



2023
C O M M E N C E M E N T

NORTH CENTRAL LOYALTY SONG

*North Central, North Central,
To thee our song we raise.*

*North Central, North Central,
In gratitude and praise.*

*These college days will come and go,
But through the years will ever glow
Our memories of thee.*

*North Central, we give our minds,
North Central, we give our hearts,
We give our loyalty.*

Music & Lyrics (1963)
– Ross Stoakes Jr.



NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE

63RD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 5, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Petoskey Plastics Arena, Student and Community Resource Center

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

David Roland Finley, Ph.D., President

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Performed by Stephanie Maendel,
NCMC Class of 2023 graduate

Accompanied by Leonhard Maendel,
Miss Maendel's father

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

David Roland Finley, Ph.D., President

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

David Roland Finley, Ph.D., President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Debbie Stabenow, United States Senator
B.A., M.A., Michigan State University

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

David Roland Finley, Ph.D., President

Stephen Strom, Ph.D.,
Vice President of Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Stephen Strom, Ph.D.,
Vice President of Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Dan Rasmussen, Board Chairperson

Davina Gutierrez, Ph.D.,
Professor of Human Biology

Charles McCaffrey, MLA, M.Ed.,
Professor of English and History

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

David Roland Finley, Ph.D., President

ALUMNI WELCOME

Chelsea Platte, Vice President for Advancement
Executive Director - NCMC Foundation

RECESSIONAL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Graduates, the word *commencement* means “a beginning.” You have achieved a significant new beginning, which in itself is cause for celebration. The new opportunities that will present themselves because of your new beginning are also cause for celebration.

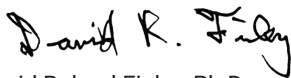
However, perhaps the greatest celebration is that you have arrived at this moment. For some of you, it has been a bumpy path to travel: obstacles, hurdles, roadblocks, detours, maybe even a U-turn. Yet you persisted, and now you sit at a major new beginning.

There is freshness to new beginnings; there is excitement in the air, and I believe it is invigorating. I hope you hold on to the spirit of this day. I hope you enjoy your new beginning. And I hope you will remember this day and this college as you travel your new path.

You will be the College’s representatives in many disciplines and many places throughout the world, and I trust that your work will reflect honor upon and bring greater strength to North Central Michigan College.

You have achieved one set of goals, and now it is time to reach for another. Remember: Your degree is not an end, but rather a beginning—a catalyst for the inception of what you will become.

Congratulations, graduates! Go forth and make your mark on this world.



David Roland Finley, Ph.D.



MISSION

To provide exceptional, accessible, relevant higher education to the benefit of all.

VISION

To become the premier student-centered college, as partners on the learning journey.

As such, North Central will be recognized for student success and equity, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning, energizing the social and economic vitality of the communities it serves.

VALUES

Excellence, Integrity, Results, Stewardship, Compassion, Inclusion



Sen. Stabenow will receive an honorary degree to recognize her 24 years of public service as a U.S. senator and four years of service as a congresswoman.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER U.S. SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW

Born in Gladwin and raised in Clare, Debbie Stabenow attended Michigan State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a master's in social work. After graduating from MSU, she worked with youth in Michigan's public schools.

Stabenow was just 24 when she was elected to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. She went on to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives for 12 years (1979-90), and then the State Senate, where she served for four years (1991-94). Two years later, she was elected to represent Michigan's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2000, Stabenow made history when she became the first woman from Michigan elected to the U.S. Senate. Early this year, she announced that she will not seek re-election and will retire from the Senate when her term ends in January 2025.

Stabenow's legislative priorities include protecting and preserving the state's Great Lakes and agricultural land, expanding access to quality health care, and creating jobs for Michiganders. As chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, senior member of the Senate Finance and Budget committees, and member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, Stabenow has a significant role in shaping the nation's health care, manufacturing, infrastructure, environmental and agricultural policies.



North Central Michigan College's seven trustees are elected by Emmet County voters to serve without compensation for a six-year term.

Seated are, from left: Trustee Chris Etienne, Vice Chair Dave Kring and Secretary Melissa Keiswetter. Standing are, from left: Treasurer John Fought, Chair Dan Rasmussen, Trustee Jennifer Shorter and Trustee James Shirilla.

THE MEANING OF HONOR CORDS, MEDALLIONS AND STOLES

The Academic Honor Cord recognizes the student's academic achievement in an associate degree or certificate program.

Gold and Yale – Highest Distinction, GPA 3.90 - 4.00

Gold – High Distinction, GPA 3.70 - 3.89

Yale – Distinction, GPA 3.50 - 3.69

STUDENT SENATE – WHITE CORD

A student-run government organization, Senate allows NCMC students to participate in institutional government by representation on Senate and College committees. Student Senate members assist in planning a variety of extracurricular activities held throughout the year. Student Senate members are identified by the white Student Leadership cord.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS – PURPLE CORD

North Central's Student Ambassador Program provides student-leaders with opportunities to participate in an official capacity at campus events throughout the year. The program brings together students from all areas of the community to enrich and enhance leadership and communication skills, personal growth and professional development, while creating lasting ties with students' future alma mater. Student Ambassadors wear the purple Student Ambassador honor cord.

MILITARY SERVICE – RED, WHITE & BLUE CORD

Graduates who have served in the United States Armed Forces wear the red, white and blue Military Honor cord in recognition of their service to our country.

ATHLETICS – SILVER AND PEACOCK CORD

The NCMC Athletic Department provides positive opportunities for student-athletes to advance their academic, athletic and personal achievements through intercollegiate sports. Graduates who have completed two seasons of eligibility or who have been on the roster for both the Fall and Winter semester of their graduation year wear the silver and peacock Student-Athlete Honor cord.

EARLY COLLEGE – THE MEDALLION

The Early College program allows high school students to receive both a high school diploma and a North Central associate degree simultaneously, graduating after their fifth year of high school. Our Early College partners include Boyne City Public Schools, Gaylord Community Schools and Public Schools of Petoskey. Early College graduates wear the Early College medallion.

PHI THETA KAPPA – GOLD STOLE

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges while helping them grow as scholars and leaders. PTK provides opportunities for leadership and service, an intellectual climate fostering the exchange of ideas and ideals, lively fellowship for scholars, and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

Membership is by invitation only; eligible students must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA with at least 12 credits completed to be formally inducted into PTK. Members of PTK wear the gold PTK stole.

STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the mission of the National Student Nurses Association (SNA), the mission of North Central's Student Nurses Association is to organize, represent and mentor North Central students preparing for their initial licensure as registered nurses; to promote the development of skills to be responsible, accountable members of the nursing profession; and to advocate for high-quality health care in a multicultural society. SNA membership is voluntary and open to all nursing students. While all graduating nurses wear the royal blue NCMC Nursing stole, not all are SNA members.

THE MEANING OF COLORS

The hoods worn by members of the Faculty and Administration provide information about each wearer's academic background. The length of the hood denotes the wearer's degree (bachelor's, master's or doctoral). The color of the lining denotes the school from which the degree was conferred, and the color of the velvet edging denotes the field of learning. Following is a list of colors established by the Intercollegiate Code, which set the standards for academic dress in the United States. Except for revisions in 1932 and 1959, the code has been unchanged since its inception in 1895.

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| MAIZE – Agriculture | RUSSET – Forestry | DARK BLUE – Philosophy |
| WHITE – Arts, Letters and Humanities | MAROON – Home Economics | SAGE GREEN – Physical Education |
| DRAB – Business Administration | CRIMSON – Journalism | PEACOCK BLUE – Public Administration |
| LILAC – Dentistry | PURPLE – Law | |
| COPPER – Economics | LEMON – Library Science | SALMON PINK – Public Health |
| LIGHT BLUE – Education | GREEN – Medicine | GOLD YELLOW – Science |
| ORANGE – Engineering | PINK – Music | CITRON – Social Science |
| BROWN – Fine Arts, Including Architecture | APRICOT – Nursing | SCARLET – Theology or Divinity |
| | SILVER GRAY – Oratory | GRAY – Veterinary Science |
| | OLIVE GREEN – Pharmacy | |

THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of leadership and authority, is carried by the senior faculty member at all formal college events and is displayed on the platform during these functions.

North Central's mace was designed by Leon Nash, adjunct art instructor and North Central's director of Campus Housing, and manufactured with assistance from Kevin Glines, director and trainer for the college's Mobile CNC Lab.

Measuring 42" long and weighing 7.5 pounds, the mace is constructed of ash and oak trees, both native to Northern Michigan. Ash was selected because it is known as a traditional handle-making wood, and oak lends stability to the head of the mace.

The "X" design on the bottom of the mace is symbolic of four arrows coming together at a single point, representative of students, faculty, staff and community members from different backgrounds converging at a single destination, North Central Michigan College, for a common purpose: to seek and impart knowledge. At the opposite end of the mace is a guiding arrow with a Flame of Knowledge inside, representing the conclusion of one's journey at North Central and the resulting transfer of knowledge.

The College seal is displayed prominently on one side of the mace head, matching the President's Medallion, which is worn during formal college events. The remaining three sides are blank at present, the College's future chapters yet to be written.



DEGREES CONFERRED

Certificate of Development

Certificate

Associate of Applied Science

Associate of Arts

Associate of General Studies

Associate of Science



CONGRATULATIONS!

2023 GRADUATES

CERTIFICATE OF DEVELOPMENT

Basic EMS

Sydney Nicole Blair
Madeline Anne Zeilinger

Business of Art

Michael L Lyons

CNC Machinist Technology

Ronald Charles Cronk
Monte J Follette

Corrections (State)

Kameron Dennis Fulgenzi
Jourdan Oelke

Graphic Arts

Abigail Lynn Oliver
Annelisa Chere Lynn Price

Medical Billing and Coding

Katherine Astrid Losinger
Karen L McFarland
Jessica McGuiness

Phlebotomy Technician

Mackenzey Lynn Morrow

CERTIFICATE

Accounting Assistant

Tamara Dautel
Jessica Ann Galle
Cherayn P Oom

Animation

Ashley Cady
Madison Nicole Conlin
Christopher Steven Vagts ***

Art - Fine Craft

Emily Belski ***

Computer-Aided Design

Jacob John Bascom

Computer Information Systems

Evan Rogers *

EMS/Paramedic

Laura Cook
Jamie Maire Dean
Cain Makowski ***
Matthew Joseph Robinson
Savannah Jane Roemer **
Nicholas Slowinski

Manufacturing Technology

Eden M Lavender

Medical Assistant

Olena Dundon **

Medical Billing and Coding

Linda Diaz
Rebecca V Freel *
Harmony Anne Jobe
Amber Lambert
Katherine Astrid Losinger
Mackenzey Lynn Morrow
Lorena Irene Phillips **

Small Business Management

Lani V Sundelius *

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Accounting

Annabelle Grace Arman
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Zane Rea Newton

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Business Management

Tamara Dautel
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Paige Nicole Jones
Rose Eisabelle Kenwabikise
Haley Marie Robishaw

Criminal Justice

Ethan T Crisp
Brandon Scott Mason
Zachary Scott Miller
Amber Nicole Ramsby
Billie Jo Solgot
Keegan Tyler Whisker *

Early Childhood Education

Carys M Chimner **

EMS/Paramedic

James Edgar Rowe Jr
Wendy Elizabeth Rowe

Marketing

Tiana Marie Bennett ***
Tamara Dautel

Nursing

Natalie Aiken
Brooke Ashley Beyer *
Amanda Burns
Keri Anne Carson **
Rebecca Eve Clouser
Elizabeth A Coenen *
Jennifer Alene Escobar
Isabelle Reece Fogle **

Codie Arianne Galer
 Adriana Gilroy
 Ciara Holle **
 Emily Austin Lindeman **
 Rebecca Meadows
 Elizabeth Anne Moore **
 Madison Nicole Murphy
 Ryan Neal Osika
 Jeffery August Radle *
 Sara Recker *
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 Sarah Anna Stoyk **
 Tayler Marie Walker
 Eric Zachary Wehner **
 Heidi Longway Wilson
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 Maverick Dean Jackson *
 Tabitha R Jakeway
 Lilah Grace Johncheck
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 Brock Allen Kloss
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Jenna Jean Wiertalla *
Chee Dra Yang



CONGRATULATIONS!

You are the newest members of NCMC alumni, joining more than 11,000 graduates who have gone before you and positively impacted our campus and our community, the state and the country.

As you leave North Central today, stay connected with our NCMC Alumni Association so that we might support you throughout your journey and celebrate with you in times of success.



Scan the QR code to stay in touch!



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STAY CONNECTED.

STAY INVOLVED.

STAY IN TOUCH.