

MEET THE NEW NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT

David Roland Finley, Ph.D began his tenure as president of North Central Michigan College on July 2, 2018. With a promise of exciting new opportunities, and an emphasis on community and collaboration, Dr. Finley will be focusing on enhancing North Central's contributions to the community.

Gaylord and Cheboygan citizens will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Finley at two informal "Meet the President" sessions to be held at North Central's off-campus centers in Gaylord and Cheboygan on Thursday, August 16. Cheboygan community members are invited to the Straits Area Education Center at 504 Division Street from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Gaylord community members are invited to the new Gaylord Center at 620 E. 5th Street from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. No RSVP is necessary.

Previously, Dr. Finley served more than two years as the provost and vice president for academic affairs (interim) at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, where he also served as dean of the College of Business and Engineering from 2012 to 2018. Prior to his work at LSSU, Dr. Finley was vice president of academic affairs at Trine University in Angola, Indiana.

Although he began his career as an environmental consultant, Dr. Finley found his niche in academia. He is driven by a passion that education—and access to education—are the great equalizers, and he is an ardent advocate for campus-wide diversity and cross-cultural experiences.

Dr. Finley received a bachelor's degree in atmospheric and oceanic science and a master's degree in atmospheric science, both from University of Michigan. He also holds a master's degree and doctoral degree in chemical engineering, both from Wayne State University.

Dr. Finley is a member of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, the American Society for Engineering Education, the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary.

North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey, with additional locations offering classes and services in Cheboygan and Gaylord. North Central's mission is to provide educational, economic and cultural opportunities for student learning, personal growth and community improvement. North Central is an Achieving the Dream Leader College and a Veteran Friendly School.

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