

EL@NMC Newsletter

January 2022

It's Official!

The Strategic Plan is approved by the Board of Trustees 1/24/22

Experiential Learning Institute Goal:

Every credential seeking student will benefit from at least one ELO (Experiential Learning Opportunity) by September, 2024.

Experiential Learning Opportunities (ELOs) can occur in courses, internships, apprenticeships, community research, service learning, international students, co-curricular/extra-curricular, activities, and other campus activities.

Call to Action:

**What can you do to create ELOs to support this goal?
How can you help?**

Criteria for ELOs at NMC:

1. The experience is structured, intentional and authentic.
2. The experience requires preparation, orientation and training.
3. The experience must include monitoring and continuous improvement.
4. The experience requires structured reflection and acknowledgement.
5. The experience must be assessed and evaluated.

[Link to full Criteria for EL Activities at NMC](#)

In future newsletters, we will provide more examples and guidance!



[Check out the ELI's new Instagram Page: nmc_experiential_learning](#)

Internships & Employment Readiness

Employment Readiness Workshops and Career Fair 2022

NMC's Career Fair will be held on **Thursday, March 3 (Hagerty Center)**

Lisa Baldyga, Employment Readiness Coordinator, will hold the following workshops for students to prepare for the Career Fair, sponsored by the Experiential Learning Institute.



- **Tuesday, February 22:** Lunch & Learn “How to Prepare for a Career Fair” 12:30pm in WH Room 104 & Zoom
- **Thursday, February 24:** Lunch & Learn “Resume Building Workshop” 12:30pm in WH Room 104 & Zoom
- **Tuesday, March 1:** “Open Office Hours” from 11:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-3:30pm WH 103 (ELI Office)

Links for students to sign up are coming soon!

LinkedIn 101 Webinar: February 17th

Chaim Shapiro, M.Ed. is the Director of the Office for Student Success at Touro College, a freelance writer, public speaker and social media consultant specializing in LinkedIn. Chaim earned a Master's Degree in College Student Personnel from Loyola University, Chicago, and also studied in the Institutional Leadership and Policy Studies Ph.D. program at the University of California, Riverside Graduate School of Education. He has more than 18 years of experience working in college administration.



The **LinkedIn 101 Webinar on Thursday, February 17th at 1:00pm** will cover the following:

- Creating a “winning” LinkedIn Profile that stands out and gets you noticed
- Find and engage the “right” people that can make all the difference in your job search
- Learn how to create and amplify your “personal brand” on LinkedIn

[LinkedIn Flyer for 2-17-22](#)



Manufacturing Day: February 4th

From the [Grant Traverse Area Manufacturing Council](#):

We are excited to announce that the GTAMC Manufacturing Day Event will be held on **Friday, February 4th, 2022**. Registration is now OPEN for four participants! Registration MUST be completed no later than **January 31st**. **** [RSVP at GTAMC Events – Grand Traverse Area Manufacturing Council](#)** using a brief Google Form. Registration takes approximately 5 minutes.

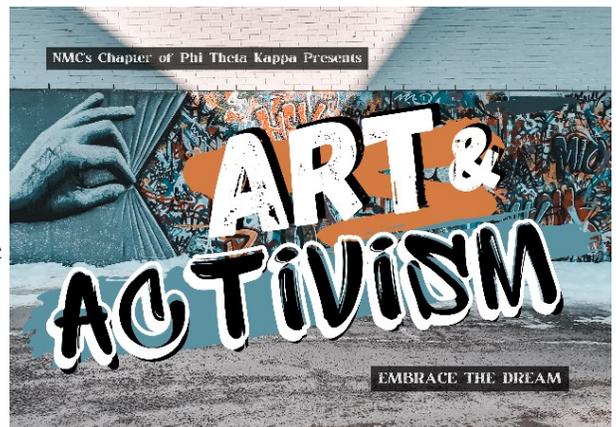
The event is 100% FREE to participants.



Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular

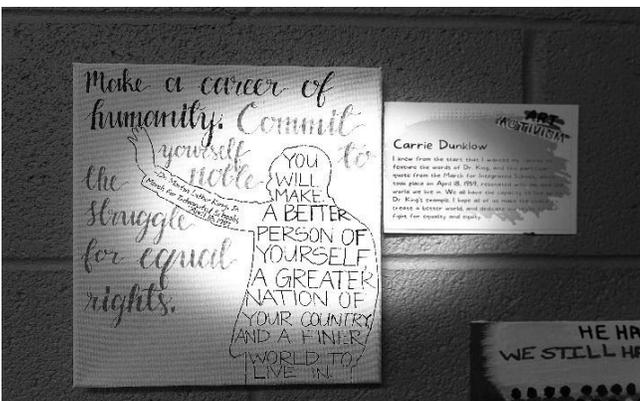
Art & Activism presented by PTK

NMC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter - Alpha Rho Pi encourages you to visit their exhibit of 22 student works as part of their Art & Activism project on display during the Embrace the Dream month. You can find the artwork in the Osterlin Building opposite the entrance to International Services Office (around the corner from the old circulation desk). This exhibit is part of their Honors in Action project that explored the theme



Expressions of Truth in the overarching study topic: To the Seventh Generation – Inheritance and Legacy. Their project, **“Utilizing Art and Activism to Build New, Inclusive Legacies in a Divided Community”** included visits to multiple Denno Museum exhibits, traveling to the Jim

Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, and meeting virtually with a docent from the Southeast Michigan Holocaust Museum who lost all but her mother in the Concentration Camps. The chapter reviewed over 100 journals, books, periodicals, and podcasts during their research phase and they are excited to facilitate the Curiosities session in March, in conjunction with Kerrey Woughter.



Curiosity Collaboration

This series on Arts & Activism will take place in **March on every Wednesday at 12:00pm** in the NMC Library. Participants will read, watch, listen to and discuss various medias related to the topic of Art & Activism. Curiosities is not your average “Book Club.”

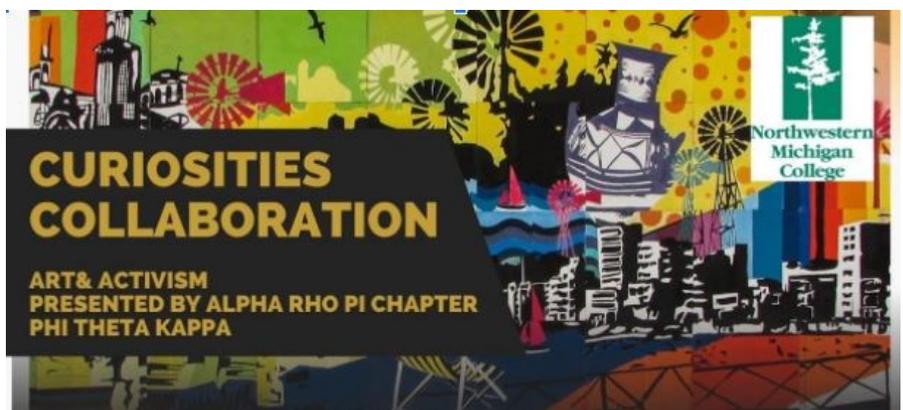
Week 1: Beautify, Reform, & Restore

Week 2: Raise Your Voice

Week 3: The Healing Powers of Art

Week 4: Inform, Influence or Scare

Registration information coming...



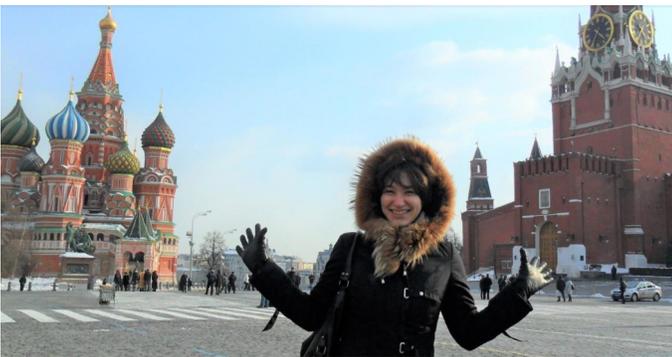
International Services & Service Learning

Marina Call ~ New International Services and Service Learning Assistant

Please welcome Marina Call to NMC's world of experiential learning! Marina recently joined the office of International Services and Service Learning (ISSL) as the Assistant to the Director. She brings with her a wealth of experience in education having spent the last four years as the World Languages teacher at the Greenspire School, a Spanish teacher for TCAPS, and taught International Marketing & Business at the University of Alicante in Spain. In between, she served as Director of Marketing for the National Writers Series and even spent three years working for Education First (EF Tours) hosting US students on tours in Spain, Italy and other parts of the Mediterranean. Marina will split her time at NMC and serve as a Student Success Coach along with the position in ISSL. We feel very lucky to have her on board and look forward to her underscoring NMC's vision of aspiring to be a **global** community where all learners unlock their full potential.



Passport to Russia



Olesya Nikolaeva will be speaking about her home country of Russia on **Friday, February 11 @ 12:15pm in West Hall Room 105/106**. Feel free to bring your lunch along as we relax and learn about this fascinating country.

Spanish Books Needed

If you know anyone who has Spanish language books for elementary students, please consider asking for donations for the Rotaract student club for their **Bridge of Books** project. If you have books to donate, please contact Marina Call (mcall@nmc.edu) or drop them off at the International Services Office in Osterlin (former library area).



Rotaract Update

The next Rotaract meeting will be **Wednesday, February 9th at 5:30pm in West Hall Rm 106**. The service learning group has been discussing The Bridge of Books project, a new cross-disciplinary book publishing honors project, the Blair school mentoring program headlined by PTK, and more! Join us and see what's going on!



Student Feature & EL Champion Spotlight



Student Feature: Destiny Roy

Paris, France is a long way from Mancelona, Michigan. So is Amman, Jordan and Tripoli, Libya, but NMC student Destiny Roy, a sophomore from Mancelona has, or will be, connecting with all three during her studies at NMC! Her desire to understand other cultures is something she did not have a lot of time to do while still in high school. However, after a couple of semesters at NMC, she decided to take the risk with a few experiential opportunities to see if it was something she would enjoy. Suffice to say, the answer is an unequivocal yes!

Destiny participated in the IREX Global Solutions Conversations, facilitated by Sarah Montgomery-Richards, which provides students at community colleges and universities the opportunity to discuss global challenges inspired by UN Sustainable Development Goals with student peers in Jordan and Iraq. She participated in four virtual sessions which focused on Food Insecurity. The group focused on solutions such as food banks and fundraising. After the sessions, Destiny reflected on her experience and made connections to home and the food insecurities facing our nation and area.

Destiny also participated in the Soliya Connect Program, part of Jim Bensley's HUM 116 World Cultures course. She was able to talk with other students from the Netherlands, Libya, Dubai, Venezuela, and Iran to mention a few. She was very nervous at first but then gained the confidence to speak up and share. The group discussed topics such as Women's Issues and Mental Health. A student in Libya shared that mental health is not highly recognized so if someone is struggling they need to have a physical symptom to be seen by a physician. "It makes me a better person to learn about others... as we are more similar than we think." Destiny will be traveling to France this spring with a team from NMC led by Jim Bensley and Kristen Salathiel. "It's a great opportunity to do a first hand observation of a different culture." She is excited to experience her first plane ride along with traveling outside the country.

EL Champion Spotlight: Jay Smith

"Since the Fall of 2020, experiential learning has been a fundamental element of my introduction to engineering course. Instead of abstract concepts of what it means to be an engineer, our students experience the engineering design process in the context of improving an aspect of NMC's campus. Our most recent project culminated in the design of a scale model of the solar system for NMC's main campus, which was presented to the board of trustees on January 24. Since incorporating these EL elements, I have witnessed higher levels of student engagement, ownership of their work product, and a greater sense of community among the class, all while operating in a remote format. This semester, we are back in-person and tackling another project, which I look forward to sharing with the NMC community at a later date."



~ James D Smith, PhD, PE Engineering Instructor

Reflections

ELI Sweets & Share ~ Experiential Learning in the Classroom

The Experiential Learning Institute offered its first of many events for Faculty & Staff: EL Learning Community (ELLC) to get together to reflect and discuss EL in the classroom. Faculty shared success stories around their EL projects/course work along with challenges they are facing. **Watch for more dates for Spring semester.**



Student Connect ~ International Tea Time

“I would like to say this is a great opportunity to get to know people around campus, and get back into socializing, since I know many have struggled with this during the pandemic. It's a great way to connect with people, and broaden our outlooks on life, share our experiences, and have some support, plus the tea is always really good.”



~ Belle Marshall,
NMC Early College Student

Apprenticeship of the Year Award Winner

“When I started my apprenticeship, I was a timid kid who didn't know a whole lot about machines. Then a master mechanic took me under his wing and started showing me the basics; how to weld, machine, and work on equipment. With that base real world understanding, I took it to class and it helped me with the book work and asking questions. The overall experience has been educational and life changing from working with all the people that have learned before me and taught me so much. I grateful for the opportunity.” ~ Samuel Grant



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