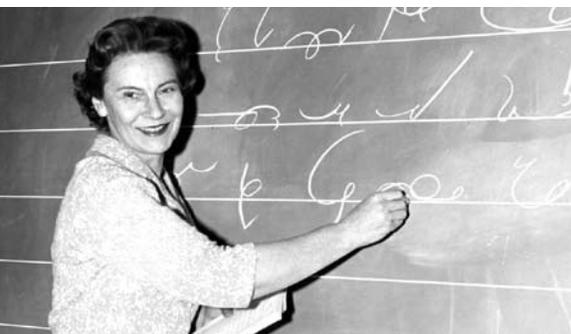


PICTURING NMC'S PAST

A desire by some retired faculty members to help people experience NMC's past has resulted in a major effort to identify and share significant images from more than a half-century of college history.

Pauline Baver teaches a shorthand class in 1955. She still lives in Frankfort and keeps up with NMC (see alumni updates.)



Then Jill Hinds and Ken Marek, also a communications retiree, narrowed the selections further. "There are a lot of good memories here," Marek said. Added Hinds, "I hope more people get to see and learn about NMC's past."

The images, which were in a variety of formats, all are being scanned so they can be preserved and more easily shared.

The collection, which is still in development, made its debut during the alumni and faculty reception at the NMC Barbecue. Some of the images will be printed and made part of a rotating exhibit in the president's office. Plans also are in the works to make them available through the NMC website and other means.

NMC Barbecue founder Jerry Oleson, right, and Andy Olson, area 4-H director who supervised food preparation, at one of the first Barbecues.

A conversation with Jill Hinds and Paul Welch, both retired art department faculty, resulted in several volunteers spending the spring semester reviewing thousands of photos and other images from the archives in the Osterlin Library.

Their goal: identify the 300 most significant images from NMC's history.

Retirees Al Shumsky and Ruth Ragué of the communications department and library, respectively, looked at nearly every image available from the archives and other sources to arrive at a "first cut" of images to be considered. A favorite of Shumsky's: An image of Preston Tanis with three of NMC's founding faculty members.

"It really has been fun to see pictures of colleagues and friends from years ago," said Shumsky, who also wrote NMC's second history volume, "The Second Twenty Years."



Members of the class of 1953 came in to help identify people in images. That work will be ongoing, said Librarian Ann Swaney, who has coordinated volunteers and helped organize the project.

"Identifying people in pictures is vital in order to properly preserve our history," she said.

If you'd like to know more about the photo preservation project, contact Paul Heaton, Director of Public Relations, at 995-1019 or pheaton@nmc.edu

Left, NMC students pitched in to move the college from the original airport building to main campus on March 11, 1955.



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NMC's University Center (www.nmc.edu/ucenter) offers 50 bachelor's and advanced degree programs from 10 Michigan colleges and universities. Since its inception in 1995, the University Center has conferred more than 2,000 degrees.

NMC's Great Lakes Culinary Institute (www.nmc.edu/culinary) is one of only 100 programs accredited by the American Culinary Federation.

NMC's Energy Demonstration Center (www.nmc.edu/ees), one of only eight in Michigan, trains construction workers in energy efficient and renewable energy technologies and reduces NMC's own energy use.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT Where are the next learning opportunities?

By Timothy J. Nelson



This spring, Northwestern Michigan College adopted a new strategic plan that will guide us as our educational role evolves in our dynamic world. Our mission continues to be to provide lifelong learning opportunities to our communities. But just what should those learning opportunities include?

Answering that question requires us to make what I call portfolio decisions. How much of our portfolio is devoted toward meeting current needs versus developing capacities that prepare for a future need that may or may not materialize? At NMC, we always have and always will focus a portion of our energy on creating the future.

To that end, NMC is embarking on an examination of six program areas in which we may expand or initiate investment: Cultural enrichment, energy, entrepreneurship, health education, water studies and viticulture.

We've already invested significantly in several, namely cultural enrichment with the Denno's Museum Center, water studies with our Great Lakes Water Studies Institute, and health education through our Health Education Institute partnership with Munson Healthcare.

Others are newer, like the Michigan Energy Demonstration Center, completed last year. This fall, students can choose to pursue our new entrepreneurship certificate. Viticulture would be a new endeavor for NMC.

Over the coming months, I'll be convening study groups comprised of people inside and outside the college to focus on these areas and whether further investment makes sense for NMC. I look forward to these conversations and creating the future learning opportunities that will best serve our communities.

NMC GRADUATED MORE THAN

470 STUDENTS THIS SPRING.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

WERE HELD MAY 5 AT TRAVERSE

CITY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.



COAST-TO-COAST U.S. HISTORY JUST A CLICK AWAY

During the summer of 2006, Humanities Instructor Tom Gordon logged 16,000 miles visiting American historical sites from the California gold fields on the West Coast to Ellis Island on the East.

Now all those experiences are a just click away for Gordon's U.S. history students, thanks to the online textbook he's writing based on the trip he took with his wife and three daughters. "The Story of US: An explanation of U.S. History" is the first all-online text to be used at NMC.

Gordon was inspired to take on the project after filming a short video on a visit to another historical site in 2000. He showed it to his students. The response was better than anything a print text had ever elicited.

"They perked up. They paid attention. They had questions. The discussion was livelier," Gordon said.

"The Story of US" has multiple video clips from the more than 30 sites Gordon visited on the trip, funded in part by NMC Barbecue funds. He spent the fall 2006 semester on sabbatical, writing and editing, working with NMC's Educational Media Technologies department.

The scope of the project turned out to be far larger than Gordon envisioned. He hopes to finish the book this summer. But he debuted the incomplete version in the spring 2007 semester to positive reviews.

"I really knew what his textbook was talking about. It was really well planned out," said David Simmer, 19, a liberal arts student from Traverse City. He particularly liked the videos featuring Gordon at historical sites. "It made it much more of a real thing. It helped me remember it, to have a visual."

This fall, Gordon will offer a hybrid class where students spend two hours per week in a classroom, and two hours per week online, at their convenience. In its final version, "The Story of US" will include



Dennis Schultz, left, of Educational Media Technologies and Humanities Instructor Tom Gordon, right, work on editing Gordon's online history textbook, "The Story of US."

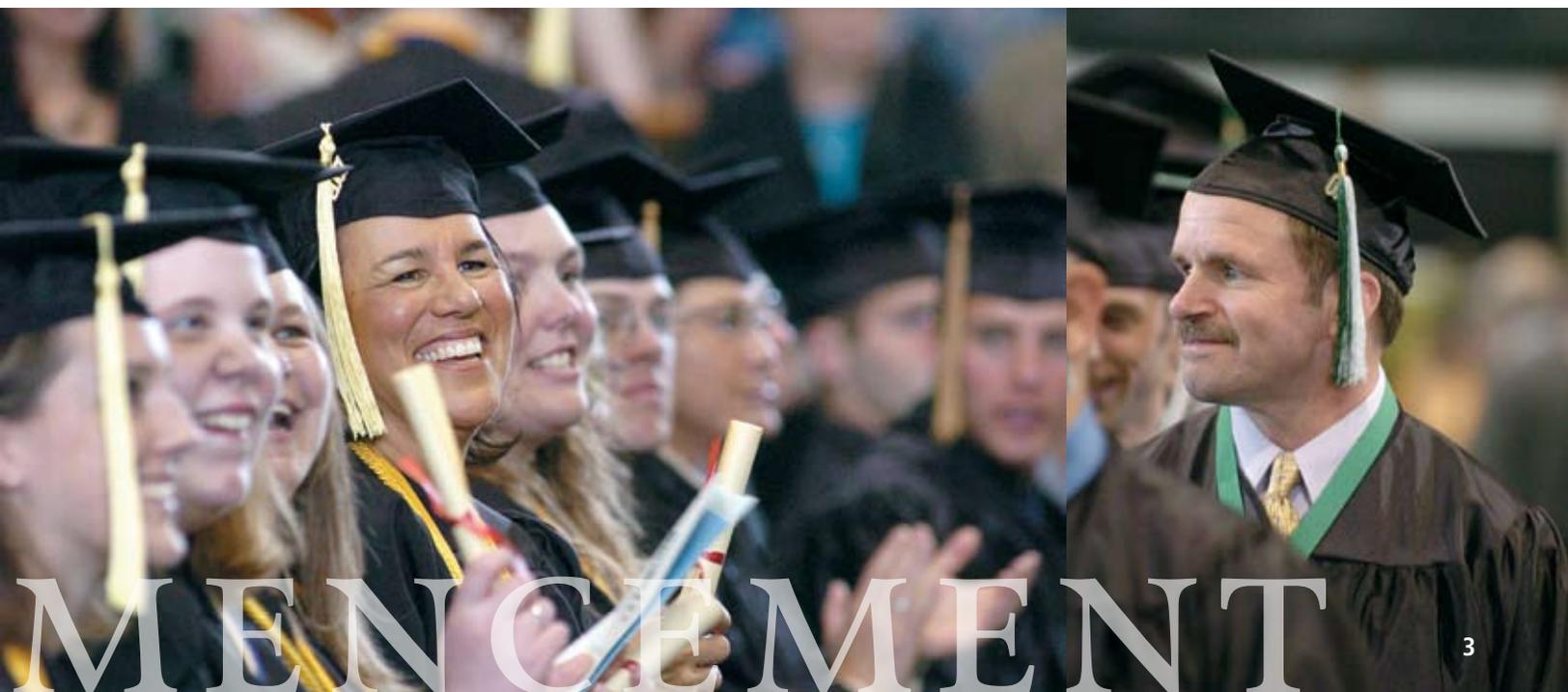
chapter trailers, bloopers and other features that capitalize on his video footage.

"It has a movie feel," he said.

Gordon plans annual updates. With his travel appetite whetted, he's also looking beyond U.S. history.

"If there was some way to show this really causes learning, it would be great to do world history," he said.

See the textbook online at:
www.nmc.edu/~tgordon/storyofus/



We all did the Barbecue!



A stuffed, life-size buffalo was a popular new attraction at the 52nd annual NMC Barbecue, held on campus May 20. More than 8,500 people ate the traditional meal of buffalo steakettes, baked beans and other picnic fixings. Since it began in 1956, the Barbecue has raised more than \$1.3 million for NMC programs and equipment. The 53rd annual Barbecue will be held May 18, 2008.

In Memory



Retired U.S. Maritime Service Rear Adm. James F. McNulty, superintendent of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy from 1984-1991, died Nov. 14, 2006 at his home in Punta Gorda, Fla. He was 77.

He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund, Great Lakes Maritime Academy.

DENNOS: A TREASURE WITHOUT BORDERS

Art works and influence from the Dennos Museum Center will ripple across and beyond Michigan this year.

Pieces from the museum's renowned Inuit art collection were displayed at an extended exhibition at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum on the Saginaw Valley State University campus.

The museum also loaned selected works from its collection of Joseph Domjan

prints to the Hungarian Heritage Museum in Cleveland, Ohio. Arranged to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Budapest native's birth, the exhibit runs through July.

Marilyn Wheaton, director at the Marshall M. Fredericks Museum, said the Inuit exhibit was well-received. She recalled watching one family with three young children who all settled down on the floor to watch a video of the Inuit people.

"I thought, 'That is how a museum should engage people.' They felt comfortable enough to sit down on the floor and watch and learn," she said.

Hungarian Heritage Museum curator Andrew Lazar said he learned of the Dennos' Domjan collection online and contacted Executive Director Gene Jenneman.

"I was very pleasantly surprised when they were willing to loan most of the collection they had. It really adds a lot to it," Lazar said.

Celebrated for his color woodcuts, Domjan is known for elevating the visual aspects of Hungarian folk art to a universally appreciated and understood form of art.

Next for the Dennos: Preparation of an exhibit of works featuring Michigan artists with an emphasis on northern Michigan for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Lansing residence. The work will be selected by a committee including museum officials, Granholm and her residential staff, and displayed from August through July 2008.



This Inuit woodcut, left, and Joseph Domjan print were loaned to other museums from the Dennos Museum Center's collection.

ALUMNI UPDATES

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Retired:

Pauline Bayer (retired faculty) of Frankfort, is living (with helpers) on her farm where she was born 91 years ago. She attends church and community affairs. She went to Arizona in April 2006, and reads the Intercom and news about NMC, and goes to NMC activities when she can.

Joan C. Stout (retired staff) of Kalkaska is busy volunteering and playing the organ at her church. She is co-chair of the GT Area Retired School Employees Scholarship Committee, which awards five \$1,000 scholarships annually. Last year two of those were for NMC.

1950s

Betty (Larson) Kalmus (1951-53) of Sequin, Texas, was training director for Sears for 25 years. She served from 1954-56 in the Women's Army Corps as a burn medic at Brooke Army Burn Ward, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. She was one of the first students enrolled at NMC, and is in the picture taken on the first day at the airport campus.

1960s

Durel Dolly Schafer (1963-65) of Traverse City recently took a pottery class through NMC's EES division.

Gail E. (Ronan) Jodway (1963-64) of Clinton Township completed her nursing degree through NMC and is now retired.

David E. Jodway (1963-65) of Clinton Township graduated from NMC with his degree in accounting and has worked for Oleson Food Stores, Inc., since 1963.

1970s

John Bachman (1977) of Bay City has been married for 36 years and has two children: a daughter, 30, and a son, 27, as well as two grandchildren. He is an RN working for Great Lakes Cancer Institute – Bay Regional Med Center, Oncology Research.

Michelle (Van Hoesen) Kennedy (1971-75) of Sitka, Alaska, has been living in Alaska for the past 20 years and continues to provide public health to surrounding villages. She completed a women's health practitioner program in June of 2006, and is awaiting licensure from the state.

John C. Taylor (1972-73) of Williamston received his BA in 1975, his MBA in 1977, and his Ph.D. in 1991, all from Michigan State University. He is currently married to Nancy. They have two daughters, Lisa, 21, and Anne, 17.

1980s

Thomas A. Jodway (1985-87) of Lakewood, Calif., graduated from the University of Michigan in 1989 with a Bachelor's degree in business. He has worked for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) since graduating in 1989.

Timothy M. Jodway (1984-86) of Petoskey is a C.P.A. and is Director of Finance for Northern Michigan Hospital.

Douglas K. Miner (1988-90) of Benzonia, has four children and great in-laws. Over the years he has grown in his relationship with God.

1990s

Molly Travin (1999-2000) of Chicago is graduating with her MSW from the University of Illinois-Chicago. She plans to live and pursue her social work career in gerontology in the Chicago area. She wants to thank all of her supporters from her time at NMC.

Jonathon Lyon (1998-2000) of Charlottesville, Va., is finishing his PhD in physical chemistry at the University of Virginia and was expected to graduate in April 2007.

Christie Highlander (1992) of Maryville, Ill., is an Assistant Professor of Business Law & Paralegal Studies at Southwestern Illinois College. She's been married 10 years, and has three children: Connor, Gabrielle, and Shelby.

JoAnn Carol-lynn (Barber) Knudsen (1993-99) of Beulah is married to Jeff Knudsen, working at the Grand Traverse Pavilions, and has been a CNA for the past two and a half years.

Gerald E. Bettega (1992-94) of Lutz, Fla., is currently a flight crewmember for UPS Airlines.

Jim Hart (1997-99) of Central Lake still works part time. He and his wife spend winters in southern Illinois to be near their children and grandchildren.

Ann M. Jodway (1991-93) of Alexandria, Va., received her Bachelor's degree in nursing from Madonna University.

Beverly D. Gravis (1989-91) of Traverse City is a CPA at Plante Moran. She has three children: Allison, 8, Sheldon, 5, and Carson, 2.

2000s

Erin Lockman (2002-03) of Apple Valley, Minn., is currently employed by South Metro Human Services as a mental health counselor.

Angelee Musser (2004-05) of Kingsley graduated from NMC with an ASA and is currently working towards earning a Bachelor's degree in animal science at MSU. She is presently working on a dairy farm to gain experience.

Courtney Lorenz (2002-03) of Traverse City is a graduate of the culinary program at NMC and is now the manager at the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Traverse City.

Jerry Bernard (2000-2002) of Allen graduated from Grand Valley State University with a degree in teaching. He is now teaching math and physics at Coldwater High School.

"What You Can Do"



In his Illinois studio sculptor Bob Emser works on "What You Can Do," the outdoor sculpture he was commissioned to build that will honor NMC volunteers. The \$40,000 project is being totally funded by Barb and Dudley Smith, longtime NMC volunteers and benefactors.

To be installed this spring north of the Tanis Building, the nine-foot-tall piece will be the 13th in a collection of outdoor sculptures placed in several locations around NMC's campuses.

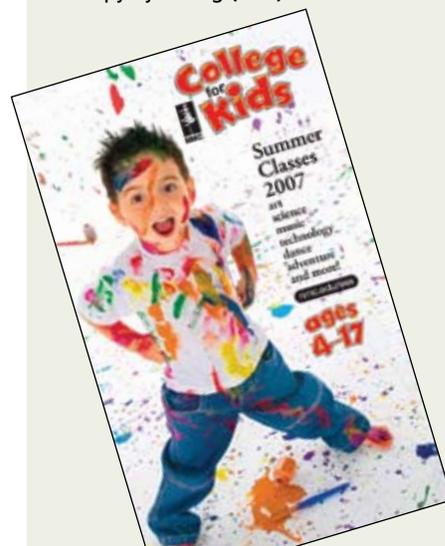
FIND IT HERE...

Think school's out for summer? Not at NMC

More than 150 "College for Kids" classes are offered in June, July and August on topics including art, music, dance, science, technology, outdoor adventures, and more.

Meanwhile, "Learn for Life" noncredit adult summer classes begin June 9.

Schedules for both College for Kids and Learn for Life are available at www.nmc.edu/ees or request a copy by calling (231) 995-1700.



New study options offered this fall

This fall NMC students will be able to pursue new and reconfigured certificates and degrees in automotive technology, business, computer information technology, culinary and visual communications.

Reflecting a commitment to keep pace with the ever-evolving information technology industry, the Computer Information Technology division within NMC's Business Academic Area has the most new offerings. The division expanded from one study path to three: Developer/ Programmer, Infrastructure/Hardware, and the original general computer studies path for students who intend to transfer.

The result is a more relevant curriculum that builds on itself. For instance, NMC now offers three progressive Infrastructure Specialist certificates.

"Students have a lot more flexibility in their choice now," said CIT Instructor Scott Goethals.

Business also added two Entrepreneurship certificates and a new certificate to the Culinary program.

NMC's Automotive Technology program has added two certificates – Under Car Specialist and Drivability Specialist – to the Automotive Service Technology degree and Master Automotive Technician certificate previously offered. These offerings reflect the demand for skilled workers to service increasingly advanced cars.

Lastly, a second Associate in Applied Science degree in Creative Management in Art Direction will now be an option for visual communication students. This degree will layer marketing and small business management skills on top of the production and design skills students gain while pursuing a Commercial Art degree, which is a prerequisite.

Find details on these and more than 50 other programs online at www.nmc.edu

GIVING BACK BY REACHING OUT

Sandy Blumenfeld proves you can go home again.

The former NMC student (1963-64) was one of the first residents in West Hall when he arrived early for classes, moving from suburban Detroit into the brand-new dormitory ahead of most other students for the fall 1963 semester. Two years ago, he returned in a new role as a volunteer DJ at WNMC radio, which broadcasts from West's basement.

"I just have an affinity for this building," said Blumenfeld, who recalls watching television coverage of the JFK assassination in the West lobby. "It's like a house you remember when you were a little kid. I get a kick out of walking through those doors twice a week."

Blumenfeld is also helping to expand WNMC's audience far beyond West Hall. In late 2006 he began monthly broadcasts of "Local Motion," his Friday evening show featuring local musicians, from the new InsideOut gallery in Traverse City's warehouse district.

"Sandy's energy and local music connections have made Local Motion one of the most exciting shows on WNMC," station General Manager Eric Hines said. "Sandy



WNMC volunteer DJ Sandy Blumenfeld spins his tunes from the basement of West Hall, where he was also one of the first residents as a student in the early 1960s.

does his show the old fashioned way – with real musicians playing live in the same room as the host. It makes for some great radio."

Blumenfeld, whose son Tyler also attended NMC in the early 90s, said he's glad to have fallen into his seat behind a WNMC mic.

"I was looking for a way to pay back the school, because that's how I landed in Traverse City," he said.

WNMC fund-raiser brunches are scheduled for June 24 and September 30 at the InsideOut Gallery. See www.wnmc.org for details.

Brushing Up



Dental assistant students helped with a regional project that provided dental screenings to 5,000 elementary school students. From left, volunteers included Kelly Davern, Ashley Dunscombe, Paula Hoalt, Mary McPherson and Nicky Kelchak.

2007 NMC RETIREES

Shirley Boyce

Office Manager, Residence Life, 22 years

Rick Pringle

Analyst, Network and Computer Systems, 7 years

Maureen Schneider

Business Instructor, 21 years

Fred Tank

Science/Math Instructor, 41 years

Barbara Tatarchuk

Adjunct Faculty, Communications, 15 years

Plan ahead...

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming NMC events:

June-October
Inuit art sale, Dennos Museum Center

Through Sept. 2
Spirits, Relics and Rituals African Art exhibit, Dennos Museum Center

A Growing Legacy: Works by Michigan Artists from the Museum's Collections

June 13
Commitment Scholarship golf tournament, Kingsley Club

June 21
International Affairs Forum lecture, Dennos Museum Center

June 22, July 7, July 20, Aug. 4, Aug. 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 8, Sept. 21, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 1
Free Public Viewing Nights at Rogers Observatory

July 16-27
Summer art camps for kids, Dennos Museum Center

Aug. 2
NMC Scholarship Open golf tournament, Crystal Mountain

Aug. 25
Fall semester classes begin

Sept. 13-15
Epicurean Classic, Great Lakes Culinary Institute

Oct. 4-7
Tibetan Monks of the Mystical Arts of Tibet, Dennos Museum Center

Nov. 10
Fall Family Day, Dennos Museum Center

Nov. 10, noon
Mariners Memorial Service, Great Lakes Maritime Academy

Dec. 16
Fall semester ends

May 18, 2008
53rd annual NMC Barbecue, Main Campus

Visit www.nmc.edu for regular news and calendar updates, including our ongoing Free Film Series.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Biology Instructor Dr. Keith Overbaugh, a faculty member since 1989, is NMC's 2007 Imogene Wise Faculty Excellence Award winner. Jason Teichman, an Adjunct Math Instructor since 2002 and an NMC alumnus, is the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award winner.

Both award recipients are chosen by a student selection committee and named at Commencement.

Award criteria include teaching excellence, rapport with students, innovation in the classroom and a sense of dedication.

"It was a wonderful surprise. We've got so many great faculty, so many people could have gotten it. It was nice to be the one," Overbaugh said.

Students said Overbaugh, who holds a doctorate of veterinary medicine and practiced until 2005, is able to relate his veterinary experience to class topics.

He was also commended for using technology to enhance his classes and make them more accessible. "Dr. Overbaugh is sincerely fair and concerned about whether or not students are learning," one student said.

Students said Teichman's feedback is very encouraging. "You can do this," is commonly overheard as Teichman walks around his classroom. Teichman said he "fell in love" with math after taking his first class from Steve Drake – now his colleague – when he attended NMC in the late 1990s.



Dr. Keith Overbaugh



Jason Teichman

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OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS: JOHN ROBERT WILLIAMS

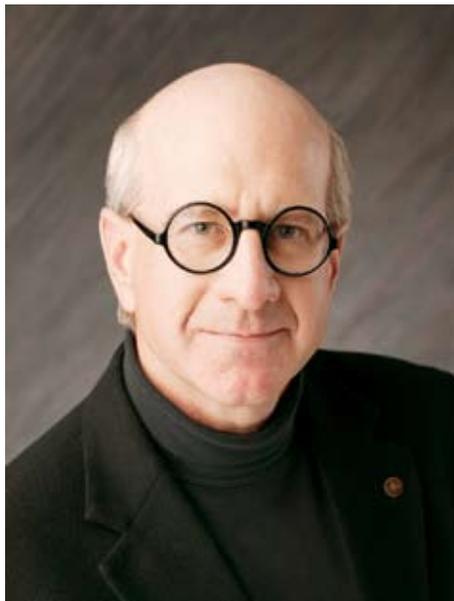
Traverse City photographer John Robert Williams, class of 1976, is NMC's 2007 Outstanding Alumnus.

The Outstanding Alumnus award recognizes alumni who donate their time, talent and resources to NMC in addition to significant professional achievements and community and professional leadership.

A professional photographer for 30 years, Williams, 51, began his career with a photography class at NMC in 1975.

While taking classes he worked in the family business, the Grand Traverse Motel, located just down the street. Appointed to the Traverse City Planning Commission while still in high school, he became its chair at age 18. Williams' roots in Traverse City civic and business life have only grown deeper since then.

While a student, Williams worked as WNMC's music director and was



John Robert Williams

instrumental in taking the station to the airwaves with the acquisition of a transmitter and FCC license. In the late 1980s he was an adjunct faculty member, teaching advanced photography classes to commercial art students.

Some years later, he served on the Alumni Committee helping to raise funds for the Dennon Museum Center. Williams also notes he has attended every single NMC Barbecue.

As a photographer, his images have appeared in many NMC print and electronic publications. During NMC's 50th anniversary year in 2001, he scoured college archives for photos and artifacts to create a year-long exhibit in the Milliken Auditorium lobby.

Williams is a leader in many other community organizations, too, including Rotary Club and TART Trails, Inc. He was an early advocate of affordable housing in Traverse City, working to establish Rotary's Homestretch Initiative.

In 2005 he co-founded the Traverse City Film Festival, along with fellow native Doug Stanton and filmmaker Michael Moore.