Honors Reception Program

The faculty and staff of Northern Michigan University are pleased to recognize and commend these students who have achieved distinguished academic success—expanding their intellectual and creative potentials to the highest possible level. Congratulations!

Tonight's program, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Meet the students, visit the achievement posters

7 p.m. Welcome address from NMU President Les Wong and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan Koch

Recognition of students with superior academic achievement from Interim Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Cynthia Prosen

Before and after the presentations, please enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and talking with our accomplished students

Academic eligibility criteria

• Freshmen and first semester transfer students for the fall semester completing a minimum of 12 hours with a cumulative NMU grade point average (GPA) of 3.90 or higher.

• Sophomores through seniors for the fall semester completing a minimum of 12 hours with a cumulative NMU GPA of 3.75 or higher.

• Students who begin a second bachelor's degree initially must meet the criteria established for freshmen.

English: MA: ADAM COCCO
Adam has a consummate dedication to scholarship and teaching. He is completing his MA in English literature and pedagogy; he also holds a BA in secondary education English with a minor in history. His literary interests include fiction and nonfiction of the 1920s to 1940s, focusing on the alienation and exploitation of the working class in modern/postmodern society. His pedagogical interests center on the promotion of literacy for struggling readers and writers. Adam and his wife, Walinda, have two sons, Parker and Jackson.

English: MFA: BRIAN MCCULLAH
Brian came to NMU three years ago from a reporter’s job at a small local newspaper in Bradenton, Fla. Already Brian had a thesis in mind—a work of reportage on a homeless man in his fifties. His brief residence with us has been immensely productive. Besides the nonfiction, Brian has written fiction and poetry, some of it good enough to be published. He’s begun a novel. Most important, though, is that thesis he had in mind. It is finished now, and along the way, his work of reportage became, also, a memoir and a meditation on homelessness. Thank you, Brian, for all of your good work; and especially for your superb thesis, which your committee believes will someday be a published book, On Center Road: My Search for One Homeless Man.

Honors Students, continued

Laura Burke
Chelsea Burtk
Allison Bustgraf
Carrie Carlson
Allison Carlson
Brenda Carbone
Angela Carter
Anthony Cavaleri
Daniel Cavanaugh
Allison Cederna
Kelly Chandler
Tracey Cheever
Amber Chiapuzio
Amy Chick
Mia Cinelli
Tiffany Clayton
Jennifer Clement
Ellia Clumppner
Ell Collins
Camille Compton
Christina Conroy
Tanya Cook
Timothy Cook
Joshua Corbat
Carolyn Corser
Scott Couillard
Erik Coursey
Caleb Couden
Richard Cox
Matthew Cronk
Kurt Crozier
Katie Dahlan
Emma Dale
Megan Dall
Courtney Davis
Kristin Davis
Nigel Dawson
Pamela DeAngelis
Abigail Debiak
Brian Delاجر
Marja DeLongchamp
Laura Dendel
Courtney DePottcy
Erik Deters
Christine Doherty
Tyler Dunn
Julian Dupuis
Geri Duquette
Jacob Early
Elizabeth Eldridge
Hayley Ellison
Ashley Ellis
Emily Englebard
Corey Englehart
Kate Erickson
Anca Ewing
Victoria Faucett
Gerald Field
Kelsey Fila
Gregory Filipczak
Aaron Fleming
Jenni Foggo
Megan Forrest
Andrew Foster
Matthew Franti
Ellen Froendt
Allison Gagner
Laura Garrison
Meredith Gasco
Kayla Gauthier
Danielle Gerdes
Kasi Gilbert
Anders Gillis
Christina Collins
Caitlin Glendenning
Daniel Gluckst
Nichole Goetzke
Rachael Goldsworthy
Jennifer Golbon
Kaylee Gorecki
Adrienne Gottlin
Constance Goulet
Brooke Graham
Chelse Graham
Hannah Granlund
Sierra Greenney
Jason Gregerson
Erik Gustafson
Lindsay Hagner
Michelle Hall
Shatyn Hall
Zachary Hall
Amanda Halonen
Stephanie Hansen
Matthew Hatton
Rahel Harre
James Harju
Andrew Harmon
Megan Harper
Sarah Harrig
Sara Hartley
Kelli Harvala
Ashley Harwood
Carolyn Harwood
Morton Harwood
Kathryn Hebert
David Hedberg
Cassie Heeglebon
Amy Helminen
Laura Helwig
Dylan Hendrix
Benjamin Herman
Leah Heron
Michelle Heron
Melissa Heymann
Amy Hickey
Amy Highen
Amanda Hilgers
Samantha Hoffman
Elizabeth Holl
Kara Holmes
Rebecca Holmuqist
Rachel Hovel
Karrisa Huhner
Alexander Hull
Jessica Huron
James Hutcheson
Kristin Ivey
Silandra Jacobs
Rebecca Jarosch
Alexandra Jarvis
Jennifer Jarvis
Katie Jensen
Donald Johnson
Dorothy Johnson
Courtney Johnston
Erik Jones
Taylor Jones
Jessica Josteen
Laura Judge
John Jumilla
Brita Kangas
Jessica Karaiswicz
Suman Karik
Kasey Kartunen
Nichole Kassell
Savannah Kassuba
Tyler Kamierzokus
Jacob Keck
Alysha Kelly
Stacy Kemper
Elizabeth Kieran
Barbara Kerkove
Kathleen Kerr
John Kinney
Jessica Klein
Christina Knobbe
Alex Knudson
Devon Kolby
Alexander Kolby
Rachel Koleda
Joshua Kolowicz
Jon Kvar
Hannah Kratz
Maria Krawczak
Jane Kreul
Janice Krummi
Christopher Kulju
Reed Kurashit
Raissa Kusiak
Tori LaFleur
Samantha Lagerman
Kayla Lahit
Sarah Lane
Kovas Lapinhas
Stephanie Larson
Jonathan Laue
Erica Lensink
Thomas Lilly
Elisa Linna
Hans Linna
Alyssa Liubakka
Evan Lucas
Elizabeth Luce
Samantha Luttmann
Emily Lusht
Daniel Lynt
Blake Lytle
Angelica Mahan
Breeen Maki
Lana Mal
Rachael Maki
Asantele Makundi
Andrew Gill
Matthew Mallum
Robert Manty
Maria Martini
Trai Mcc
Chelsea Martin
Emily Martin
Katherine Massie
Samantha Mast
Lauren Mattioli
Derek May
Caitlin McCarty
Eرن McCulloch
Amanda McMaster
Chelsea McNab
Marlene Macnee
Jessica Meier
Karl Mercer
Melissa Merrill
Nichole Merten
Kirstin Meyer
Matthew Meyer
Tara Middleton
Colleen Mikelson
Stacy Millbourn
Jayne Miller
William Miller
Melissa Miron
Connie Mixter
Darrin Moir
Randy Monroe
Mathematics and Computer Science: JASON GREGERSEN
Jason has been highly involved in the computer science field, earning high GPA but also in his extracurricular activities. He has presented twice at the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual teachers conference and has been a recipient of several awards and honors, including Michigan Merit Award (2005), Northern Michigan University Merit Award (2005), Michigan Competitive Scholarship (2005), and Barry Foundation Scholarship (2006). More recently, he was selected to present some of his innovative scholarship at the Sigma Tau Delta national conference (2009). He was also named to the Dean’s List, in part, due to his outstanding performance in computer science. He will graduate in May 2009, summa cum laude, with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education mathematics. He will continue studying mathematics in graduate school and will pursue a doctorate in either pure or applied mathematics.

Modern Languages: KALE VEBNE
Kale majored in French (and art history), minored in Spanish, and studied Chinese as well as ALM. She has three significant projects to share. The first was as a student in a faculty-led study in Amsterdam, Brussels, and Paris. For the second, she spent an academic year in France teaching English in a public school, with the help of a teaching assistant. She went on to complete her studies in France with an ALM professor. For the third, she studied Spanish in Madrid. She has been a pianist in the French masterclass and has been heavily involved in the French Club and in volunteer work. Her language skills in French and Spanish are outstanding.

Music: RANDY MONROE
Randy majored in music and minored in psychology. Pursuing music at the university level has been a rewarding experience that has included meeting life-changing teachers who encouraged him to grow and guide him to continue pursuing his passion. Before Notre Dame and Grand Valley State University and was a multiple Dean’s List recipient. He also attended Grand Rapids Community College and received an Outstanding Leadership in Music award.

Philosophy: DEREK O’CONNELL
Derek has been a student leader in the Philosophy Club as well as a tutor to other students. He has a gift for intellectual work, is diligent and thorough, analytically sharp, writes excellent papers in writing, and is an excellent writer. He won an award in the Collected Essay contest. No wonder he is a 4.0 GPA student. Derek has just received a full ride to the University of Illinois for a program in philosophy. Full tuition and an assistantship should keep him out of debt while he studies to become a university professor. The NLMU Philosophy Department is proud to have such a bright student. He will become an excellent teacher and publish his share of original work.

Political Science and Public Administration: LAUREN MATTIOLI
Lauren is graduating summa cum laude, with a major in pre-law, political science and philosophy. She has a supportive family and has been involved in several activities at NLMU and has spent many hours as a volunteer. Upon graduating, she plans to work as a legislative assistant for a member of Congress. She also has been a teaching assistant for the freshman seminar, tutored political science and philosophy for Student Support Services and worked as an intern for Bloomington News at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Psychology: JILLIAN BROWN-BURLIE
Jillian has been active as a psychology-graduate preparation major. She has achieved a 3.7 GPA while being active in research and in community work. She has worked in the research laboratories of several different professors and served as a research assistant for the junior seminar and introductory psychology. She has volunteer experience in both hospital and community mental health centers and is currently working in mental health counseling programs and peer education. Jillian is a member of the American Psychological Association, PsiChi (Psychology Honor Society), Mortar Board, the Psychology Student Association, and Alpha Lambda Delta (Feminist Honor Society).

College of Business

Business: SARA BLOOMQUIST
Sara has done it all at NLMU, with academics, student organization and internships. She graduated in December 2008 with a cumulative GPA of 3.90 as an accounting/corporate finance major and earned a Michigan Accountancy Foundation Scholarship in statewide competition. Remarkably, Sara has been active in many student organizations, including Student Government Association President and of the Alpha Beta Psi and chair of the Dean’s Student Advisory Council. Sara has held internships with the vice president of finance at NLMU and with the “Big Four” accounting firm of Price Waterhouse. On the personal side, she is always cheerful with a very positive attitude. Sara has a full-time position with Price Waterhouse.

College of Professional Studies

Clinical Laboratory Sciences: HEATHER VABLE
Heather graduated in summer 2008. She did two, six-month internships at Bay Area Medical Center in Martinez, Wis., and returned to work at a hospital in South Dakota. She has been both the Outstanding Student Practitioner Award as well as the CSL Outstanding Associate Degree Graduate Award in 2006. Heather’s file is filled with positive comments from her instructors and professors. Last summer Heather was invited to attend clinical laboratories in Wisconsin, Washington and Colorado and was given job offers at three hospitals currently works at St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Criminal Justice: JENNY SIDES
Jenny will graduate summa cum laude in May. She was awarded the Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year Award in 2007, and is an active member of the Criminal Justice Honor Society. She is currently a,d ranked on the President’s List. She will graduate summa cum laude in May with a GPA of 3.89. As a Junior, Jenny was invited and Inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing. She serves on the board of the nursing student union. The Criminal Justice program has a strong emphasis on hands-on learning and a high focus on the community. Upon graduation, Jenny plans to work as a full-time member of the criminal justice system.

Education: ANDREW DOUTREE
Andrew is a December 2008 elementary education graduate. He has exhibited exemplary performance throughout every phase of the educational program. As noted by his cooperating teachers, Carolyn Norley and Shelly Stenholm, he has made a great impact on children during his student teaching. Andrew Doutree has an amazing spirit in the classroom. He is committed to students and the teaching profession is inspiring. He not only had a great knowledge of the science subject matter, but he is able to teach and relate it to the students.

Engineering Technology: DAVID HEDBERG
The exceptional academic performance displayed by David has earned him several scholarships. Including Marquette Range Engineers, Outstanding Achievement, Michigan Minority Competitive, and more. David has been named to the Dean’s List seven times, with a 3.92 GPA. He began his career at NLMU in the Freshman year, as a member of the football team on campus. David has contributed to countless NLMU organizations, including the Hybrid Car (2 semester), Student Leader Fellowship, International Student Organization, Christian Fellowship (2 semester), and University Choir (1 semester). Additionally, local high school students benefit from David’s work as an Upward Bound math and science tutor. He also facilitates the district soccer/football and is actively involved with his church.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation: SHYNA ARE
Shyna has an overall GPA of 3.85. As one of his professors writes: Shyna walked into my office a few years ago, fresh from Japan. He already had a definite niche to study the sport and exercise sciences. I suggested that he take English I his first semester, but Shyna resisted the course. Chemistry ... no problem. Physics ... no problem, but no, English.' He wanted a semester to become more comfortable with English, which was very true to him. He corrected. For Shyna, math, chemistry, physics were ‘no problem.’ In addition to the stringent required courses for sports science, he has also completed MET 211 – Mechanics, MET 336 – Psychology, and MET 452 – Study Skills and directed research in study. Shyna presented one of his undergraduate research papers at the International Society for Bloomington Professional Educators (ISBPE) in May 2008. During the past summer. He has also presented his joint research on rock climbing and is currently working on two additional research projects. Shyna plans to pursue a graduate degree in biomechanics upon graduation from NLMU.

Nursing: SAMANTHA LAGERMAN
Samantha has exemplified merit throughout her career at NLMU. She began as a Freshman Fellow and has continued with mentored research, multiple presentations and acceptance at national, regional and local conferences. Samantha has further distinguished herself by receiving the University’s nursing scholarship, the highest academic nursing curriculum and will graduate summa cum laude in May with a GPA of 3.89. As a Junior, Samantha was invited and Inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing. She volunteers in the community with the Medical Care Access Coalition and Room at the Inn. Upon graduation, Samantha plans to continue her education through a nurse residency program.

Sociology and Social Work: FRANCISCA VACHON
Francisca was born and raised in Quebec City, Canada. He moved to the United States in 2005 and enrolled at NLMU in 2006. This was Francisca’s first experience living away from home. He maintained an overall GPA of 3.91 while completing a double major. Francisca has tutored three different courses, served as a counselor of campus ministry, and of the Freshman year. He has been an active member of the Homelessness in the Upper Peninsula project, on which he will be giving a conference presentation. He intends to earn a Ph.D. and become a professor of sociology.
Technology and Occupational Sciences: MARIA KRAWCZAK

Maria has chosen that she will graduate from her training, development, and performance improvement master’s program with a 4.0 GPA in May 2009 with a plethora of both research and practical experience. She has earned her bachelor’s degree in Homeland Security at the Detroit Police Academy in May 2005. She returned as a graduate and has earned two training certificates and her master’s degree. She also earned, in 2007, certification in the field of Homeland Security in her role as a community mediator. She is currently employed in the Dean of Student’s Office. She has co-authored and presented multiple workshops on Homeland Security and has authored a paper, “Dr. John Perkins (1988-1781),” for the Dictionary of Early American Philosophers, with publication expected in April 2009.

Mathematics and Computer Science: ANGEL INGLESE

Angel is a mathematics teacher and the technology coordinator at North Dickinson High School, Mich. In 2002, she was recognized as an “Educator of Distinction” from the National Society of High School Scholars, and was nominated for the 2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year award. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and a teacher-leader in the Dickinson-iron Intermediate School District. She conducts in-services for local classroom teachers and has recently on the use of “clickers” in the classroom, which was also the subject of her master’s project. Angel graduated from Kingdon High School and earned her bachelor’s degree in 1998 and master’s in mathematics education in December 2008 from NMU. She is married and the mother of three young children.

Psychology: ROBIN MACKIE

Robin has been selected to have graduated from her training, development, and performance improvement master’s program with a 4.0 GPA in May 2009 with a plethora of both research and practical experience. She has earned her bachelor’s degree in Clinical Psychology in May 2005. She returned as a graduate and has earned two training certificates and her master’s degree. She also earned, in 2007, certification in the field of Clinical Psychology in her role as a community mediator. She is currently employed in the Dean of Student’s Office. She has co-authored and presented multiple workshops on Clinical Psychology and has authored a paper, “Dr. John Perkins (1988-1781),” for the Dictionary of Early American Philosophers, with publication expected in April 2009.

College of Professional Studies

Education: BONDA MANNINEN

Bonda is a health occupations teacher at Marquette Senior High School. She received her master’s degree in science education in December 2008. She completed original research and was awarded a thesis titled, “Effects of Problem Solving on Confidence and Understanding in High School Health Occupations/Career.” Bonda is an expert in integrating science content material with implementing collaborative learning, problem-based learning, and science inquiry in her high school science and health courses. She is active in community service and has been a positive influence in the lives of many Upper Peninsula youth and School of Education students and faculty. In addition, he has been a volunteer utilization assistance for research. GETS has helped him to develop his research on cycling at NMU and has a paper currently under review for publication in Measurement in Physical Education and Coaching. She has also been an active substitute assistant to Sports BioMechanics and is conducting two research projects with Phil Watts. Following graduation, Jim hopes to work with an elite skier in an exercise program and/or begin further graduate study at the Ph.D. level.

Outstanding Graduating Seniors

College of Arts and Sciences

Art and Design: CLAIRE MULLEN

Claire came to Northern as a transfer student from Jackson University in the Fine Arts Architecture. With this background, she developed the skill of hand-rendering her designs using traditional ideas of perspective. As a painting major at Northern, Claire confirmed her concern for process and a definition of the forms she portrays in a unique blend of drawing and painting media. She currently pursues a pure painting approach that depicts the human form with subtle social concerns. With a minor in psychology, it was only logical that she would develop an academic and artistic approach to the creative process, which will serve her well in future studies at the graduate level in art therapy. It has been a rewarding experience as her professor to work with someone as dedicated and talented as Claire. The culmination of her effort would be seen in the 2003 Senior Exhibit held in the DeVos Museum at the end of the semester.

Biology: JULIAN DUPSUS

The sages of old once foretold a young scholar would join our ranks A mandolin-playing, trout-staying, reflecting soul to Gichigami’s banks do honor student, diligent, prudent, for all a joy to be found. Morphing facial hair (can compare, always, laugh-free) no a brown Tamba to Superior, quality never inferior in writing, genetics or bugs both far and near, he speaks brilliantly clear, embraces all intellectual tags A future insomniac, mucous provoked through rigor, talent and fun one of the best we’ve had. Biology’s outstanding grad, Julian Rowe Dupuis

Chemistry: TORI LAFLEUR

Tori came to NMU as a transfer student from Western Michigan University, but originally hailed from Escanaba, Mich. We chose Tori because she has a solid major in chemistry with a true interest in becoming a scientist. She independently sought out involvement in undergraduate research and currently works with Dr. Susan Logan at Northern. Tori was also an author in the Catherine Teeter on studies in population and evolutionary genetics. Tori also won the departmental award in analytical chemistry last year. She is an author in the paper she plans to attend graduate school to pursue studies in genetics.

Communication and Performance Studies: TRAVIS MOSCINSKI

Over the past four years, Travis has led the way for the NMU theatre program. He has been a tireless worker, putting in literally hundreds of hours on set design at the Footlight Theatre at Roberts Theatre. Since coming to NLMV, Travis has performed lead roles in 11 mainstage productions and 10 roles in Black Box studio productions. He has also served as a costume technician for nearly every show produced during that time. On top of that, Travis has maintained a 3.78 GPA and remained an excellent example for aspiring theatre students.