

## *Newsletter to Community College Counselors*

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**Why NMU?** There are many programs which make NMU uniquely to students:

- Teaching, Learning and Communication (TLC) Initiative ensures that all full-time students are provided with a notebook computer as part of their tuition and fees.
- Art and Design (13 studio majors and new facilities)
- Criminal Justice (Regional Police Academy)
- Clinical Sciences (unique relationship with Mayo Clinic)
- College of Business (accredited by AACSB-International; over 90% job placement rate)
- Education (students have classroom experiences in local schools early in the program)
- Nursing (located next to regional medical facility/high rate of passing boards first time)
- Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management (excellent local environment and facilities)
- Pre-Med (unique pre-med advisory board/excellent medical school acceptance rate/automatic med school acceptance program)
- Sciences (outdoor environment/hands-on research experience for undergraduates)
- Technology programs (most with 100% job placement)
- Theatre (over 90% job placement rate)

**Placement Data:** The percent of NMU's graduates continuing their education immediately after graduation is 23.5%. The percent of students employed within six months of graduation is 73%.

**Inclusion and Diversity at NMU:** At Northern we not only value diversity, we are actively working to create an inclusive environment on our campus. The diversity programs and initiatives at NMU are designed to support and enhance student, faculty, and staff interaction and to teach everyone the value that inclusion and diversity bring to an institution. So what are we doing, and what can you expect at NMU?



- We have the [Multicultural Education and Resource Center](#).
- We host the annual [UNITED](#) Conference.
- We have faculty, staff and students that comprise the [Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee](#) affiliated with ASNMU.
- We have nine diversity promotion groups. These [student-run organizations](#) range from the All Nations Club, the Black Student Union, the Native American Student Association, OUTLook and several more.
- Recent speakers on campus have included Bill Cosby, Maya Angelou, Edward James Olmos, Arun Gandhi and Daryl Davis - just to name a few.

By helping our students to recognize, support, celebrate and appreciate inclusion and diversity, we are helping to create future leaders who will continue to work to reduce prejudice, stereotyping and the harassment of all people.

**NMU's Center for Native American Studies** and the NMU Press recently collaborated on an anthology of creative works representing the contemporary American Indian experience in Michigan. It is titled *Voice on the Water: Great Lakes Native America Now* and will be released in early December. This publication features poetry, short stories, essays, photographs and artwork. It also includes a glossary of Anishinaabe terms and contributor biographies. *Voice on the Water* was made possible by a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council and will be available at the NMU Bookstore or online at [www.nmubookstore.com](http://www.nmubookstore.com).

### **Outdoor Recreation, Leadership and Management:**

This bachelor's degree program is designed for students who wish to meet the professional entry-level standards established under the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), American Alliance for Leisure and Recreation (AALR), and the Council on Accreditation.

Graduates find employment as recreation technicians, naturalists, interpreters, camp directors, recreation and parks faculty, outfitters, youth leaders, aquatic directors, outdoor recreation center directors, adventure program leaders, outdoor directors, park rangers, skiing instructors, climbing instructors, outdoor recreation specialists, park and recreation directors, facility managers, and business owners.



**Articulation Agreements:** If you wish to view how your courses individually transfer to NMU, please note that we maintain a transfer course equivalency data-base at <http://webb.nmu.edu/Admissions/SiteSections/Admitted/CreditTransfer/CreditTransfer.shtml>. It is this data-base that I refer to when creating transfer guides. If you would like to have a more formal transfer relationship between your community college and NMU, such as an **Articulation Agreement**, let me know and I will forward your request to the appropriate NMU official.

**Transfer Home-Page:** What is the quickest path to transfer student information on NMU's website? Go to NMU's home-page for transfer students, [www.nmu.edu/transfer](http://www.nmu.edu/transfer). Once there, you can move to information regarding admissions, transferring credit, transfer guides, and scholarships. If you provide a link to NMU from your college's website, I encourage you to use [www.nmu.edu/transfer](http://www.nmu.edu/transfer).

**Next Issue:** I anticipate my next issue will be published in February 2012. In the meantime, please share this newsletter with your colleagues and students.

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