

## THE STATE OF YOUR COMMUNITY'S COLLEGE – 2016

Since 1958, North Central Michigan College has been opening the door to academic success for residents by offering two-year associate degrees in the arts and sciences that are transferable to four-year universities. In addition, North Central has paved the path to better-paying careers through its applied science programs in business, education, health science, criminal justice, information technology and legal assistance. Equally important, North Central provides a second chance for residents by advancing their skills, switching careers or just getting more from life through education.

In Fall, 2016, 50 high school graduates from Charlevoix County were part of the 2,590 students attending North Central. The total enrollment from Charlevoix County was 406 (16%) of our total student body. There are 662 dual/concurrently enrolled students, including students from the Early College cohorts from Petoskey, Boyne City and Gaylord High Schools. In 2017, the first cohort from Petoskey High School will graduate from North Central, as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> graduating class of nursing students.

The Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machining program continues to grow. In two years, we have enrolled 135 students and achieved 51 completions. We have dual-enrolled students in Boyne City, Central Lake and East Jordan High Schools and added Wolverine High School in Fall 2016. The CNC Career Center is in demand helping students find internships and jobs in manufacturing while helping employers fill their CNC job openings. The Garden Party event premiered on August 14, raising \$65,000 net for scholarships and equipment to benefit North Central's CNC program. Students at all of the participating high schools received scholarships for winter 2017 as a result of this program. The Garden Party will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2017.

North Central launched a new environmental sustainability program in Fall, 2016 offering an associate of arts degree for students transferring to a four-year college or university. North Central Michigan College and the Industrial Arts Institute, Inc. (IAI) are proud to announce a new associate degree program at North Central in welding beginning in January, 2017. The general education and a portion of the technical skills coursework is completed through North Central with the remaining technical skills coursework being completed through an agreement with IAI.

North Central's Corporate and Community Education continues to support area businesses with partnerships with Networks Northwest and the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center. In April, 2016, North Central launched a branch of the Small Business Development Center on the Petoskey campus. This new partnership in northern Michigan will give small business owners and those considering starting a business access to a wide variety of business development tools. North Central Michigan College is partnering with Networks Northwest to deliver Small Business Development Center (SBDC) services in the Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet area. The partnership with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center – Northern Lower (MMTC) will provide training and educational programs to local businesses in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties. This partnership will provide access to Lean Business, Train the Trainer, Leadership and Secession Planning programs for businesses in the three counties.

Corporate and Community Education also offers American Heart Association classes for businesses and individuals wishing to attain life-saving skills and required certification. Classes are hands-on and customized to individual and industry needs. Look for classes in Heartsaver CPR/AED, First Aid, Basic Life Support for Providers and other health and safety programs offered on campus and at area companies.

The North Central Lecture Series and Luncheon Lectures bring national and regional speakers into the community and are open to the public. Our campus offers the Harris Sculpture Garden with 26 unique pieces of outdoor art for public viewing and the 195-acre natural area for hiking and bird-watching. The Student and Community Resource Center continues to be a hub for great physical activity, with more than 17,000 users of the courts and fitness center each year. During the holiday break in December, 2016, the total count for track, courts and fitness room users was 4,228, an average of 300 users in our community center each day.

And finally, in November, 2016, the ballot proposal renewing North Central's operating millage passed by nearly a 2 to 1 margin (10,921 Yes and 5,553 No) with 67% of the voters supporting North Central Michigan College. Virtually every voting district's percentage of "yes" votes increased from the last millage election in 2006 -- with a low of 9% improvement to a high of 20% improvement, and an average improvement of 13%. City of Petoskey (Precincts 1 and 2) produced the highest percentage of yes votes, with 81% and 77% respectively. North Central expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the show of support from our city and our county.