



NorWester

A Publication for Alumni & Friends of Northwestern Michigan College

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Up next: Nexus

Recognize any of the publications to the right? What you hold in your hands will soon join them.

In mid-January, NMC's 55-year publication history will take one giant leap when alumni, donors, volunteers, retirees and other friends of the college receive the inaugural edition of Nexus, a brand-new, full-fledged magazine.

With nearly triple the space – from eight pages three times a year to 32 semiannually – Nexus will enable NMC to better tell the many great stories that start at the college with students, faculty, staff and alumni, and in many cases, reverberate far beyond.

By definition a connection, Nexus will seek to connect the Northwestern Michigan College of today with the people who love it best. It will retain the most appreciated elements of NorWester, like Dennis Museum exhibitions and events and archival photos. In addition, expect longer, more in-depth features and profiles. Chef alumni of the Great Lakes Culinary Institute will share recipes in each issue. Plus lots more photography to bring you along wherever our global students go, from NMC's beautiful northern Michigan campuses to around the world.

MyNorth Media, the veteran publisher of Traverse, Northern Michigan's Magazine, is our design and printing partner for Nexus. With their 35 years of magazine experience, expect something you'll keep on your coffee table for a long time.

See you in January!



The Scarlet & Gray was published beginning in 1962, followed by Smoke Signals, published from 1964-1989. The name was one of several the college drew from Native American culture, including the one-time sports team nickname, the Tomahawks, that have since been retired. Next came NMC News, in 1989-90. NorWester has been published since 1991, with the current design in place since 2007.

Veterans Day Nov. 11

NMC will again mark Veterans Day with a breakfast for all student and employee veterans, followed by a 9:30 a.m. Walk of Honor from West Hall to the main campus flag poles.





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Find and friend NMC

You can find NMC, the Dennos Museum Center, Great Lakes Maritime Academy, WNMC radio, student groups and more on social media.



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From the President

NMC programs beckon students



Timothy J. Nelson

Some 4,100 students are deep into their studies this semester, pursuing all manner of dreams on campus. Increasingly, they're coming from outside the Grand Traverse region to enroll in NMC's nationally ranked programs. Most recently, the Great Lakes Culinary Institute was ranked the 11th best culinary school in the nation by Best Choice Schools. That follows last year's No. 10 national ranking of our Unmanned Aerial Systems program by SuccessfulStudent.org. (We were the only community college to make that list, too.) For the last several years, NMC's services to veterans and military members have also been recognized nationally.

These accolades are testament to the outstanding work that our faculty and staff do every day. They also have real repercussions in terms of how we accommodate students, given the

extremely tight rental housing market in Traverse City. One answer to that question is also underway this semester: construction of a new, 140-bed residence hall and fitness center on the east end of campus. Targeted for completion in a year, it will go a long way to alleviate our at-capacity campus housing situation.

NMC was also fortunate to land on another list this year – the state of Michigan's budget for 2016-17. Thanks to the support of local legislators, it includes planning authorization to transform the existing West Hall into a state-of-the-art learning center, providing 38,000 square feet of space to accommodate the use of simulation, team-based and project learning across all curricula.

So much is happening, all of it mindful of keeping learning at the center. Next time I write, it will be from the pages of Nexus, NMC's new college magazine. With nearly triple the page count of NorWester, this new publication will do justice to the talented people and fascinating stories happening every day at the college. As always, let me know what you think at tnelson@nmc.edu

Sonja Olshove, 1967-2016

A beloved social sciences instructor, Olshove passed away unexpectedly Sept. 4, 2016, at the age of 49. The week before she had begun her twenty-sixth year of teaching. Her deep connection to Northwestern Michigan College began as a girl, listening to classroom stories from her father, longtime NMC instructor Roy Terdal. She was an honors student at NMC, graduating in 1987. In 1991 she followed in her father's footsteps and joined the faculty herself.

Olshove's unique ability to spark inquisitiveness in her students, along with her genuine compassion for their well-being earned her the Imogene Wise Faculty Excellence Award in 2001 and 2013. She was one of only three instructors to be honored with that award twice. Her family requested that memorial donations be directed to the NMC Foundation. Find out more at nmc.edu/sonja



“When you believe that people are good, they are. When you believe that you can make a difference, you can. When you care, you change a life. With every kind act, there is a ripple effect.”

SONJA OLSHOVE

In loving memory.

Plan ahead...

October 27-30

Holiday Art Fair

Dennos Museum Center, free admission.

(231) 995-1587

October 28

NMC Concert Band fall concert*

7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium

Nov. 4, Dec. 2

Public Viewing Nights

9-11 p.m., Rogers Observatory

Suggested donation \$2/person, \$5/family

Future dates: nmc.edu/rogersobservatory

November 10

Mariners Memorial

Noon, Great Lakes Campus courtyard

nmc.edu/maritime

November 17

International Affairs Forum lecture

"Our Separate Ways: The Struggle for the Future of the U.S.-Israel Alliance."

6 p.m., Milliken Auditorium. Tickets \$10.

(231) 995-1700

November 18

Lifelong Learning Campus Day:

Pick three options for a customized

day of learning at the University Center campus

\$29 or \$39 with lunch. nmc.edu/ees,

(231) 995-1700

November 20

NMC Children's Choirs*

3 p.m. Lars Hockstad Auditorium

December 2

NMC Chamber Singers and NMC Canticum Novum present "Sounds of the Season"*

7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church

December 3

NMC Winter Jazz Ensemble Showcase*

7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium

December 16

NMC Concert Band presents

"A Salute to Home-Grown Heroes"*

7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium

*Tickets for all NMC music department performances available at MyNorthTickets.com. Prices vary. More information: (231) 995-1338

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- ▶ Follow NMC on Twitter or Instagram: [nmc_tc](https://www.instagram.com/nmc_tc) or Facebook.



Lobdell's now open for lunch

NMC's student-run teaching restaurant is now serving lunch for the fall semester. Reservations are highly suggested and available from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call (231) 995-3120. See the menu at nmc.edu/lobdells

Happy autumn, fellow NMC alumni!

Campus is bustling with students, and there's a crisp, electric excitement in the air. Remember those days? There really is nothing quite like the start of a new school year! Here are a few updates on recent activities of the alumni relations program.

Building NMC Pride

Did you know NMC was the first community college in Michigan? Student Shelby Christensen (pictured right) of Traverse City had no idea until she ran across an #NMCfyi sign that highlighted that noteworthy fact.

What on earth is an #NMCfyi? Glad you asked! #NMCfyi is a collection of college photos and facts, from 1951 to the present, featured in a series of 30 traditional yard signs planted around campus. The goal of #NMCfyi is to raise awareness, pride and a sense of connection among our students and campus community. The signs lined campus sidewalks during the week of this year's PinePalooza student fair, catching plenty of attention from students like Shelby. Future appearances are planned at the NMC BBQ and spring commencement. Keep your eyes open!

Just for you!

The alumni relations program has continued to build a slate of exclusive alumni benefits, with input and guidance from the survey more than 1,000 of you completed earlier this year. This process has also been shaped by great input from our 2015-16 alumni steering committee: Janet Taylor, Dr. Nicole Runyon, Iris Bock, Chris Branson, Kevin Schlueter, Ruthy Ransom, Marty Watts, Caleb Kase, Paul Maurer and Mary Vasquez. Alumni benefits now in place include:

NMC Career Fair pre-registration, exclusively for alumni business owners who want first dibs on booth space at the March 2017 Career Fair. Bypass the waiting list for this popular recruiting event just for being an alumni business owner. E-mail alumni@nmc.edu for more information on this pre-registration benefit.

A 10 percent discount at the NMC Bookstore for any NMC gear or logo wear, including for specific programs such as aviation, culinary, nursing and maritime. Pay a visit to the bookstore in the lower level of West Hall to check out new items this semester. An online discount option is in the works for alumni as well.

To get the in-store discount, just tell the friendly staff you're an alumnus!

Free career coaching services for any former NMC student with academic credit. Get one-on-one, in-person guidance to developing a resume and cover letter, conduct a mock job interview, match your skillsets with different career fields to analyze best fit, and more. For more information or to set up an appointment, contact Career Success Coach Andrea Hentschel at ahentschel@nmc.edu



I encourage each of you to take advantage of all of the above perks. They were created for you, and more are in the works!

With NMC pride,
Betsy Coffia
Director of Alumni Relations



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Permanence and impermanence: Iceland – A Land of Temporal Contrasts

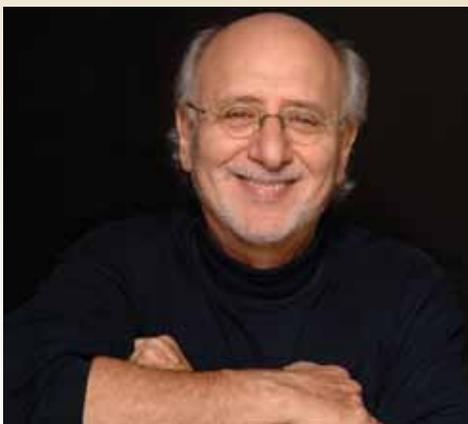
Through painting, photography and drawing, northern Michigan native Jean Larson draws upon Iceland for her artistic expression, which includes an original piece drawn directly onto the Dennos gallery wall (left.)

Larson grew up in Traverse City and maintains a studio here, as well as in Iceland and France. Of Iceland she says, “Certain places inspire us to look at time in different ways. Some can highlight the impermanence of all things, while others seem to evoke a sense of eternity. Iceland is one of those places. However, in this case the balance seems to be constantly shifting between expressions of permanence and impermanence: a mere new-born in geological terms, yet it is a land of timeless landscapes; barely millennial as a society, yet with institutions that have survived longer than anywhere else.”



THE
Dennos
MUSEUM CENTER

Through December 31



In Milliken Auditorium

Peter Yarrow – Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m.

Yarrow’s musical talents—both with the legendary trio Peter, Paul & Mary and as a solo performer—convey a message of humanity and caring to listeners. His gift for songwriting has produced such indelible songs as “Puff, the Magic Dragon,” “Day is Done,” “Light One Candle,” and “The Great Mandala.” Tickets \$30-\$35 available at mynorthtickets.com.

► Come back to Milliken Nov. 27 for An Irish Christmas. See 2017 concert dates at dennosmuseum.org/Milliken

Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon

Grandmother and photographer Paola Gianturco has profiled 120 activist grandmothers in 15 countries on five continents in her internationally acclaimed book *Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon*. With impactful images and stories about activist grandmothers standing up for political, economic and social justice, the book inspired an exhibition by the Grand Rapids Public Museum in cooperation with Genesis, Inc.

