A message from Jerry Linenger
Honorary Chair of the Great Lakes Campus Campaign

From my perch in space living aboard the Russian space station Mir , I experienced a 'whole new view' of the planet. I can vouch for the fact that there is no other part of the globe more recognizable, more spectacular than the Great Lakes region, particularly northwestern Michigan with its deep, aqua-colored lakes and bays contrasted by the green of its woods.

The Great Lakes Campus sits on the water's edge of this special spot on earth, and it is spectacular!

The research, learning, and conference opportunities offered are unmatched. The Great Lakes Water Studies Institute can easily become the nidus for research and coordination of all regional efforts aimed at protecting and using wisely our water resources. Longer term, it has the potential to become a world-class integrator of knowledge concerning fresh water issues.

The Maritime Academy will turn out mariners who are both proficient and fully understand that when using our lakes and oceans for commerce they must responsibly protect that resource from harm. The Professional Development Center, with its state-of-the-art conferencing technology, allows us to share regional knowledge globally; and conversely, to broaden our own horizons by calling on experts from outside the region. And the Culinary Institute ensures us that we will not have to live on a diet of dehydrated space-food, but rather enjoy all of the fine food and drink that our region has to offer!

Reflect a bit. We are all blessed to be on this special spot on earth. The Great Lakes Campus further enables us to understand better how to use our resources wisely, how to protect the gifts that we have, and allows us to share the knowledge gained with others.

Support it. Embrace it. Actively participate.

Jerry M. Linenger,
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FUNDING THE PROJECT

To fund the Great Lakes Campus, NMC succeeded in securing significant support from the State of Michigan and the Grand Traverse County bond millage. To complete the funding campus equation, the NMC Foundation has launched a Great Lakes Campus Campaign to seek support from the regional philanthropic community.

The Great Lakes Capital Campaign Committee is a group of over 35 community volunteers under the leadership of co-chairs Bob Brick, RE/MAX Bayshore Properties, and John Pelizzari, President of Fifth Third Bank of Grand Traverse.

Project Cost	**$ 18.05 million**
State of Michigan Capital Outlay	$ 8.1 million - secured
Bond Millage	$ 7.0 million - secured
Great Lakes Campus Campaign	$ 2.95 million

Many giving options exist for donors who wish to name one of the rooms and spaces of the Great Lakes Campus building. For more information about the Great Lakes Campus Campaign, call the NMC Foundation Office at 231- 995-1021 or visit the web site at: www.greatlakescampus.org

Co-chairs, Great Lakes Campus Campaign

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Buy a Fish, Join the School!