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COVID-19 – MSU-Northern followed the Commissioner’s directives and the CDC’s guidelines and transitioned all classes to distance delivery. Eighty percent of Northern’s faculty have conducted an online course in the past which assisted with the transition. Here are some of our major COVID achievements:

- Encouraged students to shelter in place rather than return to campus, resulting in 24 students remaining in the residence halls
- Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence helped the faculty make the transition to online while making sure the courses met all the learning outcomes
- Built a COVID-19 website to centralize all COVID-19 information
- Developed an online tutoring website
- Adopted an optional Pass/Not Pass policy for student grades
- Announced 2020 Spring Commencement will join 2020 Fall Commencement in December
- Cancelled all face to face events, through end of May, developed virtual activities to help the campus community stay connected
- Developed a virtual campus tour and 3D map to enable campus visits to continue

Student Excellence Winners - MSU-Northern is pleased to announce that nine students received Student Excellence Awards this year. This is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU-Northern. Even though the students were not able to receive their award in person, it does not lessen their outstanding achievements.

MSU-Northern Wrestling Team was honored by the NWCA as one of the top All-Academic Teams in the NAIA for the 3rd consecutive year. In 2017-18 they were 3rd academically, in 2018-19 they were NWCA All-Academic Team Champions and this season, 2019-20, they placed 2nd in the NWCA for All-Academic Teams.

Progress on Phase One of the Sports Complex - MSU-Northern broke ground on March 9, 2020, on a major construction project to build an on-campus stadium complex.

Retirements – This year, MSU-Northern has seven retirements. They are John Foley, Associate Professor of Education; Lorraine Johnson, Accounting Associate; Steve Lockwood, Professor of English; Charles Pollington, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; John Snider, Professor of English; Steven Wise, Dean of Students; and Thomas Welch, Professor of Agriculture Mechanics.

Scholarship Awards - The Northern Alumni Foundation and donors gave out 244 scholarships to 180 individual recipients. Overall, the scholarships given totaled \$224,136.

MSU-Northern's Fall Dean's List – The Fall Dean’s List contains 395 students. To be included in the Dean’s List, students must carry a minimum of 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better.

IPS Donates Three New Gen Sets - Interstate Power Systems was on campus Feb.13 to participate in the Career Fair and to donate three 50-kilowatt Gen Sets to MSU-Northern’s diesel program. These units will become a critical component to a new power generation program that Northern’s Diesel Advisory Board has been discussing and planning.