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North Ed Career Tech Strengthens Partnership with Michigan Tech with MOU Signing

Agreement Includes \$1,000 Annual Scholarship for Students

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Northwest Education Services (North Ed) and Michigan Technological University (Michigan Tech) strengthened their partnership today by renewing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that creates a number of opportunities for students attending North Ed's Career Tech programs.

Students who successfully complete both junior and senior years in the Engineering Academy (*formerly Manufacturing Technology Academy*) program at Career Tech can receive a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable annually, if they enroll at Michigan Tech as first-year students. The MOU outlines several other areas the institutions agree to collaborate on, such as providing learning opportunities for students.

“This is an incredible partnership that truly benefits our students by providing them with excellent academic opportunities and financial support at a very well-respected university,” said North Ed Superintendent Dr. Nick Ceglarek. “We greatly appreciate the relationship we have with Michigan Tech and look forward to exploring new and exciting ways to build that partnership and further support our students.”

In effect for three more years, the MOU formalizes an intent and understanding between the two institutions to identify initiatives that expand student learning, exploration and apprentice programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) career pathways.

By signing the MOU, the parties agree to explore the following:

- The collaboration on educational enrichment and learning opportunities including guest lectures, seminars, and workshops by Michigan Tech
- Partnership on regionally-based summer and short courses for local students
- Mutually increase support and visibility of North Ed and Michigan Tech programs, including the Engineering Academy and Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs

- The continuance of a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 annually (renewable) for students who successfully complete both years of the Engineering Academy program and enroll at Michigan Tech as first-year students
- Additional opportunities of mutual benefit and interest.

The MOU formalizing the partnership between Michigan Tech and North Ed was first signed in 2020.

“The continuation of our collaboration is a testament to the incredible teachers and students at North Ed,” said Cassy Tefft de Muñoz, Executive Director of Enrollment Initiatives at Michigan Tech. “The Engineering Academy in particular provides high-quality, hands-on learning while also fostering students’ perseverance and grit – exactly the qualities we value in Michigan Tech students.”

Established in 1996, Career Tech’s [Engineering Academy](#) offers students rigorous academics with a focus on engineering, English, chemistry, physics and calculus. Students learn cross-curricular topics like computer-aided design, 3D printing, fabrication, engineering processes and more, while participating with their peers in various competitions such as the National Robotics Challenge. They can also earn college credits and gain access to mentorships, job-shadowing and more. [Information sessions](#) are scheduled in the coming weeks for those interested.

North Ed Career Tech offers 21 career and technical education programs to about 1,100 juniors and seniors from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties. Programs are open to homeschooled students. The facility is located at 880 Parsons Road, Traverse City. For more information, call 231.922.6273 or visit www.NorthwestEd.org/Career-Tech/.

Michigan Technological University is a flagship technological public research university founded in 1885 in Houghton, Michigan. The university offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, computing, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, social sciences and the arts. The rural campus is situated just miles from Lake Superior in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and is home to more than 7,000 students.

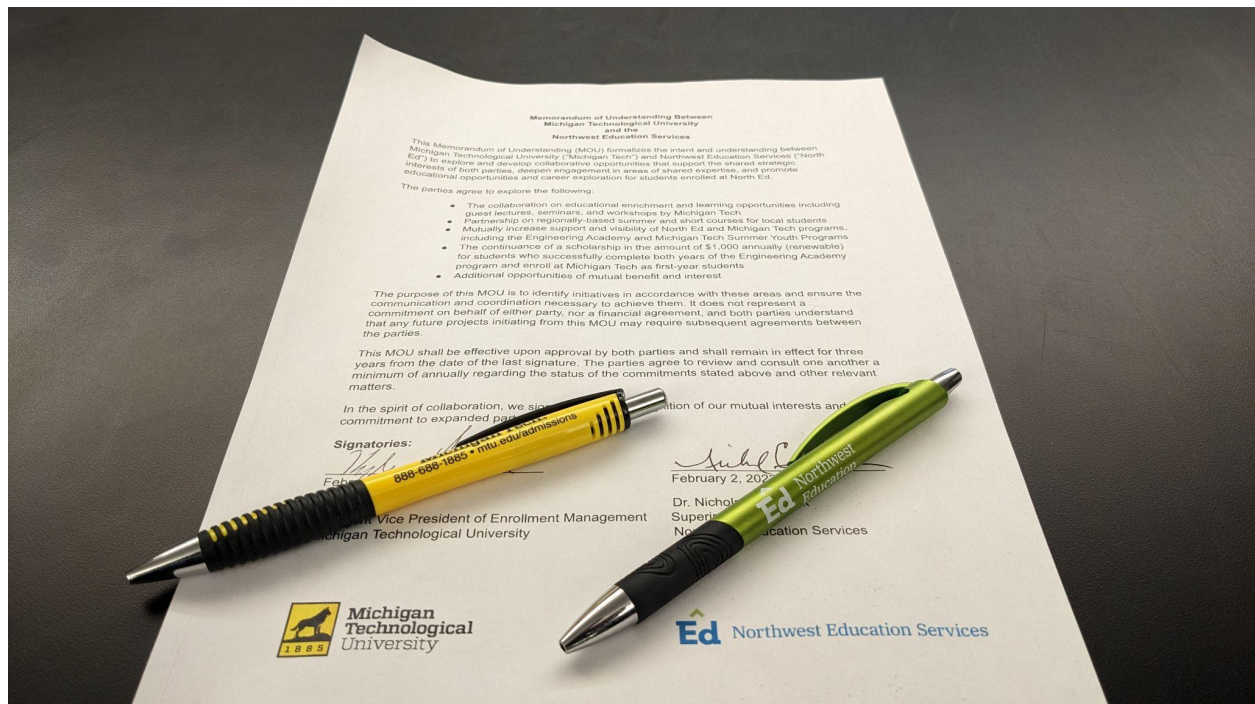
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Kyle Rubin, assistant vice president of Enrollment Management at Michigan Technological University (left), and Nick Ceglarek, superintendent of Northwest Education Services, sign a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations Thursday at North Ed's Career Tech facility in Traverse City. The agreement, first established in 2020, continues a number of benefits for students attending Career Tech programs, including scholarship funding and additional learning opportunities. (Photo courtesy of Northwest Education Services)



Kyle Rubin, assistant vice president of Enrollment Management at Michigan Technological University (left), and Nick Ceglarek, superintendent of Northwest Education Services, shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations Thursday at North Ed's Career Tech facility in Traverse City. The agreement, first established in 2020, continues a number of benefits for students attending Career Tech programs, including scholarship funding and additional learning opportunities. (Photo courtesy of Northwest Education Services)



Leaders from Northwest Education Services and Michigan Technological University signed a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations Thursday at North Ed's Career Tech facility in Traverse City. The agreement, first established in 2020, continues a number of benefits for students attending Career Tech programs, including scholarship funding and additional learning opportunities. (Photo courtesy of Northwest Education Services)