

# Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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## 2011 Fall Career Fair



The 2011 Career Fair transpired on Tuesday and was an excellent opportunity for MSU-Northern students to connect with employers about possible career, internships, and volunteer opportunities. Many prospective employers set up booths in the SUB and were available to answer students' questions concerning a variety of experience opportunities.

## Featured Program

**Diesel Technology:** Our Diesel Technology Program is recognized by industry leaders as one of the nation's leading diesel programs. The learning environment available to diesel students encourages excellence and personal growth as collaboration and teamwork are practiced. After graduation, diesel graduates can find employment as service technicians, service managers, shop foremen, district representatives for major corporations, or they can be self-employed.

## MSU-Northern Instructors Learn Rescue Techniques



In the final week of September, MSU-Northern's Sustainable Energy Technology Instructor Ed Bonjokian and Industrial Technology Instructor Jeff Hildebrandt traveled to MSU-Great Falls for Work at Height and Wind Turbine Generator Rescue Training. The week long training program, presented by Altezza a world leader in height safety training, provided instruction on various rescue techniques and emergency scenarios found in the wind industry. Although safety is a very serious matter in the wind industry, much of the training is similar to extreme sports.

The instructors learned the proper methods to rescue injured workers on ladders, inside turbine nacelles, and from the top of the turbines. There was also instruction on nacelle evacuations, rappelling, and equipment care. The skills they learned are now being taught in the classroom at MSU-Northern.

"It was the most intense and exhausting week of training I have ever experienced and I am excited to bring this knowledge back to my students," said Ed Bonjokian. "We work hard to keep our program up to date with the latest developments in the wind industry, and this course has improved my knowledge of the most important aspect of the industry: safety."

One of MSU-Northern's newest programs, Sustainable Energy Technology offers a one year certificate, and a two year Associates of Science degree. The College of Technical Science is also developing a four year program in Sustainable Energy with a Management and Technology options.

"The wind and sustainable energy industries offer some of the most dynamic career opportunities for our students, both locally and worldwide" notes the 2nd year instructor. "There are over 16,000 companies, employing over a million people around the globe and those numbers grow every year."

## MSU-Northern Employee Update



Michelle Johnson has accepted the Administrative Associate II position in the Registrar's Office. She started work on Wednesday, October the 12th. Please welcome Michelle to MSU-Northern.



Britnee Loch has moved from the Business Office to the Financial Aid Office. She replaces Lexy Fisher who is now the Director of Admissions. Please congratulate Britnee on her new position.

## Bitterman Receives \$100 Gift Certificate

Sandi Bitterman was randomly selected from the list of students who completed the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) - 2011 as the winner of the \$100.00 Bookstore certificate. Congratulations Sandi!

## Students Adopt a Highway



On Sunday, October the 9th, approximately ten members of the MSU-Northern SIFE (Students in Free Interprise) Club traveled to the Bears Paw Mountains to pick up trash for their adopt-a-highway community service project. About 8 bags of trash were collected during the clean-up of the one mile stretch of highway. It was a great way to spend a beautiful autumn afternoon in the mountains.



## Kevin Michael Connolly and Double Take



Kevin Michael Connolly is a Helena, Montana native as well as a published author, acclaimed speaker, and skilled skateboarder. Connolly was born without legs. On Thursday Connolly spoke on the MSU-Northern campus and shared his unique perspective on life while promoting his book *Double Take* and skateboarding photography journey "The Rolling Exhibition."

## MAT Presents The Laramie Project



Montana Actors' Theatre will present *The Laramie Project* on October 21-22, 27-29, and November 3-5. The *Laramie Project* play originated from a series of interviews conducted by members of the Tectonic Theatre Project following the tragedy of Matthew Shepard which transpired on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. The creators of the play aimed to shed some light on specific faults in society regarding homophobia and hate crimes. If you're

curious about this play, come watch The Laramie Project on one of the previously mentioned dates. Be aware. The play does contain adult themes and may not be suitable for children or young teens.

The play will be performed in the MSU-Northern/MAT Theatre. It will begin at 8 PM nightly. The doors and backstage lounge will open at 7:30 PM. Adults can view the show for \$15. Students and seniors will be admitted for \$10 while MSU-Northern students will be admitted free of charge with current student I.D.

## 2010 Juno Award Winner to Appear in Havre

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is proud to present Norman Foote, an award-winning entertainer from Vancouver, Canada on October the 27th at 7:30 PM at the Havre High School Auditorium. Norman has received international acclaim for his song writing, outrageous props, and off beat sense of humor. His stage show is "uniquely Norman" and is innovative both musically and visually. With finely crafted routines and songs, he is one of North America's most highly regarded entertainers of his kind.

Drawing from his own experiences, Norman creates songs and stories with props that delight the young and old alike. He weaves imaginative word play with great melodies from familiar and original compositions. Norman has written and recorded songs for Disney Records, Shari Lewis, and CBC syndicated TV show "Scoop & Doozie". Norman will be performing with our very own Sunnyside School choir during his performance.

Tickets will be available at the door for those who do not already have a season pass for \$15/adult, \$10/student/senior citizen and is free to MSU-Northern students with a current student I.D.

## Alumni Social and Chinese Auction - Oct 22

We're throwing a new party in a new location for the Northern Alumni Association's 31st Annual Alumni Social and Auction. Join your fellow alumni and friends in the Armory Gymnasium on Saturday, October 22, to raise money for student scholarships. The doors will open at 4:30 PM- following the Lights' home football game.

At 5 PM, the all you can eat taco cart and full bar will open; the auction begins at 6 PM.

Tickets cost \$15 each and are available at Cavaliers, Creative Leisure, and Gary and Leo's IGA. Don't miss the best party of the year, the Northern Alumni Association Social and Auction, Saturday, October 22 in the Armory Gymnasium.

## Dinner to Help Professor

Come out for a free will donation spaghetti dinner October 23 at the St. Jude's Parish Center. Dinner will be served from 4 PM until 7:30 PM. There will also be a dessert silent auction. All the proceeds will go to Will Taylor who is awaiting a kidney transplant. Will and his wife Jolene are both MSU-Northern graduates and Will is now teaching in MSU-Northern's Diesel Technology program.

## Speakers Bureau Program with Dr. Dori Nielson

Dr. Dori Nielson, through the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau will be speaking on Georgia and the Caucasus in a program entitled "Post-Soviet Reform: Challenges and Opportunities on the Black Sea" on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. The program will be at the Hensler Auditorium, Applied

Technology Center, MSU-Northern Campus at 7:30 PM. The presentation is free and open to the public. Dr. Nielson will explore the character of Georgia; its people, mountains, art, dance, traditions, and the huge challenges -- and opportunities -- the country faces.

Nielson was a regional advisor for a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded education project designed to assist with the enormously ambitious reform of Georgia's education system. She traveled throughout Georgia and shared regional hospitality, foods, concerns, history, and dreams. Dr. Nielson, the former Director of Management and Accountability for the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI), served as a fiscal analyst for education for the Montana Legislature and she was a teacher and administrator in the Havre school system. Today she lives in Missoula and is an educator and independent consultant. For more information, please call MSU-Northern, Department of Business at (406) 265-4175

### Fundraiser Dinner for Angela Anderson Morris

There will be a fundraiser dinner for Angela Anderson Morris on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 4 PM- 7 PM. Angela is the wife of Andy Morris who is in charge of MSU-Northern's Instructional Computer Support Services. The purpose of this fundraiser is to help cover the medical expenses incurred from Angela's battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and dessert. The event will take place at St. Jude's Parish Center- 440 7th Ave. Included in the night's festivities will be special music performed by a variety of local talent, a silent auction, and a live baked goods auction (which will happen at 5 PM). This event will be co-sponsored by Thrivent Financial. If you wish to donate towards this cause financially or wish to give a silent auction item, contact Kathy Woepfel at (406) 265-6839.

### Halloween Fun Run

On Monday, October the 31st, the Associated Students of MSU-Northern and the Math/Science Club will be hosting a Halloween Fun Run/Walk. The event will begin at noon in the SUB lobby. The first twelve people to sign up for the Fun Run/Walk will receive a free t-shirt. If you wear a Halloween costume and participate in the Fun Run/Walk, you will receive free lunch in the SUB Dining Hall. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

### Campus/Community Halloween Party

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting on Monday, October 31st at 5 PM a Campus and Community Children's Halloween Party. Children will participate in the Fishing Pond, Cake Walk, Bean Bag Toss, Ring the Witch Hat, Pumpkin Painting and all sorts of Spooky Games. Bring your children in their Halloween costumes and they will have a "Monster" of a good time! Super nachos and cookies will be served along with other refreshments.

### The Business Office Hosts Annual Halloween Chili Feed

Every year the Business Office organizes a chili feed open to the entire campus. Scrumptious chili, cornbread, and chips are general staples at this annual get-together. Come enjoy some homemade chili and other refreshments in the MSU-Northern Business Services Office, Cowan Hall-Room 207 on October 31, 2011 at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Football Game Moved to November 4

The Football game between MSU-Northern and Rocky scheduled for Saturday, November 5 in Havre will be moved to Friday, November 4, at

7:00 PM. This is to accommodate the HS playoff game scheduled for Saturday, November 5 involving Havre High School.

## Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### Excel 2010 Tip

#### Quick SUM

Here's a super-fast way to enter a sum at the bottom of a column of numbers:

1. Click in the cell at the bottom of the column you want to add up
2. Hold down the **Alt** key and press the = key (equal sign)

It is much quicker than searching for the Sigma sign or typing in the formula.

## TidBit

By Bill Lanier

This weekend the Northern Lights football team will be hosting Montana Tech. Did you know that the Lights are 7-4 in their last 11 games against Montana Tech? Also Head Coach Mark Samson will be looking for his 36th win as the Head Coach of the Northern Lights.

## One FREE Cookie

Get one FREE Cookie with the purchase of one item from THE GRILL simply say "Trick or Treat" to the person at the Grill and you will receive one Free Cookie

**Offer Expires: November 1**

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