Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Herschell Sr. of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, has been named Northern Michigan University’s Secondary Teacher Education Award recipient. Gary graduated Magna Cum Laude on Saturday, December 11th with a major in industrial technology education and a minor in physical education. He has been on the Dean’s List every semester since transferring to NMU in 2007, twice earning perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

During his tenure at NMU, Gary received three scholarships for outstanding academic achievement from the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society. He currently serves as the organization’s university representative.

Gary’s interest in industrial technology was fostered while participating in activities at home with his father, activities involving the application of technical skills and problem solving techniques. Subjects like welding, construction, auto mechanics and carpentry became something that he grew to know, love and respect.

After graduating from high school, Gary decided to apply his knowledge of industrial processes to the field of teaching. He hopes to be able to share his experiences and help others by teaching industrial technology or career and technical education in the Upper Peninsula.