

# Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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## Northern Faculty Help with Cabin Fever



Andrew Johnson and Pam Conatser show off the ring Conatser made during this year's Cabin Fever workshop. Johnson, one of Northern's welding instructors, taught the class in Navajo Silver Jewelry Casting. These students experienced traditional Navajo style silversmithing/casting methods. Andrew, states that cultural diversity has taught him that culture is deeper than skin or gender. Students go away learning about culture and making a precious piece of Navajo jewelry that leaves them in exciting amazement. Cabin Fever was presented by the MSU Hill County Extension office. This year they offered 15 classes for 221 participants who came from 32 towns. Steven Don was another MSU-Northern

## Recycling Facts & Tips

When you toss out one aluminum can you waste as much energy as if you'd filled the same can half-full of gasoline and poured it onto the ground.

## Upcoming Events

### Jan. 29

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Skylights Basketball @  
Westminster College

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Lights Wrestling @ Spokane  
vs. Simon Fraser

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Lights Basketball @  
Westminster College

### Jan. 31

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
5-on-5 Basketball

### Feb. 1

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
University Advisory Council

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Instruction, Research & Faculty  
Development Committee  
Meeting

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Wall Climbing

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
5-on-5 Basketball

### Feb. 2

Last Day to Drop a Class  
without receiving a "W" grade

professor who participated in this program. Northern's pleased to report that the Cabin Fever workshop was well attended, and the event overall was a great success.

### Three New Evaluators for Northwest

Three additional Northern faculty members became peer evaluators for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Larry Strizich, Barbara Zuck, and Jay Howland attended an accreditation workshop in Helena at the UM-Helena COT. The training was delivered by Dr. Ronald L. Baker, Executive Vice President of NWCCU. "This gives MSUN six highly skilled individuals that can help not only Northern but the Montana University System with its accreditation processes and shows the high level of commitment that Northern faculty hold," Provost Templeton explained.

### Care Packages

The Northern Alumni Association has brought back student care packages! They will be offering a welcome back and a finals care package. The packages are purchased by the family and friends of a current Northern student. The welcome back packages are filled with a notebook, pencil and carabineer keychain. Finals packages are full of goodies, drinks and food to help the student study for finals. This is a great way to show the student that their families and friends are wishing them the best at school. If you would like to order a care package please contact the Alumni office at 406-265-3770.

### Alumni Webinar

Join the Alumni Association on Monday January 31st at noon for a great webinar. Students today, alumni tomorrow, reaching out to students early and often is the focus of this webinar. One of the topics covered will be alumni-student programming in the areas of career development, mentoring and advising relationships, service and volunteerism, and campus legacies and traditions. It is free to anyone so if you are interested in getting our students more involved with the school and alumni, please call Autumn Elliot at 406-265-3770 to RSVP. The webinar will be held in the Incubation Center Conference Room, lower level Brockmann. (Bring a lunch. Soda will be provided)

### Last Day to Apply for Continuing Student Scholarships

Today (January 28) is the last day to apply for Continuing Student Scholarships! You will never receive a scholarship if you do not apply for it. Continuing students must fill out the On-Line Scholarship Application or fill out a paper application and turn it in to the Financial Aid Office. Your instructors will have access to the application, or you can pick them up at the Financial Aid Office. Most of the Scholarships are awarded by the appropriate Department or the Scholarship Committee. Scholarships for continuing students are available in the following areas: Agriculture, Athletics, Automotive, Business, Diesel, Education, Engineering, English, History, Humanities, Industrial Technology, Math/Science, Nursing and Miscellaneous.

### Legislature Update

Last Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Chancellor Frank Trocki was given 20 minutes to share with the Education Appropriations Subcommittee what Northern has done with their investment. He also shared why it is important for them to continue to make that level of investment. During his presentation he gave them a thorough overview of our programs and used the findings from the recent economic impact report to show how our

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM  
Guest Speaker: William  
Turcotte

#### Feb. 3

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Bowling League

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Talent Show

#### Feb. 5

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Skylights Basketball vs.  
University of Great Falls

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Lights Wrestling @ Southern  
Oregon

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
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programs have effectively impacted the state. He stressed the importance of funding cost of living increases for state employees and he pointed out that they have not granted cost of living increases for 5 out of 9 years. That means they have 15% less spendable income than they did 9 years ago. The others who gave testimony during our presentation were: Greg Kegel, Megan McKay, Paul Tuss and Tony Preite. There are several things we are keeping an eye on during this session, they are: funding level, pay raises, Auto Technology Building and funding for our Motorcycle Rider Safety program. Northern is scheduled to be a part of an MSU display in the Rotunda of the Capital on March 9. Jim Potter is coordinating Northern's part in that event. For student testimonials for the legislature go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vck4UBnMkGA>

## Free College-Prep Course for Veterans

The Veterans Upward Bound Program is currently offering a free college-prep class to veterans. The class is Introduction to Computers and will include 24 hours of instruction. This faculty directed class will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from February 22 through April 7 in Cowan Hall at MSU-Northern. The class is now open for enrollment. For more detailed information on the class, location, and time or to enroll, please call: 1-877-356-8387 or visit: [www.vubmt.com](http://www.vubmt.com).

## Talent Show - February 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Program Council of the Associated Students of MSU-Northern will hold a talent show for the students, faculty, and staff of the campus on Thursday, February 3 in the SUB Ballroom at 7 p.m. A panel comprised of students, faculty, and staff will judge the performances. Points will be earned for originality, appearance, talent, and presentation. Winners will receive Northern Bookstore gift certificates of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. Music, dance, comedy or other entertaining talents are welcome in the competition. If you are interested in joining the fun, please sign-up at the Student Information Desk or call 265-3732 by February the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. If anyone is interested in being a judge for the event, please contact Denise at 265-3732.

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## Looking for Founders Excellence Nominations

Founders Excellence is around the corner on May the 6<sup>th</sup>, and we are seeking nominations. This event recognizes excellence within the MSU-Northern community. Nominations can be selected from alumni, administration, faculty, staff, and friends of MSU-Northern who have made a significant contribution to the development of Northern or to their chosen profession in one or more of the following areas:

### **Leadership** (Local State or National)

- A person who gave significant ideas and actions
- A person who was a benefactor of Northern by giving moral support and service
- A person who enabled the growth of the college through legislations, etc.
- A person who gave original ideas, creations, or contributions to an academic field, particularly in degree areas offered by Northern
- A person who gave dedicated and long-lasting contributions to a particular field or activity
- A person of notoriety by virtue of office

### **Service**

A person who has held an important position, published material,

made an important discovery of inventions, made a contribution to an academic field, or has given significant direction or service to Northern for a minimum of 25 years, particularly if he/she is or was an alumnus, faculty, staff or administrator of Northern

## **Financial**

A person who gave a significant direct financial contribution to the University, Foundation, or Alumni Association for buildings, scholarships, research, faculty development, etc.

If you wish to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please send a nomination letter addressing how the nominee met one or more of the above criteria. All nominations should be sent to: MSU-Northern Foundation, PO Box 1691, Havre, MT 59501.

## **Professional Development for Faculty and Staff**

This week a group of faculty and staff gathered over lunch to brainstorm ways to improve Northern's professional development opportunities and to help new faculty and staff transition into campus life. One idea they are going to implement is a series of brown bag workshops. These will be one-hour workshops and will be offered during the lunch hour. People can share what they have learned from a recent conference, the results of their doctoral research, or things they have learned from years of experience. This was the first meeting of what promises to be a series of ongoing discussions designed to get input towards improving campus life.

## **Do Your Part - Recycle**

Hill County 4-H is collecting consumer electronic items that are no longer of value to you; the items can be working or non-working. Items being collected include: cell phones, ipads and tablets, digital cameras, video cameras, MP 3 players, TI graphing calculators, E-book readers, range finders, GPS devices, gaming consoles, handheld gaming systems, inkjet cartridges, laptops and notebook computers and radar detectors. Desktop computers, monitors and TVs will not be accepted. The smaller items can be dropped in the recycle bin at the MSU-Northern SUB, Hi-Line Radio Shack, Cellular Plus, or Office Equipment, or you can call the MSU Hill County Extension office at 265-5481 extension 233 to have the items picked up. Do your part to keep these items out of the landfill.

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## **Computer Corner**

**By Marianne Hoppe**

### **Office 2007/2010 Tip**

#### **A quick way to add items to the Quick Access Toolbar**

If an Office 2007 or 2010 command that you use a lot is buried under too many tabs and groups, you can easily add that command to the Quick Access Toolbar (QAT). In 2007 the QAT are those little icons that are found next to the Office button in the upper left hand corner of Office programs. 2010 doesn't have the Office button, so the icons are just at the top of an Office window on the left hand side.

There is more than one way to add items to the QAT, but probably the quickest method for adding a command is this:

1. Right-click an individual tool, option or command.
2. Choose the Add To Quick Access Toolbar option.

You can use this same technique to add an entire group to the QAT: Simply right-click on a group's title bar.

## **Tidbits**

**By Bill Lanier**

In last week's edition of the NNN Tidbits, I stated there were only four Skylight Volleyball players that have been named Scholar-Athletes (Academic All-American) twice. That is incorrect. Northern has actually had six Skylight Volleyball players receive this honor. In addition to the four (Jenna Frankino, Jordan Merrill, Christi Mintz Carlson and Emmy Olson) mentioned last week, Jeanna McPherson (2005 & 2006) and Tera O'Haire Yantzi (2004, 2005 & 2006) also accomplished this honor. It is also believed that Yantzi and Michael McPeak (wrestling) are the only Northern student athletes to accomplish this feat three times in their careers at Northern. My apologies to Tera and Jeanna for their omission in last week's NNN Tidbit.