

# NMC Great Lakes Culinary Institute Hosts Second Annual Epicurean Classic

In September, NMC students at the Great Lakes Culinary Institute rubbed elbows and made sauces with some of the country's most renowned chefs at the second annual Traverse Epicurean Classic. The event is organized each year by the Traverse Epicurean Alliance, a local non-profit group that promotes greater appreciation of food and wine artisanship. The three-day event, which attracted over 2500 people from Michigan and the Midwest, offered educational food and wine programs, cooking classes, international wine tastings, elaborate dinners, wine auctions, book signings, and local winery tours. Food and wine enthusiasts selected courses from an "ala Carte" menu. Course instructors were some of the country's top chefs and wine personalities, including Mario Batali, Terrence Brennan, Lucia Watson, Brian Smith and Bob Paulinski.

Culinary Institute Director Fred Laughlin said the GLCI focuses on a few select events each year that can benefit the students, the college, and the community, such as the Tasters Guild Auction in



Iron Chef Mario Batali.

February, the Cherry Festival Taste of Cherries in July, and the popular lunches and dinners at Lobdell's. "This is another way the college can bring cultural and learning opportunities to our community and also highlight the unique resources of our region; such as the Great Lakes setting and the local agri- and viticulture," said Laughlin.

In addition, Laughlin said, "The Epicurean Classic provides a unique, quality learning experience for our students to work with some of the country's top culinary professionals, and proceeds from the event help support our program."

Students enrolled in the Great Lakes Culinary Institute receive rigorous training that prepares them for careers in the rapidly growing food service industry. The program's main emphasis focuses on skills for entry-level chefs and kitchen management positions. The Culinary Institute is accredited by the American Culinary Federation Education Institute Accrediting Commission.

For more information about the NMC Great Lakes Culinary Institute, visit the website: [www.nmc.edu/culinary](http://www.nmc.edu/culinary).



NMC Culinary Students Paola Diaz and Alli Bila.

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# Alumni Updates

## 2000's

**Halcrow, Michelle A. (Berg), 2000-03**  
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Ms. Halcrow received an ASA from NMC. She works full-time for the Army Active Guard Reserve and enjoys teaching young soldiers.

**Vesey, Eric M., 1999-2002**  
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Mr. Vesey earned an AAS in Law Enforcement from NMC. After graduation he worked on Mackinac Island for a year and is now with the Portage Police Department. He recently purchased his first home, and enjoys yard work and remodeling.

## 1990's

**Clark, Jolyn (Gildursky), 1988-90**  
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Ms. Clark received an AAS in Commercial Art from NMC and a BFA in Visual Communications from Kendall College of Art and Design. She is a Production Coordinator for School Specialty Publishing and is an active member of PETA. She and her husband, Jim, live in Grand Rapids with their daughter and two cats.



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# Message from the President



Timothy J. Nelson

*As you will see by the articles in this edition of the Nor'Wester, NMC is having a great year. From the tasty Epicurean Classic to the new Energy Demo Center and much more, the students, staff and faculty at NMC are abuzz with enthusiasm.*

*We expect the rest of the year to be equally exciting, culminating in the 50th Anniversary of the NMC BBQ in May. We are billing this year's event as the World's Biggest Buffalo BBQ. We will begin selling tickets in February this year, so buy yours early and join us for this historic event.*

*The annual BBQ epitomizes the relationship between the college and the community and it's a great opportunity to share our campus with our neighbors. Everyone at NMC thoroughly appreciates being a part of a college that is strongly supported by all of you. NMC is truly a college built by the community for the community. Thank you for being a part of that community.*

## Lifelong Learning Adventures

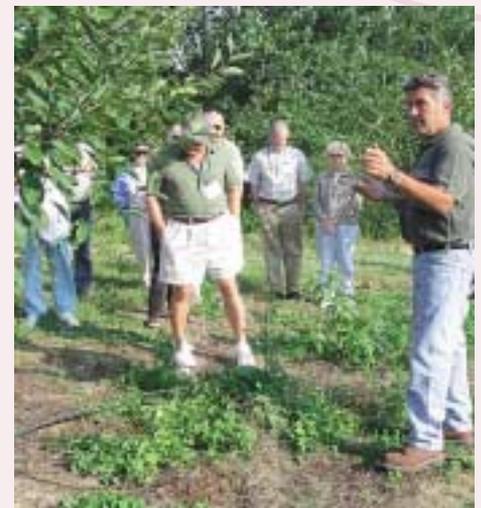
Summer LIFE, a week of adventure learning hosted by the NMC LIFE Academy, brought 30 participants from throughout Michigan to explore the Up-North Music Scene with area musician Jeff Hass, and Cherry Country with cherry grower, John Gallagher.

Participants spent two days in the classroom with a variety of speakers, followed by two days of field trips that included a trip to Gallagher orchards, the MSU research station, and Cherry Grower's processing plant to learn more about the cherry industry. For musical appreciation, learners were led to the Interlochen Arts Academy, where they experienced a variety of musical genres, from classical to jazz. Following a tailgate picnic, the week ended with Jazz at Sunset at Chateau Chantal.

Participants had this to say: "This was a wonderful experience—programs and food were great, instructors were knowledgeable and organized, fellow students were interesting and fun to be with, and all ran smoothly. I enjoyed it all!" "Wow! This is a great way to spend a vacation." "A stimulating, interesting week that refreshes mind and spirit."

The LIFE Academy (Learning is ForEver) features a broad array of short-term course offerings and events designed for adults ages 55 and older. Over

four terms last year, 122 learning options in the program had an enrollment of 2,048. The winter schedule, available in November, will feature over 30 options in art, literature, wellness, computers, photography, history, religion, and creative arts. The schedule can be found on the web at [www.nmc.edu/ees](http://www.nmc.edu/ees) or call the NMC Extended Educational Services office at (231) 995-1700.



**Instructor John Gallagher with Summer LIFE Participants at Gallagher Farm**

# NMC Receives \$450,000 Grant to Establish Michigan Energy Demonstration Center

In September, the Michigan Public Service Commission awarded Northwestern Michigan College a \$450,000 Michigan Energy Efficiency Grant to establish an Energy Demonstration Center at NMC's Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) campus. The grant is the most recent in a series of grants awarded to NMC through the Michigan Energy Efficiency (MIEE) fund to address the need to develop a trained workforce in energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in commercial and residential construction.

In January, M-TEC was selected by the state to become one of eight Michigan Energy Demonstration Centers and was awarded a \$25,000 grant to begin work on a program to educate the construction industry as well as the general public on integrating renewable energy and energy efficient technology into homes and commercial structures in the region. In July, NMC, in partnership with Traverse City Light and Power (TCLP), applied for and was awarded a \$60,000 grant to install a 10KW solar power demonstration system at M-TEC that will serve as a training lab and supplemental source of electricity for the M-TEC facility. TCLP contributed an additional \$20,000 to fund the project.

The most recent \$450,000 grant will enable M-TEC to introduce new advanced energy technologies to Northern Michigan. Monies from the grant are being used to develop demonstrations, exhibits,



Michigan Energy Demonstration Center Ribbon Cutting, October 1, 2006. From left to right: Bill Queen, Program Coordinator; Steve Morse, Construction Technology Coordinator/Instructor; Elaine Wood, Trustee; Tim Nelson; NMC President; Pat Hudson, Michigan Energy Office.

and labs that will facilitate training of service and installation technicians in solar, wind, biodiesel, geothermal, and green building applications through NMC's Construction Technology Program. Bill Queen, Program Coordinator said, "The technology is available and has reached the level of production necessary to benefit from economies of scale; what is needed now is to move from research and development to integration."

For more information, contact Bill Queen at 995-1701.

## Walter Holland 1920 – 2005

If you were on NMC's campus when the Russian's launched Sputnik, JFK was shot, Nixon resigned, or Reagan took office, then it's possible Walt Holland was your teacher or your colleague, but most certainly, if you knew him, he was your friend.

Walt Holland began teaching communications at NMC in 1952, when the college was housed in a vacant airport terminal.

By the time the college moved to its permanent location five years later, Walt was also teaching sociology and had become the Department Head of Social Sciences. His career spanned four decades of social, political, and economic change – and continual expansion at NMC. One thing that never varied through all those years of growing pains was Walt's unwavering, benevolent character. "He was the oil over troubled water," said Al Shumsky, a faculty member and friend, "always calm and understanding."

In the early years, in addition to teaching, Walt was also the Dean of Students and served as their advisor and counselor. In 1975, NMC students honored him as the Imogene Wise Faculty Excellence Award winner.



1958 College Council. Front: Jim Leffew, First Row: Darrow Wright, Judy Walton, Shari Wardell. Second Row: Steph Fiebing, Bill Springer, Steve Adler, Walt Holland

Students were inspired in his classroom and often found him available to talk to them after class. Liz Messing, who took Walt's Intro to Sociology class in 1968, spoke of his influence in her life: "Walt captivated us the first day. He spoke of what sociology was and why we should study it. He said all of us are puppets on a stage, and even though we couldn't control everything, it was

important to know who was pulling the strings and why – that this would give us some degree of comfort and power." It was an experience so compelling that she took every social science course she could during her studies.

Walt retired in 1987, after 35 years of teaching, and passed away August 28, 2005. Colleagues remembered him as a kind and considerate man who always made time for new faculty. David Donovan, retired NMC psychology instructor said, "Walt was the most sensitive man I ever knew. He was completely devoted to NMC and respected by everyone there."

# Alumni Updates

## 1990's

### Patton, Shawn D., 1991-93

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Mr. Patton received an AA from NMC while stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station in Traverse City. He also received a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1998. Mr. Patton now lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Kathy.

### Peters, Sheryl A., 1991-93

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Ms. Peters studied accounting at NMC and earned a BS in Business from Ferris State University. She is a licensed CPA at the public accounting firm of Herrmann & Associates, P.C. in Traverse City.

### Valentine, Geri A., 1988-91

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Ms. Valentine studied education at NMC then transferred to MSU. "What I learned at NMC applies well to my current career as Activities Director at a local retirement community."

# NMC Surprises Competition in Mini-Baja Race

In June, NMC automotive and engineering students participated for the first time in the Society of Automotive Engineers Midwest Mini-Baja Competition in Toledo, Ohio, an international competition in which college students design, build, and race an off-road recreational vehicle. All entries were required to use the same 10Hp Briggs & Stratton engine, which created a challenging design test. NMC was the only community college entry, and competed against universities such as Michigan, MSU, Virginia Tech, and two teams from Brazil – all with project budgets much larger than NMC.

"Only one-third of the teams finished the four-hour long endurance race over rugged terrain," said NMC engineering instructor Jim Coughlin, "Many cars never complete the first lap, but we finished 24th in the race out of 140 entrants."



Two NMC students, Clay Kessner and Chris Coughlin, drove the car over an all-terrain course that included some 15-foot drops. Special Nascar-like caging was used to protect the drivers from injury. "It was like riding in a cement mixer," said Kessner.

Most students that participate in the competition do so as their capstone project for senior design class. NMC students worked on the project as an extra-curricular activity, raising the funds, designing and building the car in their spare time.

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## 1980's

### Aguilar, Andrew (Dru), 1981-85

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Dr. Aguilar was in the maritime program at NMC. He received an MBA from the University of South Florida-Tampa and worked at IBM for 8 years. He then became a chiropractor and has practiced in Asheville for 10 years. Dr. Aguilar has a six-year old daughter and is "still having fun."

## 1970's

### Rumanes, Kimon A., 1971-73

After studying at NMC in the pre-dental program, Captain Rumanes attended the University of Michigan and received his DDS from U of M's School of Dentistry in 1978. He is currently a captain in the Navy at the 12th Duty Station, Bureau of Medicine & Surgery in Washington, D.C. He was recently appointed Deputy Director of Capabilities Development for Navy Medicine.

# Newsbriefs

## NMC Names Larry Inman as 2005 Outstanding Alum



Larry Inman

Larry Inman, a local banker and community leader, was named NMC's Outstanding Alum for 2005 at commencement in May, and honored at a June dinner.

After graduating from NMC in 1974, Larry went on to complete a Bachelor of Science degree at Northern

Michigan University in Marquette. Since 1979 he has worked at the former Empire National Bank, now Huntington National Bank. Currently, he is Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer – Sales Executive Senior.

In 1988, Inman returned to NMC to complete a Banking and Finance Certificate and has stayed involved with the college through his work on the Banking and Finance Certificate Advisory Committee and the Annual Community Campaign. He has also served on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners since 1993, chairing that board in 1997-98. Other current community service activities include: State of Michigan Community Corrections Commission, Chair 1999-2004; Michigan Association of Counties Board of Directors, President 2002-2003; Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Chairman 2003-2004; and Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees.

"Larry has been a continuous supporter of NMC as a student, Adopt-a-Student Ambassador, Curriculum Advisory Committee member, and an Annual Community Campaign worker. He is an exemplary volunteer," said Ross Childs, NMC Board of Trustee.

## Alumni Updates

### 1970's

Shetterly, Gregory W., 1972-73  
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Mr. Shetterly was in the Aviation Technology program at NMC. He earned a BA in Liberal Studies from St. Mary University in Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr. Shetterly is an airline pilot, and he and his wife own a flight school in Gardner, Kansas. They love to sail and sailed Lake Michigan in July, 2005.

### 1960's

Keyes, Gary K., 1967-69  
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## Annual Community Campaign Highlights NMC's Impact

The 2005 campaign, which kicked off October 19, will raise awareness of the importance of NMC to the individuals, community, and economy of our region.

Each year, NMC serves over 50,000 learners through its academic programs, noncredit classes, organizational training, and cultural activities. Through programs such as the Great Lakes Non-Profit Institute, the Michigan Energy Demonstration Center, and the Water Studies Institute, NMC has built collaborative partnerships in the community that bring about real solutions to local and regional problems, such as protecting our freshwater, and working with area businesses to meet the demand for new skills. Lastly, NMC has a significant impact on our regional economy, representing nearly \$100 million of all annual earnings.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$300,000. Gifts to the Annual Campaign will provide scholarships, enhance programming and professional development, equip facilities, and bring visual and performing arts to Northwest Michigan. Whatever the amount or designation, each gift to NMC is a valued investment in the people and future of our region.



## NMC Celebrates 50th Anniversary of College Barbecue

"It will be billed as the 'Biggest Buffalo Barbecue' ever held," said Maurie Dennis, President of the NMC Barbecue Board.

On Sunday, May 21, 2006, Northwestern Michigan College will host the 50th Anniversary of the college barbecue. The annual community picnic, held under the pines on the NMC main campus since 1956, has attracted as many as 10,000 people a year, rain or shine. This year, the Barbecue Board is cooking up something extraordinary!

Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of history. Tickets go on sale in February and are \$5.00 in advance, or \$6.00 the day of the event. For more information, contact Margaret Fox, in the College Relations office, at (231) 995-1020.

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## New Faces From Far-Away Places

This fall, NMC welcomed 13 new international students to campus from countries as far away as Hong Kong and the Ukraine. They joined 17 other international students returning for their second year, making a total of 30 students from 21 different countries enrolled at NMC.

Increasingly, international students have been looking to community colleges for their small class sizes, variety of programs, and affordable tuition, where they can receive a quality education at half the cost of attending four years at a university.

Just how does someone from Uganda or Uzbekistan find out about a small community college in Northern Michigan? It happens that a number of NMC's international students have visited the U.S. before; some are former international exchange students who attended high schools in Michigan or Illinois. Others learned about NMC from friends who enrolled here. Some have found NMC on the Internet.

While the increase in access to the Internet has made inroads to remote places, it isn't that easy to gain access to college admission. International students who apply to NMC must prove they are highly qualified academically, as well as proficient in English. In addition, before they are allowed to come to NMC, they must confirm that they can meet the entire cost of tuition and expenses for two



International students gather in atrium. From left to right: Carlos Pinzon; Mathew Maritz; Reiko Ota; Martin Tirtiaux; Godfrey Ssimbwa; and Eliza Izyk.

years. International students are not eligible for federal financial aid, and because of their study visas, are not allowed to work off campus.

For those who do get accepted, studying in the U.S. provides more than a diploma; it provides international students the opportunity to witness an open democratic system of government, to increase their understanding of American culture, and to develop relationships and ties to our country that will last long after they graduate. Jim Bensley, NMC Admissions Coordina-

tor, said, "both the college and community benefit from welcoming international students – by opening our doors, we open ourselves to a wider view of the world. Such a mutual exchange has long-term implications for our post 9-11 world, making it safer place, and ultimately more receptive to solving global problems."

For more information about the International Student program, please contact the Admissions Office at (231) 995-1034.

Countries currently represented at NMC:

|         |            |            |         |           |              |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| England | Venezuela  | Uzbekistan | Japan   | Zimbabwe  | Turkey       |
| Poland  | Costa Rica | Bahamas    | Russia  | Uganda    | Morocco      |
| Italy   | Canada     | Panama     | Ukraine | Vietnam   | South Africa |
| Belgium |            |            |         | Hong Kong | Kenya        |