Celebrating the Dennos Museum’s 25th Anniversary
William Beall
James Beckett
Barbara & Michael Dennos
Mary Dunham
Pat Dutmers
Chidie Farley
Arthur Huey
Flossie Knowles
George T. Miller
Helen Milliken
Dee Pike
William Russell
Bryan Simsa
Karen Smith
John Spencer
Jack Stegenga
George J. Worden
Joseph Zimmerman
The View from 1990

• “Imagine”...a gallery for our region to nourish our growth, enhance our way of life
• 25,000 sf facility that meets Smithsonian security and climate specifications to host significant travelling exhibitions
• A cadre of volunteers and advisors
• $2 million for construction + $1 million for endowment
• $500,000 challenge from Rotary Charities of Traverse City + $500,000 in leadership commitments from individuals
• Recruited Shirley Okerstrom and Susie Janis for fundraising!
The View from 2015

• Traverse City has become a cultural destination with the City Opera House, Film Festival, Old Town Play House, Crooked Tree, and more

• 40,000 sf facility that has shown Van Gogh’s Self Portrait, Picasso, Warhol, as well as Bodies Human and Birds of Paradise from National Geographic.

• 350 seat Milliken Auditorium has hosted Jeff Haas to Angels of Shanghai and recently the venue for Bob James’ LIVE recording

• A cadre of volunteers who help us host 60,000 visitors per year including 6,000 k-12 students

• $6 million endowment
Celebrating 25 Years in 2016

Works from the DMC Collections

Works from Around the World

Works that Challenge the Status Quo
Celebrating the University Center’s 20th Anniversary
Survey shows strong support for University Center

The "University Center" concept has received strong support from area employers, high school juniors and seniors, and current NMC students, according to a report heard by the Northwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees at their regular meeting. Three separate surveys were conducted during November and December 1992 to collect information about area educational needs to assist NMC in planning for the future.

Among the 271 employers who responded to an survey of Traverse Area Chamber of Commerce members, 64 percent said they required their employees to receive ongoing education, particularly those employees in banking, education, health care and law. Of this group, 73 percent provide tuition assistance (57 percent of total). Many employers said the NMC University Center could help them in recruiting new employees (45 percent) and maintaining a skilled workforce (27 percent).

All juniors and seniors in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties were surveyed to ask about their educational goals and plans. Of these 1,781 students, 82 percent intend to go to college either full-time or part-time, and NMC is their top choice (29 percent). If they could complete a four-year degree in Traverse City, 40 percent would attend NMC.

The main reason juniors and seniors don't attend NMC is the desire to leave the area (26 percent). Their primary fields of interest are business, engineering and education.

A sample survey of 637 current NMC students revealed that 77 percent plan to transfer to a four-year college, rather full-time (40 percent) or part-time (31 percent). The top transfer school is the Ferris State University program in Traverse City (17 percent).

Asked if they would like to stay here to complete a four-year degree, 71 percent said yes. The largest barrier to attending a NMC University Center is finance (42 percent).

The Founders 21 Committee will use this and other data to prepare a report and recommendations about a University Center for the Board of Trustees to review this spring.
"This is the most exciting development in higher education since NMC was founded in 1951"

-Jim Beckett, co-chair of the capital campaign, speaking about the University Center
Interactive Television Class
Zonta Library

- Innovative ‘virtual library’ – offering full connectivity to main campus libraries.
- Original WWW ‘hot spot’ for students.
- Zonta continues to provide UC scholarships for area students.
2015 – New generation programming

- GVSU M.S. Physician’s Assistant
  - Grant funded simulation laboratory, new generation 2-way interactive
  - Exemplifies partner transitions into regional hubs
Proud Facts:

- Over 50 Bachelor-completion and advanced degrees.
- Average 13,132 duplicate credit hours (past 5 years)
- Service between 800-1000 students each term (fall/spring)
- Estimated 5,000 plus post-associate awards