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Welcome to Northern Michigan University

Like many of you, this will be my first year at NMU. I believe we have chosen to become part of an outstanding higher education institution.

I hope your experience at NMU will be one full of personal growth and discovery, academic and professional development, and the kind of fun experiences that make for lifelong memories. I plan to get involved in as many opportunities as I can to immerse myself into the campus and Marquette community. I hope you do, too.

If you have questions, don't be timid. The Northern faculty and staff want to help.

Best wishes for a life-changing educational experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie E. Wong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leslie E. Wong
President

About Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University was founded in 1899 as a regional teacher's college. Today it enrolls about 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students who are taught by more than 300 faculty members on a main campus of 336 acres. Constants throughout Northern's history are its reputation for excellent and innovative educational opportunities, its caring faculty and staff, and its natural setting.

Located in Marquette, Michigan, a city of 20,000, Northern offers the best features of rural and urban living in a safe and clean environment. Academically, Northern offers more than 180 programs in 28 different academic departments with credentialing that ranges from certificates and associate degrees to master's degrees. Over 80 percent of Northern faculty members have doctorates or the highest degree in their field.

Northern Michigan University Mission Statement

Northern Michigan University, by providing quality academic programs, strong student support, and extensive regional service for its stakeholders in the upper Midwest, challenges its students, faculty, staff, and alumni to strive for excellence, both inside and outside the classroom, and to become outstanding citizens and leaders.

To accomplish this mission, Northern provides a supportive living and learning environment that includes high-caliber undergraduate and graduate programs, personal attention, extensive use of modern technology, and continuous improvement of curriculum and services through systematic assessment. Challenging themselves and their students, Northern faculty and staff are dedicated to effective teaching and intellectual inquiry; to including students as learning partners in their research, scholarship, and other professional activities; and to advancing the university's roles as a service provider and as a cultural and recreational center in the Upper Peninsula. Northern Michigan University students will study ethics, humanitarian values, and cultural awareness in a strong general education program as well as master specific knowledge in a major career field. As graduates who are life-long learners, they will possess the skills and attitudes to succeed in a fast-paced, constantly evolving, multi-cultural world. As alumni, they will be challenged to continue an NMU tradition, that of distinguishing themselves in their careers and communities.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2004-2005

Fall Semester 2004

Orientation for new students	Wednesday-Friday, August 25-27, 2004
Enrollment for continuing and re-entry	Thursday-Friday, August 26-27, 2004
Early drop/add	Friday, August 27, 2004
First official day of classes	Monday, August 30, 2004
Labor Day observance—no classes	Monday, September 6, 2004
Planning/conference day—no classes	Friday, October 8, 2004
Thanksgiving recess begins at 8 a.m.	Wednesday, November 24, 2004
Classes resume	Monday, November 29, 2004
Last day of classes	Saturday, December 11, 2004
Examination period	Monday-Friday, December 13-17, 2004
Commencement	Saturday, December 18, 2004
Final grades due from faculty	Tuesday, December 21, 2004

Winter Semester 2005

Orientation for new students	Wednesday-Friday, January 12-14, 2005
Enrollment for continuing and re-entry	Thursday-Friday, January 13-14, 2005
Early drop/add	Friday, January 14, 2005
First official day of classes	Monday, January 17, 2005
Midsemester recess begins at 5 p.m.	Saturday, March 5, 2005
Classes resume	Monday, March 14, 2005
Last day of classes	Saturday, April 30, 2005
Examination period	Monday-Friday, May 2-6, 2005
Commencement	Saturday, May 7, 2005
Final grades due from faculty	Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Summer Semester 2005

First official day of Session I classes	Monday, May 16, 2005
Memorial Day observance—no classes	Monday, May 30, 2005
First official day of Session II classes	Monday, June 27, 2005
Independence Day observance—no classes	Monday, July 4, 2005
Last day of classes	Saturday, August 6, 2005
Final grades due from faculty	Tuesday, August 9, 2005