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*North Central Michigan College provides
exceptional, accessible, relevant higher
education of and for the community.*

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Lou Kasischke, A.A., B.A., J.P.

Lou Kasischke was part of a 1996 expedition to climb Nepal's Mount Everest that forever changed his outlook on life. A combination of human error and extreme weather resulted in the deaths of eight of his fellow climbers and left Kasischke stranded 400 feet below the summit with a life-or-death decision: Should he push forward to the top or turn around and descend the mountain?

Kasischke wrote about the experience two years later but he did not share his account publicly until 2014, when he published the book "After the Wind: 1996 Everest Tragedy—One Survivor's Story."

A Harbor Springs resident, Kasischke has lived his entire life in Michigan, but his love of the mountains and alpine endurance sports has taken him to many remote parts of the world, including all seven continents.

Kasischke holds a law degree and Certified Public Accountant certification, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Business degree from Michigan State University and an associate degree from Delta College.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Marion Kuebler

A lifelong champion of education and a longtime member of the College's Board of Trustees, Kuebler served as a North Central trustee for 20 years, from 1997 until she retired in 2017. She also served on the NCMC Foundation's Board of Directors from 2003 until 2021.

During her tenure on North Central's Board of Trustees, Kuebler worked tirelessly to promote major projects at the College, including the construction of the Student and Community Resource Center, the Jack and Dorothy Harris Health Education and Science Center, and the recent Borra Learning Center renovation and addition. She also served on many Foundation committees while volunteering her time to help with annual events such as the NCMC Cookout, the Scramble for Scholarships golf outing, and the Garden Party.



2022 COMMENCEMENT

May 6, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.

*Student Community Resource Center
Petoskey, Michigan*



DEGREES CONFERRED

Certificate of Development

Bookkeeping
Graphic Arts
Legal Assistant
Medical Billing and Coding
New Media
Office Support Specialist

Certificate

Accounting Assistant
Animation
Computer-Aided Design
Management
Manufacturing Technology
Medical Assistant
Medical Billing and Coding
Studio Art

Associate of Applied Science

Accounting
Business Management
Computer Information Systems
Criminal Justice
Early Childhood Education
Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic
Marketing
Nursing
Office Administrative Services–Medical Office Emphasis

Associate Degrees

Associate of Arts
Associate of Arts–Concentration in Early Childhood Education
Associate of Arts–Concentration in Psychology

Associate of General Studies

Associate of Science

COMMENCEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

*Dr. David Roland Finley, President
North Central Michigan College*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Stephanie Maendel
North Central Michigan College Student
Leonhard Maendel
Father of Student, Accompanist*

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Dr. David Roland Finley, President

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

*Dr. David Roland Finley, President
Dr. Stephen Strom, Vice President of Academic Affairs*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. David Roland Finley, President

ADDRESS

*Lou Kasischke, A.A., B.A., J.D.
Author, Businessperson, and Community Member*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

*Dr. Stephen Strom, Vice President of Academic Affairs
North Central Michigan College*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

*Philip Millard, Chair, Board of Trustees
Jennifer Wixson, M.S., Professor of Early Childhood
Education
Erick Haight, M.A., Professor of Psychology*

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Dr. David Roland Finley, President

RECESSIONAL

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, master, 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.

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

The Meaning of Student Honor Cords & Medallions

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

Yale - Distinction, GPA 3.50 - 3.69

Gold - High Distinction, GPA 3.70 - 3.89

Gold and Yale - Highest Distinction, GPA 3.90 - 4.00

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

The Military Honor Cord recognizes Veteran and Active Duty Members and their service to our country.

WHITE

The Student Leadership Honor Cord recognizes Student Senate membership.

PURPLE

The Ambassador Honor Cord recognizes Student Ambassador membership.

The Medallion recognizes our Early College graduates.