Getting Involved at NMU

“The Center for Student Enrichment can make your experience at NMU exceptional!”

Today it is widely accepted that a student’s education extends well beyond the classroom. NMU is well-known and nationally recognized for our vibrant community-based leadership and student development initiatives. Through the Center for Student Enrichment, students can take advantage of an amazing variety of life-changing and career enhancing extra-curricular activities.

Get started by joining a student organization

With over 300 student organizations, there is something for everyone. Student organizations are easy to join or start. It is a great way to make new friends and have fun.

Student activities

Would you like to know what is happening on campus? You can sign-up for our bi-weekly Activity and Program Update by e-mailing cse@nmu.edu.

Help decide what concerts, films, speakers, comedians, or special events happen by joining one of the programming organizations. Consider joining an academic organization that relates to your major. Interested in volunteering in the community, join a community service organization. You get the idea...now get going!

Academic Service Learning

Studies indicate that active learning is the preferred learning style of 75% or more of today’s students. The majority of students learn best when they can combine classroom instruction with hands-on experiences.

Academic Service Learning utilizes community service as a means of helping students gain a deeper understanding of the course objectives, acquire new knowledge, develop professional expertise, and engage in civic activity. Consider taking a “hands-on” class by looking for the “ASL” designation when you register for your classes next semester!

Looking for leadership opportunities?

Consider joining the Student Leader Fellowship Program. The Student Leader Fellowship Program (SLFP) is a two-year nationally recognized leadership development program committed to developing competent, ethical, and community-centered leaders. The SLFP provides Student Fellows with a series of unique experiences, offering limitless opportunities for personal growth.

This program will help you develop lasting friendships, network, and develop a sense of social responsibilities. Check out the link for program details and application information.

Superior Edge

This student development initiative is unlike any other. It’s a comprehensive and rewarding experience of 100-400 hours above and beyond your degree requirements. You get to design your experiences based on your interests and career goals, or it may be part of what you are already doing. Superior Edge focuses on four edges: Citizenship (become an engaged, involved citizenship), Diversity (develop sensitivity and awareness of global and domestic diversity issues), Leadership (become a competent, ethical and effective leader), and Real World (relate classroom theory to workplace practice in real-world settings).

When you complete an edge, you will be recognized with a student enrichment transcript that is attached to your academic transcript. If you complete all four edges, you will receive cords to wear at commencement. When you graduate, your edge-packed resume will set you apart and give you an “edge” when looking for a job or applying to graduate school. To get started, attend a Superior Edge orientation.
NMU Volunteer Center

The NMU Volunteer Center connects individuals and student organizations with opportunities to grow through service in the community. Volunteering is a great way to become more involved and connected in the local community. There are many community events such as Make A Difference Day, Special Olympics, blood drives, the Spring Service Sampler, and more to take advantage of.

Want to hear more about volunteer opportunities? Sign up for the weekly e-mail update by sending an e-mail to volctr@nmu.edu.

Skill Builder! Workshops

Every semester 25-30 highly interactive, interesting leadership workshops are offered. Improve your community, teamwork, cultural awareness, time management, personal wellness skills and more.

Descriptions of workshops are available online and you can register for these workshops there too!

International Service Trips

For 2013-14, we will be offering three projects (winter break – Thailand; spring break – Belize; and May – Ireland). These projects are a combination of service and tourism. Watch for more information on interest meetings, dates, and costs.