

# NMC Great Lakes Culinary Institute is cookin'

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TRAVERSE CITY—  
Annual tourists may notice a change on the bayfront this year.

The Great Lakes Culinary Institute, located in NMC's Great Lakes campus, opened its doors on Jan. 16. Since then, it has been host to several dinners and luncheons, seminars, conferences and of course, classes.

"It's had a tremendous

impact on the program," Fred Laughlin said.

Laughlin is department chair of the culinary arts program. "It has the ability to provide students with top quality training and a great location."

According to Laughlin, the program's previous building had only one kitchen, compared to the new facility's five. He added that the new facility's smallest kitchen has more burners combined

than their old building.

One of the highlights of the Great Lakes campus is a working restaurant, which will train students in "a la carte" cooking. It will open to the public in mid-September for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch, Tuesdays through Thursdays. The restaurant will be run by second-year students in the Culinary 295 course.

In the future, Laughlin hopes to see the program

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Fred Laughlin of NMC's Great Lakes Culinary Institute.

grow to its maximum capacity of 150 students, as well as add beverage and restaurant management programs.

Plans are also in the works for revamping the pier after Cherry Festival, to make the site more user-friendly for both the culinary program

and public fishing.

"I think this program is extremely important to the community," Laughlin said. "It also adds a lot to the attraction of Traverse City. This is definitely a showcase property from every perspective."

The Great Lakes Culinary Institute and the National Cherry Festival continue to partner on providing the best in cherry prepared dishes during the Festival. The Festival provides two culinary scholarships each year to studying chefs assisting with the Festival's Taste of Cherries presented by Bank One.

The application deadline for the culinary institute's fall semester is August 25.

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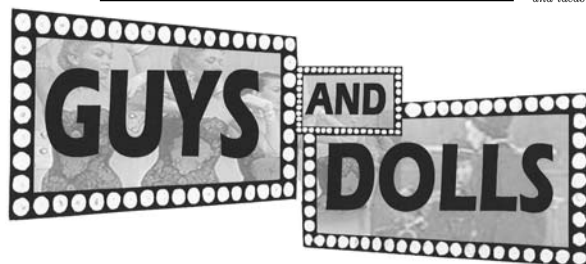
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