



# **An Introduction to NMC's New President & a Brief 'State of the College'**

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# First Things, First



# Agenda

1. **A New President**
2. **NMC Overview**
3. **COVID and the College**
4. **A Peak at the Future**



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# **The Path I've Travelled**

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION**

- > Northwestern Michigan College**
- > Cincinnati State Community College**

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- > The Banff Centre**

## **CORPORATE EDUCATION**

- > Mount Carmel Health System**
- > American Aggregates/CSR America**

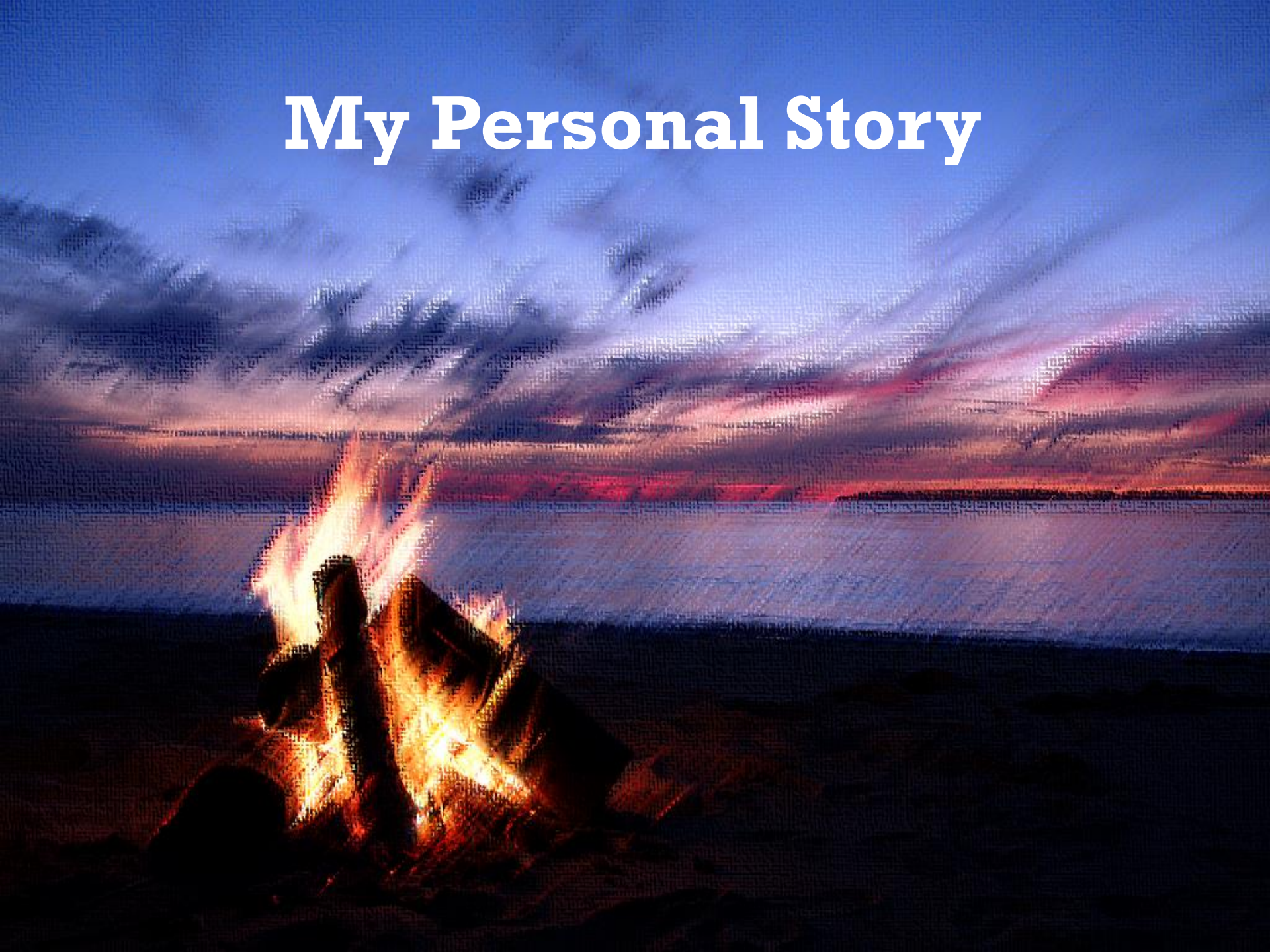
## **BACHELOR'S/MASTER'S/DOCTORAL EDUCATION**

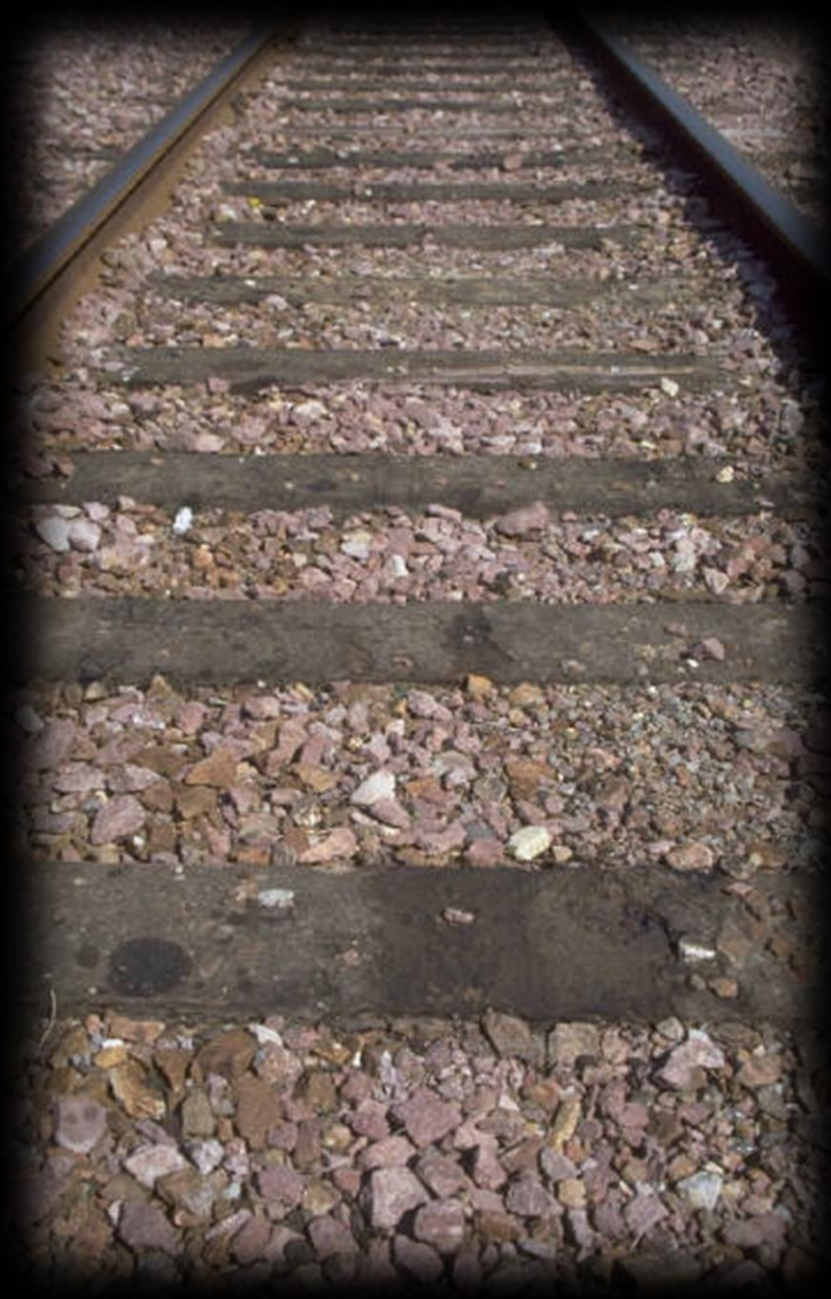
- > The University of St. Thomas**
- > Antioch University**

## **K-12 EDUCATION**

- > School for Creative & Performing Arts**
- > The Milton Hershey School**

# My Personal Story







**“I never had a vision  
for the chocolate company ...”**



**“... my vision  
was to solve  
poverty in America,  
one child at a time.”**

# **My Story ... My Leadership**

## ***Our Community***

### **1. Servant Leader**

*My role is to assist in the accomplishments and fulfillment of the hopes and expectations of others.*

### **2. Possibilitarian**

*I'm committed to helping others think and act beyond boundaries, and to achieve more than was previously imagined.*

### **3. Community Builder**

*"Community-Centered, Community Serving"*



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# NMC - The Big Picture

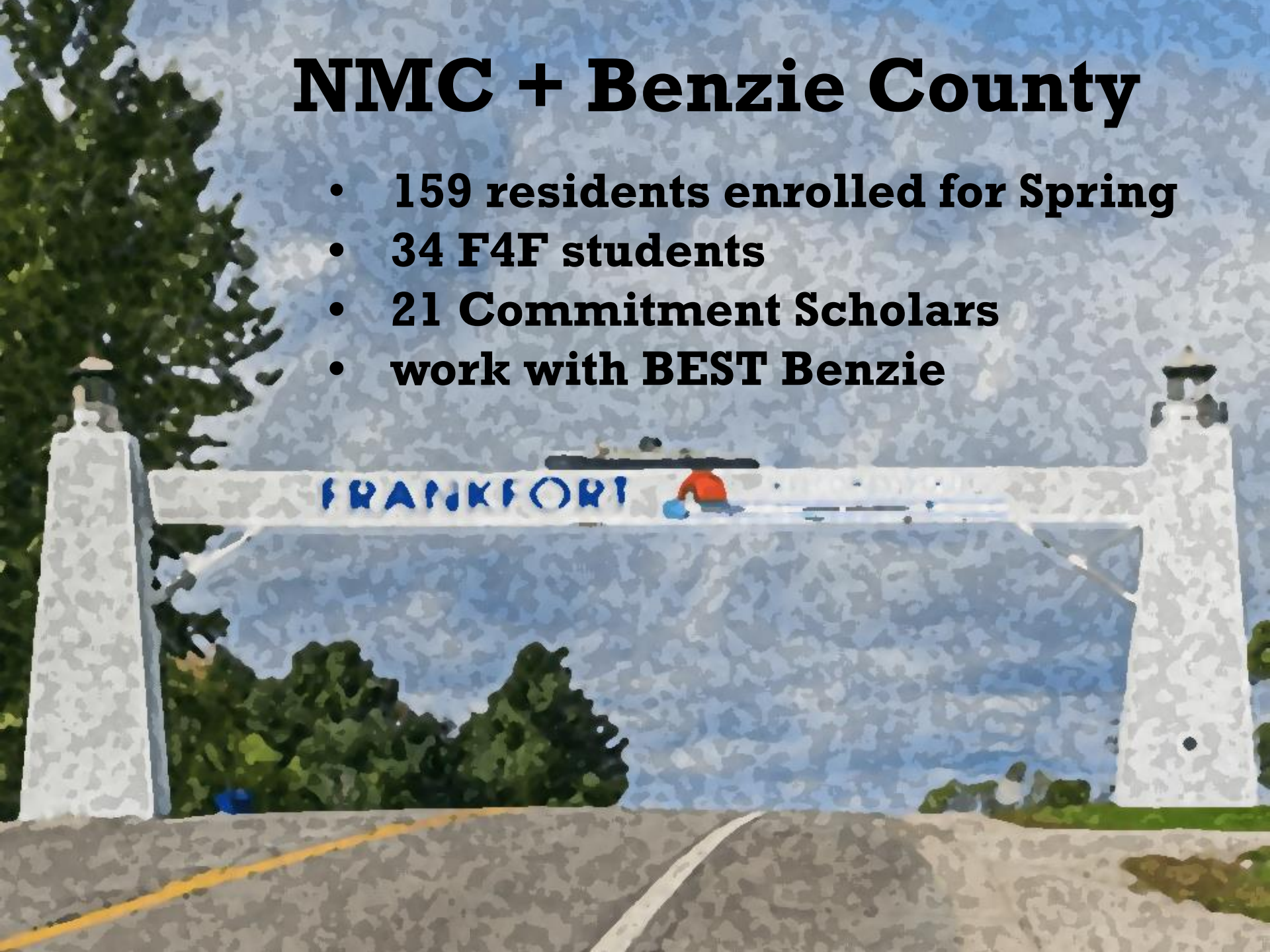


# **NMC – The Big Picture**

- **4,500 Unduplicated Credit Students Annually**
- **University Center, Dennos Museum Center, WNMC Radio Station, Rogers Observatory**
- **Extended Education**
- **50,000 ‘Learners’**
- **Baccalaureate Programming**
- **\$50M Enterprise with \$50M Foundation**

# **NMC + Benzie County**

- **159 residents enrolled for Spring**
- **34 F4F students**
- **21 Commitment Scholars**
- **work with BEST Benzie**



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**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**MARCH 13, 2020**

# Leading Through Covid

4Rs – a framework for helping us  
focus our attention and actions

1. Refocus
2. Reopening
3. Reimagining
4. Righting the Ship

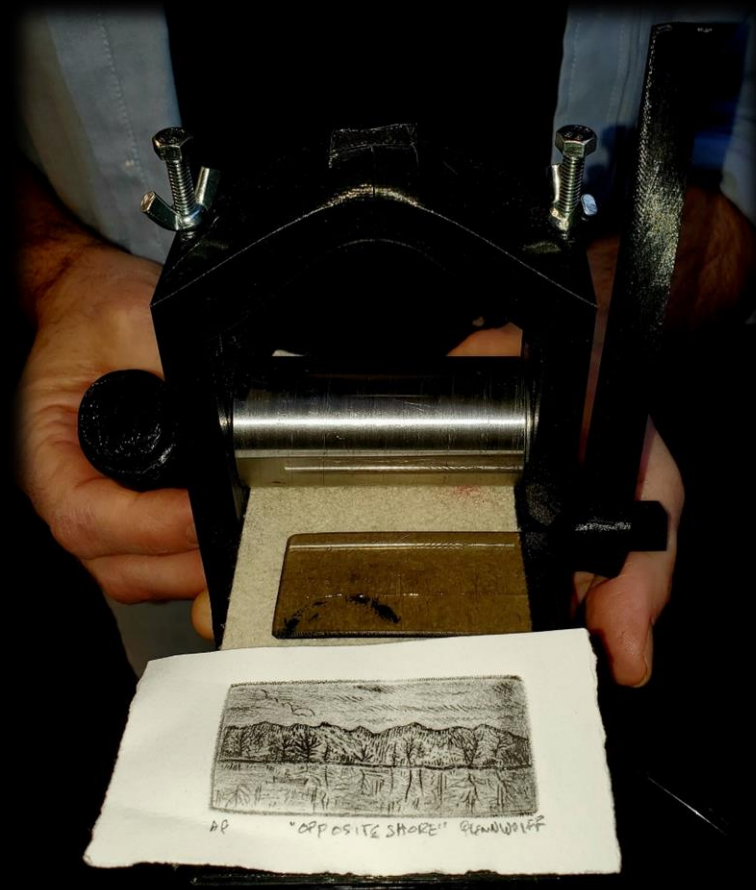
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# (1) Refocus

*The great thing about trapezes, is that you can't hold on to two of them at the same time. You have to let go of the old one in order to reach out and grab the new one. In between letting go of the old one and grabbing the new one, you're not holding on to anything. And that's where all the possibilities are – in between. That's when you learn to fly.*



## (2) Reimagine *'Pandemic Pivots'*



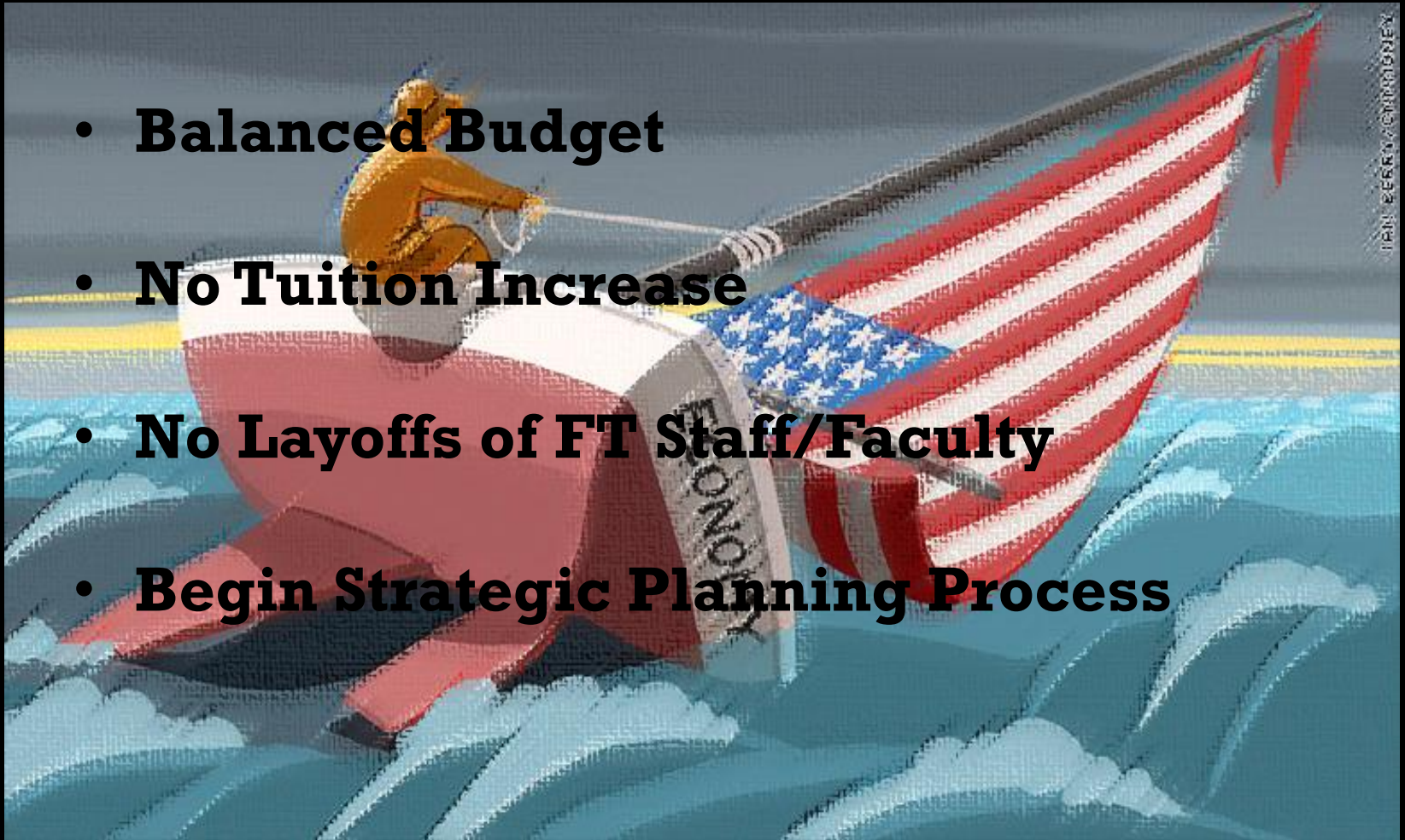
# (3) Reopen

- Reduced Density; Social Distancing; Limiting the Size of Gatherings; Masking; Hand Washing ...
- Positive Cases With Campus Exposure:
  - 29 students
  - 4 employees
- Safety, first; minimize disruption to student learning.



# **(4) Right the Ship**

- **Balanced Budget**
- **No Tuition Increase**
- **No Layoffs of FT Staff/Faculty**
- **Begin Strategic Planning Process**



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# Futures for Frontliners

- Program was designed to **reward those serving in frontline occupations** between April 1 and June 30 who have not yet earned an associates or bachelors degree.
- The program **pays in-district tuition and fees** at a community college for students enrolling at least half-time, to complete an occupational certificate or associates degree program.
- **470 have enrolled at NMC for the Spring semester.** Though the state application for eligibility closed on December 31, 2020, eligible applicants have until the Fall 2021 semester to enroll.



# Reconnect

- Reconnect is intended for Michigan residents who are 25+ years of age, have completed high school but no college degree.
- The program pays in-district tuition and fees at a community college for students enrolling at least half-time, to complete an occupational certificate or associates degree program.
- With nearly 19,000 residents in Northwest Michigan without an associates or bachelors degree, we expect the program to generate a large response.
- 420 applicants to NMC (with enrollment to begin this summer)



# The DNA of NMC

**Together, we're driven to think and act  
beyond boundaries, to achieve more  
than was previously imagined.  
That's the *possibilitarian* spirit of NMC.**





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