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News from Marquette

Nearly every route into, or out of, Marquette is under construction of some sort

It's difficult to travel within Marquette, and not be awed by the volume of development.

By the end of this year, we should have (small example of projects):

- ◇ At least four new roundabouts - a couple on the bypass, a couple more on Wright St. and possibly another couple on Washington and or Baraga
- ◇ A new housing project, born from the old orphanage
- ◇ A new municipal building and salt storage barn
- ◇ At least two new dorm buildings on campus (two more on the way)
- ◇ At least one fewer dorm building on campus - (Halverson is going away, Payne already went away)
- ◇ About 70% of a new hospital
- ◇ A new energy center for the Board of Light and Power
- ◇ A new parking deck adjacent to the lower harbor at Founders Landing
- ◇ A straighter stretch of road on your way up CR553 (Marquette Mountain Road)
- ◇ Part of a new Meijer's grocery store
- ◇ A fresh set of utilities and newly paved road between Negaunee and Ishpeming.
- ◇ A new supplemental gymnasium and other renovations for Marquette Senior High School

It is exceptionally rewarding to see alumni and current students involved on so many of the local projects.

Congratulations to the Graduates of May 2017

The faculty are proud to announce the following students that graduated in May.

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| ⇒ Matt Boonstra | ⇒ Ryan Lynch |
| ⇒ Derrick Carter | ⇒ Tyler McGuire |
| ⇒ Kent Frantz | ⇒ Logan Nord |
| ⇒ Gunther Garrett | ⇒ Jorge Rios |
| ⇒ Jeremy Garvin | ⇒ Wade Schetter |
| ⇒ Collin Lake | ⇒ Caity Tefft |
| ⇒ Tyler Lenderink | ⇒ Alex Williams |
| ⇒ Pat Levandoski | |

Q: Where did seniors head after May's graduation?

A: Appleton, Baltimore, Detroit, Dallas, Denver, Eagle River Iron Mountain, Kalamazoo, Marquette, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Neenah, San Diego and South Bend

Q: How many senior projects are planned for this fall?

A: At least five

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

A: Career Fair on Thursday, 21 September and Golf outing on Saturday, 23 September

NMU Construction Management Advisory Committee

NMU's Construction Management Advisory Committee, once again, provided forums for students on the 24th of March.

- ◇ Michael Oswald discussed roles and responsibilities (both implied and explicit) of the individual and the company within the community.
- ◇ Kevin Bredeson (remotely) and Joel Klahn talked about trends in the latest technology and how that technology is influencing the world of construction.
- ◇ Amber Burden and Andy Sikkema chatted about some of the day-to-day situations that effective people deal with effectively.
- ◇ Ken Kasten discussed career planning with a focus on the early years.
- ◇ Scott Ampe talked about the impact of coordinating mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire suppression systems.
- ◇ Jon Nehls spoke about the thought processes and actions that are necessary to address when reviewing the site logistics of putting most any project together.
- ◇ Derrick Pass and Adam Glover discussed trade coordination from a couple different perspectives. One from an entrepreneur's point of view in a small business, and the other from a Superintendent's point of view in a large urban environment.



The 2017 Spring Student Forum was held on 24 March

2017 U.P. Construction Skills Challenge



1st Place (left)
Delta Schoolcraft—
Escanaba #1



2nd Place (right) -
Chassell

12 teams from various schools throughout the Upper Peninsula gathered at the Jacobetti Complex for the annual UP Construction Skills Challenge. Complimentary competitions included Automotive and Welding, so nearly 200 high school students traveled to NMU on Friday, the 28th of April to showcase their talent.

Last year's top three finishers for our Construction Skills Challenge didn't place, as three different teams (with one newcomer) topped the podium.

3rd Place
(right)
Marquette



Alumni Spotlight

Evan Lucas (2011)



Evan is the newest member of the NMU Construction Management faculty team.

Mr. Lucas had been one of the newest members of our Advisory Committee, but that lasted less than five months.

He is a Marquette native and has lineage at NMU, as both parents helped shape

the Physics and Chemistry departments over the last 30 years.

Following Evan's graduation from NMU, he moved to Baltimore and was a Project Engineer for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. He relocated back to Grand Rapids, is/was a Project Manager for Rockford Construction Company, got married to Ashley, had a son (David) and has now purchased a home in Marquette near to where he grew up.

Evan's "fast five":

Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump

Best NMU memory: Surveying property in the blistering hailstorm (Editor's note: Evan's sarcasm will be an immediate and outstanding fit in the program)

Greatest Professional Accomplishment: the Mary Freebed YMCA project in Grand Rapids

Best part of coming back to Marquette: Hometown and alma mater

Person he'd most like to meet: Steve Yzerman

Student Spotlight

Darrin Koivisto (December 2018)



Darrin didn't take the usual path to NMU. After graduating from high school in Cokato, Minnesota, he attended both St. Cloud State University and Southwest Minnesota State University for short stints. He then went to work in North Dakota; first as a drywall guy, then as a roughneck on the oil wells.

Mr. Koivisto moved back to Minnesota, and worked for Facility Enhancement, Inc. in Cokato. Working both in the field, and in the office, Darrin hopes to take the Superinten-

dent path upon graduation. He enjoys the field a great deal.

Outside of work, Darrin enjoys hunting and fishing...as well as hockey and baseball.

He wasn't sure about NMU initially, but he's a Wildcat through and through now. Both parents attended NMU back in the day.

Darrin has a calm demeanor, and his leadership style has allowed his group projects to flow smoothly. His peers respect the humble, yet confident approach he takes when facing challenges.



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

Northern Michigan Constructors (NMC)

The Northern Michigan Constructors completed another productive year, and received the 2016.17 Community Service Award for their effort.

In addition to their heavy project load from the fall, they also:

- ◇ Assisted with the UP200 Sled Dog race, by rebuilding many of their barricades and working to get the starting shack constructed.
- ◇ Designed and built a "Chronicles of Narnia" set for the Hospitality Management program's end-of-year gala.
- ◇ Coordinated efforts of members to have a large showing and lots of raffle items at the 2017 Builders Show last March.
- ◇ Installed drywall in one cabin at Bay Cliff and did demo in another, while trimming the recreation center.



Picture - front row (left to right): Nick Sexton, Spenser Feld, Daniel Hunter, James Eickhoff and Luke Ewbank. Back row (left to right): Neal Nemethy, Tyler McGuire, Mitch Hanson, Kurt Thiele and Nate Williams



2017 started with a tragic loss

(Below left): Anthony Herbert, from Lapeer, Michigan passed away on Tuesday, the 17th of January. He was a sophomore at NMU, and a standout Construction Management student. He was also the starting left guard on NMU's football team. Anthony was a day brightener, and we miss him.



(Right): Heidi and Mike with a tapestry craft, made by NMU's Cindi Carlson, and signed by many of Anthony's classmates within the Construction Management program



(Right): Heidi and Mike, with the Herbert family. A posthumous degree was awarded. Anthony received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in General University Studies, with a Construction concentration.

Anthony's mother, Lori, has become a strong advocate for heart screenings as part of the annual physical for young athletes.

The degree conveyance was incredibly emotional, but the family was sincerely appreciative.



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Doing more great things

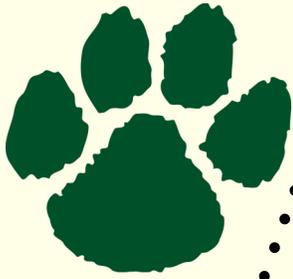
Heidi Blanck (2000) is a strong advocate for women in construction. So much so that she put together a proposal for funding the first-ever Women in Construction Day at NMU last fall. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs found the proposal appealing, and approved it immediately. Months of planning paid off, as nearly 100 young ladies (grades 7—12) from a four-county area came to NMU for a day's worth exposure to the industry. The large group was split into four teams that got to:

- ◇ Work with electrical components
- ◇ Assemble a small wood structure from a set of plans
- ◇ Electronically design a structure using Revit and
- ◇ Use the Plasma-Cam to design and cut a metal plate

The efforts have been worthwhile, as females now comprise nearly 11% of our student body, which is exponentially higher than prior to Heidi's arrival six years ago.

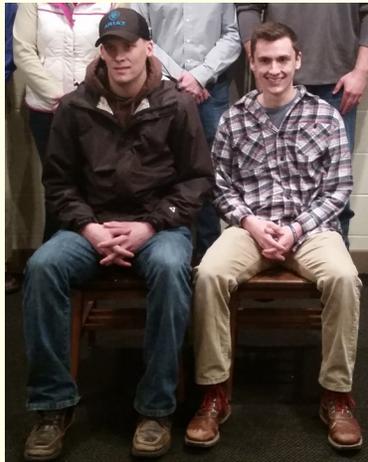
Noteworthy: Mrs. Blanck was promoted to Associate Professor last month—please congratulate her if you have a chance!





Hill & Wilkinson Scholarship Recipients

Four scholarships were awarded during the Spring Student Summit in March.



Picture to the left: (L to R): Darrin Koivisto and Luke Ewbank. Missing—Dustin Delvoe and Jedd Kangas.

Mr. Michael Oswald was kind enough to double the amount of H&W scholarships awarded, because the Advisory Committee was having a difficult time narrowing it to two...thank you, Michael!

Picture below: Top row advisory committee (L to R) Andy Sikkema, Ken Kasten, Amber Burden, Adam Glover, Jon Nehls, Scott Ampe, Michael Oswald and Joel Klahn. Seated (L to R) Darrin Koivisto and Luke Ewbank.



Alumni:
Please continue to leave things
better than you found them

Graduation: Spring 2017

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



Left: Alex Williams (Miron), Caity Tefft (HJ Martin), Heidi Blanck, Kent Frantz (Mortenson) and Tyler Lenderink (Hensel Phelps)



Right: Mike, "Hip Hip" Jorge Rios (Whiting-Turner) and Heidi

Left: Levi Perry (2016 Hill & Wilkinson), Heidi, Matt Boonstra (Walbridge) and Mike





Fast Facts

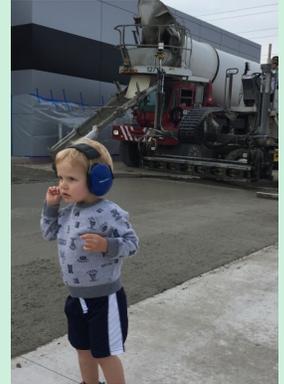
Relatively new updates (slower than Facebook & LinkedIn), but still fun



Left: Jerad Patterson (2015) is a Field Engineer for Boldt out of Appleton, WI. Pictured to the left is an air handling unit being lifted onto the roof top curbs by a crane. This is in Marinette Wi, for the new Bay Area Medical Center Hospital.

No pictures yet, but Matt Boonstra (May 2017) is a Project Engineer with Walbridge. He started on the renovation of the Joyce Recreation Sports facility for the University of Notre Dame. This will wrap up by the end of 2017. Immediately following, he will begin a significant renovation of the Rolfs Center which is the basketball facility for the men's and women's varsity basketball teams.

Right: Calim Cardinal, son of Chris (2008), is the youngest known Superintendent of a 200+cy pour ...all before going to daycare at 8:00 a.m.



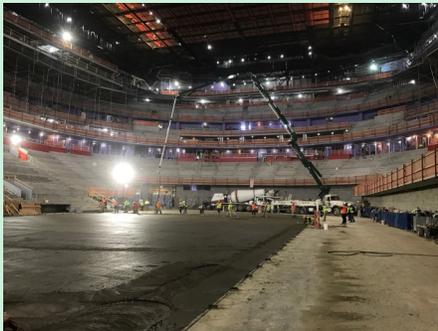
No pictures yet, but Sam Peterson (2015) moved to the Minneapolis, MN area to work for the Opus Group.

Left: Lana Rena Brown, daughter of Curtis Brown (2012) was born in January.

No pictures yet, but Ben Herman (2009) is a Superintendent for Grand Traverse Construction in Traverse City, MI, and has been renovating a grocery store and parts of a school district.



Right: Ben Hager (2005) is a Senior Project Manager with J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc.. The picture to the right is of the newly completed Westin Hotel in Milwaukee, WI. It's a 10-story full-service hotel that is attached to the US Bank Building—which is the tallest building in Wisconsin. The Westin has 220 guestrooms, 9000 sf of meeting space and a 5000 sf grand ballroom.



Left: Gabby Garza (2016) is a Project Engineer with Barton Malow in Detroit, MI. The picture was from March, so progress has been significant since then...but, at the time, the main arena concrete pour for the, soon to be, home of the Detroit Red Wings was exceptionally cool.

Right: Matthew Kehrer (2011) now has a son, Henry Daniel Kehrer. Henry was born in February.

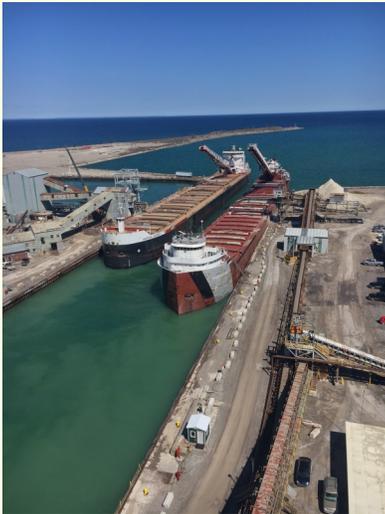


Left: Big time party for the Andrew and Sarah Kruse wedding. L to R -Heidi, Matthew Marquardt (current sophomore), Joshua Maier (2015), Andrew Kruse (2014), Aaron Miller (2014), Michael LaFleur (2015) and Mike. It was the hottest day of the year in Marquette, and a great time

Fast Facts (continued)



Right: Jim Conlin (2009) is an Assistant Project Manager for Mortenson Construction in Minneapolis, MN. He is responsible for a wind farm in Indiana, and has a strong team led by three additional alumni: Jake Supa (2010) is an Assistant Superintendent, Joshua Maier (2015) is a Project Engineer and Hannah Bordinat (2015) is a Field Engineer.



Left and right: Weston Bailey (2015) is a Project Manager working for Carmeuse North America. Carmeuse is a global producer and supplier of lime, and are projected to produce 14 million tons of chemical grade limestone in the Great Lakes this year.

He is responsible for capital projects, and currently has about 50 capital projects between their four plants. The installation of their new ship loader will be able to load 5000 ton per hour.

Weston bought, and is renovating, a house in Alpena, MI—after being certain (during his time at NMU) that he would not return to his hometown.



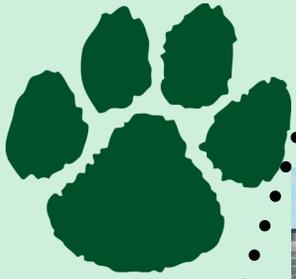
Derek Nakamura (2010) owns Paniolo Construction in the Dallas Fort Worth area. The picture on the left shows the beginning stages of a wastewater treatment facility. The picture on the right is a sloped site paving project.



Right: Jim Johnson (2007) is a Project Manager with Closner Construction and Sales of Marquette, Michigan. Earlier this year, he also joined the ownership structure. He is the primary Closner contact for the Skanska Closner partnership that is the general contractor for the Upper Peninsula Health Systems replacement hospital. Jim has also managed quite a few Closner Projects over the years. Highlights include the Humboldt Mill, the Jacobetti Veterans Center and the Landmark Inn. The faculty of our Construction Management program extended an invitation to Jim to be the newest member of our Advisory Committee, and we were ecstatic that he accepted.

Upon graduation, Jim moved to Chicago and was a Project Engineer for Concrete Structures of the Midwest. He was responsible for a wide variety of cast in place foundations and flatwork, while also managing a number of precast structure projects. Additionally, Jim is a LEED AP—BD&C.





Fast Facts (continued)

A sample of some awesome things happening around Marquette



Left-renaissance/addition at Marquette Senior High School.

Right - replacement hospital on Baraga and 7th street



Left-saying goodbye to Halvorson Hall

Right-saying hello to one of the new dorm buildings. Two will be used by students this August.



Left - major road work (new roundabouts) on the 28/41 bypass to account for traffic to the new hospital.

Right -new roundabouts on Wright St. The picture is at the corner of Wright and Sugarloaf.



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:

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