clinic, rehabilitation and therapy suites among other amenities.



Vince Sochacki (2005) is the Vice President of Operations for Absolute Construction in Schererville, IN. Absolute specializes in custom build-outs and high-end renovations throughout NW Indiana and the Chicagoland area. Pictured to the left is a sample of his company's work.

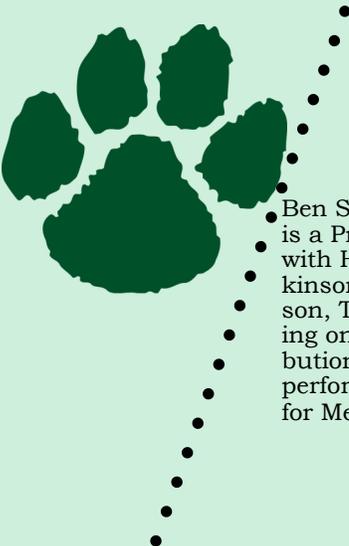
Jon Irby (2013) is an MEP Superintendent with Barton Malow in Southfield, MI. Shown to the right is his project for General Motors in Flint, MI that will be a state-of-the-art body shop



Jon Slack (2015) is a Project Engineer with Kraus-Anderson in Rochester, MN and was part of the team that renovated and added-onto the Olmsted County Government Center. The picture to the right shows the nearly completed project, which required removal of the front face of the structure while keeping the building operational.



Fast Facts (continued)



Ben Sanchez (2011) is a Project Engineer with Hill & Wilkinson in Richardson, TX. He is working on a parts distribution and learning performance center for Mercedes Benz.



Eric Rogers (2011) is a Project Manager with M.J. Electric. His team is providing overhead power with a fantastic view of the skyline in downtown Chicago, IL



Michael LaFleur (2015) is an Integrated Project Specialist with Mortenson and is working on a classified research facility in Kansas.



John Stenzel (2003) is a Project Manager with Toll Brothers, and is in charge of the luxury condo units in Glenview, IL.



David Eickhoff (2015) is a 2nd Lieutenant Platoon Leader with the 76th Engineer Company in Colorado. He trains and works with the vertical construction division of construction engineers in support of maneuver forces, mobility and survivability operations. David is helping build the training grounds for our military divisions.



Annual Giving...Something we hope you will 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 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 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 makes giving relatively easy:

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