

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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New Students Meet New Chancellor

MSU-Northern's new Chancellor, Dr. James M. Limbaugh welcomed the new students during Northern's Spring Semester New Student Orientation. Dr. Limbaugh was selected as Chancellor of Montana State University-Northern by MSU President Waded Cruzado and approved by the Montana Board of Regents in December 2011. Dr. Limbaugh officially took the reins on January 1, 2012. He and his wife Patricia came to Northern from San Angelo, Texas where Dr. Limbaugh served as Vice President for Strategy, Planning, and Policy at Angelo State University. Prior to that position, he was Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Limbaugh is an excellent addition to the "Northern Family".

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

Colleagues: I will be using the Northern Network News as one of several communications venues through which I can keep you informed about initiatives, issues, opportunities, and achievements here at MSUN. Additionally, you are always welcome to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

Since my arrival in Havre in late December, I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with faculty and staff, alumni, and members of the community. As these individual conversations turn to MSUN, a singular theme ultimately surfaces: the need for a collaborative vision to guide MSUN's growth over the next several years, coupled with a planning process that makes the vision a reality.

Development of such a vision is my first priority. Next week, you will see announcements about the



"visioning exercise," a process of soliciting input from all quarters of the campus and the community at large. In a centralized setting, you will have the opportunity to record your thoughts about the future of MSUN over the next five to ten years. Using large display boards, you will be able to post your comments about all aspects of the university, from academic programs to student support services to facilities and infrastructure. You will also be able to reflect on the comments offered by other members of the campus community. Additionally, a section of the MSUN website will be identified to allow input from the community at large.

Comments collected will then be thematically analyzed and presented to the campus through existing governance structures and various forums. The themes that surface will then be massaged into a vision statement that will serve as a foundation for the planning process. My goal is to create, in full partnership with you and the broader community, a vision that we can all share and that can guide our future growth and development.

CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH "POINTS OF PRIDE"

In the short amount of time that I have been on campus, I have learned that our students, faculty, and staff have recorded significant achievements in scholarship, public service, competitions, and outreach. However, so far I have been unable to find any listing or repository that documents these accomplishments.

We need to celebrate our students, our faculty, and our staff. We need to let the community, the region, and the state know about the good work that is occurring at MSUN. But to do so, I need your help. Has one of your students achieved recognition in his/her studies, in a leadership position, or through athletic endeavors? Has a student organization participated in noteworthy outreach activities? Has the university posted, in any of its support services, significant contributions to student success and retention? I want to highlight, through the pages of NNN, at least one noteworthy "point of pride" each week so that we can all learn more about the excellent education that students are receiving here at MSUN, both in and out of the classroom. Please send any information to Jim Potter. Pictures are an excellent way to celebrate achievements, too, so please take full advantage of the camera in your cell phone.

During my interview, an attendee at one of the public sessions told me that "MSUN is an undiscovered jewel." Now is the time to reveal and polish that jewel.

I wish each of you the best for a productive, enjoyable semester.

Northern Celebrates Martin Luther King Day

On Monday January 16th the campus will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Day. On Wednesday Jan 18th in the S.U.B. Ballroom Northern's Multicultural Center and Campus Corps will be hosting a free lunch (Southern fried chicken) to raise awareness of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Ronnie Simpson will present a live recitation of "I Have A Dream" followed by an Art Gallery exhibit featuring local artist pieces focusing on diversity.

Incoming Commissioner Conducts Listening Session

Chancellor Limbaugh would like to invite the campus and community to a listening and learning session with President Waded Cruzado and the incoming Montana Commissioner of Higher Education, Clay Christian on Tuesday, January 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium.

@ Your Library:

Faculty members-Did you know that you can suggest materials for the Library to purchase? The Library welcomes faculty recommendations to expand the scope of the collections. Contact Val Hickman @ the Library for more details (hickman@msun.edu, x3035).

Students-Did you know that help is available at the Library Circulation Desk? If you would like assistance with locating information, stop at the desk and talk with Will, Val, Belinda or Vicki.

The Vande Bogart Library's normal operating hours for Spring Semester are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM-10:00 PM; Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; and Sunday, 1:00-10:00 PM. The Library will be closed

January 14-16 for the MLK holiday. Check the Library's website (<http://msun.edu/infotech/library/index.htm>) for additional information.

New Kilns for Ceramics Class



During the semester break two electric kilns were installed in the basement of Pershing Hall. These kilns replaced an old gas powered kiln and will provide a cleaner and more energy efficient classroom for our ceramics class. The kilns will be ready for use next week.

Cosmetic Updates to MSUN



The Pin and Cue area of the S.U.B. was painted over the Christmas break. You will also notice the Cowan Hall entryway will be receiving a new facelift and the Chancellor's photos will be relocated to a new location. Another recent cosmetic change was the addition of new carpet to Hagener Science Center room 117.

"Celebrate Northern Day"

Show your school spirit by wearing MSU-Northern logo apparel or the colors of maroon and gold every Friday in celebration of MSUN's history and its promising future. We are going to call our Friday's "Celebrate Northern Day." If you do not have any MSU-Northern apparel, you are invited to take advantage of the new employee discount at the bookstore: 10% off any apparel item with the presentation of your MSUN employee I.D.

Native American Guest Speaker Series

Throughout this spring semester, Montana Humanities will be sponsoring a guest speaker series. The series will include four guest speakers, one from each Hi-Line Reservation. The speakers will present in the Hensler Auditorium. The first speaker will be Alvin WindyBoy, with an elder, from Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, on Wednesday January the 25th from 2-3 pm. The topic is yet to be determined.

How to Use Social Media to get Hired

Well you may know how LinkedIn can assist you in getting interviews and getting noticed, but do you know how on Facebook, Twitter and others? Do you want more interviews and a better presence on the internet? If you do, you will not want to miss this presentation.

Diane Crompton and Ellen Sautter are the authors of two books on social media and careers including Find A Job Through Social Networking (JIST Publishing, 2010). Diane and Ellen have over 40 years of combined experience in the career industry. Both work as Senior Career Consultants with a global human resources consulting organization. They speak frequently at conferences and associations and are contributors to the media on the topic of social networking and job search. In addition, Diane shares her expertise and passion for personal branding and leveraging social media through her consulting company, Crompton & Associates.

What you will learn:

How to get noticed by recruiters and employers

How to get noticed by your target audience and build your online brand

How to exploit the tools in these sites for job search, career management and networking

How to look for jobs and get referrals NOW

Title: How to Use Facebook & Twitter To Get Noticed & Hired Now!

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Time: Noon - 12:45

Where: Hensler Auditorium

Alumni in Action

By: Autumn Elliot

Each week I am going to use this column to showcase our alumni events, our Northern traditions, and most importantly, what our alumni are doing around Montana and the world.

The first events I want to draw your attention to are the Alumni Socials in Helena and Great Falls. At MSU-Northern we have a simple recipe for success it is: Our Northern spirit + The Lights and Skylights = SUCCESS. Therefore we want to encourage our teams by showing our school spirit at our upcoming away games. Join us for a great time to socialize and to show your school spirit!

Jan. 19th Helena, MT

Brewhouse 4-5:45 pm

Then to Carroll to cheer on our Lights and Skylights

Feb. 4th Great Falls, MT

Bowser Brewing Company 4-5:45 pm
Then to UGF to cheer on our Lights and Skylights

Please feel free to call 265-3770 if you have any questions.

The first alumna I want to feature is Julie Bullard who graduated from Northern with her master's degree. Bullard was recently honored as 2011 U.S. Professor of the Year for Montana. The award was presented by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Bullard, is the Professor of Education and Director of Early Childhood Education at Montana Western, and is the author of Pearson's Creating Environments for Learning: Birth to Age Eight.

First Annual Fresno Ice Derby

The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an ice fishing derby at Fresno Reservoir on January 28 and 29. Money generated from this event helps sponsor scholarships at MSU-Northern. Our agriculture students have received scholarships from the Agribusiness Committee for many years and this is a fundraiser that helps support our students. If you are interested in participating, you can access the registration form here:

<http://www.havremt.com/events/icefish/Fishing%20Application.pdf>

For the rules you can visit here: <http://www.havremt.com/FISHING%20RULES%202012.pdf>

E-file Your Montana Income Tax Return For Free!

Visit the Montana Department of Revenue website at revenue.mt.gov or call toll free (866) 859-2254 (in Helena, 444-6900).

* E-filing is simple, secure and convenient.

* Refunds are issued in 5-7 business days.

* You can pay online if you owe.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2010 Tip

Emphasize a picture by changing its shape

An ordinary square picture plopped into a corner of a document is a rather boring. One way to emphasize a picture is to change its shape and Word makes it easy.

The first step is to insert the picture by clicking the Insert tab and clicking Picture in the Illustrations group. Locate the picture and click Insert. It doesn't matter where you insert it because you can easily move it.

With the picture in your Word document, you're ready to change its shape using the Crop Shape option as follows:

1. Click on the picture to select it.
2. On the **Picture Tools Format** tab, click the **Crop** drop down in the **Size** group.
3. Choose **Crop To Shape** and then click a shape to apply to the picture.

To position the picture within the text, you'll need to change a few properties-which properties depend on the results you want. Right click on the picture and select a Wrap Text option to change the layout.

Note: In Word 2010, if the Word document is a .doc file (compatibility mode), these options won't appear (there will be no drop-down on the Crop button). You'll need to save it as a .docx file to be able to do this.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Did you Know that Lights Head Coach, Shawn Huse, has 198 victories in his coaching career here at Northern? The Lights are currently 15-2 and ranked 13th in NAIA National rankings and the Skylights are currently 14-1. Both teams take on Montana Tech and UM Western this weekend, come out and support these hard working student/athletes and coaches and see if Coach Huse can hit the 200 career win mark.

Featured Program

Health Promotion: The Health Promotion program prepares each student for a career as a health care professional capable of implementing the disease preventing wellness programs sought after by today's health care delivery system. The health promotion degree can also be tailored for those students wishing to pursue an advanced degree in athletic training or physical therapy. Graduates of the health promotion program are frequently employed as consultants to businesses and communities seeking to establish wellness programs. Others work for corporations, hospitals, or other health groups.