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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I look back at the 2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017), I see a year of innovation made possible by you and others in this community. In this annual report, you will find stories of how your generosity leads to success for incredible students.

You and others in the community stepped up last year and provided an unprecedented level of support for the Annual Fund, which supports the college’s greatest needs—helping every student, every day.

You helped us initiate the renovation of West Hall, where soon you will see innovative learning in action. You celebrated with us as we broke ground at the Dennos Museum Center and built a new residence hall.

Our campus and our community continue to thrive thanks to your support. Thank you for being our partner in innovation.

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Timothy J. Nelson  
President
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

You have made a difference at NMC. Your gifts, throughout the year, are helping students achieve their dreams. Your gifts help NMC take programs to the next level. Your gifts help create inspiring spaces to learn and to gather as a community.

As you consider your giving, you may reflect on an inspiring experience at NMC. I often hear from our alumni that “NMC changed my life.” Or, “NMC is where I learned to love learning.”

You may have received a scholarship, like Bruce Byl, and want to pay it forward (story on page 16). Maybe you appreciate the vast diversity of programming through NMC Extended Education, the Dennos Museum Center, or WNMC, and enjoy being a part of the community of support surrounding NMC. Maybe your life was changed for the better through education, and you give to create similar opportunities for NMC students around the world (story on page 8).

In the pages that follow, you will read the inspiring stories of students and donors who are a part of the thriving NMC family. Whatever your reason, your gifts and your dedication to NMC and our region inspire me.

Together, we are changing lives and building a better community every day. Thank you.
The Commitment Scholarship Program

The Commitment Scholarship Program provides mentoring throughout high school and a full tuition scholarship to NMC funded through charitable contributions to the NMC Foundation.

1,500 STUDENTS
This program has served 1,500 students over the past 24 years.

18 SCHOOLS
Students from 18 area high schools are inducted into the program.

$3,000 PER YEAR
Commitment students receive an average annual award of $3,000 to cover their tuition and fees.

Ninth grade students are welcomed by President Timothy J. Nelson as they are inducted into the Commitment Scholarship Program.
Alex Briggs worked hard earning top grades at Elk Rapids Public Schools. She thought she might be the first in her family to attend college. But as she neared high school, she began to worry that she might not be able to pay for tuition and books.

That’s when NMC’s Commitment Scholarship Program stepped in. For students like Alex with big college potential but no means of attending, it’s a game changer. A cohort of area students is identified as they enter high school. NMC promises to pay their tuition and fees. The students pledge to work hard on their studies and graduate from high school.

Last year, thanks to your support, 100 students were inducted. These students are often the first in their families to attend college. They benefit not only from this NMC scholarship and the mentoring the college provides, but also the security of knowing that college is in the cards for them.

“I was aware that you were doing great things at the college, and when I learned more about the Commitment Program, I knew it would be impactful to give to,” says Nancy Zimmer of the Bregi Family Foundation, who supported students in the program this year by providing scholarship funds.

“My dad grew up with nothing, and it was through first getting an education that he was able to do well. Now that legacy continues through supporting students in our area who have had challenging times in their educational journeys,” says Nancy.

The Commitment Scholarship Program helped Alex have a clear vision for her future—one that included higher education. This was made possible through the generosity of donors like you.

Thank you for giving students like Alex the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

“The trajectory of my life was set by positive people who put before me high expectations and resources to achieve them. Commitment Scholarships seem like one of the worthy channels in which I might pay the debt forward.”

—Norm Veliquette

Kewadin Plant Manager, Great Lakes Packing Company, and Commitment Scholarship donor
Nichole Hartley (NMC ’17) joined the Air Force shortly after high school. She wasn’t ready for college and she wanted to do some good in the world.

After serving three and a half years in the Air Force, Nichole enrolled at NMC in the Visual Communications program. In Jim Bensley’s World Cultures class, Nichole learned of a study abroad experience planned for Morocco. After being stationed in Korea, she knew how valuable it is to learn about other cultures.

Nichole wanted to learn first-hand about the people of Morocco and about the religion of Islam. Plus, as part of her World Cultures class, Nichole video-chatted weekly with a student in Morocco. There was a chance she could meet him in person.

Nichole’s heart was set on traveling to Morocco, but she wasn’t sure she could afford it. The GI Bill didn’t cover the study abroad opportunity.

That’s when Nichole heard about the scholarships provided by your generosity. She applied for and received a Global Opportunities Scholarship. “I was only able to experience Morocco because of the scholarship I received,” says Nichole.

Thanks to your generosity, Nichole had a life-changing experience in Morocco. She and her classmates trekked through the Sahara Desert on camels, broke fast during Ramadan, painted a school, cleaned a town square, and stayed with host families.

“In Morocco I pushed myself and got out of my comfort zone. I learned how to communicate with people I don’t share a language with.” –Nichole Hartley (NMC ’17)

Nichole also got to communicate through video, making daily videos of the group’s activities. And she got to meet the student she talked to during her weekly video-chats.

Nichole is overwhelmed by your generosity. “Thank you!” she says. “It was an opportunity to go somewhere that I wouldn’t otherwise be able to go.”
ALUMNI KEITH AND GAIL EVANS CREATE NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Sweethearts Gail and Keith met even before attending NMC and have now been married for 62 years. Their relationship was a lasting part of their NMC experience, as is their appreciation for the value of NMC. You may know Keith Evans (NMC ’57) as a coach. He played basketball as a student, coached men’s tennis, and served as head coach for the 1960–1966 basketball teams.

Both went on to attend MSU after NMC and completed advanced degrees which led them to careers in education as teachers and Keith later in administration. Gail and Keith recall being able to work and pay for college because of NMC’s affordability and they want that for future students as well.

“Most of our children attended NMC, and long before our grandchildren attended we’d made plans to establish an endowed scholarship,” shared Gail. They would like this scholarship to inspire a local student to attend or continue attending NMC and have the same advantages they did with their great start at NMC.

The Keith and Gail Evans and Family Scholarship was established this year to assist students who are also contributing to their education in some fashion and will give future students the benefit of a quality NMC education. This is a legacy they have already encouraged in their own family and they are excited to make that difference for others for years to come.
ENDOWED FUNDS

Endowments are permanent funds that are invested to generate annual earnings. The principal of these funds is never spent and provides financial assistance in perpetuity.

50th Anniversary Scholarship
Aetos Endowed Scholarship
Don Agosa Scholarship
John V. Alfonso Memorial Scholarship
American Proficiency Institute Endowment
Dale Anderson Memorial Scholarship
Arms & Cole - Brad McNamara Memorial HVAC Scholarship
Joanne Baur Endowed Scholarship
Doris J. Bautch Maritime Endowed Scholarship
James J. & Dorothy A. Beckett Endowed Scholarship
Julius & Barbara Beers Endowed Scholarship
Barb & Chuck Benson Scholarship
Erich Blough Scholarship
Kristine Sue Boike Memorial Scholarship
Tucker Byl Memorial Scholarship
Robert Chase Bequest
Clancy Memorial Family Scholarship
Mary Lynne Clement Guggemos Endowed Scholarship
George C. Comden Alumni Scholarship
Cone Drive Operations Scholarship
Sheri Constantine Endowed Scholarship
Wayne & Geraldine Cowell Dennos Museum Center Endowment
Wayne & Geraldine Cowell Memorial Scholarship
H. Cox & Son Inc. Scholarship
William Cunningham Memorial Scholarship
James P. DeLapa Culinary Scholarship
Dennos Museum Center Endowment
Dennos Museum Center Faculty Program Endowment
Dennos Museum Center MacFarlane Endowment
Dennos Museum Center MacFarlane Restricted Fund
Dennos Museum Center Osterlin Performance Endowment
Dennos Museum Center Operations Endowment
Edgar & Elta Derbyshire Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Phyllis & William Donberg Fund for Aviation
Alice Druland Scholarship
Monon Dunn Endowed Scholarship
Ted Durga Endowed Scholarship
Easing Engineering Endowed Scholarship
Elks Club B.P.O. #323 Endowed Scholarship
Engstrom Bequest
Keith & Gail Evans & Family Scholarship Endowment
Exchange Club of Traverse City Scholarship
Fawcett-Updike Culinary Scholarship
Matthew Brian Feke Memorial Scholarship
Ferguson/Osterlin Health Occupations Scholarship
Sgt. Dennis Finch Memorial Scholarship
Robert & Edna Fisher Business Scholarship Endowment
William & Sherry Fisher Nursing Scholarship Endowment
Fivenson Memorial Scholarship
Ruth & Clifford Foster Endowed Scholarship
Foundation Excellence Awards
Ernest & Donna Rae Gaunt Scholarship
Glen Lake Woman’s Club Endowed Scholarship
Great Lakes Maritime Academy Superintendent’s Scholarship
Barbra Griner Mikowski Nursing Endowment
Kathleen Guy Commitment Endowed Scholarship
Guyot-Belcher Endowed Scholarship for the Arts
Robert T. & Ruth Haidt Hughes Memorial Dennos Museum Center Endowment
Earl & Theresa Hathaway Scholarship
Vivian J. Hedden Bassett Endowed Scholarship
Dorothy Helms Memorial Scholarship
Home Builders Association of Gr. T. A. Scholarship
Maxine V. Hurley Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Janet & Ronald Jackson Nursing Scholarship
James G. Thero Bridge Scholarship
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Lena Christine Jensen Scholarship
Jane M. & Chester R. Jones Scholarship
Christian P. Kamm Scholarship
Kathleen Donnelly ADN Scholarship
Becky D. Kelly Fund
Ardie Mae Lessard Grant Scholarship Award
John Lewis Veterans for Peace Endowment
Olive V. Longcore Memorial Scholarship
Mary Lee Lord Zonta Scholarship
Captain Lewis Ludington Scholarship
Malone Antrim County Endowed Scholarship
Marriott - Marlatt Scholarship
William C. & Delrose M. Martino Scholarship
Jerry McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
George & Clara McManus Scholarship Endowment
Missy Memorial Scholarship
Arthur Moenkhaus Engineering Scholarship
Eric & Hettie Molvany Scholarship
MTEC Landscape Maintenance
Harold & Ida Murner Commitment Scholarship
Harold & Ida Murner Nursing Scholarship
Corrine J. Naar Scholarship
NMC Student Government Association Endowed Scholarship
NMC Student Government University Center Scholarship of Excellence
Angela I. Nolf Scholarship
Jane & John Norton Scholarship
Joseph Noevert Endowed Scholarship
Laura Olmstead Memorial Scholarship
Daniel R. Olson Memorial Art Scholarship
Dr. Travis N. & Lucille M. Olson Endowed Scholarship
Linda O’Mea Fund for Arts Education
Osterlin Library Endowment
Helen Osterlin Concert Series, Robert Hughes Endowment
Paron Financial Company LLC Endowed Scholarship
Chef Pierre Scholarship
The Allen & Marjorie Pifer Family Scholarship Endowment
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Richard & Lucy Quinn Memorial Scholarship
Gordon & Marlene Rady Scholarship
Nick J. Rajkovich Memorial Scholarship
George W. Raymond Memorial Scholarship
Reffit Family Scholarship
Donovan Rodriguez Aviation Endowed Scholarship
Rogers Observatory Endowment
Ann Rogers Family Scholarship for Environmental Studies
Joseph H. Rogers Science & Math Scholarship
Fred M. & Carmen B. Rothermel Nursing Scholarship
Bob & Maybelle Round Memorial Scholarship
Robert & Grace Rudd Culinary Endowed Scholarship
Robert & Grace Rudd Physical Science & Engineering Scholarship
Art & Mary Schmuckal Endowment Scholarship
Joan E. Seabrook Business Program Fund
Captain Ray Skelton Maritime Scholarship
D. Jerome & Margery C. Slack Endowed Scholarship
F. W. "Bill" & Annette Sorensen Memorial Scholarship
James L. Spenceley Endowment
Molly Jean Spenceley Memorial Scholarship
Margaret A. Stace Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Genevieve Steiger & Harold Richardson Scholarship
Stewart R. Stetson Aviation Scholarship Endowment
Dorothy Stool Scholarship Fund
Catherine Stroom Schmidt Zonta Scholarship
Mary Alice Stroom Zonta Scholarship
Frank & Dotty Stulen Endowed Scholarship
Lois Swift Nursing Endowment Fund
President Emeritus Preston N. Tanis Scholarship
Tapawingo Endowed Scholarship
TBA Credit Union Scholarship
Barbara Thompson GLMA Endowed Scholarship
Thompson Carless Scholarship
Traverse City Track Club Endowment
Traverse City Woman's Club Scholarship
Admiral Paul E. Trimble Maritime Scholarship
University Center Endowment
University Center Scholarship
Votruba Family Scholarship

Wagner Fund
Nellie A. Walker Memorial Scholarship
Cindy Warner Endowed Scholarship
Water Studies Institute Endowment
Marion Weigand Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Harry L. Weitz, MD & Ellamarie Weitz Memorial Scholarship
Peta Williams Memorial Scholarship
Richard & Kimiko Williams Endowed Scholarship
Richard & Kimiko Williams Endowment for Single Parents
Imogene & Harold Wise Memorial Scholarship
Patricia & Gene Wolff Memorial Scholarship
Ralph E. & Eva B. Wynkoop Scholarship
Martha M. Yocum Endowed Fund

"NMC is a great investment in our community. You get the feeling that you are making a difference not only to an individual but to a family and community."

—Derk Pronger (NMC ’88)
Chief Operating Officer at Munson Medical Center
Both NMC alumni, Ross and Brenda Biederman have remained engaged with and supportive of NMC for decades.

Like you, they see the critical importance of NMC to the entire community.

Together, Ross and Brenda have continued the Biederman family legacy of philanthropy, supporting NMC personally and through the namesake family foundation for 30 years. Biederman scholarship funds currently support more than two dozen students annually.

A gift from the family foundation in 2012 provided critical support for a simulator for the Great Lakes Maritime Academy. Read more about the Biederman’s most recent gift in the story to the right.

Please join us in congratulating the 2017 recipients of NMC’s highest honor: Ross and Brenda Biederman.

NMC Programs and Students Benefit from $1 Million Gift from Biederman Family

The Les and Anne Biederman Foundation and Ross and Brenda Biederman recently committed $1 million to programs and scholarships at Northwestern Michigan College.

You know that NMC is a leader in innovative programming related to freshwater studies and remotely operated underwater vehicles. That’s one reason why the Biederman Foundation chose to make a $500,000 gift, the largest single grant in its history, to support NMC’s Great Lakes Water Studies Institute. This gift will help ensure that students are prepared for future careers in water-related fields, train industry professionals, (continued on next page)
FELLOWS OF NMC

The NMC Board of Trustees has named Fellows each year since 1964 as a way of recognizing and thanking those individuals who have made special contributions to the college.

and cultivate generations of Great Lakes stewards.

“I can’t think of one single thing more important than the health of Grand Traverse Bay to our community,” said Ross Biederman.

Additionally, the Biederman Foundation committed $250,000 toward scholarships for accounting, business, nursing, and maritime students. This continues a family tradition of support for NMC students.

Ross and Brenda also knew they wanted to make an impact with their personal giving. Like nearly 600 of you who support the NMC Annual Fund, they knew they could make the greatest impact by making an unrestricted gift. As part of the Biederman family’s $1 million commitment, Ross and Brenda gave $250,000 to help meet the college’s greatest needs and realize future opportunities.

2017  Ross A. & Brenda Biederman
2016  Charles B. Judson*  
2015  Bruce L. Byl
2014  Diana & Richard Milock
2013  Dr. Don A. Good
      Walter J. Hooper III
2012  Hettie A. Molvang
2011  Terence Malone
2010  James D. Maclnnes
      Elaine C. Wood
2009  Jean C. Howard
      Edwin C.* & Phyllis Kidd
      D. Jerome* & Margery C. Slack
2008  Barbara E. & Charles E. Benson
      Louise Hagerty
      Wayne H. & Terry Lodvell
2007  Donald W. Oleson, Sr.
      Gerald E. Oleson, Jr.
2006  Walter E.* & Elaine L. Beardslee
2005  William G. Janis
2004  Mark L. & Jacqueline E. Ribel
2003  Rotary Charities of Traverse City
      Dr. Christian P. Kamm
      Shirley S. Okerstrom*
2002  Marvin C.* & Luella Rorick
2001  George C. Comden
      The Honorable Bart T. Snupak
      Norman R. & Marjory A.* Veliquette
1999  Robert T. Hughes*  
      Robert* & Grace Rudd
      George J. Ryan
1998  Thomas C. Jones
      Edward C. Walker
1997  James J. Beckett
      Allison D. Shumsky*  
      Dudley B. & Barbara A. Smith
      David L. Gray
      Paul T.* & Frances B.* Johnson
      Donald W. & Gill M. Nugent
      Dr. Charles D. Kesner*
      Richard W. Olson*
      Dr. C. Russell Wentworth*
      Dr. Charles D. & M. Dolores Kelly
      Barbara I. C. MacFarlane*
      Jane E. Norton*
      Frank Noverr
      Senator George A. McManus Jr.
      Helen W. Milliken*  
      Joanne M. Zimmerman*
      Gordon Lightfoot
      Arthur M.* & Mary E.* Schmuckal
      Robert L. Goff
      Jack B. Stegenga*
      Marie G. McCarthy*
      Gretchen A. Votruba*
      Bernard C. Rink
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      Joseph H. Rogers*
      Frank W. Tezak*
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      Leslie* & Bernice* Tremaine
      G. Arnell Engstrom*
      Gerald W.* & Frances M.* Olson
      Ferris J. Rennie*
      Harold* & Imogene* Wise
      Dr. Ellis A. Wunsch*  
1994  Ross A. & Brenda Biederman
1993  Walter Holland*
1992  Susanne M. Janis
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      Senator George A. McManus Jr.
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      Blake Fordlund*
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1985  Ralph J.* & Mary E.* Lautner
1984  Alice A. Druald*
1983  Michael H.* & Barbara M.* Dennos  
1981  Lester M. Biederman*
      Dr. Warren W. Cline II*
1980  Lt. Governor Connie E. Binsfeld*
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      Leslie* & Bernice* Tremaine
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1962  Gerald W.* & Frances M.* Olson
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1938  Governor William G. Milliken
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1937  G. Arnell Engstrom*
1936  Gerald W.* & Frances M.* Olson
1935  Ferris J. Rennie*
1934  Harold* & Imogene* Wise
1933  Dr. Ellis A. Wunsch*  
* Deceased

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KEVIN ELSENHEIMER  
CLASS OF 1987

Kevin is a native of Traverse City. After he earned his associates degree at NMC, he attended Michigan State University and Wayne State University Law School. Kevin has had an impressive political career during which he had the opportunity to serve our region and the state. Most recently, he was appointed to the 13th Circuit Court bench serving Antrim, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau counties.

“What a tremendous honor. I know that I was very, very well prepared for a career I never expected, frankly, by my time at NMC, because of the preparation I had from wonderful instructors,” Elsenheimer said in remarks at Commencement. “I am truly humbled.”

WEI CAO  
CLASS OF 2009

Since earning her degree, Wei has returned to her native China, where she works as a consultant and entrepreneur in Beijing. Wei has played a pivotal role in NMC’s efforts to expand international engagement and recruit international students as she has served as a liaison for NMC and the Dennos Museum Center with Chinese educational and art institutions.

“I am greatly honored to have received this award,” she said. “I would like to thank NMC for all the guidance provided throughout these years even after graduation. I sincerely wish the best for NMC and I will keep sharing my experiences with China!”
Outstanding Alumni

Established in 1988, the NMC Outstanding Alumni Award honors alumni who are celebrated for their significant professional achievements and exemplary leadership in community and volunteer activities.

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## FINANCIALS

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

| Revenue, support and gains | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 | | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                           | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total |
| Contributions              | $881,100 | $1,708,504 | $325,113 | $2,914,717 | $484,491 | $3,567,583 | $431,292 | $4,483,366 |
| Special events             | - | 242,902 | - | 242,902 | - | 295,085 | - | 295,085 |
| Dividend and interest income, net | 143,164 | 634,948 | - | 778,112 | 144,241 | 613,730 | - | 757,971 |
| Change in value of split-interest agreements | - | (9,483) | - | (9,483) | - | 4,230 | - | 4,230 |
| Net realized and unrealized (loss) gains on investments | 482,120 | 2,117,335 | - | 2,599,455 | (130,916) | (629,745) | - | (760,661) |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 2,135,934 | (2,135,934) | - | - | 1,974,251 | (1,974,251) | - | - |
| Total revenue and support | 3,642,318 | 2,558,272 | 325,113 | 6,525,703 | 2,472,067 | 1,876,632 | 431,292 | 4,779,991 |

| Expenses | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 | | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Program expenses | 1,945,422 | - | - | 1,945,422 | 1,871,577 | - | - | 1,871,577 |
| Management and general | 713,935 | - | - | 713,935 | 555,903 | - | - | 555,903 |
| Fundraising expenses and special events | 486,143 | - | - | 486,143 | 437,854 | - | - | 437,854 |
| Total expenses | 3,145,500 | - | - | 3,145,500 | 2,865,334 | - | - | 2,865,334 |
| Net assets transfers | 54,769 | (80,916) | 26,147 | - | 8,925 | 90,325 | (99,250) | - |
| Change in net assets | 551,587 | 2,477,356 | 351,260 | 3,380,203 | (384,342) | 1,966,957 | 332,042 | 1,914,657 |
| Net assets - beginning of year | 3,591,694 | 22,014,630 | 11,787,897 | 37,394,221 | 3,976,036 | 20,047,673 | 11,455,855 | 35,479,564 |
| Net assets - end of year | 4,143,281 | $24,491,986 | $12,139,157 | $40,774,424 | 3,591,694 | $22,014,630 | $11,787,897 | $37,394,221 |

**FINANCIALS**

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**
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**NMC FOUNDATION ASSETS**

**HOW WERE FUNDS ALLOCATED?**

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Foundation received nearly $3 million dollars in generous support from donors like you. How did donors designate their support?

**HOW WAS SUPPORT DESIGNATED?**

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Foundation distributed funds to the College from annual gifts as well as endowment earnings. How were the Foundation’s resources allocated to support the College and our learners?
LETTER FROM FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR

I recall one of my first Foundation Board meetings nearly a decade ago, hearing a thank-you letter from a recent scholarship recipient. She described, in heartfelt prose, the impact that this gift had made in her life, reshaping her future and restoring her hope as she faced financial hardship and difficult circumstances.

Since then I have heard similar stories from many others—stories of changed lives and brighter futures, igniting a deep desire in my wife and me to personally contribute to the growing needs of NMC students.

Research has consistently shown that a college education is one of the driving forces in building strong citizens. Those with a college degree are more likely to be community-minded, volunteer, participate in public life, and vote. However, the dramatically rising costs of college education are limiting access for so many while creating a mountain of debt for others.

That’s where the excellent academic programs of NMC emerge as a viable solution. By providing innovative learning paths and global experience opportunities at a fraction of the cost of other institutions, NMC helps meet the needs of our 50,000+ learners as well as our local industry partners.

That’s also why my wife, Debbie, and I have joined the many generous donors listed in this Annual Report in giving to NMC.

Let’s face it, we are privileged to live in such a beautiful and vibrant region. We are equally privileged to invest in the region’s social and economic future. At NMC, we view ourselves as a catalyst in building a better northern Michigan. We are on the move like never before, driven by possibilities that, nearly a decade ago, compelled a young woman to write a simple letter that inspired me, and many others to make a difference.

I hope you’ll join us.

Thank you.

Bill Marsh, Jr.
Chair, NMC Foundation Board

“NMC helps meet the needs of our 50,000+ learners as well as our local industry partners.”

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NMC Foundation Board members tour the new galleries at the Dennos Museum Center.
Student DJ Isaiah Nelson (NMC ’17) and more than 90 volunteers make WNMC a one-of-a-kind station with your support.