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Please take a moment to view our weekly update to keep current on the exciting happenings around the Upper Peninsula.

Bay College Offers New Program Beginning in Fall 2009



Mi RSA
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Hospitality Management

Award Granted Upon Completion:

Associates in Applied Science

Credits Required: 68 Contacts Required: 68

Program Description

The Associates in Applied Science in Hospitality Management is designed for students who wish to work in the travel and tourism industry. According to the American Hotel and Lodging Association, in the United States, tourism is currently the third largest retail industry, behind automotive and food stores. Travel and tourism industries are one of America's largest employers. With an education in hospitality management, students have a wide variety of potential careers from which to choose in the hotel, restaurant, resort, and tourism industries.

An Investment in Our Future: The Summer 2009 "Earn While You Learn" Initiative

Michigan Works! The Job Force Board's 2009 Summer Youth Employment Initiative, Earn While You Learn, was enhanced through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA), providing youth a summer employment opportunity.

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Upcoming Events

August 26, 2009

Buy Michigan First
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Center
Marquette, MI
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September 3, 2009
**Government Contracting
for Small Business**
"Understanding the Bid"
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Center
Houghton, MI
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September 16, 2009

The six central Upper Peninsula counties of Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft were able to host 57 job sites, and more than 235 youth participated in Earn While you Learn.

Michigan Works! The Job Force Board is pleased to share some of the accomplishments of the youth participants.

In Dickinson County, the Conservation District partnered with the Summer Youth Initiative. This worksite was responsible for the removal of Aquatic Invasive Species from the local waters. They are also conducting a community education campaign which will be set up at the County Fair.



"This week we controlled two invasive species. We pulled Spotted Knapweed on the walking trail in the Norway Myr, and we removed Purple Loosestrife growing along White Creek in an effort to stop the takeover of these plants in the natural wetland area and along

White Creek which runs through Norway," said Ann Hruska, work site supervisor. "When we controlled the Spotted Knapweed, it had to be physically pulled out of the ground. There aren't any native animals that eat this plant, and when it takes over a field it can be detrimental to the native plants and any native animals that may eat there."

The Summer 2009 "Earn While You Learn" Initiative was a positive and value-packed summer that prepared participants for their futures in the workplace.

Building the workforce of tomorrow today, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board.

**Upper Great Lakes
Economic and Workforce
Development Summit**
NMU Great Lakes Rooms
Marquette, MI
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**September 17, 2009
IT in the UP**
M-TEC at Bay College
Escanaba, MI
For More Information
Contact
906.789.6902

**September 30, 2009
13th Annual Education
Legislative Summit**
Northern Michigan University
Marquette, MI
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Contact
906.226.5100

**October 23, 2009
5th Annual UP Non Profit
Conference**
Northern Michigan University
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Contact
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2009 Upper Great Lakes Economic & Workforce Development Summit

Save the Date! September 16, 2009

Economic and Workforce Development Summit

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM EST

NMU Great Lakes Rooms, Marquette, MI

Agenda and Program to Follow –

More Information Soon at www.jobforce.org

Here is what last year's participants had to say:

“**E**very year
I leave the Summit
renewed & re-charged!”

“**G**reat event!
Informative, relevant
and inspiring!”



Lodging:

A block of rooms are reserved at the Country Inn & Suites (906-225-1300), Ramada Inn (906-228-6000) and the Landmark Inn (906-228-2580).

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Our vision is to create and maintain a healthy and growing economy with a local workforce that has the knowledge, skills and abilities to enable local employers to compete and succeed in a global and technologically sophisticated market place.

Thank you for your continued support of economic and workforce development

efforts throughout our region.

Sincerely,

Orrin Bailey
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