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Royal Dutch are Coming Home Champions

A record number of registered student organizations participated in Coming Home week, January 26-31. The theme was “Grease”. The movie theme corresponded with Northwood’s 50th anniversary.

Organizations competed in a Banner Competition, a Hach Center Competition, The Timberwolf Showcase, a halftime competition and a karaoke night. They also had a Penny War competition. All organizations donated their proceeds to help two children go to Walt Disney World through the Kids Wish Foundation. Each organization earned points for participating and then additional points if they won an event. The team with the most points at the end of the week earned the title of Coming Home Champions. The overall winner of Coming Home week events were the **Royal Dutch**. This was the first year our Dutch students competed for the title.

All Northwood students voted for the Coming Home King and Queen. Queen nominees were: **Danielle Hodges** (Alpha Gamma Delta), **Marissa Baecker** (Student Alumni Board), **Ellen Esakov** (Delta Epsilon Chi), **Jacqui Ferguson** (NU Blue Crew), **Courtney Wallace** (Circle K), **McKenzie Rowley** (COGS), **DaShawn Primm** (Alpha



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Mock Trial Rises to the Next Level

In the past, NU has sent either one or two teams to the same tournament. This past weekend, for the first time in history, NU sent two separate teams to two separate competitions. Professor Arbulu transported and coached the NU Team that competed on Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18, 2009 at the 3rd annual Ohio Northern University Invitational Tournament. They finished with a winning record of five wins, two losses and a tie on one scoring judge's ballot. They earned this record by competing against the University of Minnesota, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan University and Carnegie- Melon.

In addition to the team's success NU sophomore, **Jeonnay Sullivan**, earned a perfect ranking score. Although several NU attorneys have previously achieved a perfect ranking score, this is the first time in the history of our program that a witness has achieved an Outstanding Witness Award based on a perfect ranking score. This means that every judge, who listened to the six witnesses (three from each school), in every round that **Ms. Sullivan** appeared in, ranked her as the best witness in the room.

Professor Leapheart accompanied the other NU Team who competed for the first time at the 9th annual Invitational Tournament at UCLA, which commenced on Friday, January 17th and ended on the following Monday (Martin Luther King Day). This NU team never lost a round while competing in four rounds of mock trials. In the rounds of the competition against Northwestern, Pittsburgh, NYU, and Arizona State University, NU was selected as the winner on the scoring ballot of one of the two scoring judges. Each time the other scoring judge selected their opponent. As a result, NU finished with a record of four wins and four losses.

Out of the more than three hundred students competing on the forty teams attending the UCLA Tournament, twenty-three were selected for individual honors. No team in the competition earned as many individual awards as Northwood. NU was the only school that had three of its students selected for individual honors from one team. **Lou Danner** and **Lilli Merchant**, each earned an Outstanding Witness Award. **Jonathan Hartsfield**, earned an Outstanding Attorney Award.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ONU tournament:

Jasmine Davis
Jacqueline Ferguson
Ariel Lett
John Hardison
Keri Jewel
Kofi Opoku
Jeonnay Sullivan
Pat Wixson

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the UCLA tournament:

Lou Danner
Jonathan Hartsfield
Danielle Hodges
William Freeland
Ajane Jackson
Lillian Merchant
Dale Torbert

Volunteer

United Way Volunteer Center of Midland County

Contact Us @ 631-7660 or find us online www.unitedwaymidland.org

MAKE POPCORN: A local hospital is seeking adult volunteers who would enjoy popping and selling popcorn to help purchase needed medical equipment. Volunteers work as partners so it is a great opportunity for friends or family members to provide volunteer service together. The Popcorn Service operates Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LUNCH BOX LEARNERS: Share your love for reading with an elementary student during his or her lunch hour. Volunteers are needed to share their love of reading with an elementary age student during the lunch time once per week. Volunteers are needed at many of the elementary schools in Midland County. Commitment is once a week during the school year – October - May.

NOW RECORDING: Urgent Need! More volunteers needed by a local agency that provides recorded matter for the visually impaired is searching for volunteers to assist in their recording library. Help sort, duplicate and mail recorded music tapes. Also help with mailing informational brochures to clients. Volunteers must have good organizational skills, good computer skills and enjoy working with other people. Min. age: 16 - Adult.

LOOK AT THE BOOKS: Local organization is in need of a volunteer CPA to review their books. Volunteer is asked to schedule time during the week at the office. This is a great opportunity for a retired CPA looking for a little volunteer time.

CHECKING VOICE MAIL: A few individuals are needed to check the SOS voicemail box. This can be done from your home. Then, if the volunteer can answer the caller's question, return the caller's voicemail. Instructions are written out for the individuals who take this job.

AMBASSADORS: Volunteers will assist in providing support to patients during their hospitalization. Duties include visiting patients, providing informational materials and lending a friendly ear. Hours of volunteer service are 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm with some flexibility offered. A TB test is required. Minimum age: 18

FRIENDLY VISITORS/SHOPPERS: Many seniors in Midland County would like a friendly visitor or assistance with their crafting projects, reading, writing letters or shopping. Men are especially needed to be companions for older men. Many seniors do not have family in the immediate area and would like to spend an hour or two per week talking about current events or just getting acquainted with someone new. Min. age for Friendly Visitors: 14. Min. age for Shoppers: 18.

The United Way Volunteer Center office is located at 220 W. Main Street, Suite 100 in the Strosacker Center in downtown Midland.

Bay Area Social Intervention Services BASIS

Free HIV/AIDS Testing

BASIS is offering free on-campus HIV/AIDS testing
(Bay Area Social Intervention Services, Inc.)

Wednesday
February 4th & February 18th
1:30pm – 3:00pm

To schedule an appointment
Stop by or call the Health Center
989-837- 4268

MCHS Volunteer Opportunities

Feb 16, 9am – 4pm HOMESCHOOL DAYS (Pelts to Pioneers)

Learn about the history of fur trade and local Native American history and use that to assist in leading activities and tours for homeschool students.

Feb 17, 7:30–9:30pm HERITAGE SERIES PROGRAM

Hospitality Volunteer needed to serve cookies / punch / coffee

Feb 28, 12-6PM GIRL SCOUT CADETTE PROGRAM

Learn about and help teach women's history.
Lead projects including crochet and basic weaving.
Assist in preparing a historic snack.
Assist with group activities.

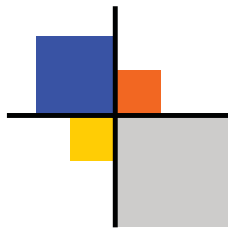
Various Dates/Time TOUR GUIDE

Guides are needed for School and Adult Group Tours (Times Vary)

Flexible Times CARPENTERS

Various Carpentry Projects (We provide the tools & material)

Contact Tammie Swinson @ MCHS for more Information
631-5930 x 1302 or swinson@mcfta.org



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“Inquiring Minds Want to Know...”

Answers to questions you've always wondered about...

Where would I find a list or ranking of the world's most ethical companies? Are ethical companies more profitable?

Judging companies in grey areas like ethics can be misleading. A company can have the best ethics regulations, reporting structures and managerial oversight in the world and still have an unethical senior management. Or, a company may be doing poorly in the market, and people may not be convinced about the soundness of the internal processes of the business, no matter how elaborate and ethical they may be. So, don't judge a company totally by what you see in the press or the market. Ask instead, "Does an ethical company have all of the things it needs to be successful?" and then judge the company.

Additionally, ethical behavior is different in each industry, so try to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges. The ethical behavior on Wall St. is different from the behavior at an Iowa farm. *(adapted from BUSLIB-L, 10/17/08)*

Check out these resources:

"2008 World's Most Ethical Companies" Ethisphere Magazine , <http://ethisphere.com/wme2008/>

100 Best Corporate Citizens - CRO Magazine http://www.thecro.com/?q=be_100best

Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World (<http://www.global100.org/>)

Forbes.com, under "lists" - there's a ranking list of companies for Corporate Social Responsibility.

Fisher-Vanden K. & Thorburn, Karin S. (2008). *Voluntary Corporate Environmental Initiatives and Shareholder Wealth* (Center for Economic Policy Research, Paper No. DP6698). Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business: European Corporate Governance Institute. [Available through Social Science Research Network].

Transnationale.org has a list of the companies with the worst ethical rankings. Check it out at <http://www.transnationale.org/>

Source: BUSLIB Listserve



Beware of SAD Time

Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, affects approximately 3% of the population. For these people the dark, dreary days of winter cause a mood shift making daily activities difficult.

What are the symptoms:

- Difficulty getting out of bed
- Weight gain
- Decreased energy
- Feelings of anxiety or depression
- Fatigue
- Difficulty Concentrating
- Avoiding social situations
- Irritability

What can you do:

- Talk to a professional counselor
- Exercise
- Good nutrition
- Spend more time in the light.
- Increased lamp light is helpful
- Open the curtains - avoid dark rooms

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Thursday, April 2, 2009

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Hach Student Life Center
Midland, Michigan**

Business Professional Dress is Required



Royal Dutch are Coming Home Champions

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Chi Omega) and **Sara Snider** (Delta Zeta). The King nominees were: **Kurt VanEnkevort** (Student Alumni Board), **Nick de Gilde** (Royal Dutch), **Ata Rammuny** (Phi Delta Theta), **Tim Sampson** (Church Reloaded), **Dan Waskiewicz** (SAAC), **Treveen Fulton** (Minority Business Leaders), **Drew Pollack** (Sigma Phi Epsilon), **Alex Clark** (Alpha Kappa Psi) and **Alex Maki** (Resident Assistants). Northwood students voted **Nick de Gilde** to be their king and **Danielle Hodges** to be their queen.

Queen Danielle Hodges and King Nick DeGilde; Alpha Gamma Delta at the Showcase; The Hach Competition



Volunteers Needed for Spring Carnival

The Freeland PTO Spring Carnival is looking for volunteers on March 21st.

The carnival is from 1:00 - 3:00 but we ask that volunteers be there at 11:00 am and stay until 4:00 pm.

All volunteers are provided with lunch and a t-shirt.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Shannon, shannon@princing.com

MARTIN LUTHER KING KING King-Size CELEBRATION

Vocal Class

Saturday, February 7, 2009 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Griswold Lecture Hall
Northwood University's Griswold Communications Center
Lunch included • \$15 per person
RSVP to Olga Fagan • 989.837.4478 by February 5.

"Food for the Soul" Community Dinner

February 8, 2009 • 5 p.m.
First Baptist Church, 915 E. Sugnet Rd., Midland, MI 48642
989.835.6731 • \$10 per person

Donna McElroy in Concert

6 p.m. • First Baptist Church
(Concert portion is free of charge)

Jazz vocalist and Berklee Professor, Donna McElroy is a remarkably talented performer, vocalist and arranger. She arranged and sang back-up on gold and platinum releases by Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, Amy Grant, BeBe and CeCe Winans, and many others. She received a Grammy nomination for her own pop-gospel album, Bigger World, and won a Dove award for her contribution to the inspirational compilation album, Songs from the Loft. She has appeared on The Tonight Show and the Grammy Awards, received a best actress award in 1993 for the Circle Players' performance of Nunsense, and traveled throughout the world pursuing her musical and missionary work.



Event is sponsored by Northwood's Midland Campus Arts Program, The Alden B. Dow Creativity Center, The Minority Business Leaders organization of Northwood University, and the First Baptist Church of Midland.



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Contact Paula Ulmer, ulmer@northwood.edu, for more information.

Team Ford Commercial Captain Scholarship Informational

Would you like the opportunity to be the 2009 Team Ford Commercial Captain and receive a \$2500 scholarship?

John Goshorn, commercial business manager for Ford Commercial, will be hosting a presentation to explain the requirements necessary to be the 2009 Team Ford Commercial Captain. Those interested in attaining the Captain position must attend for consideration. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided!

The briefing will be held on Monday, February 9th at 8:00pm in Sloan 110. Business casual dress will be expected. If you have any questions please contact Jake Pruett, Heavy Truck Chair at heavytruckchair@northwood.edu

GET FIT Series: Hip Hop Abs and Yoga

The ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta are leading a variety of classes to help get everyone fit for life - or swimsuit season.

HIP HOP Abs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00pm- 10:00pm in the Hach Dance/Multi-Purpose Room and Beginner Pilates and Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:00am- 10:50am in the same place.

All the equipment is provided by the Hach, but you may want a water bottle. Come dressed to work out, have fun, and get fit!

Join us when you are available, no commitment is expected.

Advice from a Trainer: Something to think about



By **Graham Reay**

An interesting article was released on December 31, 2008 by a company called Humana. Humana is one of the largest health and supplemental benefits companies in the United States. They handle medical records and offer full service health benefits solutions (Humana, 2008). The name of the article was “Obesity Comes With a Price Tag” and this article is about how much the obesity epidemic is threatening and straining the health care system in the United States. So let’s just get this straight, we are experiencing a banking crisis in America, which has led to a housing crisis in America, and now we have obesity to top it all off. Humana estimates the average cost for every pound a person is overweight will be \$19.39 in 2009 that is an average of \$1,037.64 per person and \$127 billion total added to the national health care bill. These costs come from the range of harmful side effect being overweight or obese can cause such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and even some types of cancer. Also we must look at the stress being overweight puts on major joints like the knees, hips, and even the lower back (Humana, 2008).

This is no way for the “Greatest Nation in the World” to live. We are the future ladies and gentlemen, its time for us to stop being so lazy, stop eating foods with high sugar and fat contents, and stop making excuses for ourselves. We have the power stop to this epidemic. Obesity shouldn’t be killing people in the US. Let’s leave that to unavoidable things like cancer or old age. It’s not very hard considering that according to Humana a reduction of a mere 276 calories a day can get the average overweight individual headed in the direction of health. This is as little as giving up one soft drink a day or walking an extra 2,500 steps (Humana, 2008).

Humana estimates that the US population as a whole consumes an extra 23 trillion calories a year! That’s the same as 46 billion Big Macs, 114 billion Krispy Kreme donuts, or 152 billion bags of chips. Oh and here is something to think about the next time you go to the gas station to fill up. Those 23 trillion calories mentioned before has the energy equivalent of 788 million gallons of gasoline. The next time you are playing your X-box and have to put new batteries in your controller realize that the 23 trillion calories mentioned earlier has the energy equivalent of 96 trillion AA alkaline batteries (Humana, 2008).

Think about these facts long and hard readers. It is up to us, each and every one of us, to make the difference in the US. Let’s stop this epidemic and get things back on the right track. Let’s save some jobs in the US, because with this hefty price tag on the health care system people are getting laid off to cut company costs. If you have any questions about how to get started with an exercise program or any comments on this article please contact me at GVR021@hotmail.com.

Source :

Humana (2008, December) Obesity Comes With a Price Tag. Retrieved January 28, 2009, from http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20081231005280&newsLang=en

Sports Highlights

Track Teams Compete At Northern Michigan

The Northwood track and field teams competed at the NMU Northern Challenge Saturday afternoon (January 31).

No team scoring was taken at the event, which was held at the Superior Dome on the campus of Northern Michigan University.

On the men's side, Northwood took home nine individual events. **Will Fulton** led the way by earning a NCAA automatic qualifying mark in the 55 meter dash (6.27). **Fulton** also earned the win in the 200 meter dash (22.14). **Parris Gooch** hit a NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the long jump at 23-2. **Craig Borsenik** was a double-winner for the second straight week, taking home first in the shot put (48-2) and the weight throw (52-9). **Marcus Bennett** earned first place in the 55 hurdles (8.06), while **Justin Esch** claimed the win in the 400 with a mark of 50.25. Northwood also earned a win in the 800 thanks to **Jared Fischer** clocking a 1:53.95.

Freshman **Rachel Hettinger** led the way for the women's team, winning the 55 meter dash (7.55) while placing third in the 200 (26.81). NU continued its strong performances in the throws, as **Kristin Cameron** finished second in the weight throw (49-1) and third in the shot put (38-1). **Cameron's** mark in the weight throw once again breaks her own school record. **Christy Kulp** finished second in the shot (39-2), while **Katie Anema** was third in the weight throw (45-0). Northwood also earned a two other second place finishes, as **Katherine Simonson** was second in the 400 with a time of 1:00.45 and **Hannah Stone** was the runner-up in the 800 (2:21.52).

Northwood will travel to the DII Challenge February 7.

Women's Basketball Defeats Tiffin 62-52

The Northwood University women's basketball team earned its 15th victory of the season Saturday (January 31) with a 62-52 victory over Tiffin.

The Timberwolves are now 15-4 overall, 10-4 in the GLIAC. Tiffin is 5-14 overall, 3-11 in the GLIAC.

Both offenses performed better in the second half, as Northwood out-scored the Dragons 37-36. The second half saw **Jodi Ostergren** and **Megan Starnes** combine for 22 points. The Timberwolves led by as many as 17 in the second half before settling for a 10-point victory.

Ostergren finished the game with a team-high 15 points. **Starnes** added 11 points and 12 rebounds, while **Karlie LeRoy** added 12 points.

Men's Basketball Falls To Tiffin 71-64

Four players finished in double-figures for NU, led by **Marcus Moore** with 14 points. He also added seven rebounds and two blocks. **Lionel Sullivan** (added 13 points and eight rebounds, while **Tony Marcotullio** and **Chris Johnson** each finished with 11.



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Eugene Beckham: SCALE Models, Reptilian Illustrations

February 7 through May 3

“SCALE Models, Reptilian Illustrations,” an exhibition of fifteen original ink and watercolor paintings by Midland artist Eugene Beckham will be featured during the exhibit “Lizards & Snakes: ALIVE!” at The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art. Both exhibits are included with admission: \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and free for museum members. Tickets may be purchased at the museum or in advance by contacting the Ticket Office at 800-523-7649 or by visiting www.mcfta.org. Museum hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday with extended hours on Thursday evenings to 8 pm; and 1 pm to 5 pm on Sunday. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Dr. Beckham received his PhD in Zoology from Louisiana State University, and is a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Natural Science at Northwood University in Midland. In addition to his artistic pursuits, Dr. Beckham is a collector of 19th- and 20th- century natural history illustrations. Dr. Beckham’s illustrations demonstrate an essential attention to detail, and were published in the field guidebook, *Amphibians and Reptiles of Louisiana*.

“Lizards & Snakes: Alive!” is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (www.amnh.org), in collaboration with Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta, and the San Diego Natural History Museum, with appreciation to Clyde Peeling’s Reptiland. The exhibit is sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company, Quick Reliable Printing, Citadel Broadcasting, The Dow Chemical Foundation, Dow Corning Corporation, Dow Corning Foundation, Three Rivers Construction, and WNEM TV5.



MATRIX:MIDLAND Cinema

Man on Wire

Thursday, Feb. 5 & Friday, Feb. 6 – 7 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 8 – 3 p.m. (no Saturday showing)

On August 7, 1974 a young Frenchman named Philippe Petit stepped out on a wire illegally rigged between New York’s Twin Towers, then the world’s tallest buildings. After nearly an hour dancing on the wire, he was arrested, taken for psychological evaluation and brought to jail. James Marsh’s documentary brings Petit’s extraordinary adventure to life through the testimony of Philippe himself, and some of the co-conspirators who helped him create the unique and magnificent spectacle that became known as “the artistic crime of the century.” Winner of the Audience and Jury Prizes at Sundance 2008. www.

manonwire.com In English and French with English subtitles. USA/U.K., 2008. Rated PG-13.

Tell No One

Friday, Feb. 13 & Saturday, Feb. 14 –7 p.m. & Sunday, Feb. 15 – 3 p.m.

Winner of two Cesar Awards (Best Director and Best Actor) and a Lumiere Award (Best Film), this French thriller is based on Harlan Coben's international bestselling novel by the same name. Pediatrician Alexandre Beck still mourns the loss of his wife Margo eight years earlier. When two bodies are found near the scene of the crime the police reopen the case, naming Alex as a suspect, while an anonymous email containing a video clip of Margo suggests that she may still be alive. www.tellnoonemovie.com. In French with English subtitles. France, 2006. Not rated.

Admission is \$6 at the door or in advance at MCFTA Ticket Office (989) 631-8250.

Pecha Kucha Nights in Midland

On two upcoming Tuesday evenings, February 10 and April 14, Creative Spirit Center opens its gallery to creative people, artists, and designers with an interest in sharing their work with others. The gallery's new audio-visual equipment and lighting are available to show slides or to highlight a performance or reading that is 6 to 7 minutes in length. Attendance does not require making a presentation, but anyone who wishes to present will be given time to do so. The event is a potluck, with participants bringing a dish or beverages to share. Thad Hallberg and John Metcalf, both of Midland, will facilitate the evening.

Pecha Kucha Night, devised by Astrid Klein and Mark Dytham (of Klein Dytham architecture), was conceived in 2003 as a place for creatives to meet, network, and show their work in public. The key to Pecha Kucha Night is its system for keeping the sessions lively. Each presenter is allowed 20 images, each shown for 20 seconds each – giving 6 minutes 40 seconds of fame before the next presenter is up. This keeps presentations concise, the interest level up, and gives more people the chance to show. Pecha Kucha (which is Japanese for the sound of conversation) has tapped into a demand for a forum in which creative work can be easily and informally shown without expense or complication. This is a demand that seems to be global – as Pecha Kucha Night, without any pushing, has spread virally to over 100 cities across the world. More information at www.pecha-kucha.org.

Open Auditions at MCFTA

Open auditions are being held at Midland Center for the Arts for *Urinetown, The Musical*, a playful, satirical romp that pokes outrageous fun at greed, corruption, love and even musical theatre itself! Auditions will take place in Rehearsal Rooms A & B at Midland Center for the Arts on Friday, February 20 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, February 21 at 1 pm. Director Bill Anderson Jr. of Midland and Music Society artistic director Jim Hohmeyer are looking to cast approximately 18 adults in this highly acclaimed Broadway hit, nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Audition packets are available at the main reception desk at MCFTA, 1801 W. St. Andrews Road, Midland. Performance dates for *Urinetown* are April 24, 25, 30 and May 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. Great comic fun and terrific character roles promise to make this a great volunteer experience. For more information, contact Emily Anderson at the Music Society office, 631-5930 x 1270 or email andersone@mcfta.org.

Bryce Rucker Earns First Place in Bauervic Essay Contest

The Charles M. Bauervic Foundation held its annual reception for the Fall Term Essay Challenge at the Sloan Family Building for Aftermarket Studies on January 29. The Bauervic Challenge focuses on “honoring a lifelong commitment to encouraging private enterprise for the public good through education, dedication and advocacy”. Charles Bauervic, a former automobile dealer, established the foundation in 1967 and the award, established 29 years later in 1996, seeks to honor his work and philosophy by encouraging free enterprise for the public good. Each year students are asked to write an essay on a pre-selected topic concerning free enterprise. They are then judged and prizes are presented to the first, second and third place winners at this reception.

This year’s topic was “The Case for Eliminating the Federal Reserve”. Judges for the contest were Professor Glenn Moots, Professor Benedict Hughes and Isaac Morehouse (the director of students for a Free Economy at the University of Detroit-Mercy and enrolled in their graduate program). The winners were welcomed by Provost Dr. David Long and Academic Dean John Grether said a few words about the history of the contest at Northwood. Dean Grether acknowledged all participants and commented on how each year he is impressed with the caliber of essays submitted. He stated that past winners have gone on to work in public policy and attend graduate school in areas such as economics, law and finance.

The Bauervic Fall Challenge essay contest is annually coordinated by Cheryl A. Smith, interim director of the Alden B. Dow Creativity Center and director of campus and cultural arts at Northwood University. Smith stated that no matter where each student placed in the essay contest they now have a piece of work they can use as a writing sample when applying for jobs and graduate school.

The winners of the Bauervic Challenge are: **Bryce Rucker** (1st), **Chris Smith** (2nd), **Emily Dimet** (3rd) and **Steve Cronk** (Honorable Mention).



Emily Dimet, Bryce Rucker, Steve Cronk, Chris Smith
Photo courtesy of S. Brown