

In May 2004, Eric Schleuder, a Novi High School graduate (Class of 2002) and student at Central Michigan University, led a crew of college-age painters who took on the challenge of painting the largest barn on the Farmstead, the South Barn. Over a weekend, Schleuder led his crew from [Student Painters](#) through the hard work of preparing the barn for painting and applying a fresh coat of barn red paint to the entire barn. Paint for the barn painting was donated by Sherwin-Williams. Schleuder and his crew were honored for their efforts with a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Lou Csordas. The efforts of these students show what can be accomplished by community-minded residents, volunteer labor and support from the business community.





South end of the barn before painting begins. The crew of young men and women progress up the barn.



Only a fresh coat of paint to the west side of the barn.

View of the west side of the barn provides a contrast be



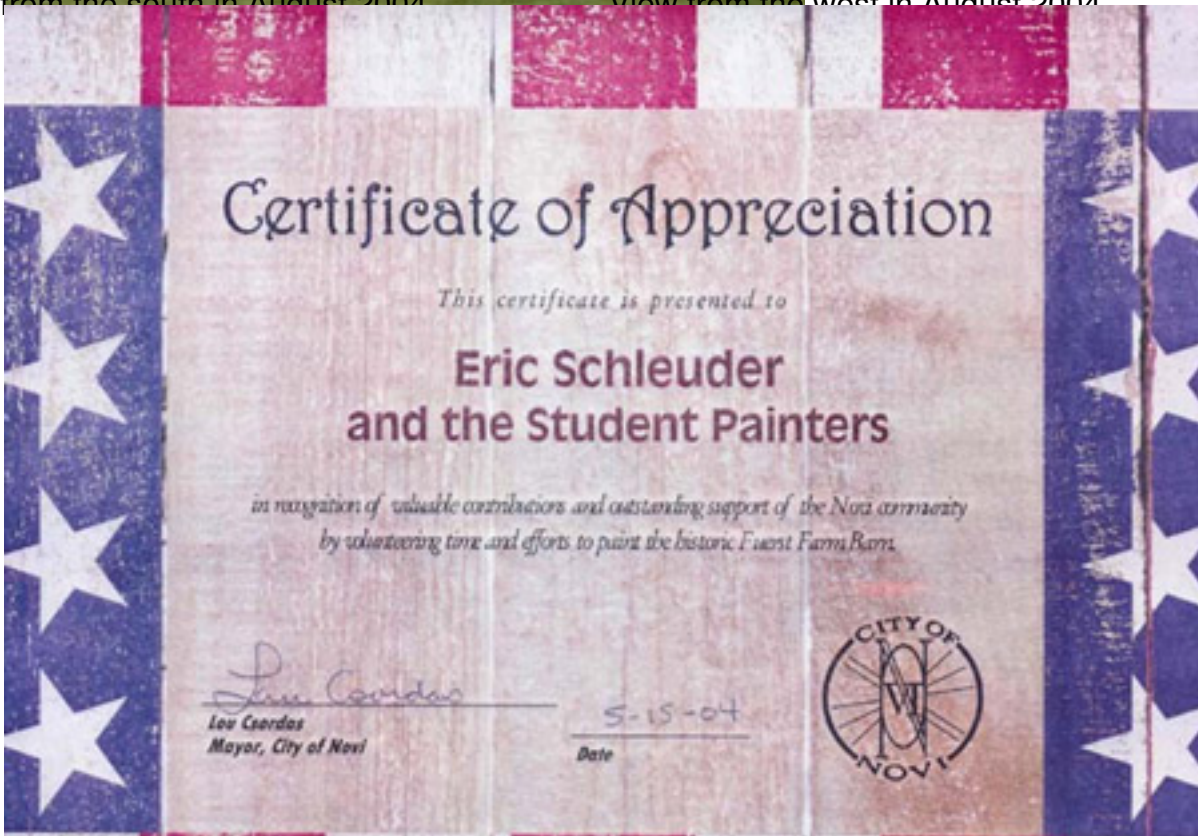
powerwashing to prep the barn siding
Priming the north end of the barn





View from the south in August 2004

View from the west in August 2004



Certificate of Appreciation for the volunteer efforts of Eric Schleuder and the Student Painters